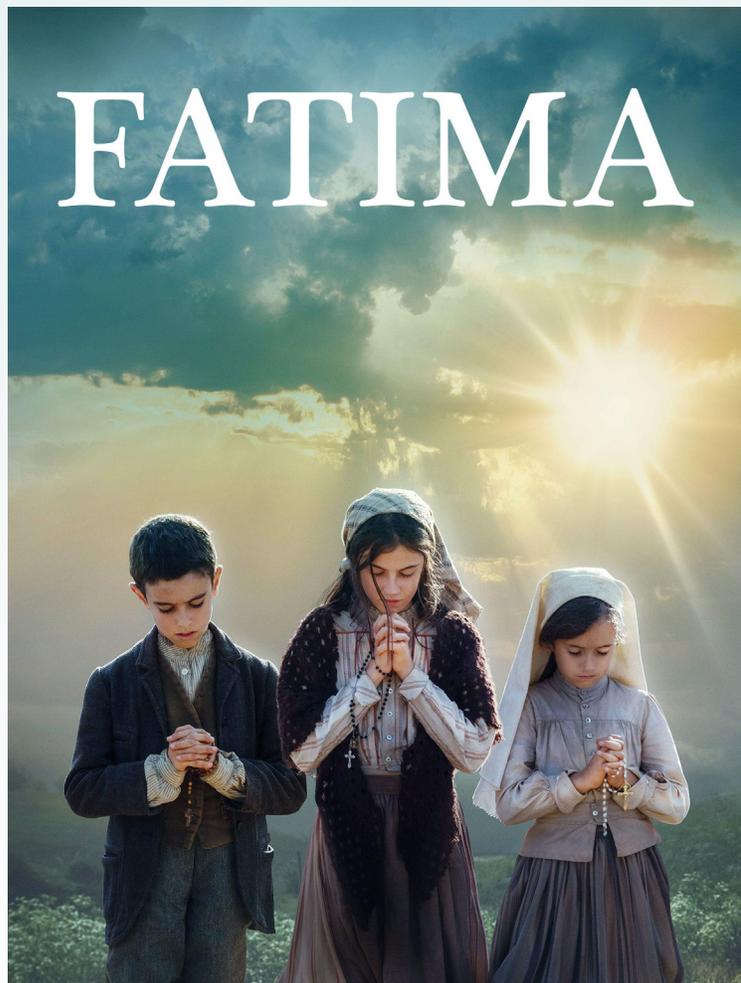




FATIMA PRAYER ~ A PRAYER FOR MERCY AND PEACE A GIFT FROM OUR BLESSED MOTHER



Trust Jesus with childlike faith and pray with that same sincere demeanor – humble, honest, reverent, and pure. Our world needs it, and our Mary the Mother of God encouraged it 105 years ago.

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima appeared for the third time to the three little shepherd children, Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia. The Blessed Virgin Mary gave them a horrific vision of hell and also a plea for them to recite a special prayer after each decade of the Rosary. Today we refer to it as the Fatima or Decade Prayer. It became an official optional prayer as part of the rosary in the Church in October of 1930. It is recited after each Glory Be at the end of each decade.

The words of the prayer given by Our Lady of Fatima:

O my Jesus! Forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of thy mercy.

Even though the prayer is short it reflects the heart of Mary and our faith with themes of sin, forgiveness, heaven, hell, and the saving grace and mercy of God. A sincere and significant prayer for these three poor children to recite, learn, and in all of their humility to share with the world. A prayer given to these children by our beautiful and gentle Blessed Mother Mary to in turn give to us – empowering us to promote peace in our families, communities, and world.

Editor's note: The image accompanying this article is from the 2020 film Fatima.

SPECIAL COLLECTION SET FOR JULY 17

A special collection will be taken at the Masses for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time to benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). While the CCC helps the Church to evangelize and spread the message of the Gospel in the US, the CCHD has supported organizations for more than 50 years that help serve the poor and marginalized; advocate for immigrants; and other economic and social justice issues that affect our communities. Please make prayerful consideration of a gift to this effort.

DESCRIBED AS THE ROCK OF HIS PARISH, FATHER TOM GALLAGHER HONORED AS PRIEST OF THE YEAR

When his second-grade teacher at Sacred Heart Grade School in Charleston gave the class a homework assignment to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up, he wrote he was going to be a priest. Little Tommy Gallagher pictured himself in the shoes of his pastor, Monsignor Edward Sadie. Fast forward to the teenage and college years and that picture may have blurred, but it never completely faded. Thankfully for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the sweet daydream of that dark-haired youngster, whose eyes smile right along with his tight-lipped grin, took the Kanawha County boy all the way to Rome, the heart of the Church in the Eternal City, to learn the ministry of St. Peter – the rock of the Church.

Actions, good works incomplete without FAITH

Fr. Tom Gallagher - Priest of the Year



The Rock of his parish! #FaithInWV

The faithful of St. Joseph Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 1169 in Martinsburg describe Fr. Tom Gallagher as the rock of their faith community. Father Gallagher was named Priest of the Year by the WV Knights of Columbus for being an outstanding example of what a holy priest should be.

He grew up in Cross Lanes, West Virginia, a suburban area of Charleston, attended Sacred Heart Grade School, and graduated in 2002 from Charleston Catholic High School.

Father Gallagher is the third of seven children of Thomas and Suzette Gallagher. His parents moved to West Virginia from St. Louis for his father's job when he was an infant. His father was a coal company lawyer.

Looking at family photos, it's evident he looks like his late father with the dark wavy hair, brown eyes, and same smile. He also mirrors his father's high set of ideals and

drive to remain focused and not over complicate things.

While both of his parents treasured their faith, Fr. Tom's spirit truly reflects his mother, who has always been a role model for the attention she gives to others and her reverence to her faith.

As a child it was his mother that would make the Gallagher children sit for the "dreaded family rosary," he said with wide eyes and a grin, recalling his childhood. Then changing his face to sheer fondness added, "she has always encouraged me, encouraged us in our faith, but specifically me toward the priesthood," maybe call it a mother's intuition.

Whether it was attending Mass, a funeral at the family's parish the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, or the Santo Nino Novena and celebrations, Suzette Gallagher's devotion to the Church, the faithful, and the community has inspired the young priest.

Even in his teens and early twenties when he was "slowing the breaks down" on his call to the priesthood, she was persistent in her encouragement, "which was sometimes not so encouraging," he said laughing. "She knew I was trying to dodge (the call to the priesthood), make excuses.

"As an adult I look back with such fondness of what she's done for me and my faith formation," he said. "She would take us to events and Masses that were beyond the Sunday obligation. At the time, I reacted like a typical kid - so,



Family photo: The Gallagher family visiting the grave of their grandfather Thomas Raymond Gallagher at Arlington National Cemetery. Left to right: Eileen (being held), Meghan, Erin, Brendan, Mom (Suzette), James (being held), Kathleen, Dad (Tom), and young Fr. Tom Gallagher, who like his father was also named after his grandfather.

yes, I can totally identify with the kids I'm around now with that same look of dread," he said and added, "as I got older, I was like, 'Oh! I do see the lessons she taught me.' She wouldn't just go to church she would stay after and talk to people, because



she cared. She didn't just attend a funeral or event; she would linger and give her love and attention to others. She still does this."

After high school Fr. Tom went to Wheeling Jesuit University and graduated with a degree in Philosophy.

"I so remember going back and forth with this idea of being a priest," he said. "I struggled. I wanted to be 100-percent all in with no doubts, but then I realized I need to try this out. It's okay if I don't know. I remember vividly I was in a metro station in New Carrollton (Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C.) I was sick and tired of going back and forth in my head with my feelings. I did everything you should do to discern - prayer, reflection, etc. - then it hit me that this doesn't need to be seamless or some big boom of a feeling. I said, 'Fine!'"

That was the end of his senior year of college. He completed the application to be a diocesan priest - an application he had started and stopped several times in the years prior. Once accepted he was sent to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe for one year before going to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for four years.

"I saw many people come and go those first years in seminary, but that's okay," he said. "I didn't look at them as failures, but as being strong enough to be immersed in their discernment. I was happy to be a part of that true fraternity. I was part of a group that encouraged each other to be simply and profoundly good priests."

He was ordained on June 22, 2012, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Since then, he has served the priest secretary to the office of the bishop, associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in



Wheeling, pastor of St. Anthony in Follansbee, and since 2017 the pastor of St. Joseph in Martinsburg.

He is credited for bringing Catholic identity back into the activities of the parish and Knights of Columbus. Having a large number of Spanish speaking parishioners and members of the Martinsburg area, Fr. Gallagher learned Spanish and has expanded the Hispanic ministry of St. Joseph. In fact, part of the celebration for his 10th Ordination Anniversary Mass was spoken in Spanish.

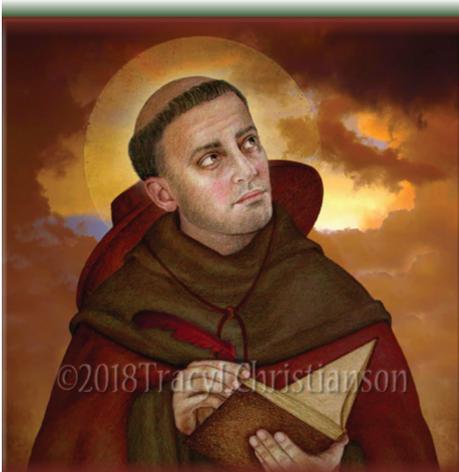


Father Gallagher's picture of a strong and growing parish community is clear. It is one that is confident in their Catholic identity, formation, and actions.

"I want to live the faith and I want the same for my parish," he said. "I am by no means perfect, but I do know that I rely on faith - our faith. It's what leads us to charity and to do good works.

"We have to encourage each other in faith so we can have a devotional life," he said. "Attending the Mass and the Eucharist the source and summit of our faith is paramount, and in addition we need to have the wisdom to know it is our actions that bring us to the fullness of faith."

Photos from the 10th Anniversary Mass are by Deacon Luis Pagano of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg.



ST. BONAVENTURE

FEAST DAY JULY 15

If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing.

If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.

- St. Bonaventure

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BRINGS COMMUNITY PARTNERS TOGETHER IN ROMNEY

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) held a community meeting in Romney, WV, recently. CCWVa brought together community partners and supporters to discuss how our agency and partner organizations can best serve residents of Romney and surrounding communities.



Catholic Charities West Virginia Eastern Regional Director Trina Bartlett leads a work session with social service agencies in Romney, WV

“Catholic Charities is invested in our communities and working to identify most needed services and where our work can have the greatest impact,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer.

During the community meeting, the CCWVa team sought feedback regarding the work the agency does; any gaps in services; and how CCWVa can best serve the residents of Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral Counties.

“CCWVa is committed to helping low-income households improve their circumstances,” said Trina Bartlett, CCWVa Eastern Regional Director. “This

requires more than just helping with financial emergencies. It equires helping clients address barriers that limit their ability to reach their goals.”

Organizations in attendance included Helping Hands, Family Crisis Center, Romney’s ministerial association, Eastern Action, Family Resource Network, Mountaineer Mental Health, Hampshire County Community Foundation and the Hampshire County Development Office.

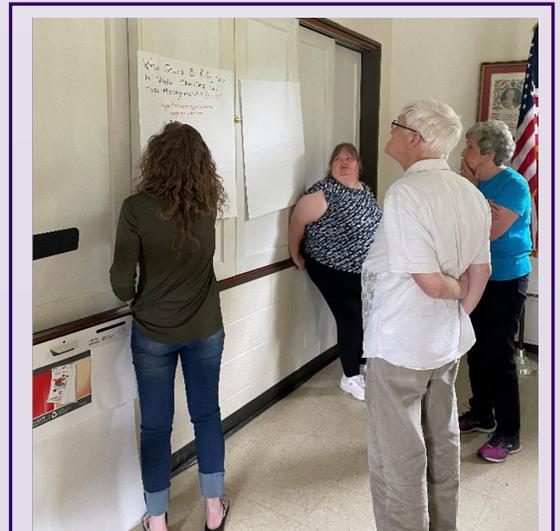
“This work can best be accomplished when we work collaboratively with community partners to identify both gaps in services as well as strategies to meet those gaps,” said Bartlett.

CCWVa views this meeting as a step toward strengthening and expanding partnerships with local social service agencies, as well as identifying how the community can collectively help vulnerable populations.

“We enjoyed the opportunity to receive feedback from the community and discern how we can have the greatest impact working together,” said Bartlett.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, including information about taking advantage of HomeCare services, please visit CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes, and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.



Members of social service agencies brainstorm the most effective ways to collaborate in Romney, WV at a meeting hosted by Catholic Charities West Virginia

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said, it's simple – follow the commandments of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69

“Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.”

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of God the Father, who created heaven and earth through Him and with Him.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Love God with your whole being and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus shares the story of the Samaritan who helped a stranger that was robbed, beaten, and left for dead. A priest did not help nor did a Levite, but the one who was the least likely to help because of societal prejudices gave the victim the utmost compassionate care. Jesus said to be like that - treat all with mercy wanting nothing in return.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, as the US Conference of Catholic Bishops phase of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality begins, let the Holy Spirit guide them as they open their minds and hearts to the voice of all the faithful in West Virginia and other dioceses across our country, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our country, that our leaders put aside selfish pride and prejudices in order to stop injustices, in order to act like the good Samaritan – with compassion and mercy, expecting nothing in return, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For an end to hate, religious persecution, and attacks of Satan on our world, communities, and families, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston that we are so confident in our love for the Lord, that we turn our thoughts to Christ and away from evil, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, PRAY FOR US

On July 14th we celebrate the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha the first Native North American saint. Let us learn from her life of humility and appreciate the wonder of the miraculous transformation that took place on her deathbed, where witnesses became stunned by her radiant beauty.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was an Algonquin-Mohawk born in 1656 in Auriesville (formerly Ossernenon), New York. Her father was a Mohawk chief and her mother, Togakouita, a Catholic Algonquin woman. At the age of four, St. Kateri was orphaned.

Her paternal aunt took her in and raised her in the Mohawk village of Caughnawaga, which means at the Wild Water. The site in Fonda, New York, where she spent most of her life was excavated around 1957 by volunteers and Conventual Franciscans and volunteers. The first shrine to her was erected near the grounds in 1980 (WWW.KATERISHRINE.COM).

As a young girl and teen, she adamantly refused marriage, which was unthinkable. She wanted to dedicate herself to the faith of her mother.

Although her relatives did not approve, they allowed her as a teenager to study the Catholic religion with Jesuit missionaries. By the age of 20 she was baptized Catholic. The family shunned her, so she left her village to live in a Catholic mission 200 miles away near Montreal, Canada.

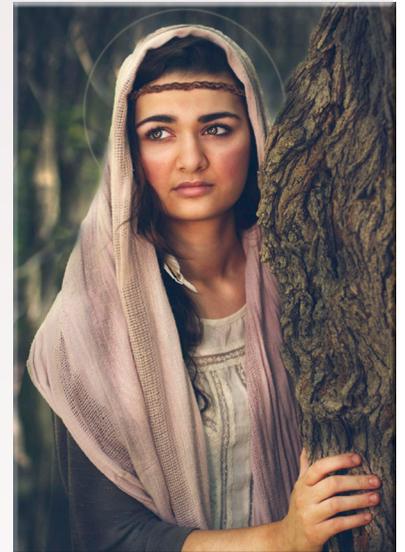
She spent her life as a loving and nurturing missionary. She loved teaching children prayers and telling them stories about the life of Jesus. She was very empathetic - nursing the sick, collecting items for the needy, and caring for the elderly. She wanted to become a religious sister but was denied.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha died during Holy Week in 1680. She was nearly 24. Witnesses recorded her last words were, “Jesos Konoronkwa,” which means, “Jesus, I love you.” On her death bed her severe scars on her face from childhood became faded and revealed breathtaking beauty. In addition, a smile came upon her lips.

There is so much more to learn about her life, trials, mission, and devotion to the Blessed Mother and Jesus. Learn more about her through various Catholic resources like Ignatius Press, Franciscan media, Sadlier, and your favorite Catholic resources in print and online.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

Editor's note: The artistic photo accompanying this article is by Kristyn Brown found at: WWW.THESAINTSPROJECT.ORG



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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

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- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)