Energize your soul. Look up to the saints!

Recharge for your week with these highlights of a few inspiring souls. When your life is tied in knots look to **St. Irenaeus**, who we honor on June 28. He was a

second century bishop, who described Eve's sins as knots of disobedience, and the Virgin Mary as the undoer of knots through her faith and devotion to God. In the 17th century, St. Irenaeus' teachings became the inspiration of Fr. Jakob Rem as he counseled a married



couple who considered divorce. Fr. Rem held up their old wedding ribbon tied

with knots before an image of Mary. As he and the couple prayed, he untied the knots, when he finished the ribbon miraculously became sparkling white. This event led to the commission of a famous painting by the couples grandson, who became a priest.

Let us all honor St. Irenaeus's vision and turn to Mary, Undoer of Knots, when the knots in our lives seem impossible to untie alone marriage troubles, money problems, unemployment, illness, loneliness, loss, depression, and self-pity. Have the confidence of St. Irenaeus with Mary as intercessor to keep moving forward and placing all of our trust in Jesus. On Monday, June 29th, we honor Saints Peter and Paul. We know



St. Peter as the leader of the apostles and the rock of the Church, chosen by

Jesus. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. Think of him also as relatable - like us he had human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. He is the apostle that declares at the Last Supper he would never deny Jesus, but then, denies him three times before the rooster crowed (Matthew 26:69-74). God knows we learn best from our failures.

When we think of St. Paul we think



of a proud teacher of Christ and defender of the Church. However, he was quite the

opposite at first. He was a fierce foe. He was originally named Saul. His conversion came after he was his stopped in tracks. He experienced the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. It is described for us in Acts chapter 9. While on the road, he and his group were suddenly surrounded by a bright beaming light from the heavens, causing him to fall to the ground. He heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul was blinded. Ananias, a true and loyal disciple of Christ, was summoned by God to go to Saul and lay his hands on him and him. Ananias protested. because he had heard of the heinous and evil things Saul had done to Christians. However, Ananias was obedient to God and went. He said, "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit." He immediately regained his sight. At his baptism he took the name of Paul.

June 30th is the anniversary of the death of **Venerable Pierre Toussaint,** who taught us the



importance of sharing our love of God through our words and actions. Venerable Pierre was born a

slave to the Berard family in Haiti around 1766. The family moved to New York with Pierre when he was about 21. After they arrived, Mr. Berard died. Pierre learned how to be a hairdresser, a luxury service at that time for wealthy women. His earnings supported Mrs. Berard. It wasn't until she died about 16 years later that he became a free man. He was proud of his Catholic faith, sharing with all of his customers the beauty of Christ and the Church. His life was a life of charity helping the sick, caring for the abandoned, and raising money for Mother (later saint) Elizabeth Seton's orphanage. He and his wife Juliette helped open the first Catholic school in New York for black children, and a religious order of nuns for black women.

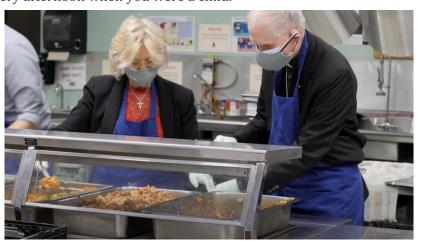
Pierre also made it a priority to give to the appeal that built the first Cathedral in New York, the original St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was given a seat of honor at the dedication Mass, which was unheard of because of the color of his skin. He was originally buried in the cathedral cemetery, but in 1990 his remains were moved inside the cathedral among the cardinals and archbishops.

Celebrating West Virginia Day: A Message from Our CEO

By Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia President and Chief Executive Officer

Every West Virginia Day I play the song "Country Roads," and my heart swells with love for the people of this beautiful state. On June 20, we celebrate West Virginia as the last state created from one of the 13 original colonies under the British Empire. With its spectacular rolling mountains, hills and valleys, the Mountain State offers outdoor experiences that will soothe the soul. At Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of serving all West Virginians, regardless of faith or background. With 15 offices across the state, we serve from the Ohio River Valley, across Allegheny plateaus and highlands, to the Potomac region. We know that every community is unique, with deep roots, strong family ties and robust traditions. It's about attending church and sitting in the exact pew where your great great great grandmother once sat! Or, dropping your child at daycare with Mamaw, with whom you spent every afternoon when you were a child.

At Catholic Charities, we honor the individuality and dignity of every West Virginian. We start by recognizing each person's individual strengths, and we work with each individual to set goals that he or she can achieve. We don't impose our beliefs on people, but let them take the lead in setting goals based on their personal experience, dreams for their lives - trusting they know themselves better than we do! Recently we were able to assist a young mother who wanted to finish high school, a homeless young man who wanted to attain his trucking license, and a senior



Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and CEO, and Bishop Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, serve meals at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.

who fell behind on her rent and needed helping making a budget and a plan to stick to it. We strive to serve with generosity, gratitude and grace: generosity of time, resources and sometimes patience; gratitude because we know what a privilege it is to be in the position to help others; and grace to extend unconditional love and know that every one of us is a heartbeat away from needing help – a child gets sick, a car breaks down, a job is lost or suddenly we have the responsibility to care for a loved one.

They say by knowing our history we build empathy through understanding the lives and struggles of those who came before us. I know personally I am extremely thankful to the West Virginians who forged the way so we can celebrate today.

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." — Irish Proverb

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit www.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.*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2022

1Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Elijah calls upon Elisha to follow him as a great prophet as the Lord commands.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16

"You are my inheritance, O Lord."

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

You are called to freedom, so use it to serve - love your neighbor as yourself. Live by the Spirit. Be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus tells his followers to move forward, don't look back, focus on Christ and the kingdom of God.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, during this Eucharistic Revival, that we approach the Eucharist with love and reverence as we would approach Jesus Christ, for He is the Eucharist before us, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders of nations, that the Lord bless their minds, words, and hearts in order to serve their people and the least among them with dignity, compassion, and respect, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who work for peace and justice, may the God of mercy give them strength to make a difference as they protect us from evil, let us pray to the Lord.

For all of our habitual and special intentions we hold in our heats with hope, joy, and confidence in You our Creator God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer





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<u>July 3rd – July 9th</u>, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders. <u>July 10th – July 16th</u>, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

<u>July 17th – July 23rd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 24th – July 30th,</u> "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

Contact Assistant Director, Sadie Shields, for more information: shields@dwc.org or 1 (304) 476-9015









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- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basillica 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-MASSES/