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DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

EXPERIENCE THE LAST SUPPER IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY

Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival Event

To celebrate the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival you are invited to experience the Last Supper in this unexpected way – your senses.

Director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Bernadette McMasters Kime, PhD. encourages you to experience Moments of the Lord's Supper – A Sensory Experience through music, art, prayer and more.

The experience will be initially offered at 6:30 pm in two locations – All Saints Parish in Bridgeport on Oct. 4, and the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on Oct. 5.

You will be taken on a unique journey allowing you to see, hear, feel, touch, taste, and smell how the Lord was not only present to the disciples in that Upper Room, but shares himself with the Church every time we gather at the Eucharistic table. Dr. Kime and Chad Carter, Chancellor have collaborated with Dr. Tom Octave, director of lay ministry and formation for the Diocese of Pittsburgh in planning these events.

Moments of the Lord's Supper: A Sensory Experience

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Begins at 6:30 PM (offered at two locations for your convenience)

October 4—All Saint Parish, Bridgeport, WV

October 5—Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV



Sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.
Free and open to the public.

**#FaithInWV hopes to inspire you,
refresh your prayer life,
and help you grow in faith.**

What's inside:

Celebrate **Padre Pio**
on Sept. 23rd.

Sick, hurt, lost, or praying for
someone who is? Pray his...

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Can we count you in?

Get us to **#MillionRosaries4WV**

Migration Week - pray for God's
children and parents around the
world, who like St. Joseph had to
flee the place they called home in
order to protect and keep safe the
ones they love.

Feast Day of St. Matthew -
God loves all of us!

**Sister Marie James Cody's secret
to longevity.**

Nursing home presents her with
100th Birthday Honor.

GET US TO 1 MILLION!



Can we count you in?

Will you be a part of the movement in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to pledge to pray **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS**? Our pledge period is between the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th.

Like a fundraising appeal, the last day of the campaign, Oct. 7th is the last day to pledge, not the last day to stop your prayers.

"It's not how many Rosaries you will say by October 7t," said Sr. Martha Gomez, R.G.S., Delegate for Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. "October 7 is your pledge entry deadline. Your deadline to fulfill is between you and God!"

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS include priesthood, religious life, marriage, and devoted single life – callings to join Christ through our Baptism, serving God as we serve others.

"Behind and before every vocation is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a faith community.... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer: and only through prayer can we persevere and bear fruit," Sr. Martha said.

ENTER YOUR PLEDGE - **scan the QR code** and submit the number of rosaries you will pray for vocations. Again pledges are due by October 7. Fulfillment of your prayer pledge is between you and God.

SHARE this endeavor with their family, friends, and organizations outside of the state, so beautiful souls all over the world praying for increased vocations in our diocese.

RESOURCES for success! Whether you learned the rosary as a child or just learning as an adult use the resources we have gathered and present at dwc.org/onemillionrosaries to help make this beautiful prayer the Blessed Mother gave us a part of your habitual devotions.



One Million
ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

PLEDGE YOURS!



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PADRE PIO'S LIFE TRULY FASCINATING



September 23 is the Feast Day of St. Pius Pietrelcina, affectionately called "Padre Pio."

He lived from 1887 to 1968. He is often quoted, because of his devotion to the Eucharist, the Rosary, and the guardian angel Christ assigned him.

Even as a child he was devoted to prayer, announcing to his parents

at the age of five he wanted to live his life for Christ for there would nothing more meaningful. While he was known as a lovable, respected, humble, and obedient servant of God until his last breath, he was also known as one who fiercely defended Christ and stood firm in convictions to cast out evil and demons ruining the lives of God's people, the Church, and the world.

He is the only priest in history to have the stigmata – the wounds of Christ to his hands, feet, and side. He referred to his daily prayers as his conversations with God.

"In books we seek God, in prayer we find Him," he said. "Prayer is the key which opens God's heart."

Ordained in 1910 and in 1916 was assigned to San Giovanni Rotondo in Apulia, Italy, where he would be for 52 years. He was so popular he would spend up to 12 hours a day hearing confessions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike.. He celebrated Mass with "extraordinary devotion," leaving no doubt that the Eucharist was the Real Presence of Christ.

The stigmata happened on Sept. 20, 1918, after celebrating Mass. In St. Pio's words he said, "while I was giving thanks to the choir, I was repeatedly overcome by trembling. Later I became calm again and I saw our Lord as if He were on the cross.... He was showing that He was suffering and that He desired to unite souls to His Passion. He invited me to enter into His sufferings and to mediate upon them: and at the same time to concern myself with the health of the brothers. Immediately I felt full of compassion for the sufferings of the Lord and I asked Him what I could do. I heard this voice: 'I unite you to my Passion'. And immediately, the vision having disappeared, I came to and I saw these signs from which blood was flowing. I did not have them before."

Saint Padre Pio often hid his wounds on his hands with gloves. His wounds brought pain and bled day after day.

He was so universally popular he had to have a team of friars help him with the thousands of letters written to him.

Interesting to note, in 1962, Bishop Karol Wojtyła, later Pope John Paul II, was one of those petitioners. He asked Padre Pio to pray for a dear friend, Dr. Wanda Poltawska, who had cancer. Miraculously, Dr. Poltawska's cancer was found to have degenerated and doctors could not offer an explanation. Many have said Padre Pio said Wojtyła would become Pope.

When he passed away on Sept. 23, 1968 at the age of 81, he had a rosary in his hands and said, "Jesus. Mary," over and over. Upon his death his wounds that did not heal for five decades were no longer visible.

He was quoted many times telling his superiors and the faithful, "After my death I will do more. My real mission will begin after my death."

His life was full of miracles and almost fantastical unexplained occurrences that were documented by the Church such as his wounds having the ever pleasing odor of sanctity (the aroma of flowers), ability to know what people were going to say before they said it, bilocation (being in two places at once), visions of Jesus, Mary, and his guardian angel.

Let St. Padre Pio enter our hearts and minds, stirring within us a true humility and sincere love of prayer, the rosary, and the sacraments.

PADRE PIO RELICS IN MORGANTOWN SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Padre Pio's relics will be at St. John University Parish from 8am to 4pm on Sunday, November 5th. The relics will be on the main altar during the Sunday Masses (8:30 and 11:00 am; and 1pm)

The relics that will be available for veneration are:

*The crusts of his wounds • Cotton gauze bearing his blood stains
A lock of his hair • His handkerchief soaked with his sweat only hours before he died • A piece of Padre Pio's mantle*

"We are so blessed to be hosting the relic tour of St. Padre Pio here at St. John's. It's important for us as Catholics not only to know about the witness of the lives of the saints, but also to have a deep devotion to them. St. Padre Pio is a modern saint who we can definitely relate to in many ways, and who offers a witness of deep holiness and a witness of what it means to surrender to suffering in one's life. I hope many people can come out to venerate this great modern saint!" – Fr. Brian Crenwelge

Sick? Hurt? Lost?
Praying for a loved one who is?

Pray the HEALING PRAYER

By St. Padre Pio (*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*)

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free.

I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit.

Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. Cast anything that should not be in me.

Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood.

Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function.

Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart. Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy, and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life.

And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honor to your holy name.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MOMENTS TO GROW IN FAITH THIS WEEK

MIGRATION WEEK

National Migration Week 2023

September 18-24



Sept. 18th begins National Migration Week. Let's be mindful in our prayers to include the children and parents around the world who like St. Joseph had to flee the place they called home in order to protect the ones they love.

National Migration Week culminates with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees,

Sept. 24. This year's theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay," shines a light on the root causes that drive migration. In many instances, war and conflict have left people with no option but to abandon their homes and seek safety elsewhere. The Syrian conflict, for example, displaced millions, creating one of the largest refugee crises in modern history. More recently, the Russian invasion of Ukraine displaced hundreds of thousands of people, many of whom fled to neighboring countries, including here in West Virginia in search of safety. In both cases, migration is not a choice, but a necessity for survival.

Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of advocacy, education, and charitable works, as he reflects on how the Catholic faithful can work to create a world where individuals and families are free to choose whether to migrate or stay in their homelands. By addressing these issues, we can help create the conditions for people to live in safety and dignity, regardless of where they call home. To learn more and take action go to: JUSTICEFORIMMIGRANTS.ORG/NATIONAL-MIGRATION-WEEK-2023/

SAINT MATTHEW

September 21 is the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Great Evangelist. Can you imagine the faces of Christ's followers when Jesus himself called Matthew? He was a tax collector – a position most despised by Jews for they were dishonest, greedy, and mean! What was Jesus thinking? Maybe we should say what was Christ's lesson in this significant move? Most would assume that he would mock our Lord and ignore his invitation, but Matthew shocked all and immediately got up, left his post and wealth to follow Christ. Jesus teaches us even those we think are the worst among us can turn to God and follow Him. Further, Jesus called Matthew. He is calling each one of us each day to do His will.



Matthew's Gospel is called "the Gospel of the fulfillment," because it relates all the prophecies of the Old Testament to Jesus: He is of the house of David (1:6); born of a virgin, to fulfill what Isaiah foretold (1:22-23); and dwells among us to help us get to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew also shares the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus gives us the beatitudes (5:3-11), our outline of Christian life. The apostle gives us Christ's genealogy, ministry, Passion, and Resurrection. Many artists' renditions of him include an angel near his ear to symbolize Matthew's writings were echoes of God's Word.

Take time this week to read Matthew's Gospel, especially Matthew 9:9-13, when he first references himself.

Editor's note: The art of St. Matthew is by Jordan and Nikki Avery at WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/AVERYANDCOMPANYSHOP.



2023 Life Expo

Office of Social Ministry
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

October 5, 2023

9:00am - 4:15pm

St. Michael Angelus Center

1225 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003

Engage and learn from groups who support the social, economic, physical, and spiritual needs of women, children, and families from prenatal on.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Byron Calhoun, MD

Admission is FREE and Lunch will be provided.

Additional speakers include:

Walking With Moms In Need, Her PLAN, Wellspring, Creighton FertilityCare™ & NaProTECHNOLOGY, Catholic Charities West Virginia, St. Vincent de Paul Society, WV Pregnancy Centers Coalition, and Nina Lindemuth, CNRP

PLUS visit with and gather resources from groups to learn how they can assist your life supporting efforts!

To register, visit dwc.org/2023-life-expo.

For more information, contact A.J. Emery at aemery@dwc.org, or 304.233.0880, ext. 326.

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SUNDAY

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SEPTEMBER

11³⁰AM - 7PM

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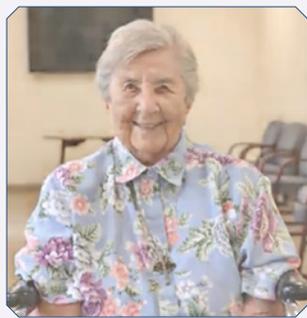
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FALL FESTIVAL

THE *Cathedral of St. Joseph*

& MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

CENTENARIAN CELEBRATION ECHOES THANKSGIVING!



According to Sr. Marie James Cody, R.G.S., who turned 100 last month, the secret to longevity is, "Gratitude to God... always."

The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd held a special party for the mentor lovingly called Sr. James. Friends from all over traveled the congregation's beautiful grounds in Carrollton, Ohio, where Sister lives now.

What is the bright eyed centenarian most grateful, "For my good mother and father; for my faith; and just gratitude to the Lord for all the goodness He has given me... everyday!"

Sister shared her wisdom and a photographic look into her life in a 100th birthday tribute video shared with her congregation.

"I was blessed with such good friends no matter where I went," she said as images through the years of her 70 years of service in Wheeling shuffled through the video.

She closed the video noting that we always have to be grateful not matter what our circumstance.

"I'm not saying I didn't have tough day, but I am so grateful to the Lord," she said. "Such a beautiful life to learn to speak that gratitude. One of my confessors said its (living a life of) thanksgiving, give in, give up, give away, alms giving."



EVERLASTING HONOR



The following transcript was written and delivered by Donald Kirsch, Administrator of Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Wheeling, at the birthday celebration for Sr. James.

"Good Shepherd Nursing Home is known by many as the Monastery of Our Lady of

Charity. In the monastery, a plaque reads the following: "In 1900 five sisters of our lady of charity came to the hills of West Virginia to proclaim the message of God's love to girls who were in need of their love and care.

"This plaque honors in loving memory the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity who established this monastery and after 70 years of devoted service. Their successors donated the entire property, land, building and furnishings, to the Diocese of Wheeling for the needs of the people of this area.



"Their sacrifice, dedication, courage and love shall forever be remembered by those whose lives they have touched.

"The plaque contains the names of 42 sisters who spent their lives at the monastery in service to others. One of

those 42 sisters is the individual, who we honor today, Sr. Marie James Cody on the 100th anniversary of her birth, August 15, 2023.

"Sister James not only spent her life in service to young women who were in need of her love and care, she also served the aged of our area in numerous capacities through the Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

Sr. James was a member of the sisters' leadership determining the conversion of the monastery and school to Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

"During her years of service to Good Shepherd Sr. James also served our social services department, providing comfort and prayer to individuals faced with one of the most difficult decisions of their lives - admission to a nursing home.

"Never one to rest, Sr. James continued her service to our residents as a Eucharistic minister as well as giving of her time to provide comfort to and prayer for our residents in the final hours of their lives to ensure that they did not die alone."



SNAP

A VITAL SUPPORT FOR MANY WEST VIRGINIANS

The pressing issue of food insecurity affects one in seven West Virginians, encompassing more than 256,000 individuals, spanning across both adults and children.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) plays a crucial role as a federally-funded safety net that reaches out to our fellow community members in need. SNAP provides food benefits to individuals and families, helping them supplement their grocery budget until they can regain their financial stability.

Our commitment to ensuring that people have access to nourishing food remains steadfast. This is why Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) administers our SNAP Outreach Program, helping people determine whether they are eligible for SNAP and helping them apply for benefits.

CCWVa is honored to receive grant funding from Catholic Charities USA and the Walmart Foundation, in addition to support from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR). This collective support is part of a nationwide initiative aimed at combating hunger.

Rebecca and her husband Todd are just one of the numerous families we have encountered and aided through this program.

In October, Rebecca's husband experienced job loss from his position with a local painting contractor. In response, Rebecca took swift action to seek assistance. She independently completed a SNAP application, awaiting confirmation of benefits. Unfortunately, her

application remained unprocessed due to a variety of factors. Undeterred, she persistently navigated the process on her own, but the outcome remained unchanged. This left her feeling disheartened, bewildered, and frustrated. During the waiting period and the exchange of documentation, Rebecca and Todd exhausted nearly all of their financial resources, resorting to selling one of their cars to make ends meet.

In January, Rebecca became aware of the SNAP Outreach Program offered by Catholic Charities and reached out to our office. The SNAP team, in

collaboration with the regional Catholic Charities office, promptly intervened in their situation. They received immediate assistance in the form of food supplies to address their urgent needs, and WVDHHR stepped in to expedite their SNAP application. After close cooperation with their office and WVDHHR, Rebecca and her husband received the heartening news that they would be receiving retroactive benefits dating back to their original application in October. They began to see a glimmer of hope at the end of the tunnel.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, 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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Do not be a hypocrite - harboring anger, unforgiving, and resentful - when we expect God to forgive our own sins. Forgiving and reconciling seems to be one of the hardest choices we have in life, but choose to have a healthy heart. Keep turning to God for strength. He knows.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103

“The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.”

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Saint Paul reminds us today that once baptized Christian we live for Christ. It is not just a name -Christian-it is who we are, how we live, and how we should die... for the love of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew tells us of Jesus’ command - do not tire of forgiving. Be righteous as the Lord taught us. If you think forgiving someone seven times is enough, it is not - forgive seventy-seven times. Christ isn’t giving us a number in the parable He shares in this reading He is emphasizing to keep on forgiving even when you want to shout “I’m done. I can’t. This is different. They don’t deserve it.” The Father forgives those who love him and sincerely seek his mercy!

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Lord is kind and merciful, as we sang in the responsorial psalm. Let us appeal to God’s mercy and kindness as we bring to mind our needs and the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the Church, that we may kind and merciful - an example of how God wants us to live, so we too will be shown love and forgiveness for our failures and sinfulness, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That world leaders to local leaders never tire of seeking to unite, work together, and restore peace even when it means forgiving those who have hurt us the worst, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For peace and reconciliation in our churches, communities, and families, forgiving those who have hurt, abandoned, or defamed us in any way, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.