



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

BE GRATEFUL TO THOSE SHARING THE WORD OF GOD



This weekend in the Church we celebrate Catechetical Sunday – a day to recognize the importance of our catechists - those among us who not only teach the faith, but fill the hearts of young and old with a great love for Jesus Christ. They are spiritual guides that help us get to Heaven.

The ministry of a catechist is to nurture our love of God, helping us to be fully alive in His Church. Their mission is rooted and nourished by Christ in the Eucharist.

The theme for Catechetical Sunday is from Luke 22:19, “This is my body given for you.”

It is the catechist that has the responsibility of clarifying and showcasing Jesus’ teachings. We can look at Luke 24:13-32 - the Road to Emmaus story. Two disciples of Christ left Jerusalem for Emmaus. On their seven mile walk they encountered the Risen Lord, but before revealing Himself to them, He remained unrecognizable and walked along with them, interpreting the Scriptures that referred to Him. Jesus turned their feelings of grief over the Lord’s death and confusion of the Empty tomb into complete joy, when he revealed Himself to them as He blessed and broke the bread they shared in their Emmaus home.

Our catechists teach and remind us of Scripture. They help us work through our questions. They reveal wisdom and expand our understanding. Catechists help us along our own road home – our faith journey. It is their evangelization that guides us to see that Christ will never leave us and is always present which is evident in the Eucharist.

We love our catechists who share the beauty of their faith through significant lessons they learned and cherished along their way such as taking their students into the church specifically to see the Sanctuary Lamp (tabernacle candle) aglow, announcing Christ is present; illuminating soulful habits like silently saying, “My Lord and my God,” as the priest elevates the host; and sharing sweet prayers of reflection to say after we have received the Holy Eucharist such as:



Oh Jesus, A hundred thousand welcomes. A hundred thousand thanks.

Jesus, present in my soul, I adore you. I thank you. I love you.

I am sorry for the sins which have offended You.

Let me know You, serve You and love You.

Let me accept and do Your will today.

Stay with me throughout this day.

Let me see others with Your eyes and love with Your heart,

My Lord and my God.

Amen.

Let us ask God to bless the catechists in our church, schools, and families. Bless all who bring the Gospel to life, teaching us that living the faith and listening to God brings love, wisdom, understanding, and empathy in order that we can have peace on earth and the joy of eternal life.



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Statement from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on the Passage of HB 302

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, releases the following statement regarding the passage of HB 302.

“The action taken by our elected officials to provide greater legal protection for the unborn is an important step in fostering a sincere culture of life in the Mountain State.

It is clear that work remains to be done to soften hearts and create a society that values and protects every human life. It is clear that it will take time to heal the personal and societal scars from abortion permitted for so long under the Roe regime. I pray that as a State, we continue to move toward these moral and just ends. I encourage our representatives to continue to lead us in that direction by providing ample resources to support women and children, by expanding access to quality and affordable childcare, by promoting paid maternity and family leave, by better protecting victims of domestic violence, by promoting and facilitating adoption, and by addressing food insecurity.

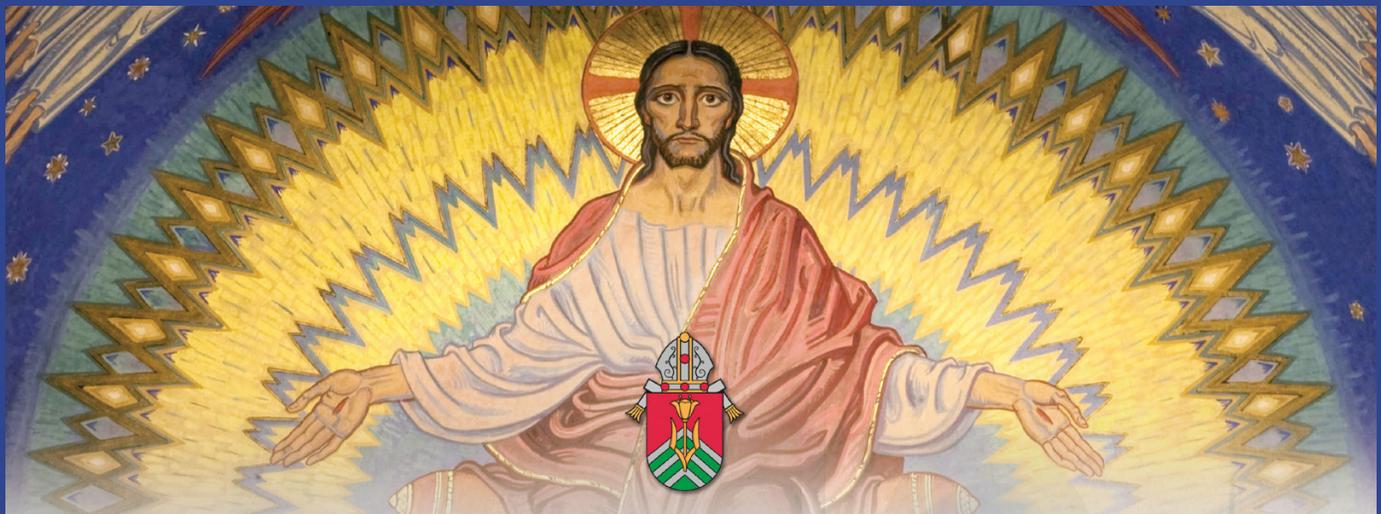
A culture that values life will bind and unite us; it will orient us toward seeking the common good for one another.”

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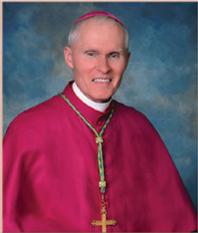
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*“To share all suffering,
to penetrate all secrets,
to heal all wounds,
to go from men to God
and offer Him
their prayers,
to return from God
to men to bring
pardon and hope...
My God, what a life...
and it is yours,
O priest of
Jesus Christ!”*
~ Lacordaire

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Diocesan Rosary Congress

During the week of October 1-8, 2022, parishes will participate in the national program of Diocesan Rosary Congresses. Each parish will host a service of Eucharistic Adoration including the praying of the rosary and concluding with Benediction.

Wheeling Dates

All Wheeling services will be from 6pm - 7pm.

Saturday October 1:	St. Michael Church (1225 National Rd.)
Sunday, October 2:	Chapel of Mary & Joseph, Wheeling University (316 Washington Ave.)
Monday, October 3:	Corpus Christi Church (1518 Warwood Ave.)
Tuesday, October 4:	St. Vincent de Paul Church (2244 Marshall Ave.) [Adoration begins at 10am]
Wednesday, October 5:	Our Lady of Peace Church (690 Mount Olivet Rd.)
Thursday, October 6:	St. Alphonsus Church (2111 Market St.)
Friday, October 7:	Cathedral of St. Joseph (13th and Eoff Sts) [Adoration begins at 1pm]

Charleston Dates

Saturday October 1:	Holy Trinity Parish, Nitro - 4pm Sacred Heart Basilica Parish, Charleston - 4pm
Sunday, October 2:	St. Joseph Parish, Huntington - 2:30pm
Monday, October 3:	UC Catholic Campus Ministry - 5pm JPll House Chapel
Tuesday, October 4:	St. Francis Parish, St. Albans - 7pm
Wednesday, October 5:	Marshall Newman Center, Huntington - 3pm Church of the Ascension, Hurricane - 6pm
Thursday, October 6:	St. Agnes Parish, Kanawha City - 5pm
Friday, October 7:	Blessed Sacrament Parish, South Charleston - 11:15am
Saturday, October 8:	Our Lady of Fatima Parish Huntington - 6pm Rosary and Eucharistic procession.

Let us come together in adoration and prayer before our Eucharistic Lord and to seek the protection and intercession of the Blessed Mother.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL YOUTH RALLY



HUTTONSVILLE - The West Virginia Catholic Youth Rally for the Eucharistic Revival will be held on Oct. 29th on the grounds of Camp Carlo in Huttonsville.

Middle and high school students are invited to an inspiring day of prayer, community, and empowering catechesis centering on a relationship with the Jesus Christ and His true presence in the Holy Eucharist.

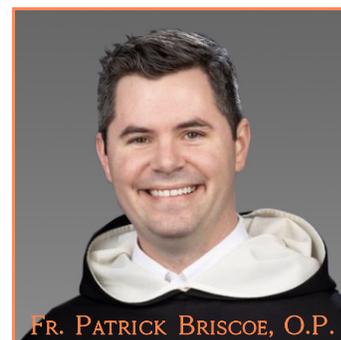
Led by NET Ministries staff, attendees will hear the Gospel message, participate in hands on activities and games, and be guided through reflection on encountering the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ.

The keynote speaker for the day will be Fr. Patrick Briscoe, O.P., one of the National Eucharistic Preachers for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Father Briscoe is a Dominican Friar, the editor of Aleteia Catholic news website, host of the Godsplaining podcast, co-author of Saint Dominic's Way of Life: A Path to Knowing and Loving God, and author of My Daily Visitor.

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NET Ministries will share Blessed Carlo's story and his thinking, "Jesus is my great friend, and the Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

The catholic conference center's grounds were named Camp Carlo in honor of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a teenager on the road to sainthood. Blessed Carlo was a seemingly average teen. He loved playing sports, hanging out with friends, and playing video games. He was considered a computer expert in his early teens. He also had a great devotion to Christ and the Church. His faith was described as "pure and certain."



A glimpse of the schedule:

11:00am	Meet and greet
11:20am	Opening: Welcome by NET Ministries and talk about the "True Presence"
11:40am	Games and activities
12:00pm	Testimony - Be open to what God wants you to receive
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Songs of praise by NET Ministries
1:30pm	Testimony by NET Ministries and Keynote by Fr. Patrick Briscoe, O.P.
2:10pm	Transition to a meaningful Eucharistic Adoration
2:30pm	Adoration
3:30pm	Snacks and social
3:50pm	Large Group Game/Gospel-Based Activity
4:30pm	Transition to Mass
4:45pm	Mass with celebrant Bishop Mark Brennan
5:45pm	Dinner
6:30pm	Closing Talk
7:00pm	Depart

Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay and participate in a special morning sessions, Adoration, and Mass. Accommodations can be made available for parent and child(s). Contact Daniel Maul the director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at dmaul@dwc.org for more information.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

God knows! The Prophet Amos warns that God considers it a grave sin to turn your back on the poor and needy, only to selfishly focus on your own gains at the expense of others.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113

“Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.”

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

St. Paul tells us God expects us to include everyone in our prayers, not just our family and inner circles. Doing so will bring peace and dignity.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13, 16:10-13

Where are your priorities? Luke’s Gospel, Christ teaches us you have a choice – serve God or serve money. You can’t be both. Be rich in spirit, loving God, so that you can earn the greatest wealth – eternal happiness in heaven.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/091822.CFM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church and the faithful, that we never fail to serve, love, and care for the poor and needy among us like, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all catechists and those who teach the richness of our faith, may the Holy Spirit shine through them as a constant guide to lead the young and old to Christ and the greatest treasure - Heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the faithful, especially those in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, that we are so confident in our love of Christ and his true presence in the Eucharist that like the catechists, we too share the gospel to our friends, co-workers, and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all people, that we choose to live our lives serving the Lord, using our gifts to help others in honor of our love for Christ and the Church, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

DIOCESE LAUNCHES EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL WEBPAGE

Make sure you check out our online resources in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, celebrating the National Eucharistic Revival: at DWC.ORG.

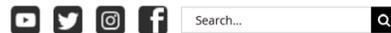
The Revival banner takes you to the timeline of the rival, our diocesan prayer, events within the diocese, commentaries from Bishop Mark Brennan and others, and more – all honoring and acknowledging:

“The Eucharist is nothing less than Jesus Christ in Person”

– Bishop Mark Brennan



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Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Father in heaven,
you have made us for yourself;
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the Bread of Life,
whose sacramental Body
we receive in the Eucharist,
so that we may witness to him

[Read "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church"](#)

[Visit the National Eucharistic Revival](#)



CELEBRATING CHARITY IN ACTION

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) honored Cheryl Gregory with its Charity in Action Award at the agency's Cuisine With A Cause event on Monday, September 12 in Martinsburg.



“At Catholic Charities, we are on a mission of love to end poverty, one family at a time,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and CEO. “We are blessed to have many partners who walk this journey with us, and we are honored to be able to recognize Cheryl for her compassion and dedication.”

Cheryl Gregory

Cheryl has volunteered with Catholic Charities since 2013. She began by assisting with raffle baskets for an event, and her involvement continued to grow from there.

“Cheryl is one of those people who can’t help but give back to the community,” said Ed Wilson, CCWVa Regional Advisory Council member. “As a lifelong resident of Berkeley County, she truly loves

making her community a better place to live for everyone.”

Cheryl volunteers with the CCWVa personal care pantry, which provides toiletries and other hygiene items to those in need. These items cannot be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, creating a need for those whose budgets cannot cover these items.

Cheryl does a regular inventory of the personal care closet, develops shopping lists, finds the best prices, purchases the items, and helps stock the shelves.

In addition, Cheryl helps with CCWVa’s volunteer income tax assistance program and manages the furniture outreach service. Cheryl has served on both the CCWVa Regional Advisory Committee and the Cuisine With A Cause committee.

Cheryl says that helping others has always been in her heart, and her favorite poem is *The Dash* by Linda Ellis. The poem notes that when a person dies, others look at the dates on that person’s tombstone from beginning to end. What matters most is the dash between those years. Cheryl says, “Live your dash.” She says she hopes what she has done during her “dash” has been meaningful and has made a difference in the lives of many.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia and how to support your neighbors in need, 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.*



CCWVa volunteer Cheryl Gregory stocks the agency’s personal care pantry in Martinsburg.

JOIN US FOR MASS AND LEARN WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



Sept. 18 • 4pm

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling
Father Jim Gretz

Sept. 25 • 4pm

St. Leo Parish, Inwood
Msgr. Rick Hilgartner

The Instructional Masses fulfill our Sunday obligation and teach why we do what we do as Catholics, so we can participate with purpose.

An informal reception will follow Mass.

These are the first in a series of Instructional Masses to be held throughout the state honoring the National Eucharistic Revival.

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MASS ONLINE

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