

# THE CATHOLIC Spirit

## Father Kuchinsky Reveals Role in DC Aborted Babies Case: 'I Buried Them Myself'

By **Katie Yoder Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Catholic News Agency**

A West Virginia priest is speaking publicly about his role in providing a funeral Mass and dignified burial for more than 100 aborted babies that pro-life activists say they rescued outside of a Washington, D.C., abortion clinic.

"I buried the babies myself," Father Bill Kuchinsky, 62, a longtime advocate for the unborn who also runs the Catholic prison ministry for the entire state of West Virginia, revealed in an interview with CNA. He declined to disclose the burial location

other than to say it was in a private cemetery.

"They are in a peaceful place and will be well cared for," Kuchinsky said, adding that a "proper headstone" will be added, eventually. "They do have a large statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary looking directly over them for now," he said.

CNA also found that Kuchinsky's bishop, Bishop Mark Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, fully supports the actions Kuchinsky took to ensure the babies' remains were treated respectfully.

"Father William Kuchinsky's Mass for and burial of around 100 children aborted at a Washington,

D.C., abortion facility follow a long Christian tradition of practicing the corporal work of mercy for the dead, honoring their physical remains and burying them with love," Bishop Brennan said in a statement to CNA Tuesday.

"I fully approve Father Kuchinsky's caring actions. They remind us that these were real human children, not lifeless things—until their lives were unjustly taken from them," the bishop added.

Activists Lauren Handy and Terrisa Bukovinac of Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising (PAAU) first told **See "Kuchinsky" on Page 2**

## Holy Week and Easter Celebrations Gather Bishop with Faithful from Richwood to Chester

By **Colleen Rowan**

Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling after traveling the state to gather with the faithful of many different parishes for Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Beginning in Richwood, Bishop Brennan celebrated Palm Sunday Masses at Holy Family Church. Parishioners Pam and Frank Hitt were very proud to have their grandsons Kevin and Nathan Hermanson, who were visiting from Virginia Beach, Va., to serve as altar servers at Mass. Bishop Brennan went on to celebrate the Chrism Masses at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston April 11 and the next day at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He returned to Charleston for Holy Thursday Mass at the basilica, which was livestreamed on the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Facebook page. The bishop then celebrated with the faithful of St. Brendan Parish in Elkins for Good Friday that

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Bishop Mark Brennan celebrates the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Parish in Chester April 16.

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# Bishop Brennan Will Celebrate a Mass of Healing in Wheeling

By Colleen Rowan

**WHEELING**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Safe Environment invites everyone to a special Mass for Healing to be celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan on Monday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Wheeling.

"This Mass is for the Wheeling community to join together in prayer for healing for the abuse crisis, not only in our church but in our commu-

nities and families," Safe Environment officials said.

Concelebrating the Mass will be Father Carlos Melocoton, Jr., pastor of St. Michael's, who shared that he is happy the bishop will be celebrating this Mass at his parish. Turning to Christ, Father Melocoton said, will always bring healing where needed.

"Miracles of healing can happen when Christ is present, 'there is nothing impossible with

God,'" he said. "Coming together to pray within the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, asking our Divine Physician for healing is a powerful profession of faith."

Following the Mass, there will be a light reception in the St. Michael Parish School cafeteria.

Information about the diocese's Office of Safe Environment, including ways to report abuse, can be found on the diocese's website at [dwc.org](http://dwc.org).

## Kuchinsky...

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reporters on April 5 that they obtained 115 aborted babies from a driver for a medical waste company outside Washington Surgi-Clinic on March 25, with the intention of giving the babies a dignified funeral and burial.

Five of the babies, who appear to be of late-term gestation, were located and collected by the Metropolitan Police Department on March 30. PAAU says it arranged for D.C. police to collect and examine the babies, fearing that the babies' injuries could be evidence of illegal abortions.

At the April 5 press conference, Handy, a Catholic, said that all of the 115 victims of abortion violence were given a funeral Mass, and that the 110 babies not in police custody were buried "in a private cemetery by a priest."

While the priest remained unnamed at the time, Kuchinsky has since identified himself.

During the babies' burial, Kuchinsky said he recited burial prayers, blessed the grave, and placed a crucifix on it, marking where they lie.

### 'Deeply honored' to be involved

Kuchinsky said that Handy first contacted him the day that she received the babies, on March 25. When he called her back, two days later, he learned about the aborted babies' remains.

"She asked that I come offer prayers for the babies in her apartment where the little ones were being kept in the refrigerator," he said. "She said that would be good."

Kuchinsky said he first met Bukovinac, an atheist, at the D.C. apartment where the funeral Mass was held on March 28. But he has known Handy from pro-life work for roughly seven years.

"I was deeply honored that she trusted me in the apostolate of the funeral and burial," he said.

Kuchinsky said he suggested holding a funeral Mass when he arrived at the apartment. Eight pro-life advocates attended, including Handy and Bukovinac, he said. Four of the eight were Catholic.

"There was a great sense of reverence throughout our time together," he said. "It was almost palpable."

Kuchinsky said he saw the babies inside the refrigerator at the apartment.

"The door was opened for me to view them, but I did not take a close look to examine their mortal remains," he recalled. "I saw the bigger containers with the five older babies and very many small denture cups holding the remains of the unborn terminated in the first trimester. They were stacked up neatly alongside the larger remains and in the refrigerator door."

"At that time," he added, "I really did not have a desire to take a closer look at these poor children" because he was preparing himself for Mass.

Kuchinsky said it was the first funeral Mass he can recall celebrating outside of a church. He slightly adapted the prayers, he said, because there were 115 children, instead of one.

"Lauren, Terissa, and maybe others, had named the babies and asked if the names could be read at Mass," he said.

"I offered that perhaps we could make the prayers of the faithful especially for them. So, as usual, I directed the prayer to Our Heavenly Father and then the names were read in a respectful manner by them, like a slow cadence which gave time to briefly reflect on that name," he added.

Following the prayer, Kuchinsky said he told those present that they

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### Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

**To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

**To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer.

**To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

**To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator:** please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988.

In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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Father Bill Kuchinsky presides over a funeral Mass for 115 aborted babies in Washington, D.C.

## Kuchinsky...

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could sing a song.

"What they chose was a beautiful song, not unsuitable to the liturgy, expressing a desire for a world without abortion and, if I remember correctly, for peace," he said.

He remembered seeing "many tears" that day.

"These babies were loved by those present," the priest said. The burial, he said, took place a few days later, on April 1.

In a joint statement to CNA, Handy and Bukovinac praised Kuchinsky for the support he has given them.

"We are impressed and inspired by Fr. Bill's continuous courage on behalf of the unborn. In our greatest time of need, he was there," they said. "We will forever be grateful for all he has done to support us and to ensure we were able to keep our promise to the Curtis Bay whistleblower: to give a proper funeral and burial for these children."

### 'I felt an obligation to them'

The priest said that, in this circumstance, there was no time to seek "special permission" from his diocese.

"I do believe that, as a priest, those permissions — the faculties — were mine to use for the benefit of souls and the faithful," he told CNA.

Kuchinsky said he did have some concerns about the legal implications of the private interment but went ahead with the burial because his "overriding concern" was that their remains be treated with dignity.

"I remembered that these were babies who were murdered and being carted off to burn, possibly for energy, as 'medical waste,'" he wrote in an email. "I felt an obligation to them, to God, and to humanity, to make sure they had a proper burial."

PAAU previously said that the driver of a medical waste disposal truck for Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services gave Bukovinac and Handy a cardboard box, which they

later found to contain the 115 babies' remains. Kuchinsky said he considers the driver a "hero as well," adding, "I hope, if he is in need, he will turn to the pro-life community for help, for another job."

In a statement, Curtis Bay, which operates a medical waste incinerator in Baltimore, denied its driver gave away any boxes from the clinic. The company also said its policy does not allow for the disposal of fetal remains. PAAU later released time-stamped images of boxes reading "Curtis Bay Energy" by the street curb outside of the abortion clinic. The group's members also have speculated that the building's security cameras may have captured video footage of the exchange.

### Exposing the 'reality' of abortion

Kuchinsky said he wants people to know first and foremost that these babies "are loved by God" and that "Jesus desires to forgive, to save, and to heal, those who have chosen to kill their babies."

"I pray that this opening of the veil into the abortion industry ... and the reality of what abortion does: takes the life in a most gruesome way of a fellow human being — a truth we can see with our own eyes — in what the Church has called an 'unspeakable crime,'" he wrote in an email to CNA.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which summarizes Church teaching, recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of the unborn human person and considers abortion a "crime against human life."

Kuchinsky said he prays that the babies, and the photos of them,

"may help to wake people up to the atrocities being committed thousands of times a day, that we might choose life."

Kuchinsky went on to cite Pope St. John Paul II's remarks from a 1987 address in Detroit: "This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival — yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."

### 'I have been changed'

Kuchinsky shared that he is still processing how this experience has affected him.

"It may sound strange, but I have been in a 'mission mode' to help the heroes of this story, to be with them as they mourn, to make sure everything I could do was taken care of ... setting my emotions to the side to be there for the babies and their adopted family," he wrote in an email. "But, it is safe to say, I have been changed."

There is "trauma to be dealt with" from what he witnessed, he acknowledged. "May Jesus and Mary help me."

Kuchinsky said he has been in sporadic contact with Handy and Bukovinac in the weeks since the funeral and burial.

"I am proud of the work they are doing," he said. "PAAU seems to be responding appropriately," he said, adding that the group is "providing a needed witness" by sharing images of the babies and calling for autopsies of the five later-term babies.

He added, "I can't help but think how much more [we] as Christians, as Catholics with the sacraments and the fullness of faith could, and

should, be doing."

"How should the Christian community react to the mass murder happening around us thousands of times each day? Peacefully of course!" he stressed in an email, referring to abortion. "But, there is much more we SHOULD be doing given the reality of abortion and the grave harm it causes: dead babies, wounded mothers, and the culture of death."

### A pending investigation

Since the discovery of the five babies' remains, lawmakers have sent multiple letters and pro-life groups have held rallies calling for a full investigation and autopsies of the babies' bodies. Kuchinsky said he attended rallies outside D.C. Mayor Muriel Bower's office and the D.C. medical examiner's office, where pro-life groups believe the five babies are located.

The mayor has given no indication that the city intends to autopsy the remains. Instead of addressing concerns about the abortionist, she suggested Handy may have violated federal law. Handy, along with eight others, was indicted on March 30 for an incident unrelated to the discovery of the babies. The Justice Department charged her and eight others with conspiracy against rights and Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE Act) offense after a protest they staged at the Washington Surgi-Clinic in 2020. Handy has pleaded not guilty.

While D.C. police previously said that the five babies were aborted in accordance with D.C. law, pro-life leaders are concerned that the abortions could have violated federal law prohibiting the killing of babies outside the womb.

Washington Surgi-Clinic, where PAAU says the babies' remains came from, is operated by Dr. Cesare Santangelo, an OBGYN and well-known D.C. abortionist. In 2013, pro-life group Live Action released a video it secretly recorded in which Santangelo says that he would allow a child who survived an abortion attempt to die if the child was born during the procedure.

The Metropolitan Police Department told CNA that there were no updates to provide regarding its investigation as of Monday. CNA has contacted the Washington Surgi-Clinic multiple times for comment and has received no response. The D.C. medical examiner's office is directing all questions to the mayor's office, which has not responded to CNA's multiple requests for comment.

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Courtesy Photo

Father Bill Kuchinsky prays over the remains of 115 aborted babies during a funeral Mass in Washington, D.C. Pro-life activists who say they rescued the babies from an abortion clinic in the city stored the remains in an apartment refrigerator until the babies could be given a funeral Mass and a dignified burial.



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Bishop Mark Brennan administers the sacrament of confirmation at the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Parish in Chester April 16.

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Vigil at Sacred Heart Parish in Chester bringing six individuals (Zackery Eckenrod, Tanner Dudick, George McIntosh, Kelly McIntosh, Sean McIntosh, and Gina McIntosh) into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments. The bishop confirmed all six, and they all received first holy Communion. The bishop also baptized one in the group.

Finally, Bishop Brennan was back in Wheeling for Easter Sunday morning Mass at a packed cathedral in Wheeling. The Mass was televised live and livestreamed on the diocese's website and Facebook page.

In his homily, the bishop spoke of God's profound love. Having watched his son put to death, Bishop Brennan said, God the Father demonstrated his enduring love for his son and his approval of his son's sacrifice on the cross for us by raising Jesus bodily from the dead. The Father's love was effective in a way that our love, in the face of death, never could be, Bishop Brennan said. Not only that, but the life to which the Father raised his son surpasses a simple return to this natural life because Jesus' new life is eternal and immune to any injury or trouble—it is a supernatural,

glorified life.

"This is the great victory, the victory of God that we celebrate this morning," Bishop Brennan said. "The destruction, in Jesus, of death through his resurrection."

The bishop then pointed to the words of Peter to Cornelius in the first reading (Acts 10:34a, 37-43), everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness for sins in his name.

"Sin is the great barrier between us and God," the bishop said. "All sin offends God, but Jesus has won our forgiveness by taking on himself the burden of our sins, removing that barrier."

Bishop Brennan also pointed to the urging of St. Paul in the second reading: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:1-4)

The bishop continued, saying: "So, Easter is not only Jesus Christ's victory over death by the loving will of the Father, it is our anticipated victory over death as well."

The story does not end with the testimony of Christ's resurrection by his disciples, Bishop Brennan said.

"We who have put our faith in Jesus Christ have through the ages



Colleen Rowan Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan greets the faithful following his celebration of Easter Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling April 17.

experienced the power of his risen life. Invisibly, but really, he is involved in our lives. He strengthens us, especially through the sacraments of the church beginning with baptism. I had the pleasure of baptizing a young man last night at Sacred Heart Parish in Chester and then receiving five other people into the church at that same Mass."

Following baptism, the bishop said, "the Lord strengthens us and continues with the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist which is truly his body and blood. The Lord and inspires, encourages, consoles, and challenges us through the Scriptures and by his example. He is present where two or three disciples gather in his name, and he hears our prayers. He motivates us to engage in good works and to persevere in them when we encounter difficulties."

Good works such as schools, hospitals, and religious orders that were founded to carry on the work of Christ have endured for centuries, the bishop said. Our Christian movement, he continued, could only start when Jesus rose from the dead.

"This movement of ours continues to attract human beings despite persecutions, poverty, and scandals," Bishop Brennan said.

"In all these ways, the risen Lord Jesus is still with his people according to his promise, 'I am with you always until the end of the age.' So, my brothers and sisters, there is more to come."

The bishop then recalled a time when he was a seminarian in Rome. On a bus going into the city, he sat down next to a man who turned out to be "perhaps the greatest American biblical scholar of his generation," Father Raymond Brown. He was the author of two books: "The Birth of the Messiah" and "The Death of the Messiah." Although he had written articles for biblical journals and lectured on Christ's resurrection, someone asked Father Brown if he was planning to write a book on the resurrection of the Messiah. He replied, "That is a mystery I prefer to encounter personally."

Father Brown died a few years later, Bishop Brennan said, "and I trust—for he was not only renowned as a great scholar but as a faithful and kind priest—that the future resurrection is in store for him.

"My brothers and sisters," the bishop continued, "it is in store for us too if only we will not lose heart and will, as St. Paul urges us, think of what is above and not only of what is on earth."



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‘The story of Easter eagerly told by a group of spunky kiddos’



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Children around the diocese tell the story of Easter.

**By Joyce Bibey**

This year we bring to you an extra special Easter message. It is the story of Easter eagerly told by a group of spunky kiddos.

The video is brought to you by a creative team at the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

lead by Mark Haas and Chris Cendaña. The video is titled An Easter Treat for the Faithful and may be viewed on the diocese’s website at dwc.org.

Enjoy this sweet conversation. Oh! At the end Bishop Mark Brennan shares a special

memory from his childhood.

As we reflect on our own memories and focus on the meaning of these holy days, Bishop Mark said, “I encourage you to celebrate this Feast of Jesus with great Joy! God bless you all!”



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# Temptation of Power, Money Can Obscure Easter Joy, Pope Says

**By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The allure of power and money can be used to proclaim falsehoods and obscure the joyous announcement of Christ's victory over death, Pope Francis said.

"Falsehoods — in words and in life — taint the announcement, they corrupt within, leading back to the tomb," the pope said before reciting the "Regina Coeli" April 18 with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

"The Risen One instead wants us to come out of the tombs of falsehood and dependency. Before the risen Lord, there is another 'god' — the god of money that dirties and ruins everything, that closes the door to salvation," he said.

The pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading from St. Matthew, which recalled the resurrected Christ telling the women who were at his tomb to not be afraid and instructing them to "go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Jesus' words, he said, are "two pieces of advice that would be good also for us to welcome as an Easter gift."

In telling the women to not be afraid, the pope said Jesus knows that "our fears are our daily enemies," especially the fear of death. Yet, by conquering death, Jesus "invites us to come out of the tomb of our fears."

"He knows that fear is always lurking at the door of our heart, and we need to hear ourselves say do not be afraid, fear not on Easter morning; as on the morning of every day, 'Do not be afraid,'" the pope said.

Jesus' instruction to "go and tell" the disciples to meet him in Galilee, the pope continued, is also an invitation for Christians to go

out and proclaim the resurrection to those who are closed in by fear.

"The joy of Christ is strengthened by giving it, it multiplies sharing it. If we open ourselves and bear the Gospel, our hearts will open and overcome fear. This is the secret: We proclaim and overcome fear," he said.

However, recalling the money given to the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb so that they would counter the story of Jesus' resurrection, Pope Francis said the belief in their lies shows the power of money, which is "the other lord that Jesus says we must never serve."

"Here is the falsehood, the logic of conceal-

ment that opposes the proclamation of truth," he said. "Falsehoods take us backward, they lead right to death, to the tomb."

Pope Francis said that while many are rightly scandalized "when in the news we discover deceit and lies in the lives of persons and society," Christians should also reflect on "obscurity and falsehoods we have in ourselves."

"Let us place our own darkness and falsehoods before the light of the risen Jesus," the pope said. "He wants to bring hidden things to light to make us transparent and luminous witnesses to the joy of the Gospel, of the truth that will make you free."



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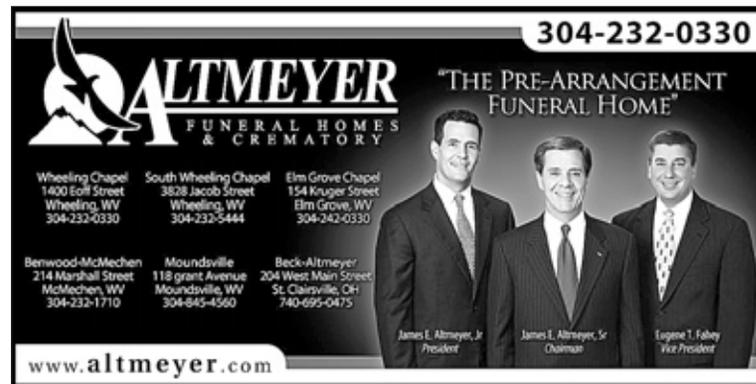


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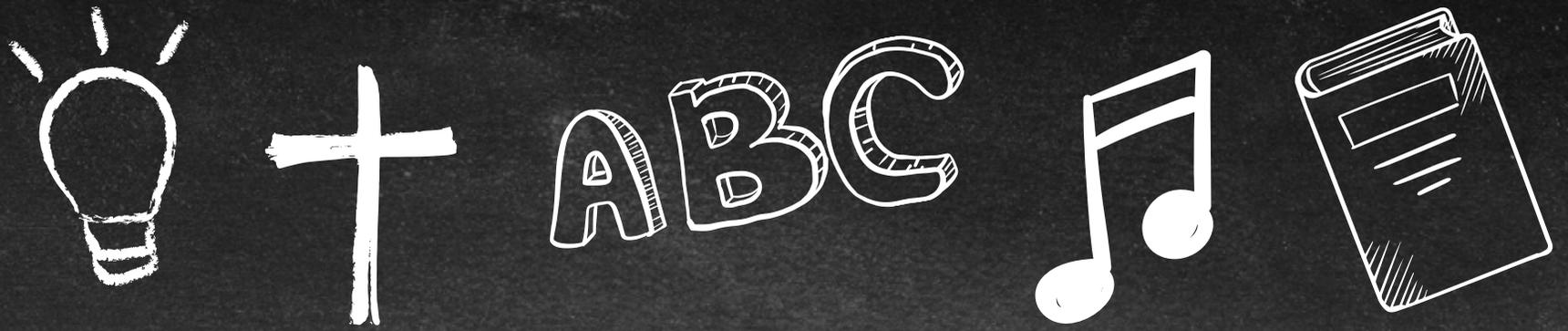
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West Virginia University students who stayed on campus during spring break enjoy a nice Easter dinner together April 17 at St. John University Parish's Newman Hall in Morgantown. The hall is always open for students to spend time together, study, and grow in their faith. The parish's campus ministry program, Mountaineer Catholic, sponsors weekly formational and recreational events for students such as Bible studies, Dinner for a Dollar, movie nights, prayer groups, and various socials. Students are encouraged to attend daily Mass and make frequent use of the Sacrament of Confession. Spring and Fall semester retreats also help students take time out of their busy school schedule to deepen their relationship with Christ. For more information, contact Colleen Criste, Campus Minister director of Programs and Development for Campus Ministry, at (304) 296-8231.

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## Franciscan University's Center for Beauty to Host Two Musical Events

**STEUBENVILLE, OHIO**—The Franciscan University Center for Beauty will host two musical events on April 25 and May 2 that are free and open to the public.

"Mozart! A Listen-and-Learn Musical Performance" will feature violinist Stephen Tavani, assistant concertmaster with the Cleveland Orchestra; Stanley Konopka, director of Franciscan University's Chamber Orchestra and assistant principal violist with the Cleveland Orchestra; and pianist Audrey Konopka, Franciscan University phi-

losophy major. The performance is Monday, April 25, in the Gentile Gallery at 6:00 p.m.

On Monday, May 2, at 8:00 p.m., Franciscan University's Chamber Orchestra will perform music from John Tavener and Johannes Sebastian Bach in Christ the King Chapel. The performance will feature Rodrigo Ojeda, principal keyboardist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and Stanley Konopka.

For more information, go to [franciscan.edu/monday-arts-and-culture-series](http://franciscan.edu/monday-arts-and-culture-series).

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# 'Tilapia Walk In, Drive In To Go Dinners' Continue in White Sulphur Springs

**WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**—The traditional Lenten season Friday night fish dinners are continuing in the Greenbrier Valley for April 22 and 29, under the auspices of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus.

Served either drive up or walk in to go, the dinner of Tilapia, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, hard roll, drink, dessert, sauces and utensils are available 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Butler Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on West Main St. (US 60)

In White Sulphur Springs. Tables are available for those who wish to eat with friends, but no table service is available.

"We started two weeks into Lent due to the weather pattern of bad conditions on Fridays thru December, January and February and hope to have good weather for the remaining two dinners," notes Perk Berry,

grand knight of Council 8689. Despite the poor weather on three of the first four Fridays, the Council has had a good turnout for all four dinners and excellent volunteers from the Knights' Auxiliary, and the congregations of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ronceverte, St. Charles Borromeo Parish in White Sulphur Springs and Sacred Heart Church in Rainelle.

The volunteer culinary staff headed by Sue Moats from Pocahontas County, a chef at The Greenbrier, and Paul Cicorial, banquet chef at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, includes also Deacon and Knight Bill Strange, and retired Chef Debra Fabray.

For further information, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley, (304) 536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus (304) 645-1373.



## A Prayerful, Lively Lent in Farmington

St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Farmington has been busy during Lent. The small Marion County parish had stations of the cross every Friday evening, Mass and Adoration every Wednesday, and "rosary with Tony" at 6:30 a.m. Friday mornings. The parish also had a food drive as its almsgiving to the Littleton Food Pantry, and celebrated first confession for children preparing for their first holy Communion. Coffee and donuts were served by the CCD Students for the parish, and successful Synod meetings were also held. Pictured above are Amber Aloi and Julian Aloi, preparing the donut trays for the donuts and coffee after Mass. They volunteered to do this through Lent, along with the CCD children.

## Confirmation Schedule

*Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant*

- April 26: St. Vincent de Paul, Wheeling, 6 p.m.
- April 27: St. John the Evangelist, Wellsburg, 5:30 p.m.
- April 28: Corpus Christi, Wheeling, 6 p.m.
- April 30: St. Alphonsus, Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.
- May 1: Combined Confirmation: Sacred Heart, Chester, and Immaculate Conception, New Cumberland, 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Chester
- May 3: St. Michael, Vienna, 6 p.m.
- May 5: Combined Confirmation: Holy Trinity, Nitro, and St. Patrick Mission, Bancroft, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick Mission, Bancroft
- May 7: Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, 5:30 p.m.
- May 9: St. Michael, Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.
- May 12: St. Jude, Glen Dale, 6:30 p.m.
- May 18: St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19: St. Bernadette, Hedgesville, 6 p.m.
- May 20: St. Leo, Inwood, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21: St. James, Charles Town, 10 a.m.
- May 22: St. Joseph, Martinsburg, 3 p.m.
- May 28: Immaculate Conception, Clarksburg, 4:30 p.m.
- May 29: St. Margaret Mary, Parkersburg, 2 p.m.
- May 31: St. Anthony, Follansbee, 6 p.m.
- June 4: St. Francis de Sales, Beckley, 5 p.m.
- June 25: St. Brendan, Elkins, 5 p.m.

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## Catholic News Service Movie Review

# Father Stu

By John Mulderig, Catholic News Service

**NEW YORK (CNS)** — Positive priest characters are certainly a rarity in contemporary films. So Catholics will welcome the uplifting fact-based biography “Father Stu” (Columbia).

While deeply moving, however, this dramatization of the life of Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) is also hard-edged, particularly in terms of its dialogue.

Yet that’s part of the point. The movie is fundamentally about God’s ability to use seemingly unpromising people to do his will, in this case a once-boozy ex-boxer.

With the continuance of his somewhat successful career in the ring rendered too dangerous by a medical condition, Stuart moves to Los Angeles and tries to reinvent himself as a Hollywood star. Instead, he winds up as a directionless

supermarket clerk.

But things begin to turn around for him when he falls at first sight for Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a devout CCD teacher. Determined to win her over, he goes through the motions of becoming a Catholic, though an awkward confession and other interactions show that he has yet to be won over in reality.

All that changes after a motorcycle accident and a close brush with death during which he experiences the presence of the Virgin Mary. The result is not only a genuine conversion but a prayer-inspired realization that God is calling him to the priesthood.

Predictably, the news of this radical change in direction proves crushing to Carmen. It’s also a source of consternation to his emotionally abusive father, Bill (Mel Gibson), an implacable atheist, and his caring but equally unbelieving

mother, Kathleen (Jacki Weaver).

A tribute to a future cleric who showed dogged determination and grit in the face of a series of apparently insurmountable obstacles, writer-director Rosalind Ross’s profile also showcases Stuart’s unconventional but effective approach to preaching the Gospel. And Wahlberg brings his striking, memorable character vividly to life, skillfully portraying Stuart’s odd combination of crudity and idealism.

Grown viewers will easily get past the earthy language with which the script is filled to appreciate the picture’s faith-inspiring core. But the persistent vulgarity, while justified in context, may prove more problematic for younger movie fans who might otherwise benefit from this portrait of a vocation.

Still, at least some parents may

feel that the credibility lent to Stuart’s struggles by the saltiness of his starting point outweighs what would normally be objectionable elements of speech and behavior. If the outcome of that calculation were either increased zeal or, in particular, openness to journeying down the path Stuart himself followed, his hard-won spiritual triumph might be replicated in real life.

The film contains some physical violence, a bloody accident, off-screen premarital sexual activity, about a half-dozen uses of profanity, several milder oaths and pervasive rough and crude language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association rating is R — restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Mulderig is on the staff of Catholic News Service.

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# Wheeling University to Immerse New Cardinals in Campus Life During April Orientation

**WHEELING**—Wheeling University’s new student orientation Saturday, April 23 will engage students and their families in what life will be like when they join the Cardinal family in August.

The new student orientation is designed to provide students with essential information related to academic requirements and campus resources offered at Wheeling University. In addition, orientation activities offer the opportunity to connect with the resources available to the students.

The orientation will feature several interactive activities to immerse the students in all aspects of university life, including a panel discussion lead by current students. This panel discussion gives the prospective students the chance to have an open conversation about life on campus with current students.

The day will feature a welcome from Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede, a student panel and some fun student ice-breaker activities for the chance at winning prizes. The one-stop shop during lunch offers families a centralized location to talk and meet with various departments including financial aid, the registrar, residence life, campus activities, campus ministry, student accounts, information technology, campus safety and security, athletics and admissions. This is a convenient way for students and their families to meet face-to-face with University officials and finalize any outstanding items prior to the start of the Fall semester.

Wheeling faculty members will be on hand to meet with students who have any questions about their major and class schedule.

The Student Activities Office and Campus Activities Board (CAB) are planning breakout sessions that will immerse the new students in social media platforms and involve them in some fun activities to test their knowledge of Wheeling. The department also has plans to involve students in creating a social media hashtag for the day, with the best to be recognized.

The orientation shapes new students’ experiences by encouraging new friendships, allowing students to get comfortable before the year begins in the fall. The experience takes the pressure off meeting new people, gives students a chance to learn their way around campus and get an in-depth look into resources available. Parents and students will even get a chance to walk around with a guided tour, visiting the Student Success Center, Starbucks, the 24-hour Student Lounge, Das Rathskeller campus pub, Bishop Hodges Library and the Alma Grace McDonough Center – that features an indoor track, Olympic size pool and several weight and fitness rooms.

“Getting the chance to meet the new members of the Cardinal family at orientation is a highlight for each of us at Wheeling University. I look forward to meeting and speaking to the class of 2027 and their families. This Cardinal Orientation puts those attending on a pathway to a successful experience at the University,” said President Favede. “The orientation puts all the pieces in place ahead of time so the students can begin their college careers with ease when they arrive on campus for the Fall semester.”

In order to attend the April orientation, prospective students must have paid their deposit and registered in advance. Any prospective students who wish to attend should contact the Admissions Office at 304-243-2359, email [admiss@wheeling.edu](mailto:admiss@wheeling.edu) or register online at <https://apply.wheeling.edu/portal/events>.

# Survey of Catholic Doctrine Course Begins April 25

Survey of Catholic Doctrine course is available April 25-May 15 (registration opened March 9). This course will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church.

Participants will come to a better understanding of the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. We will look at the meaning of magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms. By the end of the course we will have: Understood some arguments for the existence of God; Defined revelation as God’s communication with us; Articulated why the Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life; Articulated how Scripture speaks of God as creator; Described

original sin as a condition we are born into where we are inclined toward choosing evil; Understood Jesus as God’s self revealed; Understood the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church; Understood the role of the Church in God’s plan of salvation and the relationship of the Catholic Church and other religions; Articulated how Mary and the saints are models of Christian holiness; Described the Church’s teachings in the area of eschatology.

This course will be facilitated by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. It is offered through the VLCFF program of the University of Dayton and underwritten by the diocese, which will cover the tuition and the book. To register, contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org)

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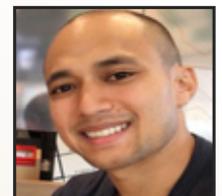
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# First Spanish Exemplifications in West Virginia Held in Martinsburg

**MARTINSBURG**—On Sunday afternoon, March 27, Knights of Columbus Msgr. Lackey Council 1169 hosted the First Spanish Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in West Virginia.

The Conferring Officer for the degree was West Virginia State Deputy, Frank Koeing, while the Honoree for this Degree was Bernard A. Slominski who recently obtained 68 years of Loyal and Faithful

Service to the Knights.

The council asks all to “please welcome our newest Knights: Domingo Tlapanco, Edy Herrera, Jorge Rodriguez, Jose Corona, Juan Portillo and Rogelio Lujan. 77.

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Champions Hail from All over West Virginia



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Pictured are “Free Throw Contest Champions” for each age group and Knights of Columbus members. Standing from left, are Tom Burke, State Advocate; Joe King, Youth Chairman; Jacob Mick, 14, Weston; Brady Jordan, 13, Weston; Jay Bordas, 12, Wheeling; Jackson Bell, 11, Wheeling; Conner Jordan, 10, Weston; Luke Bordas, 10, Wheeling; Matthew Crytzer, 9, Hurricane; Frank Koenig, State Deputy; Chris Todd, Free Throw Chairman. Kneeling L to R: Melah Paulus, 11, Wheeling; Madelyn Hunnell, 10, Wheeling; Gianna White, 9, Wheeling; Johna Cunningham, 9, Weston.

**WESTON**—The West Virginia Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships were held recently at the gymnasium at St. Patrick School in Weston.

Boys and girls winners at the local levels from across the state, came together to compete in the championship round. Each contestant tries to make as many three throws that they can from the free throw line in the allotted time.

This year’s “Free Throw Contest Champions” for each age group are: Jacob Mick, 14, Weston; Brady Jordan, 13, Weston; Jay Bordas, 12, Wheeling; Jackson Bell, 11, Wheeling; Conner Jordan, 10, Weston; Luke Bordas, 10, Wheeling; Matthew Crytzer, 9, Hurricane; Melah Paulus, 11, Wheeling; Madelyn Hunnell, 10, Wheeling; Gianna White, 9, Wheeling; and Johna Cunningham, 9, Weston.

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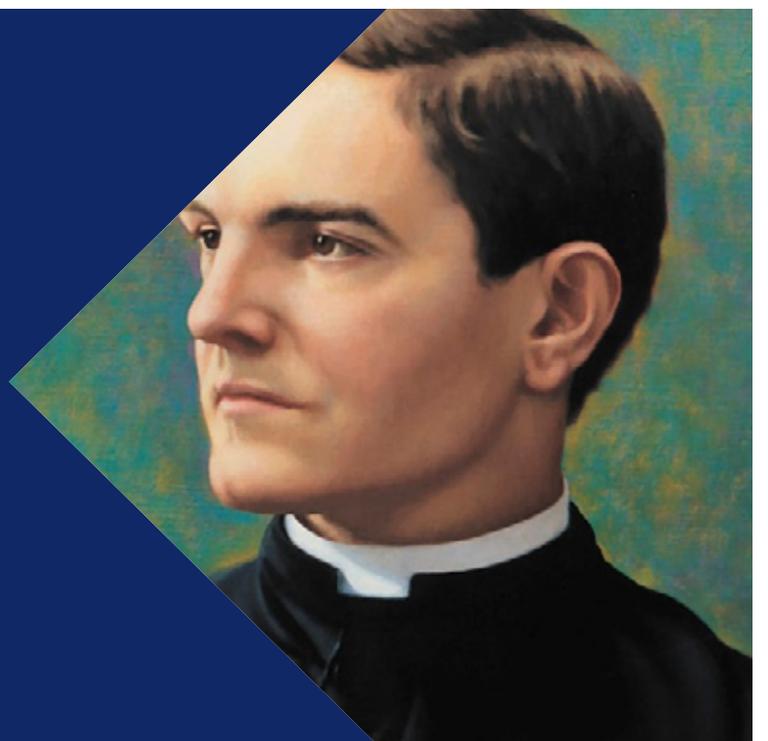
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# Papa: Tentación del Poder y el Dinero Pueden Oscurecer Alegría Pascual

**Por Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service**

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** -- El encanto del poder y el dinero puede usarse para proclamar falsedades y oscurecer el gozoso anuncio de la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte, dijo el papa Francisco.

"Las falsedades, en palabras y en la vida, contaminan el anuncio, corrompen por dentro y conducen a la tumba", dijo el papa antes de recitar el "Regina Coeli" el 18 de abril con los visitantes en la Plaza de San Pedro.

"El Resucitado en cambio quiere que salgamos de las tumbas de la mentira y la dependencia. Antes del Resucitado, hay otro 'dios', el dios del dinero que ensucia y arruina todo, que cierra la puerta a la salvación", dijo.

El papa reflexionó sobre la lectura del Evangelio del día de San Mateo, que recordó a Cristo resucitado diciéndoles a las mujeres que estaban en su tumba que no tuvieran miedo y mandándolas a "id y decid a mis hermanos que vayan a Galilea, allí me verán".

Las palabras de Jesús, dijo, son "dos consejos que también sería bueno que nosotros acogiéramos como un regalo de Pascua".

Al decirles a las mujeres que no tengan miedo, el papa dijo que Jesús sabe que "nuestros miedos son nuestros ene-

migos diarios", especialmente el miedo a la muerte. Sin embargo, al vencer a la muerte, Jesús "nos invita a salir de la tumba de nuestros miedos".

"Él sabe que el miedo acecha siempre a la puerta de nuestro corazón, y necesitamos escucharnos decir no tengáis miedo, no temáis en la mañana de Pascua; como en la mañana de todos los días, 'No tengáis miedo'", dijo el papa.

La instrucción de Jesús de "id y decid" a los discípulos que se reúnan con él en Galilea, continuó el papa, es también una invitación para que los cristianos salgan y anuncien la resurrección a los que están encerrados por el miedo.

"La alegría de Cristo se fortalece dándola, se multiplica compartiéndola. Si nos abrimos y llevamos el Evangelio, nuestro corazón se abrirá y vencerá el miedo. Este es el secreto: Anunciamos y vencemos el miedo", dijo.

Sin embargo, al recordar el dinero entregado a los soldados romanos que custodiaban la tumba para que contrarrestaran la historia de la resurrección de Jesús, el papa Francisco dijo que creer en sus mentiras muestra el poder del dinero, que es "el otro señor que Jesús dice que debemos nunca servir".

"Aquí está la falsedad, la lógica del ocultamiento que se opone a la proclamación de la verdad", dijo. "Las falsedades nos llevan hacia atrás, nos lle-

van directo a la muerte, al sepulcro".

El papa Francisco dijo que si bien muchos se escandalizan con razón "cuando en las noticias descubrimos engaños y mentiras en la vida de las

personas y la sociedad", los cristianos también deben reflexionar sobre "la oscuridad y las falsedades que tenemos en nosotros mismos".

"Pongamos nuestras propias tinieblas y falsedades ante

la luz de Jesús resucitado", dijo el papa. "Él quiere sacar a la luz lo oculto para hacernos testigos transparentes y luminosos de la alegría del Evangelio, de la verdad que os hará libres".

## Primeras ejemplificaciones en español en Virginia Occidental celebradas en Martinsburg



Foto de cortesía

El domingo 27 de marzo por la tarde, el Consejo monseñor Lackey 1169 de Caballeros de Colón organizó la Primera Ejemplificación de Caridad, Unidad y Fraternidad en español en Virginia Occidental. El Oficial que otorga el título fue el Diputado de Estado de Virginia Occidental, Frank Koeing, mientras que el Homenajead para este Título fue Bernard A. Slominski, quien recientemente obtuvo 68 años de Servicio Leal y Fiel a los Caballeros. Démosle la bienvenida a nuestros Caballeros más nuevos: Domingo Tlapanco, Edy Herrera, Jorge Rodríguez, José Corona, Juan Portillo y Rogelio Lujan.

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**By Trina Bartlett, CCWVa Eastern Regional Director**

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We appreciate Cheryl and all of our volunteers who help work toward our mission!

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## Principal Needed

### St. Joseph School, Martinsburg, WV

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia, is seeking a principal for Saint Joseph School, which has students in preschool through eighth grades.

The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts, and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school.

The ideal candidate must have a master's degree in educational leadership or administration, or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid educational leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

The candidate must have a minimum of five years of successful educational experience, with preference given to one with administrative experience.

Previous applicants need not reapply.

A résumé with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Meg Partington (mpartington@sjsvw.org) by Thursday, May 12, 2022.

## Principal Needed

### St. Paul School, Weirton, WV

St. Paul School in Weirton is seeking a Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. Qualified candidates will be a practicing Catholic, have a passion for Catholic Education, holds or qualifies for WV administrator's certification, and proven leadership and fundraising ability. Interested and qualified candidates are to submit a resume, letter of interest, and three references to Julie Link at [jlink@dwc.org](mailto:jlink@dwc.org) by April 30, 2022.

St. Paul School, located in Weirton, West Virginia is seeking an experienced elementary school principal (grades Pre-K through 8) effective July 1, 2022. St. Paul School serves approximately 144 students in Weirton and other surrounding areas. The principal, who is a practicing Catholic in good standing, reports directly to the Parish Pastor.

Qualifications include the following: strong mission-focused leadership and commitment to Catholic identity; exceptional knowledge of curriculum; familiarity with church documents on Catholic school education; operates collaboratively in a team environment; at least three years teaching experience; MA in educational leadership/curriculum & instruction preferred; holds or qualifies for WV administrator's certification.

Responsibilities include:

- Promotes Catholic identity by integrating Gospel values and Christian principles in all aspects of the school.
- Gives evidence of personal commitment to the Catholic faith and models an active faith life.
- Hires and terminates teachers and staff members.
- Supervises the educational program and maintains an ongoing evaluation of the program, staff and students.
- Sets annual goals with faculty and staff.
- Nurtures an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Provides opportunities for staff development, curriculum development, and professional development.
- Demonstrates effective organization skills for day-to-day operations of the school.

Interested and qualified candidates are to submit a resume, letter of interest, and three references to Julie Link at [jlink@dwc.org](mailto:jlink@dwc.org) by April 30, 2022.

## Catechists Needed

### St. Leo Parish, Inwood, WV

St. Leo Parish in Inwood, WV, is looking for individuals willing to become certified Level I for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (CGS). The CGS program is a religious based program in a Montessori environment. St. Leo currently has a Level I Atrium but is in need of additional catechists. The Level I training is divided into Part I & Part II. Part I will be offered this year, July 11 to 16 at Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling, Va. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The diocese will pay the registration fee & St. Leo will give each person registered \$100 towards gas. If you are looking for a way to give back to your church or a way to become involved this is an amazing opportunity. Please contact the office at (304) 229-8945 or e-mail [familylife@stleo.com](mailto:familylife@stleo.com).

## Pastoral Associate Needed

### Blessed Sacrament Parish, South Charleston, WV

Blessed Sacrament Church, a mid-sized, vibrant Catholic parish in South Charleston, WV, seeks to hire a full-time, salaried Pastoral Associate who will direct all faith formation programs and coordinate all liturgical ministries in close collaboration with the pastor, youth minister and music minister, along with a host of volunteers. The ideal candidate is a loving, faith-filled, practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, with either a masters level degree in education or theology, or equivalent experience. Good "people skills", written and oral communication skills and familiarity with computers and social media are a must. Send questions, resumé, references and salary expectations to Rev. John H. Finnell at [blessedsacrament305@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacrament305@gmail.com), preferably by May 5, 2022.

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**June 26th – July 2nd**, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

**July 3rd – July 9th**, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

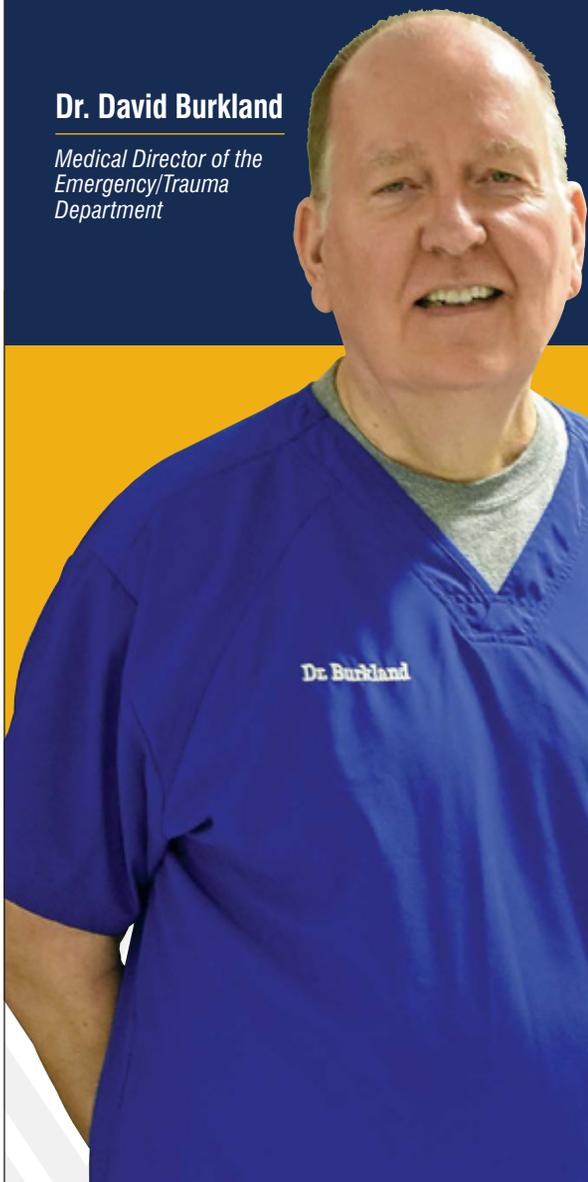
**July 10th – July 16th**, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

**July 17th – July 23rd**, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

**July 24th – July 30th**, “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: [sshields@dwc.org](mailto:sshields@dwc.org) or 1 (304) 476-9015





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