By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pilgrims and well-wishers gathered at Rome’s Gemelli hospital to greet Pope Francis as he made his first public appearance in a week after undergoing intestinal surgery.

Appearing on the 10th floor balcony of his suite of rooms at the hospital July 11, the pope was greeted with applause and shouts of “Viva il papa” (“Long live the pope”) from the crowd that stood under the scorching midday sun to see him.

“I thank you all,” the pope said. “I have felt your closeness and the support of your prayers. Thank you very much.”

The pope was released from the hospital July 14.

Pope Francis arrived at Gemelli hospital July 4 to undergo “a scheduled surgical intervention for a symptomatic diverticular stenosis of the colon,” the Vatican said. The pope has recovered steadily from his surgery and resumed

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Hundreds Gather Outside Hospital to Greet Recovering Pope

Pope Francis greets the crowd as he leads the Angelus from a balcony of Gemelli hospital in Rome July 11 following scheduled colon surgery. The pope was released from the hospital July 14.

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Diocesan Official Appointments

Bishop Mark E. Brennan has made public the following appointments:

**Very Rev. Joseph M. Augustine, J.C.L., J.V.,** is appointed Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for a period of five years, effective July 1, 2021. He is also appointed the Bishop’s Delegate for Marriage of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling.

**Father James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L.,** is granted a sabbatical beginning July 1, 2021, and ending July 1, 2022.

Pope ...

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...working from the hospital.

Among the well-wishers outside the hospital was Liliana Valina who, like Pope Francis, is a native of Argentina living in Rome. Draped in the Argentine flag after the country’s July 10 win against Brazil in the Copa America soccer championship, Valina told Catholic News Service that she was there “because I care for this pope very much and not just because he’s from Argentina like me.”

“I think he tells Jesus’ message in a clear way, even on things that are uncomfortable for some,” she said. “I came here hoping that he recovers soon, that he be healthy.”

When asked what she would tell her fellow countryman if she could speak directly to him, Valina said: “Never feel alone because you have God and you have many people who love you and are with you.”

Marlene Barbosa, a native of Peru living in Rome, also was outside the hospital with her husband, Maximo Lopez, as well as her mother, Susanna Morante, who traveled from Washington, D.C., to be with her family and have a chance to see the pope.

“We wanted to see him and receive his blessing because we are Catholic, we are believers and through prayer, we have been close to the pope in these days in which his health has been delicate,” Barbosa told CNS.

“We are with him, we are always praying for him so that he will recover completely,” she said. “We love him, all of Peru loves him and the whole world loves him.”

In his address, the pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel reading from St. Mark, in which Jesus sent out his disciples to anoint the sick with oil and heal them.

“The oil, he said, not only represents the comfort given through the sacramental anointing of the sick, but also symbolizes “the closeness, the care, the tenderness of those who take care of the sick person.”

“It is like a caress that makes you feel better, soothes your pain and cheers you up. All of us, everyone, sooner or later, we all need this ‘anointing’ of closeness and tenderness, and we can all give it to someone else: with a visit, a phone call, a hand outstretched to someone who needs help,” he said.

Pope Francis said that his time in the hospital gave him the opportunity to experience “once again how important good health care is” and that free, universal health care, especially for the most vulnerable, is a “precious benefit (that) must not be lost.”

Acknowledging that some hospitals run by the church face the threat of closure “due to poor management,” the pope said the Catholic Church’s vocation “is not to have money; it is to offer service and service is always freely given.”

“Do not forget this: save free institutions,” he said.

Before praying the Angelus prayer with the faithful, Pope Francis expressed his “appreciation and encouragement” to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Gemelli hospital. He also asked for prayers for the patients, especially the children, at the hospital, several of whom stood on the balcony with him.

“Why children suffer is a question that touches the heart. Accompany them with prayer and pray for all those who are sick, especially for those in the most difficult conditions,” the pope said. “May no one be left alone, may everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness, tenderness and care.”

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

**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 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.

**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 choose.

**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 1.888.434.6227 or 304.233.0800: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 355; or Very Rev. Dennis Schueckens, Jr., V.E., ext. 570. 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, 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, 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.


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, click “Diocese,” then “Offices,” then “Office of Safe Environment.”

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NEWARK, N.J. (CNS) — Taxpayer-funded abortion “represents a failure to recognize the sanctity of human life and promotes a culture in which human life in its most vulnerable moment is perceived as disposable,” said Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark.

A federal budget that “would eliminate” the long-standing bipartisan Hyde Amendment is a proposal that “targets poor women as needing an expedient solution to a complex problem,” he said July 6.

Cardinal Tobin made the comments in a letter to the faithful of the Newark Archdiocese following moves by President Joe Biden and members of Congress to leave the Hyde Amendment out of spending bills.

“It is crucially important that we send a strong, clear message that the Hyde Amendment has far-reaching public support and should not be repealed,” Cardinal Tobin said. “Members of Congress need to hear from as many of us as possible.”

He urged Catholics to go to www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com and join him in signing this petition before July 16 to send “an urgent message” to Congress to keep the Hyde Amendment.

The cardinal also pointed Catholics to the “Action Alerts” on the issue posted by the New Jersey Catholic Conference at www.njatholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amen

“---I am deeply concerned that the proposed federal budget would eliminate the Hyde Amendment, which, for 45 years, has prohibited the use of federal funds for abortion,” he said. “The Hyde Amendment is credited with saving the lives of millions of children.

“Now, the powerful pro-abortion lobby and members of Congress are calling for the elimination of this amendment and the implementation of a policy that would designate billions of taxpayer dollars for elective abortions.”

Like Cardinal Tobin, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori called on the faithful in his archdiocese July 12 to sign the online petition calling on Congress to retain Hyde.

“During this critical time, let us join in prayer for the protection of the unborn,” Archbishop Lori said. “But let us also, as citizens and believers, raise our voices to protect the most defenseless of human beings, the unborn child. Let us stand together in promoting the sanctity of life.”

Hyde first became law in 1976 to prohibit federal funds appropriated through the Labor Department, the Health and Human Services Department and related agencies from being used to cover abortion or fund health plans that cover abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the woman would be endangered.

Hyde has been reenacted in spending bills every year since it was first passed.

In a July 7 letter to New York state’s congressional delegation, a top Catholic official urged the lawmakers “to reject taxpayer funding of abortion, and to oppose appropriations bills that do not include the long-standing, bipartisan Hyde Amendment and related pro-life policies.

“I urge you to partner with us in providing support, funding, and programs to assist pregnant women facing challenging situations, and to empower them to bear their children and raise their families with dignity,” wrote Denis Poust, executive director of the New York State Catholic Conference. “Again, I implore you to oppose any appropriations bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion.”

Poust wrote the letter on behalf of New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and the rest of the state’s Catholic bishops. The conference is the public policy arm of the bishops.

“Whatever one’s position on the morality or legality of abortion, we all know it (abortion) is unique,” he wrote. “Indeed, the high court has said: ‘Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures, because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life.’

“When the federal government subsidizes certain conduct, it encourages the behavior,” he said. “Through the allocation of their tax dollars, Americans should not be compelled to finance nor encourage the practice of abortion.”

On May 28, Biden unveiled his proposed budget of $6 trillion for fiscal year 2022 and did not include the Hyde Amendment. His proposal would include spending to improve and modernize the nation’s infrastructure, provide free pre-K and community college, and increase domestic programs aimed at boosting public health and helping the poor.

Hyde also was excluded in the $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act that Biden signed into law March 11. The U.S. bishops called its absence “unconscionable.”

Biden, a Catholic, who for his years in the Senate strongly supported Hyde, now backs back repeal of the amendment as does Vice President Kamala Harris.

“Pope Francis has said, ‘It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child,’” Cardinal Tobin said. “(The pope) notes that abortion ‘is not a primarily religious issue but one of human ethics.’”

When Biden released his proposed budget without the Hyde Amendment, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and Mercy Sister Mary Haddad, CHA’s president and CEO, issued separate statements praising his proposal for a number of provisions to help vulnerable Americans but called it remiss in leaving out Hyde, which protects the most vulnerable — the unborn.

In recent weeks, 22 attorneys general signed a joint letter to House and Senate leaders asking them to retain the Hyde Amendment in any budget measure that passes. House GOP leaders have urged Congress to make Hyde permanent.

In the meantime, the House Committee on Appropriations was prepared to mark up two appropriations bills without Hyde-related provisions: the Financial Services and General Government bill, which funds the Treasury Department, the Judiciary, the Executive Office of the President and other federal agencies, including the Small Business Administration; and the State and Foreign Operations bill, which funds the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Peace Corps and other international programs.

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On July 9, Students for Life of America and Students for Life Action participated in “Save Hyde” rallies alongside Democrats for Life of America in Philadelphia and in Akron, Ohio, to urge U.S. Reps. Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., and Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, and all Democrats to support the Hyde Amendment.
“One thing that has been consistently true about abortion policy is that people, whether self-described as pro-life or pro-choice, do not want to pay for abortion across the board,” said Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America and Students for Life Action.
“Yet President Biden and his party have prioritized the deliberate ending of preborn life like no other administration in history,” she added in a July 8 statement. “Maybe he should refresh his memory on his past position (supporting Hyde).”

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Institute Aims to Overcome Modern Challenges to Effective Catechesis

By Jodi Marlin, Catholic News Service

A companion is the key to addressing modern catechetical challenges, a method that’s at the center of a new entity being created under the direction of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, Connecticut, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on the Catechism.

A proposal to create an Institute for the Catechism was presented at the bishops’ spring meeting in June, which took place virtually. Rather than a physical structure, the institute will be a new process by which publishers of catechetical materials and the developers of catechetical content will work with the subcommittee to address modern challenges to catechesis.

The second main component of the institute will be a yearly, in-person training conference and retreat for diocesan catechetical leaders, with a separate track for publishers.

Catechetical challenges to effective catechesis are many, Bishop Caggiano said, including the fact that parish resources often don’t allow for extensive formation of catechists and that catechetical resources in Spanish lack crucial cultural considerations.

The influence of the secular world, the strain families are under, and the fact that many parents, teachers and catechists were part of a generation that was not well catechized, he said, also are significant barriers to catechists’ ability to lead others to a genuine encounter with Christ through catechesis.

“They need some support,” said Bishop Caggiano.

Although he presented the idea of launching the institute on the last day of the bishops’ June 16-18 virtual spring assembly, it has been in discussion since 2017. Publication of the new Directory for Catechesis in 2020 added to the certainty of those involved that the time to launch the institute was in 2021.

Through the Institute for the Catechism, the process for evaluating new catechetical materials as to their conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church will change. Instead of evaluating a finished print curriculum and recommending changes, theological consultants will be involved earlier in the process, weighing in on the scope and sequence, glossary and the writing stage of production, for example, and reviewing digital products as well.

The publishers of catechetical materials used by parishes have always been conscientious about ensuring their products are theologically sound, Bishop Caggiano noted. Since the mid-1990s, annual meetings have taken place between publishers and the subcommittee, and a review process to ensure that printed catechetical materials are theologically sound has been in place.

“The relationship has been good and collaborative. Publishers want to do what’s right, what’s in conformity with the church. “This is the next evolutionary stage,” Bishop Caggiano said in an interview with Catholic News Service, the bishop added that he feels there has been a natural evolution in the landscape of catechesis and catechetical materials.

“The catechesis has changed in that the larger society has become more secular, and catechetical materials have changed to different forms of materials that were not common 25 years ago — particularly the electronic platform,” he said. “It’s entirely possible that already, for example, a majority of catechetical resources a parish uses could be online versus in print. We’re in a whole new world.”

The difficulty of reviewing digital catechetical resources is that there are two kinds: static and dynamic, the bishop said. Some materials, once posted or printed, do not change much over the following months; but dynamic ones are interactive and frequently updated, posing a challenge to evaluation by the consultation team.

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“Any person’s faith development is a lifelong journey. That journey, even for young people, includes so many more variables than catechetical texts can be expected to provide,” he said. Magnuson agreed, noting that forming leaders who will in turn inspire and form parents, teachers and catechists in their home dioceses is always a daunting prospect.

“At the end of the day, the textbook is a resource, a tool. Encounter is so much more than that,” she said.

Mindful of lingering pandemic restrictions, this fall an initial group of publishers and diocesan catechetical leaders will be invited to a virtual formation conference. Next year, likely in November, the first in-person conference will take place. The cost of realizing the event is expected to be shared among dioceses, donors and publishers, Bishop Caggiano said.
Blessed Sacrament Parish’s Outreach in Coalburg Surpasses 25 Years

By Colleen Rowan

The people of Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston have a long-time commitment of outreach to those in need in the rural Kanawha County community of Coalburg. For 25 years, the parish has helped stock the food pantry at Good Shepherd Chapel in the small town.

This year, the effort included roughly 100 parish households contributing food items which filled a 6' x 6' x 12' trailer.

“About 12 of our youth group received the food and packed the trailer under the guidance of their parents and Mary Odin, our youth minister,” said Father John Finnell, pastor of the parish. A great help in the project, Father Finnell said, was Tommy Ross, a parishioner who loaned the trailer, and his wife, Kathy, who drove it to Coalburg. Tommy is also a candidate for the diaconate for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

“I feel immense gratitude, pride and awe at the enthusiastic response from our parishioners for this and other charitable projects,” Father Finnell said.

The parish normally has one of these food drives each spring and each fall, he said. Youth from Blessed Sacrament help winterize homes in the Good Shepherd area as well.

“We also provide about $15,000 to purchase food for their Christmas food baskets,” Father Finnell said. “We also send additional food or funds when their food pantry runs out of items. This has been going on for at least 25 years.”

The support for the food pantry is just one of the many ways Blessed Sacrament Parish reaches out to help others, Father Finnell said.

“It’s part of our philosophy of stewardship,” he said. “We believe that God always gives us what God knows we need in order to carry out whatever is our part of God’s great plan of salvation.”

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“We have a long history of Blessed Sacrament helping the works of Good Shepherd,” Wright said.
St. Roch-A-Thon in Charles Town to Raise Funds for Pandemic Recovery

**CHARLES TOWN**—Two road races, a cornhole tournament and the chance for children to bounce out their energy for a good cause are coming to Charles Town.

The St. Roch-A-Thon is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town. The fundraising festival is named for the patron saint of the sick, invalids and plague victims.

A professionally timed 5K race will begin at 7 p.m. and will follow a cross-country style course. A self-paced, stroller-friendly 1-miler will start at 7:10 p.m. Also starting at 7 p.m. is a bounce-a-thon, during which those younger than 12 may jump on an inflatable bounce with the aim of being the last one standing.

Bags will start flying at 8 p.m. for the cornhole tournament. Members of the two-person team must be 12 or older. The cost to participate in St. Roch-A-Thon is $15 per person, which includes a T-shirt (guaranteed for those who register by Sunday, Aug. 1) and a $5 coupon for the St. Isidore Market. The church teams up with local small businesses and farmers to provide groceries at family-friendly prices at the market every Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. outside St. James. It will be open for extended hours during the event.

Those who register for both the 5K/1-miler and the cornhole tournament will pay $30, which includes two $5 market credits and two T-shirts. All proceeds benefit the St. Roch Outreach at St. James. The mission was started March 12, 2020, by a group of volunteers to help those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The group put together a phone tree, video-production program and puzzle exchange; organized the sewing and distribution of masks; and distributed more than 2 million pounds of food from the North Carolina border to upstate New York, almost into Canada. The organization continues to assist in pandemic recovery through vehicle donations, commuting assistance and food distribution.

For more information and to register for St. Roch-A-Thon, go to https://racewire.com/register. ph?nid=12274; call/text Grace Rish at (304) 820-4472; e-mail rochathon2021@gmail.com; or follow @roch-a-thon on Instagram.

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Historically, there have been a number of separate and distinct TEC groups in the diocese. Though they have done great ministry separately, they have operated rather too independently. The groups operated in a siloed fashion, in different clusters of parishes, leaving large areas of the state not ministered to. The goal now is to unify the different groups in order to pool our resources, organize and systematize our efforts, and plan for the future as a united front. We’re working to establish a diocesan-wide pastoral plan for reaching as many teens as possible across the entire state, through the TEC movement. We’re building now an infrastructure of trained and experienced adult personnel, along with robust resources, so that the spiritual movement can take hold throughout the entire diocese and flourish for years to come.

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10:00am - 5:00pm

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

Schedule includes:
- Keynote speaker Todd Faller
- Mass with Bishop Mark E. Brennan
- Breakout sessions
- Reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances
- Opportunity to get more involved with TEC WV
- Making new friends
- Lunch

Please visit dwc.org/tec-reunion to register.

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The “Fourth Day” of TEC Never Ends!
New Head of Parish Nurse Ministry in Shepherdstown Will Build Upon Existing ‘Rich and Full’ Program

By Colleen Rowan

SHEPHERDSTOWN—The new head of the parish nursing ministry at St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown wants to build upon the great work that has already been accomplished.

In a letter to parishioners published in the July 11 parish bulletin, Gabriele Davis, BSN, RN, announced that Parish Nursing Director Barbara Mueller passed the ministry on to her.

“The Covid-19 pandemic shut down our churches included the parish nursing program,” Davis said. “Now that the churches are opening again with fewer restrictions, we plan to restart taking blood pressures and blood sugars every second weekend of the month beginning in August.

To support the parish nursing program, Davis announced that the ministry will welcome volunteers in the health field to help with taking blood pressures and blood sugars, writing articles and future health-oriented programs “as we get back up and running.”

Davis also said the parish website is being revamped and will once again have parish nursing information.

“You will also be able to find information on the parish Facebook page,” she said.

Starting in August, she said, copies of the Parish Health Newsletter can be found in the narthex of the church.

In her letter, Davis thanked Mueller and Lynn Dunlevy, BSN, RN, who started the parish nurse program at St. Agnes many years ago.

“I have big shoes to fill,” Davis said. “Lynn and Barbara developed a rich and full program that encompassed training St. Agnes staff members and parishioners in CPR/AED use, and active shooter scenarios. Barbara has led us on the walk to Bethlehem, encouraged parish participation in a national blood pressure program, held community health fairs and offered monthly blood pressure and blood sugar readings. She has been a go-to person for parishioners regarding their health for many years. I am humbled by her passion for nursing and her care for her fellow parishioners.

Thank you, Barbara and Lynn, for all you have done and continue to do.”

“Barbara has been my mentor both as a nurse and in the parish setting,” Davis said. Both Mueller and Dunlevy have offered to continue volunteering their time and expertise to keep the parish nurse program going.

Davis, who shared that she came to nursing late in life, has been a nurse for nine years. She works full time in a cancer center.

With a great foundation at St. Agnes in parish ministry, Davis believes this ministry will continue and become stronger. Ending her letter, she wrote: “With Father Andy’s support, that of our volunteers and all the parishioners, we are looking forward to continuing the development of a parish nursing program that will serve our parishioners’ needs and continue to nurture the physical and mental health of our parish family along with their spiritual health.”

Parish nurses can be found throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In addition to blood pressure and sugar screenings that are planned at St. Agnes, parish nurses around the state offer several other ways to help their fellow parishioners stay focused on their health. They have conducted cholesterol checks, skin screenings, and mammograms; visit shut-ins and the elderly; and offer spiritual-based weight loss programs, to name a few. With a focus on wellness of body, mind, and spirit, they also maintain social media sites to help foster awareness.

‘Tradition Tuesday’ Will Highlight All Clarksburg’s Notre Dame and St. Mary Central Offers

CLARKSBURG—Notre Dame High School and St. Mary Central Grade School in Clarksburg invite incoming students and those who may be interested in the schools to join in “Tradition Tuesday.”

The event will be held July 20 in the cafeteria at Notre Dame from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. “the day your family can become part of the tradition!” officials of the schools said. All are invited—those who have already applied or those who are interested in applying to either of the schools. Discussion agenda items include uniforms, schedules, tuition agreements, to name a few. Officials invite all to learn about the strong academics and lifelong friendships founded on faith at the schools.

Contact Jackie Reed at Jacqueline.reed@notredamewv.org or call (304) 838-4013.

Charleston Knights Report Successful Fraternal Year in Spite of Difficulties

CHARLESTON—In spite of the difficulties of Covid-19, the Knights of Columbus St. Michael the Archangel Council 12630 have had a successful Fraternal Year.

Council officials said that with the help of the parishioners of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, they have accomplished a number of initiatives.

“We have participated in the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay County raising $10,281, have worked with Catholic Charities to help move their offices and improve their food distribution system by the purchase of two freezer units, helped raise money for a delivery truck for the Risen Lord Food Pantry, supported our seminarians with proceeds from raffle ticket sales, helped the Gabriel Project, participated in the feast of Corpus Christi, helped provide rosaries to Sister Ida, helped Keep Christ in Christmas by purchasing banners and decorating around the church and worked with the Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center to raise over $2,400,” council officials said. “We also must thank the office and maintenance staff of the Co-Cathedral as well as Father Binu and Father Don, for without their help and support, many of these worthwhile projects would not have been as successful.”

The council also announced it will hold a hot dog social after the noon Mass on July 18 with a rainy date of July 25, as a further thank you to the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generous support and donations over the past year. “The support of our parish helps our St. Michael the Archangel Council 12630 to be a much better council and a part of the parish and Knights community,” council officials say.

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Accepting New Patients
New Women’s Basketball Coach Named at Wheeling University

WHEELING—Wheeling University has named Duquesne University Associate Head Coach Matt Schmidt as the 12th Head Women’s Basketball Coach in program history.

Schmidt spent the past eight seasons as an assistant coach at Duquesne, including the 2020-21 season as associate head coach. Schmidt brings over 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, including a five-year stint as head coach at former Division II Armstrong Atlantic State.

“Coach Schmidt is a respected recruiter and developer of talent who has achieved immense success on a national level. But, most importantly, he is a tremendous person who cares for his student-athletes. His familiarity with West Virginia and the Mountain East Conference made him the perfect choice as our new head coach of Wheeling University’s women’s basketball program,” said Wheeling University President, Ginny R. Favede.

“I would like to thank President Ginny Favede and Director of Athletics Patrick Snively for the opportunity and privilege to lead these exceptional women on and off the court,” Schmidt said. “Wheeling University is a special place, and I am excited to become part of the Cardinal family.”

“Immediately, I was impressed by the passion and dedication by the entire campus community and everyone I came in contact with during the interview process,” he added. "I am humbled to have the opportunity to guide the women's basketball team as they hone their leadership skills and serve others, all while receiving an education that will last a lifetime as they 'Let their light shine!'”

We are extremely excited to bring a coach of Matt’s quality, competitiveness and pedigree to Wheeling,” said Wheeling University Associate Head Coach Matt Schmidt.

“His excitement about building for the future was quickly apparent. This, coupled with his basketball acumen, his broad recruiting network, his connection to the Valley and his desire to take the current roster and newcomers to the next level really stood out and made this a big win for us. Wheeling University and the Wheeling community will soon see a positive impact from this hire.”

In his eight seasons serving primarily as the offensive coordinator for the Dukes, the team led the Atlantic 10 in scoring offense twice, scoring margin, field goal percentage twice, free throw percentage and assists per game twice. Duquesne ranked at least fourth in the conference in points per game, field goal percentage and assists per game every season since 2014-15. The top three and six of Duquesne’s top 10 single-season point totals came under Schmidt’s watch.

Duquesne posted five 20 wins seasons and five trips to the postseason during his tenure. Schmidt coached four of the 13 top scorers in program history and seven of the 30,000-point scorers at Duquesne in just seven seasons. Under his tutelage, the Dukes earned 21 all-conference honors, including 2016 Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year April Robinson.

In 2015-16, Schmidt helped coach Duquesne to a program record 28 victories and 13 Atlantic 10 Conference wins. The Dukes won their first-ever share of first-place in the A-10 and also advanced to their first appearance in the finals at the A-10 Championship. For the first time in program history, the Dukes played in the NCAA Tournament, earning a No. 9 seed in the Bridgeport Region. Duquesne won its first-ever NCAA Tournament game when they defeated No. 8 seed Seton Hall 97-76 in the First Round.

Before establishing Duquesne as one of the top offenses in the A-10, Schmidt served as the head coach of Armstrong Atlantic State in Savannah, Georgia for five seasons from 2008 to 2013. He led the Division II squad to 60 victories and 37 in the Peach Belt Conference during his tenure, including a signature 69-67 victory over No. 5 USC Aiken during his final season.

Prior to his time at Armstrong Atlantic, Schmidt served as the top assistant coach for legendary coach Nancy Winstel at Northern Kentucky from 2004 to 2008. As an assistant and recruiting coordinator, Schmidt helped the Norse to a 92-32 record in four seasons, including a Division II National Championship during his final season in Highland Heights.

Schmidt has also served as an assistant coach at The University of Findlay (2001-04), West Virginia (2000-01), and UMBC (1999-00). He began his collegiate coaching career at West Virginia as a graduate assistant in 1998.

Prior to coaching in college, Schmidt returned to his high school alma mater, Ferndale, as the head junior’s boys basketball coach for the 1998 season.

In 1997, Schmidt was an assistant coach at Westminster Hilltop High School in his hometown of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He helped lead the Hilltoppers to a 21-5 record and the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference championship.

As a student-athlete, Schmidt played collegiately at nearby West Liberty. A member of the Dean’s List, Schmidt was a four-time West Liberty State College Scholar-Athlete while earning a degree in education. He earned a Master’s of Science in physical education at West Virginia University in 2000. Schmidt and his wife, Brittany, have two sons Jackson and Zachary.
CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE
Fall 2021

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

Sunday, August 29, 2021: Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Stonewood, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 2021: Ascension Parish, Hurricane, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, 2021: St. Thomas Parish, Gassaway, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 30, 2021: St. Patrick Parish, Mannington, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 2021: Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021: Combined Confirmation: Holy Redeemer Parish, Spencer, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, Elizabeth; at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20, 2021: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg, 5:00 p.m.

Basilica Gift Shop is Open Once Again

CHARLESTON—The Gift Shop at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston is open once again after Mass. “We have gift items for first Communion and Baptism. Additionally, we have a wonderful selection of rosaries in a variety of price ranges along with booklets for meditations,” parish officials said.

For more information and hours, call the parish at (304) 342-8175.

Daily Living

Sunday Mornings

6:30 WOWK 13 Huntington - Charleston
6:30 WTOV FOX 9 Wheeling-Steubenville
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Good Shepherd Nursing Home

304.242.1093 www.weltyhome.org
Bathrooms Renovated at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

By Mark Phillips, CCWVa Northern Regional Director

Thanks to the support of local donors and community partners, the restrooms and showers at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling are once again open to neighbors.

At the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Shining a Light on Hope Gala in March 2020, local donors pledged over $20,000 to renovate the restrooms at the Neighborhood Center. Due to the pandemic, the renovations were delayed until the beginning of 2021. The restrooms and shower replace the outdoor shower station trailer, which throughout 2020 was located in a parking lot across the street from the Center.

While the Neighborhood Center is still closed to the public, showers are available by signing up during breakfast service. The showers are being staffed by CCWVa employees as well as recovery coaches from Project Rebound.

Mehdi Ayari, Case Manager for Homeless Outreach at the Neighborhood Center, is also available to help neighbors apply for social security or disability, secure an ID or license, and connect to local housing options.

“A hot meal or a warm shower may be the beginning of a conversation,” said Ayari, “but hopefully a relationship develops where they trust us to work with them on their journey.”

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.
El Papa Francisco habla con pacientes jóvenes que se unieron a él en el balcón para dirigir el Ángelus en el hospital Gemelli en Roma el 11 de julio mientras se recupera luego de una cirugía de colon programada.

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños: La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También invitamos a utilizar www.reportbishopabuse.org para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene motivos para creer que un obispo ha cometido una conducta inapropiada, comuníquese con la policía local; los números varían según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso, comuníquese con los servicios de Protección Infantil de Ninos y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352.6513. Puede informar anónimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas: La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesiásticas apropiadas, ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesiásticas apropiadas en caso de sospechas de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuekens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5636. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 250, Wheeling WV 26003.

Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Victimas de la Diócesis: Diríjase a la Dra. Patricia Bailey al 304.242.6988.

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendicion de cuentas", luego "Informe mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8831. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: https://www.wvdhhr.gov/report.asp. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Ninos: 304-293-6400.
Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry Opening

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire an Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry.

The Executive Director is responsible for serving as a catalyst and ongoing resource to the Bishop, diocesan staff, pastors and parishes in developing and maintaining effort which link direct service, advocacy, action and empowerment toward concerns of local and global justice, respect for all human life and environmental concerns.

This person also provides leadership, vision and advocacy for the development and implementation of a strategic plan for Prison, Hispanic ministries and other immigrant groups.

Qualification requirements include a Bachelor’s degree (Master’s preferred), 2-5 years experience in parish Social Ministry, extensive knowledge of Catholic Social Teachings, working knowledge of the operation of the Catholic Church, self-motivated, ability to work in a team environment.

Please submit resume, references and cover letter to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 1311 Byron Street, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

Position will stay open until filled.

Child Care Resource Center, Morgantown Administrative Assistant Needed

At Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa), we have a culture deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching and respect all Catholic beliefs and practices.

The Administrative Assistant is a full time position and is located in Morgantown, WV. This position is responsible for providing information to clients and providers about the services we offer and otherwise relieving Director and Supervisor of clerical duties and minor administrative business details.

Essential Job Duties

- Maintain completed provider and client packets; maintain a supply of materials and inventory needed for staff; maintain accurate mailing lists for providers, clients, community members, etc.; assist individuals seeking to become providers in receiving information needed to enroll; assist clients seeking child care referrals; liaison with DHHR monitor staff in regards to potential providers.

Qualifications

- Applicants must have at least a high school diploma or GED, minimum of one (1) year experience in a secretarial position, ability to prioritize and multitask, knowledge of office equipment and understanding of sound basic office procedures including computers and programs, good typing and editing skills, ability to work with others of various socio-economic backgrounds, ability to maintain confidentiality, good written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

- Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by July 16, 2021 to: Brittany.K.Lucci@wv.gov

- Application materials can also be delivered to: Brittany Lucci, Program Director
  965 Hartman Run Road, Suite 1103
  Morgantown, WV 26505

Job Opening Outreach Worker; Northern Region - CCNC

At Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa), we have a culture deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching and respect all Catholic beliefs and practices.

Outreach Worker; Northern Region - CCNC

This position is responsible for representing the agency in assisting the economically disadvantaged and others seeking needed services.

This is a full-time Temporary position through December 30, 2021 (non-exempt), located at Catholic Charities Nutritional Center, Wheeling, WV.

- Essential Job Duties

  Completes emergency assistance applications in Wheeling office; screening for and enrolling eligible clients for state and federal benefits; accepts and makes referrals to and from other organizations; maintains client and other records as required; maintains documentation of all requests for assistance; contacts appropriate utility companies, pharmacies, landlords, etc.; maintains a log of donations and volunteers.

- Qualifications

  - High School or equivalent, plus sufficient experience in the social service field; Bachelor’s degree preferred; ability to work with economically disadvantaged clientele with compassion, understanding and a positive attitude; ability to use Microsoft office programs, including Word, Excel, and Outlook; must have transportation to travel as needed; ability to work collaboratively in a team environment; work in a faith-based setting and be supportive of Catholic social teachings.

- How to Apply

  Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by July 21, 2021 to: maphillips@ccwva.org

  Application materials can also be delivered to:
  Mark Phillips; Northern Regional Director
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  2000 Main Street
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St. Joseph School, Martinsburg

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