



November is the Month of the Holy Souls and of the Faithful Departed



Colleen Rowan Photo

A memorial to the Sisters of St. Joseph, a statue of the Sacred Heart, stands amid the many headstones at the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling. November is the Month of the Holy Souls and of the Faithful Departed. It is a time to visit the graves of loved ones, pray for them, and pray for the souls in purgatory. All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation, is Sunday, Nov. 1. All Souls Day, a day to honor the dead, is Nov. 2. See Page 2 of this issue for a story on the Vatican extending time to obtain full indulgences for souls in purgatory.

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Vatican Extends Time to Obtain Full Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

By Carol Glatz Catholic, News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Also, those who are ill or homebound and would not be able to physically visit a church or cemetery in the prescribed timeframe still will be able to receive a plenary indulgence when meeting certain conditions, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, said in a notice released Oct. 23.

The tribunal also asked that priests be particularly generous throughout November in offering the sacrament of reconciliation and in administering Communion to those who are infirm.

The new provisions were made after a number of bishops asked for guidance as to how the faithful could perform the works required for receiving a plenary indulgence given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions in many parts of the world limiting the number of people who can gather in one place, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, told Vatican News Oct. 23.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Bishops' conferences in countries where large numbers of faithful traditionally go to confession, attend Mass and visit cemeteries during the week had asked how the faithful could be accommodated given COVID-19 restrictions or in the case that a member of the faithful was ill, in isolation or in quarantine, the cardinal said.

The Vatican decided to extend the time one can receive a full indulgence to include the whole month of November, he said. Typically, only a partial indulgence is granted after the first

week of November.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November, he added.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, he said, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one also must fulfill the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God. Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

Cardinal Piacenza said his office also strongly urged all priests to celebrate Mass three times on All Souls' Day, as allowed for in a 1915 document by Pope Benedict XV.

The hope is that the availability of more Masses that day would help everyone wanting to attend Mass to do so while respecting capacity limits in churches and places of worship, he said.

The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

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."

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 prefer.

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The Knights of Columbus are not just another “club.” They are Catholic men committed to living out their faith in practice. They engage in numerous good works as the fruit of their faith, works such as support for seminarians, prolife activities, help to Catholic schools, and aid to the handicapped.

My father joined Msgr. Lackey Council at St. Joseph’s, Martinsburg, WV, in the 1980’s and later helped found Our Lady of Guadalupe Council at St. John Neumann Church, Gaithersburg, MD, in the 1990’s. When he needed treatments for cancer, my brother and I brought him to the hospital, but on some days neither of us was free to go. Who brought him? His brother Knights. I realized that their commitment to fraternity, unity and charity was not mere words; they lived it.

I became a Knight in Washington, DC, and convinced some men of my parish to join, too, as a way to develop their spirituality and Catholic identity. Once transferred to Gaithersburg, MD, I oversaw the formation of a new Council in my parish, St. Martin of Tours, and happily served as its chaplain.

We men need to band together and work with one another to serve God and our neighbor. President John Kennedy reminded us: “On earth God’s work must truly be our own.” The Knights of Columbus are an excellent way to be formed as brothers in Christ and to do God’s work on earth.

Knights must be practicing Catholics at least eighteen years of age. I urge you to consider becoming a Knight of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus have made it easy to join by going on-line at KOFC.org and click on JOIN US or contact any of the 3 individuals listed below for more information.

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Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
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The Life of Father Michael McGivney

Oct. 31 Beatification Will be Livestreamed at kofc.org

By Joyce Bibey

He was a roll up your sleeves, face adversity head-on, thick-skinned kind of guy. He worked hard for the Church and the faithful during a time, when an anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant movement was rampant throughout New England.

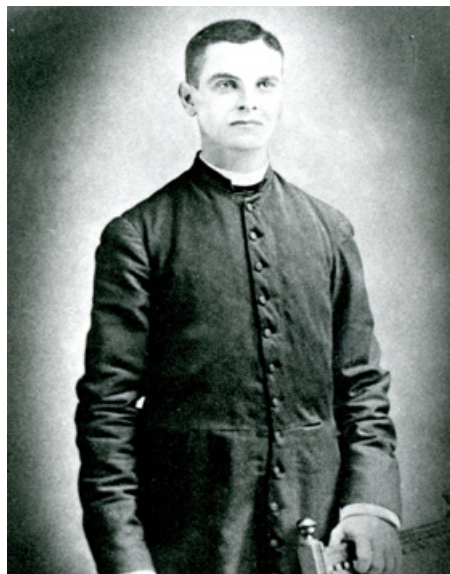
It is because of this one man's determination and forward-thinking actions that more than two million men from many nations work together for a stronger community and better world today.

Now, 130 years after his death, the Church is preparing to celebrate the beatification of Venerable Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus and model priest, on Oct. 31 during a special Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

He was born on August 12, 1852, the first child of Patrick and Mary McGivney, of Waterbury, Connecticut, who like hundreds of thousands of their countrymen immigrated to North America from Ireland during the Irish Potato Famine.

Father McGivney had 12 siblings, six of whom died as babies or in their youth. He learned at a young age to cherish family, honor God, and never give up on doing good. He saw firsthand the unfair reality of social injustice, religious persecution, and financial disadvantages.

The normal age for finishing school at the time was 16. Father McGivney was so advanced academically, he grad-



uated at 13. He wanted to begin seminary immediately, but because of the family's financial needs, he had to put that on hold and work at a brass factory.

Three years later he was able to leave home to begin his studies for the priesthood. Throughout his formation years he was taught by the Vincentians, known for their charitable focus; the Jesuits, known for their academic and intellectual approach; and Sulpicians, known for their commitment to ongoing education of priests.

When he was 20, his father died. So, he left his Canadian seminary to return home and help his mother and siblings. Once they were on their feet, and with the help of the bishop of Hartford, McGivney was able to enter St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was or-

dained in 1877, and celebrated his first Mass at his home parish, Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury with his mother and family present. The hardships he experienced in his youth did not make him bitter or angry, but instead made him an empathetic and strong-minded priest.

He was assigned to the newly erected St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic church, in New Haven. From the start the church was unwanted by the community. The New York Times featured an article calling it the "Monstrosity on Hillhouse Avenue," because it was located in the most affluent neighborhood among the mansions of New Haven. Residents berated the Catholic church and the "undesirables – the poor and disease-ridden Irish Catholics" it would bring to the area.

This didn't intimidate McGivney. He didn't stay confined to his rectory or church. He went out into the protestant and Catholic communities, becoming a living example of the commandments "love God and love your neighbor."

He organized baseball games and youth outings. He made the church the center of activity for families. He visited prisons and sat with prisoners, sharing the Word of God, mercy, and the importance of responsibility. His priority was to evangelize, bring people into the church, and strengthen the faith of his parishioners.

During this era, if a woman was widowed and did not have financial means

to care for her family the state would take her children and place them in institutions. This ripped at his heart.

Father McGivney intervened for these women in the local courts and in one instance became the legal guardian for a boy after the death of the father.

The Irish priest could not sit idle. In fall of 1881, he gathered the men of his parish and shared his idea of a Catholic men's group. A group for charity, unity, and fraternity focused on keeping families Catholic and together, while also serving the community. The organization would also provide insurance to Catholic families and financial support for widows. On May 15, 1882 the official charter was signed, naming them the Knights of Columbus.

The group took the name of the revered Christopher Columbus, who was celebrated by both Protestants and Catholics as the founder of America's the land of renewed hope. McGivney knew Columbus was Catholic and selected him as their namesake, believing the name would help bridge the division between Irish immigrants and other nationalities living in Connecticut. McGivney died at the age of 38, after suffering from tuberculosis and pneumonia during the Russian/Asiatic flu pandemic. Pope Benedict XVI declared, Father Michael McGivney Venerable on March 16, 2008.

To find out more about Father McGivney and to watch the Beatification Mass live at 11am, Oct. 31st from Hartford visit kofc.org.

Moving McGivney Miracle

By Joyce Bibey

When a baby is born, many faithful naturally say, "Thank you, God, for this miracle."

For a couple in Tennessee, when they hold their youngest son, they have no doubt they are embracing an authentic miracle. Rome confirmed it.

After Father Michael McGivney was declared a Venerable Servant of God in 2008, hundreds of letters were received by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in Hartford, Connecticut, declaring they believe their illnesses were cured because of Father McGivney. In addition, many congregants of St. Mary's in New Haven shared with their pastor Father Joseph Allen, that they too were blessed with a miracle after praying Father McGivney would intercede.

However, the Church must laboriously investigate to determine if an event is actually medically unexplainable, instantaneous, and truly divine intervention. On May 27, 2020, Pope Francis declared the healing of the unborn child of Dan and Michelle Schachle was indeed a miracle of Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

In 2014, the Schachles, a devoted Catholic couple, were excited to find out she was pregnant with a baby boy. The couple went to the doctor for a follow-up ultrasound and discovered the child would be born with Down syndrome. Loving and strong in their



Michael McGivney Schachle

faith, the couple considered it a blessing for their family to welcome a child with Downs.

However, their world was shaken after their next routine visit to the doctor. This time the scan revealed the baby to be retaining fluid, a fatal condition called fetal hydrops. The Schachles were told there were only two options — terminate the pregnancy or let the child die on his own and have a still birth. Without hesitating they knew they would keep the baby until it died in the womb naturally, abortion was not an option at all. Once they were

alone and quiet it was Dan who spoke up and said "Fr. McGivney needs a miracle. Let's pray this child is his miracle."

The Schachles were members of the Father McGivney Guild, a K of C organization established to support the cause of Father McGivney becoming Saint. Thanks to an incentive trip Dan had received as an insurance agent for the K of C, the couple, still pregnant, visited Fatima. Before departing for the pilgrimage, the couple made a plea to family, friends, and their parish to pray for the intercession of Father McGivney that their child would survive. The Schachles vowed if the baby was meant to be a miracle and live, they "would name him Michael after (Father McGivney)."

On March 16, 2015, at a Mass in Fatima, one of the readings was the story of the Second Sign at Cana.

"It was the story of a man, who asks for a miracle for his son," Dan Schachle said in many interviews since. "The lord said, 'Go forth your son will live.'"

When Dan Schachle heard those words, "the brokenness in my heart was lifted," he said.

Michelle Schachle said, she was overwhelmed at that moment. "I physically felt like a veil was lifted," she said. Had a miracle just occurred in the womb?

Just days after returning home, Michelle was scheduled for a routine ultrasound. It revealed exactly what they prayed for — the hydrops was gone!

On May 15, 2015, Michelle Schachle was 31 weeks into her pregnancy, Michael McGivney Schachle was born during an emergency c-section.

Two months premature, he weighed less than 4 pounds, but "Michael was perfect just the way he was," Michelle Schachle said.

The Schachle's story is blessed with God winks: Michael was born on the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus' Supreme Council charter signing of May 15, 1882. Father Michael McGivney was the eldest of 13 children. Michael McGivney Schachle is the youngest of 13 children. Michelle Schachle's birthday is Aug. 12th, so was Father McGivney's. The documentary — Father Michael McGivney, An American Blessed — can be viewed at fathermcgivney.org. It includes a moving interview with the Schachle family.

To read more about the Knights of Columbus go to their website at KofC.org. The Diocese of Nashville presents a story about Mikey Schachle on their website.

Pope Announces New Cardinals, Including U.S. Archbishop Gregory

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis announced he will create 13 new cardinals Nov. 28, including Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Washington.

The pope made the announcement at the end of his Angelus address Oct. 25, telling the crowd in St. Peter's Square the names of the nine cardinals under the age of 80, who will be eligible to vote in a conclave, and the names of four elderly churchmen whose red hats are a sign of esteem and honor.

In addition to Cardinal-designate Gregory, who will be the first African American cardinal from the United States, the pope chose as cardinal electors two officials of the Roman Curia and bishops from Italy, Rwanda, the Philippines, Chile and Brunei.

Speaking soon after the announcement with the Catholic Standard, Washington's archdiocesan newspaper, Cardinal-designate Gregory said he was "deeply humbled" and he knows that "I am reaping a harvest that millions of African American Catholics and people of color have planted. I am deeply grateful for the faith that they have lived so generously, so zealously and with such great devotion."

Another U.S. citizen is among the new cardinals; retired Italian Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, 80, a former nuncio and a member of the Scalabrinian missionaries, holds dual citizenship. He completed his studies for the priesthood in the United States and taught there for years. He also was director of pastoral care at the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services from 1983 to 1987 when he was named secretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers.

Once the consistory is held in late November, there will be 128 cardinals under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave. Pope Francis will have created just over 57% of them. Sixteen of the cardinals created by St. John Paul II will still be under 80 as will 39 of the cardinals created by Pope Benedict XVI; Pope Francis will have created 73 of the electors.

U.S. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, retired archbishop of Washington, will celebrate his 80th birthday Nov. 12, before the consistory. Italian Cardinal Angelo Becciu, whom the pope dismissed as prefect of the congregation for saints in late September, is 72 but renounced the rights of a cardinal, including the right to enter a conclave to elect a new pope.

Italians will continue to have an outsized portion of the electors, rising to 22 of the 128; the United States will stay at nine voters with Cardinal-

designate Gregory taking Cardinal Wuerl's place.

The Vatican press office said specifics will be announced later about how the consistory and the usual related activities will unfold given COVID-19 restrictions on travel and gatherings. According to canon law, cardinals are created by the pope's decree, which is "published in the presence of the College of Cardinals." Church law does not specify how many members of the college must be present nor does it insist that the new cardinal be present, although traditionally the consistory includes a public profession of faith by the new cardinals.

Here is the full list of the new cardinals, in the order named by the pope:

- Maltese Bishop Mario Grech, 63, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops.
- Italian Bishop Marcello Semeraro, 72, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.
- Archbishop Antoine Kambanda of Kigali, Rwanda, who will turn 62 Nov. 10.
- Archbishop Gregory, 72.
- Archbishop Jose F. Advincula of Capiz, Philippines, 68.
- Archbishop Celestino Aros Braco of Santiago, Chile, 75.
- Bishop Cornelius Sim, apostolic vicar of Brunei, 69.
- Italian Archbishop Paolo Lojudice of Siena, 56.
- Franciscan Father Mauro Gambetti, custos of the Sacred Convent of Assisi in Assisi, who was to celebrate his 55th birthday Oct. 27.
- Retired Bishop Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel of San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico, 80.
- Retired Italian Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, a former nuncio, 80.
- Italian Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher of the papal household, 86.
- Italian Father Enrico Feroci, 80, former director of Rome's Caritas.



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Cardinal-designate Wilton D. Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, celebrates Mass Oct. 25 at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, Md. Four hours earlier he learned Pope Francis named him a cardinal, so it was the first Mass as a cardinal-designate.

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Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court

By Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A divided Senate, in a 52-48 vote, confirmed Amy Coney Barrett as a justice for the Supreme Court the evening of Oct. 26 and soon afterward she was sworn in by Justice Clarence Thomas at a White House ceremony.

"The oath that I've solemnly taken tonight, means at its core that I will do my job without any fear or favor and that I will do so independently of both the political branches and of my own preferences. I love the Constitution and the democratic republic that it establishes and I will devote myself to preserving it," Barrett said after the outdoor ceremony.

The 48-year old, who has been on the Chicago-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit since 2017, said it was a privilege to be asked to serve on the Supreme Court. She said she was "truly honored and humbled" to be stepping into this role, which is a lifetime appointment.

Barrett is now the 115th justice for the court, replacing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Sept. 18. She is the sixth Catholic justice on the current bench.

Thomas administered the constitutional oath to Barrett, who was to take the judicial oath in a private ceremony at the Supreme Court Oct. 27.

Reaction to the confirmation was swift and just as divided as it has been since she was first announced as President Donald Trump's nominee just weeks before the presidential election. Congressional Democrats took to Twitter to criticize the Senate for acting so swiftly on this vote but not passing a COVID-19 relief package.

The Associated Press reported that no other Supreme Court justice has been confirmed on a recorded vote with no support from the minority party in at least 150 years, according to information provided by the Senate Historical Office.

During her nomination hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Barrett did not give direct answers on how she would vote on top issues but assured the senators that she would follow the rule of the law.

"My policy preferences are irrelevant," she said, Oct. 13 when asked if she had intended to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, and she reiterated this same view when asked about abortion and same-sex marriage.

On the opening day of the hearings, Republican senators adamantly emphasized that Barrett's Catholic faith should not be a factor in questioning. And although it did not be-

come a topic of questioning, it was mentioned even in opening remarks by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina,

He asked if Barrett would be able to set aside her religious beliefs to fairly decide legal cases, which she said she could.

"I can. I have done that in my time on the 7th Circuit," she said. "If I stay on the 7th Circuit, I'll continue to do that. If I'm confirmed to the Supreme Court, I will do that."

Barrett is now the first Notre Dame Law School graduate on the Supreme Court and the only sitting justice with a law degree not from Harvard or Yale. She graduated summa cum laude in 1997 and also met her husband, Jesse, there. The Barrett family lives in Indiana.

The oldest child of the couple's seven children is a current student at the University of Notre Dame. Amy Coney Barrett began working at the law school in 2002 as a law professor focused on federal courts, constitutional law and statutory interpretation.

"On behalf of the University of Notre Dame, I congratulate Amy Coney Barrett on her confirmation today by the United States Senate as a justice of the United States Supreme Court," said Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, university president, in an Oct. 26 statement.

G. Marcus Cole, the Joseph A. Matson dean at Notre Dame Law School, said the school is "immensely proud of our alumna, colleague and friend," adding that for more than two decades the school has experienced Barrett's "brilliant scholarship, her devoted teaching and her thoughtful, open-minded approach to legal questions."

He also praised Barrett's "exemplary kindness and generosity toward everyone she encounters" and said that the while the school community would miss her presence they would "look forward to witnessing these qualities as she serves on our nation's highest court."

During the Senate Judiciary hearing, an open letter to Barrett signed by 100 Notre Dame professors was published online urging her to put a "halt" to the nomination process until after election. The letter emphasized this would allow "voters to have a choice" in the next judge on the nation's high court.

An editorial published online Oct. 21 by National Catholic Reporter, an independent Catholic newspaper based in Kansas City, Missouri, similarly urged the senate to reject Bar-



CNS Photo/Tom Brenner, Reuters
Judge Amy Coney Barrett holds her hand on the Bible as she is sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the White House in Washington Oct. 26.

rett's nomination.

"We at NCR do not like the prospect of five of the six conservative justices being Catholic and worry what that says about our church. In America, however, there are no religious tests for office and no senator should oppose Barrett on account of her religion." It went on to say it was Barrett's "bad faith in discussing the law that warrants disqualifying her."

After the Senate vote, some Catholic bishops congratulated Barrett on Twitter.

Bishop J. Strickland of Tyler, Texas, said in an Oct. 26 tweet: "Thanks be to God that Amy Coney Barrett was approved as our newest Supreme Court Justice. Let us pray that she serves always guided by the truth God has revealed to His people. Immaculate Virgin Mary intercede for her."

Similarly, Bishop Richard F. Stika

of Knoxville, Tennessee, tweeted his congratulations and added: "Note to the Democrats. Justice Ginsburg was against packing the SC!" He was referring to a plan by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that has recently been touted by progressive Democrats to increase the number of justices on the court.

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond issued a more personal statement, pointing out that Barrett is from Metairie, Louisiana, and that her parents: Deacon Michael Coney and his wife, Linda, are members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Metairie.

"One of our own, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as an associate justice of the Supreme Court," he said. "We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead her and guide her in her service to our country."



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Weirton Parish to Hold Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration ‘To Pray For Our Country’

Last Hour, Benediction will be Livestreamed on Facebook

By Colleen Rowan

WEIRTON—St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton is inviting the faithful to stop by the church and spend some time in prayer with Jesus. The parish is holding Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration “To Pray For Our Country” juts before the election.

All are invited to stop by the church and to pray. The last hour of adoration and benediction will be livestreamed on the parish’s Facebook page.

The forty hours begins at 4 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, in the church, and adoration will end with communal prayer from 7-8 p.m. on election night, Nov. 3.

Leading the 40 hours will be



Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., pastor of the parish. Father Schuelkens shared that through the inspired scriptures of St. Paul, God encourages the

church to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5).

“Forty hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to the election is a way in which our parish and all who participate will engage in imploring the Lord’s intercession to ensure that his grace will be upon our nation, and those who are voting.”

All of the faithful, he continued, are fundamentally called to be vessels of grace.

“When we pray for people, we feed souls,” he said. “Let us pray for the nation and its people that our souls may be fed with the grace of God and that his presence will guide us in, and through, and beyond the election.”

To watch the livestream of

the last hour of adoration and benediction, visit St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Weirton, West Virginia, on Facebook at 7 p.m. Nov. 3.

For voters, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offer the document Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility. On the USCCB website, the bishops say: “Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility is our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for the Catholic faithful in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.”

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West Virginia's Clergy and Religious Have Found Tremendous Joy in Their Vocations

By Colleen Rowan

“Even after all of the drama that we’ve been through in our diocese, I have never once regretted being a priest of Jesus Christ,” Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, said. “I love the priesthood. I can’t imagine my life as anything other than a priest.”

Father Crenwelge shared these words with the congregation gathered for Sunday morning Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, fittingly just a few weeks before National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 1-7.). This is the annual weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Father Crenwelge is also pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and director of Campus Ministry at West Virginia University. He told the congregation that morning that he and their pastor, Msgr. Paul Hudock, has traded parishes for the weekend and that Msgr. Hudock was celebrating Masses for WVU students.

Continuing his remarks, Father Crenwelge said that priesthood is acting in the person of Christ, and bringing the sacraments to the people. Priests, he said, are with people at the happiest and saddest times of their lives—weddings, baptisms; and then in sickness, and funerals.

“I can’t imagine not being a priest,” said Father Crenwelge, who was ordained in 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

There are be so many things in this life that one can be, but if it’s not what God wants for one’s life, Father Crenwelge said, that person will never be satisfied. Everyone, he said, should discern their vocation in life, which means asking God what he wants them to be.

“And if he gives us an inclination toward something that we are afraid to do, we must say yes. Because, if we live out the way God created us to live, if we be who God created us to be,” Father Crenwelge said, “you will be the most satisfied in this life.”

He encouraged those gathered in the church that morning who are young, not married, or those who have not found a vocation yet, to really discern God’s call in their lives.

“You might be called to be a religious sister, you might be called to be a priest of Jesus Christ,” he said.

The world sees these vocations as ones that will not bring happiness, “but if you’ve been around a young sister, they are the most happy,” Father Crenwelge said. “They can’t stop smiling.”

One of those young sisters is Charleston native and former Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart parishioner Sister Albertine Cevallos, OP. She was among eight women who professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tenn., on July 25.

In an interview with The Catholic Spirit this past summer, Sister Albertine recalled that everything became quite clear to her on her first visit with the Nashville Dominicans in March of 2012.

“Once I visited and experienced their charism of working in education and that prayer is primary,



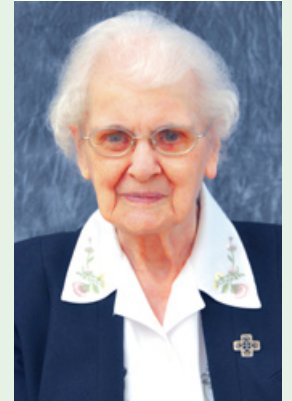
Father Brian Crenwelge



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Sister Gabriella Wagner, CSJ

it just became so clear that this was where I wanted to spend the rest of my life. I couldn’t believe that I could actually choose this as a way of life,” she said. “I just couldn’t believe that I could really be this happy for the rest of my life. Of course there are challenges, but a vocation is an incredible gift from the Lord.”

This feeling is the same for Deacon Harry Evans. He was ordained to the diaconate at the basilica co-cathedral in Charleston on May 7, 2016, with 11 other men. Deacon Evans serves at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley.

“I often describe my diaconate as somewhat of a ministry of interruptions as I am never sure what I will face from one day to the next,” he said. “As a deacon, it has given me a wonderful opportunity to step outside myself to serve others. I am humbled to be an intimate part of people’s most important moments in life, both happy and sad. This has given me a new perspective for how to live my life for God and as an example to others.”

This summer, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston announced the addition of three new seminarians, bringing the total to five. The diocese also announced that it has 27 aspirants to the diaconate, who began their formation in August.

During National Vocation Awareness Week, The Catholic Spirit will publish the diocese’s annual tribute to the clergy and religious celebrating

jubilee anniversaries. Among those to be featured is Congregation of St. Joseph Sister Gabriella Wagner who is celebrating 85 years of religious life. She entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling in 1935 and served in the ministry of education in Catholic schools in Clarksburg, Fairmont, Grasselli, Huntington, Moundsville, Thomas, Weston, and Wheeling. Read more about Sister Gabriella and the other women religious and clergy celebrating this year in the Nov. 6 issue of The Catholic Spirit.

Celebrating their 75th anniversaries are Sister Mary Florence Burke, CSJ, and Sister M. Annette Crnkovich, SAC. Celebrating their 70th anniversaries are Sister Anna Marie Cole, CSJ; Sister Mary Alice McMaster, CSJ; Sister Eva Marie Schlag, CSJ. Celebrating their 60th anniversaries are Sister Ellen Dunn, OP; Sister Mary Rebecca Fidler, RSM; Sister Barbara Kupchak, CSJ; Sister Francesca Lowis, SAC; and Sister Marguerite O’Brien, CSJ. Celebrating her 55th anniversary is Sister Frances Kirtley, OSF.

Celebrating 50 years of priesthood are Father Patsy Iaquina, and Father James McCafferty, SM. And, finally, celebrating their 25th anniversaries are Father John McDonough and Deacon Thomas Trunzo.

Father Crenwelge plans to visit and speak at some of the diocese’s Catholic schools during Vocation Awareness Week.

National Vocation Awareness Week Will be Held Nov. 1-7

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated this year from Nov. 1-7, is an annual weeklong celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education. It is also a time for the faithful to renew prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

The U.S. bishops ask the faithful to: “Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of vocation.”

National Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which fell on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, the observance was moved to the first full week of November.

For more about this special week, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website: usccb.org.

Priests Will Share Stories of Their Vocations and Home Countries at Wheeling Gathering

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING—Six priests of the diocese will share stories of the faith and vocations in their home countries and in countries they have lived through the Vocations Awareness Week gathering “Asia Is My Birthplace... Church Is My Universal Home.”

The gathering is being presented by and will be held at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling Nov. 4 beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Talks will begin at 6:30 p.m. The gathering is open to the public as long as the maximum capacity of the church can accommodate with social distancing. Face masks and other safety protocols will be imposed. The parish will also livestream both the Mass and the talks through St. Michael Parish’s Facebook Page.

“I am glad that this plan of gathering our Asian brothers and those who lived in Asia will have an opportunity and give them voice to inspire or ignite the culture of vocation in our diocese,” said Father Carlos Melocoton, pastor of St. Michael’s. “For people to see how beautiful the vocation of priesthood that we have to leave our country and family to serve God and neighbor is worth living. To overcome the challenges and moments of loneliness and yet continue to love and give smile to the people we serve.”

Talks will be given by Father Arthur Bufogle, Jr., on Japan and the Philippines; Father Melocoton on the Philippines; Father That Son Ngoc Nguyen on Vietnam; Father I. Hadi Sasmita, SJ, on Indonesia; Father Jeelson Stephan, MCBS, on India; and Father Nye Joseph Wiley on South Korea.

“The Philippines is the stepping stone of all religious communities to Southeast Asia doing missionary work,” Father Melocoton said. “Being the only Catholic country and the third rank in the world, it possesses social and

political challenges that the Gospel of Jesus has to confront.”

Looking at the faith of the people, he said, and the endurance they have to persevere amidst these sociopolitical challenges has something to say about them. “Who stops every 6 p.m. when the bell tolls and prays the Angelus these days?” Father Melocoton asked. “Where in the mall can you find shoppers and staff pause at 3 p.m. to pray the Divine Mercy prayer?”

Father Bufogle was born in New York but grew up in Japan. When he joined the La Mania Christian Brothers, he was sent to Japan and then the Philippines where he taught trigonometry to Father Melocoton and classmates. He was there during the end of Marcos Martial Law era and the post People Power Revolution. Father Bufogle is pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Marlinton, St. Mark the Evangelist Mission in Bartow, and St. Bernard Chapel in Snowshoe.

Father That Son will give attendees a perspective of the endurance of Christian Vietnamese and their testimony of faithfulness in Jesus Christ and the work of ministry. He is pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Moundsville and St. Martin of Tours Chapel in Cameron.

Father Sasmita will offer attendees perspective on Catholicism in Indonesia. He will share the story of his vocation to priesthood and joining the Society of Jesus. His ministry now is at Wheeling University.

Father Stephan is also a religious priest doing his doctoral program on the Johannine Gospel at Duquesne University. He will share what inspired him to join his religious community, the obstacles and challenges, and how Christianity relates to Hinduism, and religion in India. Father Stephan is pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cumberland and Sacred Heart Par-

ish in Chester.

Father Joseph worked in South Korea, and was converted to Catholicism there. South Korea, Father Melocoton said, is one of the fastest growing Catholic countries in Asia. Father Wiley is associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling.

Hearing vocation stories is moving and inspiring, Father Melocoton said,

and he hopes the gathering at his parish will help promote vocations. “Looking at our current priests statistics, Asians have been in a front line helping our problem of the shortage of priests,” he said. “If this event could inspire many of our parishioners to help pray and work for vocations that would be very helpful for the current shortage of vocations we are experiencing these days.”



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Knights of Columbus Aim to Help Heal Wounds of Fatherhood Lost to Abortion

By Colleen Rowan

To heal the wounds of fatherhood lost to abortion, the Knights of Columbus councils of Wheeling and Moundsville helped to bring a traveling icon fostering devotion to St. Joseph to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The Father's Day Icon was blessed by Bishop Mark Brennan during the Mass he celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling on Sept. 19. Since then, the icon has been traveling to homes of the faithful who house it for one week praying the accompanying novena prayers each day.

The devotion asks for the intercession of St. Joseph for his assistance and protection for healing for those fathers who have been wounded by the loss of a child through abortion.

The icon depicts St. Joseph, looking with great kindness and with the genuine heart of a father, as intercessor for lost fatherhood and restoration of the fathers with their aborted children.

Knights of Columbus councils involved in the project are Carroll Council #504, Corpus Christi Council #12830, and Our Lady of Peace Council #12195 of Wheeling; and Moundsville Council #1907. Carroll Council Grand Knight Art Bertol said the Knights of Columbus members provided funds and support to launch this initiative of Jesus Preborn Ministry in collaboration with the Foundation of Jesus The Divine Mercy.

Bernadette (Schreyer) Conklin from Preborn Jesus Ministry has been the driving force for this project, Bertol said. She also was on hand for the bishop's blessing of the icon.

"Knowing that the Knights of Columbus has always been committed to the sanctity of life, it is our hope that through this Father's Day Icon traveling to many homes for veneration, we can pray with great confidence for healing," Conklin said in a letter to Bertol about the icon coming to Wheeling. She said that Father Donald Calloway sums up the organization's desire to include St. Joseph in this pro-life work in his new book with a profound quote from Blessed Wm. Joseph Chaminade: "To GIVE life to someone is the greatest of all gifts. To SAVE a life is the next."

Bertol said the Knights of Columbus were happy to support this effort for a number of reasons.

"The icon is pro-life, a key focus and com-



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The Father's Day Icon by artist James Sulkowski of Houston, Pa.

mitment of all Knights of Columbus," he said. "The icon emphasizes the family unit—especially fatherhood. St. Joseph is recognized in the icon for his importance to the holy family

and in turn the importance of fatherhood to our families."

The Father's Day Icon was created by artist James Sulkowski of Houston, Pa.



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Maintaining Recovery during COVID-19

**By Katie Hinerman Klug,
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As the coronavirus pandemic continues to affect West Virginians, individuals who are in recovery from substance use disorder are having a disproportionately difficult time. Disruption of community support group meetings, loss of work, illness and other factors can stress a person's ability to maintain recovery.

"Life is hard and there are so many challenges and obstacles," said Keythan Heater, a resident of Huntington. "Having to do it sober is so much harder."

In March of 2020, Heater enrolled in a Computer Essentials course at Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) adult learning center in Huntington. At the time, he was residing in a sober living house.

"We know that education and meaningful employment are so important for recovery," said Bill Hagy, CCWVa Western Regional Director. "During the pandemic, we've had to pivot to virtual classes and appointments at times, but we have never stopped providing services."

In Huntington, CCWVa provides adult education as well as wraparound case management services to help individuals achieve their goals by identifying their strengths and finding ways to overcome obstacles.

For Heater, these obstacles included lost income, as he was laid off from his restaurant job due to COVID-19. He also struggled with stable housing, transportation, and resources to continue his studies.

CCWVa Recovery Retention Case Manager Sherri Sloan worked closely with Heater to overcome these barriers.

"During this entire time I stayed sober and did not relapse



Keythan Heater attributes much of his success to the support he has received from Catholic Charities West Virginia.

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even though I wanted to, at times, because of the stress that life was dealing me," said Heater. "It was unbearable, yet Sherri was there each step of the journey."

With the help of CCWVa and the Jobs and Hope West Virginia program, Heater was able to se-

cure housing, a car, a computer, and a lucrative job through GrubHub.

"Without them I honestly don't believe that I could've ventured so far in accomplishing what I have," said Heater. "I am proof that Catholic Charities and Jobs and Hope stand behind

their mission."

Heater continues to maintain his sobriety and is thriving as an independent delivery driver while continuing to work toward his long-term goals. To read more about his story, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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El Vaticano extiende el tiempo para obtener indulgencias completas para las almas del Purgatorio

Por Carol Glatz Católica, Servicio de Noticias

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Las indulgencias plenarias o plenas obtenidas tradicionalmente durante la primera semana de noviembre para las almas de los fieles en el purgatorio ahora pueden obtenerse durante todo el mes de noviembre, dijo el Vaticano.

Además, aquellos que estén enfermos o confinados en sus hogares y no puedan visitar físicamente una iglesia o cementerio en el período de tiempo prescrito aún podrán recibir una indulgencia plenaria cuando cumplan con ciertas condiciones, la Penitenciaría Apostólica, un tribunal del Vaticano que se ocupa de asuntos de conciencia, dijo en un aviso publicado el 23 de octubre.

El tribunal también pidió que los sacerdotes sean particularmente generosos durante todo el mes de noviembre al ofrecer el sacramento de la reconciliación y administrar la Comunión a los enfermos.

Las nuevas disposiciones se tomaron después de que varios obispos pidieran orientación sobre cómo los fieles podrían realizar los trabajos necesarios para recibir una indulgencia plenaria dada la pandemia en curso y las restricciones en muchas partes del mundo que limitan el número de personas que pueden reunirse en un lugar, dijo el cardenal Mauro Piacenza, jefe de la Penitenciaría Apostólica, a Vatican News el 23 de octubre.

Tradicionalmente, los fieles podían recibir una indulgencia plena todos los días desde el 1

de noviembre hasta el 8 de noviembre cuando visitaban un cementerio para orar por los difuntos y cumplían otras condiciones y, en particular, cuando iban a una iglesia o un oratorio a orar. 2 de noviembre, Día de los Difuntos.

Las conferencias episcopales en países donde un gran número de fieles tradicionalmente se confiesan, asisten a misa y visitan los cementerios durante la semana habían preguntado cómo se podría alojar a los fieles dadas las restricciones del COVID-19 o en el caso de que un miembro de los fieles estuviera enfermo, en aislamiento o en cuarentena, dijo el cardenal.

El Vaticano decidió extender el tiempo que uno puede recibir una indulgencia total para incluir todo el mes de noviembre, dijo. Por lo general, solo se otorga una indulgencia parcial después de la primera semana de noviembre.

La indulgencia completa que tradicionalmente se ofrece el 2 de noviembre para quienes visitan una iglesia o un oratorio y recitan el Padre Nuestro y el Credo también se puede obtener cualquier día de noviembre, agregó.

Aquellos que no pueden salir de sus hogares o residencia por "razones serias", que incluyen restricciones gubernamentales durante una pandemia, dijo, también pueden recibir una indulgencia plenaria después de recitar oraciones específicas por los fallecidos o reflexionar sobre una lectura del Evangelio designada para las Misas de los muertos. ante una imagen de Jesús o de la Santísima Virgen María, o realizando una obra de misericordia.

En todos los casos, uno también debe cum-

plir con los requisitos normales establecidos por la iglesia para todas las indulgencias plenarias, que demuestran la determinación de alejarse del pecado y convertirse a Dios. Esas condiciones incluyen: tener un espíritu separado del pecado; ir a la confesión lo antes posible; recibir la Eucaristía lo antes posible; rezar por las intenciones del Papa; y estar unidos espiritualmente con todos los fieles.

El cardenal Piacenza dijo que su oficina también instó encarecidamente a todos los sacerdotes a celebrar la misa tres veces en el Día de los Difuntos, como lo permite un documento de 1915 del Papa Benedicto XV.

La esperanza es que la disponibilidad de más misas ese día ayude a todos los que quieran asistir a la misa a hacerlo respetando los límites de capacidad en las iglesias y lugares de culto, dijo.

La iglesia enseña que la oración, particularmente la Misa, y los sacrificios pueden ofrecerse en nombre de las almas en el purgatorio. La fiesta de Todos los Santos se diferencia de la fiesta de Todos los Santos del 1 de noviembre precisamente porque ofrece oraciones por la paz eterna y el descanso celestial de todos aquellos que murieron en estado de gracia, pero no totalmente purificados.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica dice: "Todos los que mueren en la gracia y la amistad de Dios, pero aún imperfectamente purificados, tienen ciertamente asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte se someten a purificación para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en el gozo del cielo".

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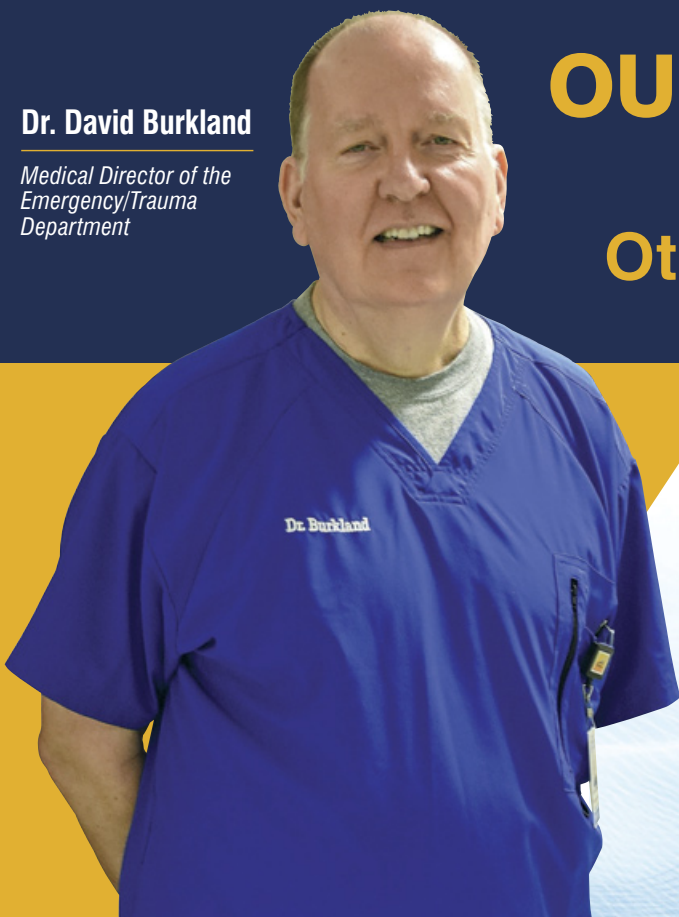
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