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Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan

Ninth Bishop Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan Of Wheeling-Charleston A Boston native, Bishop Brennan is the son of the late Edward Charles Brennan and Regina Claire Lonsway. He attended public schools in Massachusetts and Maryland before entering St. Anthony High School in Washington, D.C. Bishop Brennan graduated from Brown University in 1969 with a degree in history, and then entered Christ the King Seminary in Alleghany, New York for a year of philosophy before attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his theological studies. A parish priest for nearly his entire career, Bishop Brennan was assigned to Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, MD, from 1976-1981; St. Pius X Parish in Bowie, MD, from 1981-1985; St. Bartholomew Parish in Bethesda, MD, from 1986-1988; St. Thomas Apostle Parish in Washington, D.C., from 1998-2003; St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg, MD from 2003-2016. Bishop Brennan attended Spanish Language courses and Hispanic cultural studies in the Dominican Republic and in Colombia from 1985-1986. From 1988 to 1998, Bishop Brennan was the Director of Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore on December 5, 2016, and ordained on January 19, 2017.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 66:18-21 and was written after the return from exile, 538 B.C. The aim was to console the returned exiles, who were depressed when they saw the sad state of Jerusalem and the poverty of the country. Isaiah foretold the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It would be the center from which the knowledge of the true God would be dispersed.

The second reading is from St. Paul to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. In last Sunday's lesson St. Paul encouraged Christians to be ready to face adversity and hardships. He compared them with athletes who endure so much in order to win a contest. Today he reiterates that we must expect hardship — it is part of our training. We cannot win this prize unless we undergo this training. It is God who sends us these trials. He wants us to win the eternal prize because he loves us; he is our Father.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 13:22-30 and concerns those who hear Christ's message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many

would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was made very clear to him and to all of us that each one's salvation is in his own hands. All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those who are excluded from that eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame. God invites all men to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to every man, but, because men have a free will which God cannot force, some will abuse that freedom and choose wrongly.

Christ mentions the narrow door through which we must enter into God's kingdom. This means that we must exercise self-restraint and mortification and this we do when we respect and keep his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should have sought his mercy and his forgiveness during our earthly life, and he would have granted it.

Neither will it avail us to say that we knew him in life. Acquaintance with Christ is not enough. We should have loved him and become his real friends, which we could only do by being loyal followers of his. "He taught in our streets" will only prove our guilt. We

could have learned his doctrine; we could have become his disciples, but we would not. The pagan who never heard of Christ will not be condemned for not following his teaching, but the Christian who did hear his doctrine and refused to carry it out, will deserve condemnation.

As descent from Abraham was not a claim for special consideration on the part of the Jews, neither will any other circumstances of nationality, birth or earthly privilege help us on the day of judgment Each one will stand or fall by his own mode of life during his term on earth. Nothing and nobody else can change the just judgment of God when that moment arrives for each one of us.

The thought of our moment of judgment is a staggering one even for the holiest of us. Things and actions that do not trouble us much now, will appear in a different light then. The prayers we omitted or said carelessly, the Masses we missed on flimsy excuses the little bit of continual injustice to a workman or customer, or the dishonesty practiced by a worker against his employer, the sins of impurity of which we thought rather lightly, the bad language so freely used and the scandal we spread so flippantly, the money wasted on drink or gambling

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Book Club is this Sunday

The next meeting of the Book Club for Catholic Women will be Sunday, August 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church. The book is “Mother Angelica, The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles” by Raymond Arroyo.

The September Book Club is on Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m. The book is “My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir “by Carroll Colleen Campbell. A few are available for loan in the St. Patrick Church Parish Office. Email christinacrim@yahoo.com with any questions.

10th Anniversary Mass CD for Sale

The CD from Fr. DeViese's anniversary mass is available in the vestibule for \$25.00. Music by Giovanni Palestrina was sung under the direction of Maestro J. Melvin Collins during the Latin Mass. The CD was made thanks to the technological efforts of Leszek J. Fiutowski, MD. Dr. Fiutowski also provides the music for the Latin Masses in our parish. Proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to the music program at St. Patrick Church.

Another Latin Mass will be presented on Friday, November 15, at 6:00 PM in our church. This Requiem Mass by Gabriel Faure will incorporate a choir and musicians to honor the lives of deceased members of the parish as well as those in the military and service personnel. Plans are underway to create a CD to mark this mass as well.

“I advise you that you accustom yourself to frequent confession, and that you choose always, as your confessors, men who are upright and sufficiently learned, and who can teach you what you should do and what you should avoid.”

St. Louis IX, King of France (1215-1270)

SoulCore

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Weston

We invite you to be part of the SoulCore movement, to unite body and soul in prayer, fully oriented to Christ, to be strengthened physically and spiritually in His name. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Call Sandy at 304-517-8660 for more info!

Organ Renovation

Our organ at St. Patrick Church is in need of major repair. It was built in the early 1950's and has withstood building renovations, dust, a fire and periodic dampness. After nearly 70 years of service, it requires quite a bit of attention.

In the process of an assessment, organ deterioration was more than what was expected. The console is worn out while the internal leathers of the mechanism are dried and deteriorating. Other parts are rusted and weak. This is leaving dead notes where air is not passing into the pipes. Repairing just the worn out parts is not possible as the M. P. Moller Company that built the organ ceased operation in 1992. Manufacturing individual components for the repair is financially impossible.

After several proposals were submitted and considered, a plan was chosen to give the organ a complete rebuild using modern technology. The leather valves will be replaced with electro-mechanical magnet valves that will prevent further deterioration in the organ's wind chest. New stops (musical voices) will be added to increase the sounds to better compliment the music. When the project is completed, St. Patrick Church will then have one of the finest organs in West Virginia. This will give our parish a musical instrument that completes the renovation efforts of the parish and matches the beauty of the church.

The cost of the project will be \$150,000. Efforts are underway to raise money for the organ renovation. The campaign is expected to end by November 1, 2019. The goal cannot be reached without your support. The results will be worth the effort.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an “active” member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Active Parishioner Rate of tuition” at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 should register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Join Us Each Wednesday for the Introduction to Catholicism (RCIA) Classes

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, our Introduction to Catholicism classes are every Wednesday beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Weston. Following Mass we will meet in the parish meeting room of the St. Patrick Church Parish Office. Please call 304-269-3048 or email secretary@spchurchweston.net for more info.

Names Needed for Sacramental Prep form All Churches

Plans are now being made for preparation programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the spring. Candidates for First Holy Communion must be at least 7 years old and in at least the Second Grade. Candidates for Confirmation must be Baptized Catholics in at least the 6th grade. This includes adults who have not been confirmed.

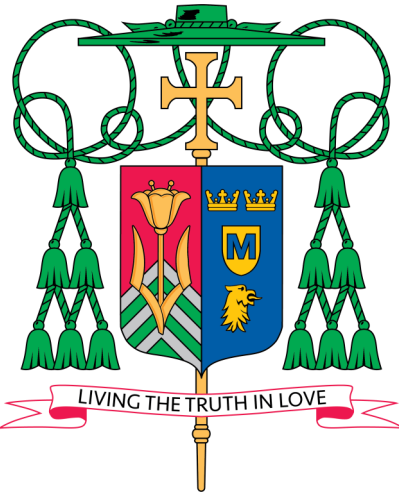
All candidates for sacramental preparation must be reported to Fr. DeViese through the St. Patrick’s Parish Office no later than September 1. This will ensure that catechists and materials can be secured in all locations. Please contact the parish office of St. Patrick Church at 304-269-3048 with the name, age, grade and contact information of the individuals.

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Coat of Arms of Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan

Blazon: Arms impaled. Dexter: Party per chevron, Gules and chevronny of six Argent and Vert; overall a lily, stemmed and leaved Or. Sinister; Azure, at the centre point and escutcheon Or. charged with an “M” of the first below two diadems per fess and to base a lion’s head all of the first.

Significance: The episcopal heraldic achievement, or bishop’s coat of arms, is composed of a shield that is the central and most important part of the design and tells to whom the design belongs, joined with the external ornamentation that tells the owner’s position or rank, and a motto placed upon a scroll. By heraldic tradition the design is described (blazoned) as if being done by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies, the terms sinister and dexter are reversed as the design is viewed from the front.

By heraldic tradition the arms of the bishop of a diocese, often referred to as the Local Bishop or Ordinary, are joined to the arms of his jurisdiction. In this case, these are the arms of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in West Virginia. These arms are composed of a red field on which are

displayed a series of chevrons in silver (white) and green, representing the mountains of West Virginia. Overall is shown a gold (yellow) lily, with its full stem and leaves, to honor the titular of the Cathedral-Church in Wheeling.

For his personal arms, seen in the sinister impalement (right side) of the design, His Excellency Bishop Brennan has simplified the design he used for his tenure as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

On a blue field are displayed two gold (yellow) crowns to honor his parents, Regina (the Latin word for queen) and Edward, to honor Saint Edward the Confessor of England. At the center of the design is a small shield, known as an escutcheon, that is gold (yellow) and is charged with a blue “M” to honor the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mankind. The escutcheon is placed above a lion’s head to represent with a classic charge St. Mark, the Bishop’s baptismal Patron.

For his motto, Bishop Brennan has chosen the phrase “LIVING THE TRUTH IN LOVE”, for it is in the love of Jesus Christ that the truth, regardless of it being high note or low, will win out.

The achievement is completed with the external ornaments of a galero with its six tassels on either side of the shield and the gold processional cross that extends above and below the shield. These are the heraldic insignia of prelates of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See, as of March 1969. The **Crozier**, or Pastoral Staff, represents the bishop’s ministry as a shepherd to God’s people. Bishop Brennan’s is unique in that it is a simple wooden crozier with no adornments. It was designed and made by Deacon Cahoon, who also made the chair for Pope Francis in the canonization Mass for Junipero Serra and the altar for Pope Benedict XVI’s 2008 Mass in Washington, DC.

The **Mitre** is worn on the head of a bishop as a sign of his office and a symbol of his authority.

The **Ring** is a sign of the bishop’s fidelity to and nuptial bond with the Church. Each bishop adopts a ring of his individual design to be worn at all times.

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"They brought to Him one deaf and dumb. . .And his ears were at once opened, and. . .his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak correctly" (Gospel).

May your ears tune in on God (symbolized by kneeling figures at left). May your tongue broadcast His Gospel (indicated by figure of "speaker" to the right), in the "holy place" of your parish activities, in the "house" of your family, among the "people" of your acquaintance (Introit).

If we are "to hear" His Voice, we must go "aside from the crowd" at our Sunday Mass, for at least one uninterrupted hour. Only then, like the cured deaf-mute, shall we return and gladly "publish" the truth (Gospel).

St. Paul relates how he received "the gospel"; how he then passed it on to others. "Hold it fast as I preached it to you" (Epistle).

~Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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when our children needed nourishment and clothing — these, and many other such faults of which we excuse ourselves so easily now, will not be a source of joy or consolation for us on that dread day, if we arrive at God's justice-seat still burdened with them.

We are dealing with God's mercy while alive. He will forgive any sin and any number of sins if we truly repent, and resolve to correct these faults. To do this is the only one guarantee that even God himself can give us of a successful judgment Every man who lives in God's grace will die in God's grace and be numbered among the saved. The man who lives habitually in sin, and refuses to amend his life, will die in his sinful state, and thus exclude himself from eternal salvation.

I have a free will. I can choose to pass that final examination or to fail it. The whole of my eternity, the unending life after death, depends on my choice now. If I choose to follow Christ and live according to his laws during the few years I have on this earth, I shall pass and shall be among the saved. If I ignore Christ and his laws now, he will not know me on the day of judgment I shall be among the lost. God forbid that I should choose the latter course.

— Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.