

The Morning Offering

1. How important it is to get off to a good start: in life, on a trip, in a game, at the beginning of each new day. What better way to begin than by offering our day to God, right from the first moment. “If you are a good son of God, your first and last thought each day will be for him, just as a little child needs to be assured of the presence of his parents when he gets up in the morning or goes to bed at night.” (St. Josemaria Escriva: The Forge, n. 80)

2. Different forms we might use to express our offering:
O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, and for all my intentions and for all the intentions of the Holy Father.
“All my thoughts, all my words, all my actions this day I offer to you, O Lord: my whole life, and all for love.” (St. Josemaria)
“Lord, I thank you, forgive me and help me all the more.” (Bishop Alvaro del Portillo)
Use some other prayer that you may have learned. Use your own words: the same every day or new and different every day, spoken from the heart.

3. Content of the morning offering. We want:
-to give ourselves completely to God, knowing that we will be enriched by doing so.
-to embrace his will: “Father... not my will but yours be done.”(Lk 22:44)
-to avoid all that is displeasing to God: selfishness, pride, greed, anger, envy, impurity, wasting time, offending others...
-to give thanks to God for all the blessings we are sure will come today.
-to accept the problems, difficulties, disappointments, sufferings and failures that come today.
-to be convinced that “for those who love God, all things work together unto good.”(Rom 8:28).

4. Other considerations as we begin our day:
-thanksgiving for the blessings of the past day, weeks, years of our life.
-gratitude for the chance to live one more day for God, with God, in God.
-foster a great and noble ambition to accomplish a lot today: tasks well done, out of love.
-be prepared to meet the Cross as we encounter delays, obstacles, problems, difficulties.
-abandon all our concerns in the loving hands of our Father God.
-invoke our Guardian Angel, asking for light and strength to say no to evil and to do good.
-ask our Blessed Mother Mary to keep us focused on our true purpose in life: to be holy as God wants.

5. Briefly reflect back on the examination of conscience of the previous night.
Consider the resolution you made then for today and renew it at the start of this new day.
Resolve to avoid the pitfalls of yesterday. Foster the desire to make this the best day of your life.

6. Live the “heroic minute”: “It’s time to get up, on the dot! Without hesitation, a supernatural thought and... up! The heroic minute; here you have a mortification that strengthens your will and does not weaken your body.” (St. Josemaria: The Way, n. 206)
To get up is not easy but don’t let yourself be defeated in the first battle of the day (cf. The Way, n. 191). Don’t touch the snooze button.
Make the Morning Offering on your knees, if possible. Then get going! Let’s roll!

As you get ready: repeat your Offering and focus your thoughts on worthwhile considerations (Cfr. nn. 3 and 4)
Show with your works that you really do want to do all things for the love of God.
Remember: God is counting on you. God is waiting for you. God is with you.
At times during the day, renew your Morning Offering, if not with the same words, at least with the same sentiments, the same desire to do what you ought to give glory to God.

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.

Fr. DeViese’s 10th Anniversary Mass CD for Sale

The CD from Fr. DeViese's anniversary mass is available 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 is the organist for Latin Masses at St. Patrick Church in Weston. Proceeds from the sale of the CD go to the organ rebuilding fund for St. Patrick Church. CD’s will be sold in the vestibule after weekend Masses.

Ministry Schedule						
	Server	Reader	EMHC	Cantor	Rosary	Linens
Saturday, Sep 14, 2019 6:00 PM Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tom Derico Ian Droppleman MaKenna West	Jimmy Fealy	Margaret Blake Pam Thompson John Weber	Donna Lake	J. J. Jordan	Kathy Boyle
Sunday, Sep 15, 2019 9:30 AM Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Malea Clem Michael Riley Morgan Turner	Jeremy Garton	Steve Corley Judy Foster Jenny Garton	Jeremy Garton	Chasity King	Kathy Boyle
Saturday, Sep 21, 2019 6:00 PM Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Brady Jordan Jacob Riffle Ian Riffle	Debbie Rittenhouse	Anna Lee Determan Michael Determan J. J. Jordan	Diane Collins	J. J. Jordan	Kathy Boyle
Sunday, Sep 22, 2019 9:30 AM Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Payton Aman Kamryn Franklin Jack Paugh	Chasity King	Betty Hill Becky King Ethan Mehr	Dr. Ian Scheu	Chasity King	Kathy Boyle
September Funeral Greeters: Call the office to volunteer!				September Wednesday Rosary Leader: Tom Ruppert		

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

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given you besides" (Gospel).

The castle (at the left) symbolizes earthly goods, about which some are too "anxious." The symbol of the Trinity (at the right) represents "the kingdom of God." We must serve either "the Spirit" or "the flesh" (Epistle), "God" or "mammon" (Gospel).

In the Epistle is a vivid account of the struggle between "the spirit," reborn in Baptism; and "the flesh" with its evil passions of the body, idolatrous outrages against God, crimes against one's neighbor.

The Gospel should be read and re-read, as the antidote to our twentieth-century cult of the body. To those who "seek first the kingdom of God," and who use material goods as a means of obtaining spiritual graces, Jesus promises that "all these (material) things shall be given... besides.

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

Prayer for Missions

Eternal God, Creator of all things, remember the souls of unbelievers who are the work of Your hands and created in Your image and likeness.

Remember that Jesus Christ Your Son has suffered for their salvation a most cruel death. Do not allow that Your divine Son be despised by unbelievers any longer, but that He will be appeased by the prayers of Your chosen ones and of the Church, the Spouse of Your Most Blessed Son, who is our health, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and set free and to whom be given glory forever. Amen.

~ St. Francis Xavier

Introduction to Catholicism (RCIA) Classes

Join us on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for Mass followed RCIA classes at St. Patrick Church. Call or email the parish office for more information.

“Living to the End: Practical Issues at the End of Life”

We’re coming together to learn and discuss a path forward that honors the dignity of all human life so that all West Virginians can "live to the end".

October 16, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm
All Saints Church, Bridgeport
Registration: \$10

For Families: We all want our loved ones to be treated with dignity throughout their lives. But lines of communication between family members and medical professionals can be clouded by grief at the end of life.

For Professionals: The needs of patients and their families are often caught somewhere between cultural expectations and the legal implications of caring for people at the end of life. Explaining the intricacies of palliative care to grieving families can be difficult.

Register online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/living-to-the-end, or call Christy at (304) 380-0155.

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 the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, the children MUST attend weekend Mass. Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. 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 a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

First, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the warmth of your welcome, your kind and thoughtful words and gestures of support and assurance of prayer in these early days of my service among you as your friend, brother and new bishop.

I have been so impressed by the vibrant and active faith that I have experienced in my travels and visits across the Diocese and throughout this beautiful state. Suffice it to say, I have much more territory to cover and many more of you to meet. As I made clear in my first remarks following my appointment, it is my highest priority to get to know you, to listen intently, to pray with you and to work toward the healing and renewal that is so needed here in our Church in West Virginia. It has been such a joy to greet so many of our young people - elementary, high school and college students - as they begin a new year of learning and adventure in this new academic year; to also visit with those who spend their days working to alleviate the suffering of those in the grip of opioid addiction and to support their loved ones with understanding and assurance. I've enjoyed visiting with the senior members of our communities whose experiences and perspectives are so valuable, and whose lives reveal so much devotion and accomplishment. I've enjoyed visiting the southern region of our diocese, presiding at Liturgy at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston and getting to know the parishioners, priests, teachers, and lay ministers across our Diocese who are serving Christ by serving others each and every day. Thank you for your commitment and for all that you are making possible in the lives of others.

As I made clear in my Installation homily, among my first priorities is to fulfill the Holy Father's mandate to define the appropriate restitution that will be required of former Bishop Bransfield, in light of his lavish and inappropriate expenditure of Church funds for his personal comfort and enjoyment. I share your outrage that so much money was wasted on excessive luxury which is wholly inconsistent with Christ's spirit of humility, and the expectation by Pope Francis that bishops and priests live a life of simplicity and service.

In addition to requiring an extensive audit of Diocesan finances during Bishop Bransfield's tenure, I have engaged in extensive discussions with the members of our Diocese Finance Council, the priest Consultors, Chancery staff, lay professionals, parishioners, and also those who were victims of the former bishop's sexual harassment. It is my intention in the coming days to define the terms of Bishop Bransfield's required restitution for the harm he caused and the Church resources he squandered. It is my hope that the former bishop will see this as an opportunity to acknowledge his offenses and to truly make amends to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the good people across this State who have been so deeply affected by this scandal.

It is to be expected that the news media will continue to report on the details of the former bishop's abuses, which continue to be a cause of great scandal and shame for us all. In the meantime, we will continue to work toward a resolution that is not only fair but which begins to bring closure to this very tragic episode of our Diocese. You have my commitment to do so in a timely way and with the transparency that is required. I am pleased that we have been able to complete the sale of the former bishop's residence for the amount of \$1.2 million. The proceeds from the sale will be directed to establishing a special fund to provide for the professional counseling, psychological and spiritual support for victims of sexual abuse here in West Virginia.

It will be my constant determination to work with you - my fellow priests, religious, our professional staff and all of our Catholic faithful - to bring about true healing and to restore your confidence in those of us called to serve as leaders. Indeed, we are stewards who must use the resources of this Diocese to provide comfort and care, to educate, to alleviate hardship and suffering and enable those who need a helping hand, a meal or simply a place to rest.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us commit ourselves to the pastoral care of all God's children, entrusted to us through His son Jesus Christ. Please know of my constant prayers for you, even as I humbly ask that you keep me also in yours. May God in his infinite goodness and mercy keep us all in his loving care!

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Mark E. Brennan