



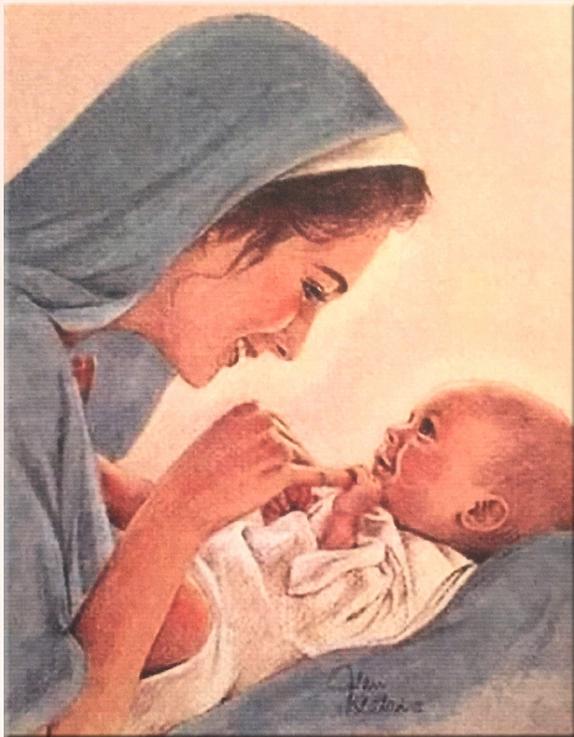
## THIS MOTHER'S DAY LET US PRAY...

On this Mother's Day let us joyfully and lovingly honor the strong women in our lives.

"A round of applause for moms," exclaimed Pope Francis at a greeting on Mother's Day at the Regina Coeli prayer.

"A life without challenges doesn't exist," Pope Francis said of why a child needs a mother figure.

They are indeed heroines, as described in Proverbs 31. Verses 10-31 showcase the woman of valor, focusing on the constant sacrifice, compassion, strength, and grace, because of a faith over fear devotion.



*Let us pray,*

*For all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and women who love and care like them, Lord graciously protect each one.*

*For women religious, who nurture and serve all children of God, Lord strengthen them.*

*For mothers who have experienced the loss of a child to miscarriage, illness, or tragedy, Lord shower them with your love and comfort them.*

*For mothers who brought their children into the world to be raised by other parents, Lord generously give them peace.*

*For women who pray to one day be called "Mom," Lord have mercy and give them hope and wisdom for your good plan.*

*Almighty God, we give you thanks for our mothers. Bless them always and in all ways so they may nourish our faith and spiritual health. Bless us too that we may honor them by our words, actions, and spirit all the days of our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### EVEN GOD HIMSELF NEEDED A MOTHER!

### CALL UPON OUR BLESSED MOTHER TO INTERCEDE

*Mary Queen of Peace, you were born without sin, but understand our daily struggles.*

*You said "yes" to God's call, help all mothers to say "yes" to their vocation to be nurturing spiritual guides along life's journey.*

*We come to you for your intercession, oh sweet Blessed Mother. May our Lord and Savior watch over the women in our lives blessing them with peace of mind, body, and soul. Free them from all distress, as they love and care for the souls entrusted to them, bringing them closer to heaven. Amen*

# MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA MAY 13TH ~ PRAY THE ROSARY



**T**hursday, May 13th is the day we honor the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. On this day in 1917, the Blessed Mother chose to appear to three children: Lucia dos Santos and her two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, as they were out tending their sheep outside their village in Fatima, Portugal. Lucia, who was 10 but the eldest of the trio would often kneel in the open fields and pray the Rosary.

History has recorded it was about noon when a flash of light caught the children's attention. They said they saw a "brilliant" figure over the trees. The vision told them to pray for the conversion of sinners and an end to the war (World War I), and she would come back every month, on the 13th. As foretold apparitions happened again on June 13 and July 13. However, the children were prohibited to return to the Cova da Iria, where the previous appearances were, but when they returned on August 19, again the image appeared. Famously on September 13, the vision requested recitation of the Rosary for an end to the world war. It was on October 13, the "Lady" identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and again called for prayer and penance.

Pope Francis invites us to live out this month more dedicated to prayer. He reminds us to pray the Rosary as our Blessed Mother requests for the world and the conversion of sinners.

There are online rosary guides and audio/video guides. Check out one of our favorites to play, while sitting in silence or on a prayerful walk – it is produced by The Communion of Saints on YouTube. They have appropriate recordings for each day of the week, [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#).

You may also like Ascension Presents' production with Franciscan Friars Fr. Mark Mary and Brother Malachy, [CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#).

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on May 16, the seventh Sunday of Easter.

We celebrate the Ascension, acknowledging when Jesus gave his disciples the great command to proclaim the Good News to all nations, teaching them that He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. He promised, "I am with you always, until the end of the ages" (Matthew 28:20).

The solemnity will be celebrated by some dioceses on May 13, the traditional 40 days after Easter.





# ONE MISSION ONE DAY

## RECORDS SET, GREAT MEMORIES MADE

**ONE MISSION ONE DAY** online giving campaign proved to be a record setter for the Catholic schools in West Virginia. Plus, the fun-raiser provided many belly laughs and rowdy applause as principals had to kiss a pig, teachers were paped in the face, and students traded in their uniforms for Star Wars character costumes all in good “May the fourth be with you” fun.

Not only is this the first year that all 24 schools participated in this fun online fundraiser, but it is also the year the greatest number of donors stepped up to make a difference. Moreover, the amount raised was more than double the amount raised in 2020.

Thanks to our school supporters the official amount raised by midnight was \$481,774 for the individual schools. Additional donations are being input by hand so coordinators anticipate that amount will continue to increase through the weekend. Topping the list at midnight for most money raised was St. Vincent de Paul School in Wheeling by raising \$155,750. St. Paul School in Weirton secured the most donors with 308 gifts. The WV Catholic Foundation will present these two schools with an incentive gift of \$500 each for their accomplishment.

Many schools reported matching gifts from individuals or businesses that helped them reach or exceed their expectations.

“It was exciting to see the donations post on the leaderboard for all 18 grade schools and six high schools,” Heidi Sforza, director of annual giving for the diocese, said. “Our principals and advancement directors and volunteers set goals and we are so happy that so many

of them not only reached but surpassed those amounts. It is a genuine outpouring of support for these school families.”

All the funds will go directly to the schools designated by the donor. Schools will then put the investments into their predetermined areas which included items like tuition assistance, school improvements, playgrounds, special programs, and technology upgrades.

This is the third year for the event and by far the most successful. One Mission One Day, which is held the first Tuesday in May, was originally created by the school advancement directors of the Northern Panhandle Catholic schools in 2019 with the help of Sforza and Krissie Benson, director of stewardship and development for the diocese. Last year the event expanded across the state. One Mission One Day 2020 raised more than \$234,000 with 19 schools participating.

“These gifts are greatly appreciated and crucial for our schools’ budgets especially during the

pandemic, when all large gathering fundraising events had to be cancelled,” Benson said. “Our school families took this event seriously and made it heartfelt and fun. One Mission One Day was the perfect event to showcase our schools’ creativity on an online platform.”

Prayers, songs, interviews, testimonials, and photos flooded the social media pages of our

schools and school families, Sforza said.

“Tuition and parish contributions are not enough to cover all of the expenses in our schools, so they rely on their third-source funding – grants, gifts, and fundraisers,” she said. “Every contribution to events like One Mission One Day makes a difference and our schools are so grateful.”



## FROM HOMELESS TO HOUSED: KATHERINE'S STORY

By: Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

In January of 2020, Katherine Elliott found herself without a home for her family, including her 1-year old daughter and her boyfriend.

"Through some unfortunate circumstances that were no fault of our own, we found ourselves homeless," said Katherine.

Because Katherine had a child, she did not qualify to stay at local winter freeze or homeless shelters. After receiving short-term help from Youth Services Systems, Katherine was referred to Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa).

"Katherine and her family were ideal candidates for our Hospitality House and case management program," said Diana Bell, CCWVa Neighborhood Center Coordinator.

The Catholic Charities Hospitality House provides transitional housing for a family for three to six months. The family is able to stay intact and sleep under one roof while receiving intensive case management services to get back on their feet.

"The house was a life saver," said Katherine. "In the midst of COVID, with a child, it made everything so much better. I don't know where I would've been without it."



Katherine Elliott (left), CCWVa client/neighbor, and her daughter, Skyla Sea, celebrate with Joe Sparksman (right), CCWVa Case Manager, as Katherine obtains the keys to her new home after transitioning out of the Catholic Charities Hospitality House.

Katherine and her boyfriend, JR, met with CCWVa Case Manager Joe Sparksman weekly during their time living at the Hospitality House.

"Joe was our mentor. He helped walk us through everything, set us up with the programs we needed to get our life straight," said Katherine.

As part of the Hospitality House case management program, residents also meet with a representative from West Virginia Saves to learn about budgeting and saving money.

"Joe and everyone helped us get where we needed," said Katherine. "We were

able to save and pay our first month's rent at a house they connected us with through the Homeless Coalition."

JR has earned his CDL license, and Katherine is pursuing her goal of becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. Katherine's daughter recently turned two years old and is thriving in their new home.

"I just want to offer the most heartfelt, gracious, meaningful gratitude that I can express to Catholic Charities," said Katherine.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

## WE HONOR MARY IN MAY PLAN SOME ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR FAMILY

As we honor Mary, let us look to her with renewed vision as our Mother, especially during this Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis.



We have many tender devotions, prayers, and activities honoring Mary in our church traditions. Today we bring to you several resources to make May extra special in your family.

[CATHOLIC ICING](#) presents directions and explanations for a Mary garden, May crowning at home, a Mary altar/prayer table, and crafts.

[SADLIER RELIGION](#) offers free online printable activities for your family.

[LOYOLA PRESS](#) shares many links to online printables, history, activities, and more by searching "Marian Resources".

[CATHOLIC SPROUTS](#) has several free printables and a variety of resources for purchase. One of our favorites is the Mary Paper Dolls complete with directions.

While you are on these sites be sure to search topics that you want to know more about and plan further activities for your family.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 9

## First Reading ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Responsorial PSALMS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

**R.** (cf. 2b) **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

## Second Reading 1 JOHN 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

## Alleluia JOHN 14:23

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may share generously with those who suffer from want, embodying our Lord's command to love one another and showing the way to the Father, who is love, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That every nation on earth may act uprightly, working to bring justice and peace to all the citizens of the world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For mothers, grandmothers, and all who have mothered us throughout our lives, and for all our mothers who have passed on to eternal life, that God may find favor in them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may appreciate and honor the service provided to us by those who have made a commitment to serve in traumatic situations: first responders and firefighters, police officers and social workers, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

LET US GO  
*Rejoicing*  
TO THE  
HOUSE OF THE LORD.  
PSALM 122



**UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED**

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

*Liturgy of the Hours*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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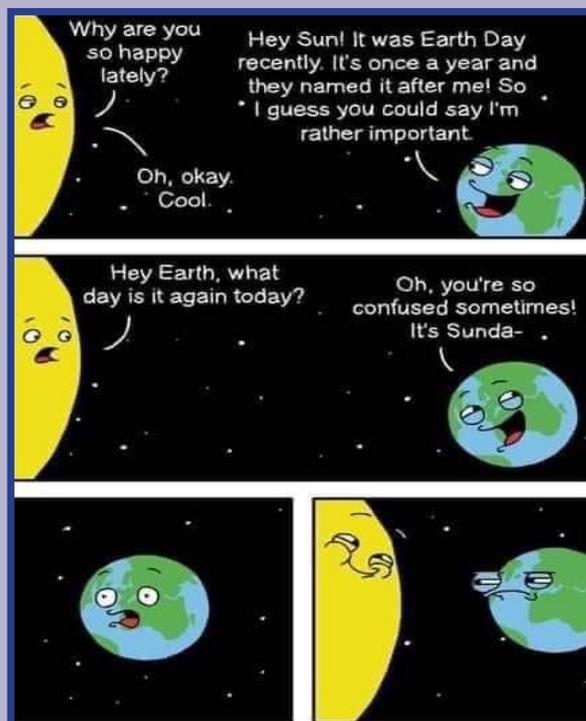
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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)