



Through Mary's Tears, We Find Hope in Christ



Hope Even in our darkest hours let us find the strength to look towards Mary our Blessed Mother, who remained faithful to God the Father in the most devastating moments.

As a Church we honor the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on Monday, Sept. 15.

The Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother's Heart

Mary's life is a bold reminder that our Blessed Mother can relate to our worst pains. She had to leave her home to find safety, was filled with terror of losing track of a child, and helplessly watched her son be tortured, suffer, and die.

Pray that she intercedes for us for she knows suffering like no other. She is the ultimate example of faith, loyalty, hope, and love.

Cry out to her in all sufferings now and at the hour of our death.

...continue

Triumph of The Cross

"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – a symbol of Christ's unconditional love for us.

According to Church tradition the True Cross was discovered in 326 by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great while on a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. It is believed she found three crosses near what was the Savior's tomb. A temple had been built on the grounds. She had it razed. Discovering three crosses, and not knowing which one was the Cross of Christ, she summoned a dying woman. She had the woman touch the crosses. The first and second cross did nothing, but the third cross healed the sick woman immediately. The cross immediately became an object of veneration.



Note: The reliquary containing a relic of the True Cross is from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling.



The Seven Sorrows

Like Mary, remain faithful even in the most devastating times. Like Mary, wholeheartedly know we do not suffer alone for God is always with us.

Unite with our Blessed Mother in her grief. Because of her we know our suffering is only temporary for Christ gives us hope.

The seven Sorrows Mary experienced:

1. The prophecy of Simeon ([Luke 2:25-35](#))
2. The flight into Egypt ([Matthew 2:13-15](#))
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days ([Luke 2:41-50](#))
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary ([Luke 23:27-31](#); [John 19:17](#))
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus ([John 19:25-30](#))
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross ([Psalm 130](#); [Luke 23:50-54](#); [John 19:31-37](#))
7. The burial of Jesus ([Isaiah 53:8](#); [Luke 23:50-56](#); [John 19:38-42](#); [Mark 15:40-47](#))

To Jesus through Mary. Mary, Our Mother of Sorrow, pray for us.



Seven Graces!

Mary appeared to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century, sharing seven graces of her Sorrows, and asking that her suffering be remembered.

“I gaze upon the children of men to see whether anyone feels compassion for me, and alas, I see but few! ...Do not forget me. Consider how much I have suffered.” – Mary to St. Bridget

1. *The Seven Graces that Mary grants those who honored her Sorrows:*
2. *“I will grant peace to their families.”*
3. *“They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries.”*
4. *“I will console them in their pains, and I will accompany them in their work.”*
5. *“I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.”*
6. *“I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy, and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.”*
7. *“I will visibly help them at the moment of their death—they will see the face of their mother.”*
8. *“I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.”*

The images of the Seven Sorrows are from [Catholictothemax.com](#).

FAITH, HERITAGE, AND HOPE

THE LIVING LEGACY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE



Students of St. John School, c.1920. In the fall of 1917, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Grade School was established with the Sisters of Divine Providence as teachers. The Order taught the students for two years until the Franciscan Sisters of Charity of Manitowoc, Wisconsin came to staff the school. Pictured with the students at the school is their teacher Sister Modesta Bill.

Catholic education in West Virginia began four years before the diocese was founded in 1850. Schools were established to serve the growing Catholic immigrant population.



SS James and John School, Benwood. In this class picture are the first and second grade class of SS James and John School in Benwood. The date for this photograph is unknown.

Nine schools were established during the tenure of the Diocese of Wheeling's first shepherd, Bishop Richard V. Whelan. When Whelan's leadership began there were an estimated 5,000 Catholics in the region. At the end of his tenure, in 1874, there were 18,000. From the nine schools he opened to today's 25 Catholic schools under the guidance of Superintendent

Jenn Hornyak and Bishop Mark E. Brennan, each have consistently provided a values-based education in a Christ-centered environment. The diocesan and parochial schools have always been the largest private school system in the state.

In the early years, Catholic immigrants faced religious persecution, so, parochial schools became a crucial safe haven for learning while preserving their cultural and religious identity.

When Wheeling, Virginia, was still the Diocese of Richmond, the first official Catholic school in what would be the Diocese of Wheeling was opened in 1846, known as the "German" school (later known as St. Alphonsus Parish School). Then Fr. Richard Whelan staffed the school with lay teachers.

In 1848, Whelan successfully petitioned the Visitation Sisters from Baltimore to open an academy for young women – the Wheeling Female Academy

(later named Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy) with 30 students enrolled. It was the first of three academies established by the order in the diocese [De Sales Heights Academy, Parkersburg, and Villa Maria Academy, Abingdon (later Wytheville)]. Originally located near the cathedral, the academy and convent relocated outside of Wheeling in 1865 (where operated until its closure in 2008). The Visitation



St. Mary's Baseball Team, c.1910s. On October 26, 1869, Sister Mary Charles and Sister Cecelia opened St. Mary's School in what was then known as Richie Town. In 1897, the present school building was erected. This photograph, taken in the 1910s, is the school's baseball team.



St. Alphonsus, c. late 1890s. Dressed in their school uniforms and assembled in front of their school are the students of St. Alphonsus School.

Nuns also established St. Joseph's Benevolent School for the children of St. James Parish in 1848. In 1865, The Sisters of St. Joseph ran the school and renamed it Cathedral Parish School in 1896, and then Wheeling Catholic Elementary School before it closed in 2011.

Whelan's successor, West Virginia born, Bishop John J. Kain saw the most significant growth of the Catholic population jump to 20,000 (1875-1893). Bishop Kain established six schools, expanding Catholic education to the central and southern parts of WV.

Bishop Patrick J. Donahue (1894-1922) saw the Catholic population triple to 62,000. The diocese had 21 schools at the time of his death.

Significantly of those where St. Francis Central Catholic School, in Morgantown, founded by its pastor Father Peter Flynn and the Ursuline Sisters in 1915. The building was actually a private home and provided elementary and later high school education. It's first graduation high school class was in 1923, when the school was on Beechurst Avenue. The school moved its campus to Evansdale and served grades K-12 until 1990. In

2006, the pre-K to grade 8 school moved to its current location on Guthrie Lane).

Also, during Bishop Donahue's tenure, Saints Peter and Paul Church in Oak Hill opened its grade school in its parish hall in Scarbro in 1913.

Bishop John J. Swint, who served from 1922 to 1962, was nicknamed "God's Bricklayer" he oversaw the growth of the Catholic school system which operated as many as 52 schools and one college- Wheeling College (now Wheeling University).

As Catholic population peaked in the mid 20th century to about 110,000 in 1960, it began a steady decline to 100,000 in 2000, and less than 61,500 in 2024.

This has taken a toll on the Catholic schools. Over time, changes in demographics, including the movement of Catholics to more suburban settings, led to shifts in school enrollment and the need for tough and emotional decisions - mergers and closures.

Bishop Joseph H. Hodges who succeeded Swint, began his tenure with 43 Catholic schools and at the time of his death in 1985 there were 38 diocesan/parochial schools. It is important to note that in 1974 the boundaries and name of the diocese changed from the Diocese of Wheeling to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. From 1974 on the diocese was inclusive of all of the state of WV. Therefore, the diocese gained its eastern region (from the Diocese of Richmond), and lost the south-western most part of Virginia which extended to the Tennessee border.

During the era of Bishop Francis Schulte, the 6th bishop of the diocese from 1985-1989, there were 37



Literary Club, c. 1937-1938. Meeting in the Mount's library are members of the Literary Club.

diocesan/parochial schools.

Wheeling native Bishop Bernard Schmitt served the diocese as its seventh bishop from 1989-2005. He was the overseer of much diocesan reorganization, which included the 32 diocesan/parochial schools within its territory.

When Bishop Michael J. Bransfield, the 8th bishop diocese resigned his position in 2018 (ultimately a disciplinary measure was issued by Pope Francis, banning him from public ministry and residing in the diocese in 2019) there were 25 schools.

When Bishop Brennan was installed as our ninth bishop within his first week he put boots on the ground. His first school stop Our Lady of Peace School in Marshall County, where he arrived before the students so he could greet them personally. The school's Facebook post that day (Aug. 26, 2019) said, "We honestly don't know who enjoyed the morning more! Bishop Mark Brennan was at OLP bright and early to greet our students and some of our parents and grandparents who dropped off today. It was obvious that OLP was eager and excited to have our new bishop

here, but what was so impressive was his genuine happiness to be present with us. We pray for Bishop Brennan as he works hard to keep all of us in our beautiful Mountain State ANCHORED IN CHRIST."

Because of his dedication to the Church and the faithful in WV, he became known as an "on the road again" bishop, prioritizing being among the schools and parishes.

Further cementing his reputation as a bishop who values Catholic education and schools with strong Catholic identity, he announced in May 2025 that he was forgiving more than \$9.3 million in Catholic school debt.

Superintendent Hornyak said, "This is a blessing to the faithful of the diocese who work, volunteer, and support our parishes and Catholic schools in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Many of our principals and current school pastors had inherited the debt that has now been forgiven."

"Since his arrival in August of 2019, Bishop Brennan has always been a strong supporter and promoter of Catholic education and its importance for the children of West Virginia," she said.

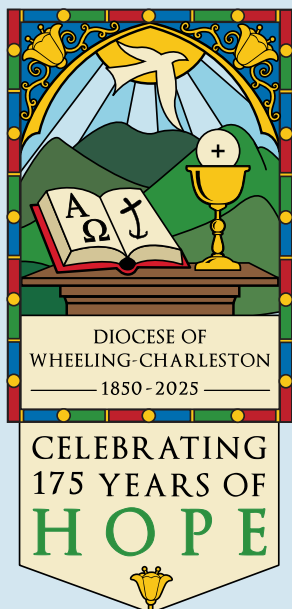
The WV Catholic schools today at a glance include – 18 elementary schools, 6 high schools, plus, the newly opened St. Joseph High School with ninth grade only for 2025-2026. All of the schools are nationally accredited by COGNIA. The students are 47% Catholic and 43% non-Catholic.

The schools office reported that in the last three years Catholic school enrollment has continually increased. In 2022-2023 there were 4,370 students in May 2025 there were 4,673.



Bishop Mark Brennan visiting Our Lady of Peace School with Principal, Mrs. Kerr, and her children in 2019.

Prayer for the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



God of all times and places,

We praise and thank you for the 175 years we have spent around the table of your Son in these hills and valleys of West Virginia.

You have walked with us through every season— guiding our ancestors, building up communities of faith, and forming hearts for discipleship.

As we give thanks for all who have gone before us, we ask You now to renew us in the present and continue to form us as a people of hope. Deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and enliven our commitment to sharing the Gospel.

As we look to the future, we ask for the grace

to be bold in mission. Send us forth with open hearts, ready to meet the needs of our neighbors, to be instruments of justice and peace.

As we continue on the journey, may we go forward as pilgrims of hope united in the Spirit, and empowered by faith that grows, hope that endures, and love that transforms.

We make this prayer through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, patron of our diocese and with all the saints who have walked this path before us, keep us ever close to You—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOCUS IN THE 1930S

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

I Thought the Sisters Came from Heaven



The following was written by the late Sr. Anne Regina O'Leary, SSJC, for The Catholic Spirit on Nov. 12, 1992. (She served WV Catholic schools for 32 years in Wheeling, Weston, Fairmont, Huntington and Clarksburg. In 1964, she became the first female principal of the co-educational Central Catholic High School in Wheeling - a merger of her alma mater St. Joseph Academy, and CCHS that was boys only.)

"I was four years old when my mother sent me to vacation Bible school in Nutter Fort with my older brothers and sisters. I loved it! I thought the sisters came from heaven each morning and returned there each evening. I remember the stories they told about Jesus, his mother, Mary, and St. Joseph... I thought the sisters smelled so clean and good."

Such was Sister of St. Joseph Congregations Sr. Mary Jean Colombo's impression of her first experience in a vacation Bible school.



The early 1930s witnessed the need and the beginning of vacation Bible schools that flourished in rural areas, missions, cities, and parishes and continued throughout the 40s, '50s, '60s.... As soon as the school year ended, superiors of religious congregations received requests from pastors for sisters to conduct vacation Bible schools for two, three, or four weeks. These requests were answered by various religious congregations. The Sisters of St. Joseph list 137

places where the faith of the people was nurtured by religious instruction. The term evangelization can truly be used to describe the vacation Bible schools where religious, pastors and laity carried the Word of God to the people throughout West Virginia.

The sisters really did not "come from heaven each day"! They came from hurriedly closed schools or community retreats, with hurriedly packed suitcases and boxes to journey throughout West Virginia where they would live in rectories, family homes, sacristies, nearby hospitals, or available convents. Sisters who taught in Williamson lived in the rectory while (the pastor) moved into the Mountaineer Hotel (still in existence in Williamson). In Shinnston the sisters stayed on the rectory second floor

and Father Jirh Egan occupied the first floor. Some religious remember living in the old St. Joseph Academy (Andrew Jackson's house) on the site of Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg.

With the zeal of apostles and yet a bit of fear of the unknown, the sisters reported for the summer vacation Bible schools. They carried little with them. They had no visual aid resources or overhead projectors. Their teaching equipment consisted of a catechism, Bible stories and collections of holy cards and medals.

"Armed" with the catechism and their meager resources, they ventured forth each morning from the various places where they lived to meet the pastor who transported them by car to their missions where children awaited them. Some sisters remember traveling a total of 110 miles each day as they went from mission to mission.

In addition to transporting the sisters, some pastors also used station wagons, vans and buses to pick up the children and bring them to the church basement, the rectory, the public school building a neighbor's porch, the park...wherever space was available for these vacation Bible schools.

Vacation schools! What a misnomer!

Consider for a few moments what the sisters did in these summer weeks. They taught catechism, relived Bible stories, prepared children for first confession and first holy communion, worked with confirmation classes of adults and children, played the organ and formed and directed choirs. In their "free" hours, they conducted a census for the pastor, updated church records, mended and washed church linens and vestments, cleaned and cooked. They visited families, shared meals with them, listened to joyful and sad stories, offered assistance, advice and encouragement.

Experiences encountered during the vacation Bible schools range from the hilarious to life threatening. Picture for a moment two sisters riding in the back seat of a car driven by their pastor-to-be for two weeks holding on to mattresses tied to the running boards mattresses-to-be-their-beds for the next two weeks One sister is still living (in 1992), can remember vividly this terrifying ride.

One experience never to be forgotten was the destruction and suffering caused by the tornado in Shinnston, June 23, 1944, during the vacation Bible school taught by Sister Francesca and Sister Edith.

They witnessed death and injuries among the children in their classes, destruction of homes, farms, and havoc in the lives of the people with whom they were involved. Sisters Francesca and Edith went to Shinnston primarily to teach catechism.

A devastating tornado made them reconcilers to the families touched by death, injury and loss.

Storytelling today of the vacation Bible schools could captivate audiences, create a best seller, and add a sequel to the popular "Sister Act" movie. Consider the curiosity of bystanders in bus and train stations, restaurants and local streets as fully habited sisters arrived where they had never been seen before. There is a story of the clerk in a candy store who was so startled when she saw two sisters she dropped the tub of candy.

One sister remembers riding horseback to the farm where a kind lady was preparing lunch. (There was also) fear (because it was necessary to be) escorted for security reasons to where you would meet your classes because your presence was unwelcome (for) some people existed. For some sisters it is the story of enjoying evenings of good music with Father Brumfield. Stories abound of organ playing and singing classes where the movement of the Spirit had to do the playing and directing! Remembrances of the little St. Peter's Chapel in Valley Grove, of back porch teaching, of pastors and housekeepers abound. Sister Rose Ann Hefner first encountered the Sisters of St. Joseph in vacation Bible school in Ronceverte; Sister Rosalie Bucci met them as a

child in Williamson. Countless people in West Virginia shared in these summer vacation Bible schools. Josephine Zando from War has detailed accounts of vacation Bible classes in McDowell County taught by the Pallotine Sisters and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A group of sisters at Mt. St. Joseph gathered in a sharing session on summer Bible schools and reflected on the many aspects of their experiences. Teaching in vacation Bible schools was difficult and demanding physically, emotionally. And yet, the satisfaction and positive aspects were rewarding. It was a joy to see the children and their parents on First Holy Communion Day and when the Bishop came for Confirmation. The sacrifices made by everyone became worthwhile.

Pastors made many adjustments in their living arrangements to accommodate the sisters. Sisters gave of themselves to the demands of those weeks to be a welcoming and instructive presence to the children who likewise gave of their summer vacation. Families sacrificed to have the children ready for the Bible classes, shared their homes and food with the sisters. The combined efforts of all involved contributed to make the vacation Bible schools a strong factor in nurturing the faith.

Today many people throughout West Virginia look back to the vacation Bible schools and remember with fondness and gratitude the many religious who prepared them for first holy communion and confirmation and deepened their awareness of God's love and compassion.

Josephine Zando from War, expresses it as follows:

As we recall our early years and instruction in vacation Bible schools, we are so thankful to the priests, sisters and lay teachers who enriched our lives. These priests, sisters and laity, too countless to name, are among the pioneers in bringing the faith to West Virginia.

Some of these early evangelists have gone before us, some are still involved in the mission of the church in West Virginia. Others who are retired pray each day for those priests, religious and laity who are the evangelists of today teaching in all forms of religious education and nurturing the faith of God's people of today in West Virginia.



Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe Set for September 21 in Clarksburg

On Sunday, September 21, parishioners and visitors of Immaculate Conception Church will gather outside of the parish hall at 12:30 pm for a procession with the statue of Our Lady of Gaudalupe.

The Hispanic Community of Immaculate Conception Parish will process with the statue of the Virgin of Gaudalupe down Coach Joe Marra Way, turning right onto Monticello Street, and then up Pike Street to Jackson Square in downtown Clarksburg.

National Hispanic Heritage Month extends from September 15-October 15.

From 1- 6 pm on Sunday, September 21, the Clarksburg Latino community of Harrison County will celebrate the “Fiesta Hispana,” a family event with food, fun, and music. ALL are welcome to participate in the procession and the afternoon fiesta. Join us and support our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

“Fiesta Hispana” is sponsored by “Conexion Hispana WV” an organization based in Harrison County, supporting the Hispanic community in West Virginia through advocacy, education, and community development. For more information about the organization go to:

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PROGRAM

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Welcome Party

- Welcome reception with lively Latin music.
- Interactive photo booth with accessories and traditional costumes.
- Welcome remarks from organizers and community leaders.

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM | Latin Dance Workshop

- Instructors teach basic steps of salsa, bachata, etc.
- Dance floor open to all ages—come join in!
- Mini dance contest with prizes for the most enthusiastic participants.

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM | Cultural Education

- Brief narration about Hispanic heritage and its impact on the local community.
- Musical presentation.

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM | Latin American Flavors Tour

- Vote for your favorite dish—winner announced at the end of the event.

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM | Interactive Games

- Lottery (Mexican bingo) with prizes.
- Children's corner with crafts and piñata.

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Live Music and Open Mic

- Latin band performance.
- Manny Moreno performance
- Open mic for poetry, singing, or dancing—sign up at the welcome table.
- Dance contest open to all.

5:30 PM – 5:45 PM | Awards and Raffle

- Recognition of local Hispanic leaders and volunteers.
- Raffle of donated prizes (you must be present to win).
- Group photo of all attendees.

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM | Closing Celebration

- Closing remarks and acknowledgments.
- Group dance to a Latin hit.

FOOD OPTIONS

- Danny's sweets and treats
- Crepes N Sweets
- Maria Skidmore (Paellas)
- Miskycha Restaurant
- Blanquita's Spanish Experience
- Mr Taco
- Camaradas
- El Toro Steakhouse llc

MORE THAN 10 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PRESENT

Clarksburg Library
Cultural foundation of Harrison County
Community care of WV Health Access
Healthy minds – Rockefeller institute of neuroscience UHC
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FOOD AND MUSIC



Celebration to Mark 50th Anniversary of Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling was the first community mausoleum in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. On Friday, Oct. 3rd at 5:30pm the diocese will host a blessing and celebration at the chapel to mark the 50th Anniversary of its dedication in 1975.

According to diocesan Archivist Jon-Erik Gilot, it is recorded the first step toward the realization of the mausoleum was made in a letter from the diocese to Marble & Granite Company, New Orleans, inviting them to send representatives to meet with the advisory committee of Mt. Calvary Cemetery. On the strength of their presentation and letters of recommendation received from several dioceses, in which Acme had erected mausoleums, the contract with Acme was signed in October 1972, and ground broken in March 1974. Plans for the number of crypts expanded from 500 to 1,624.

Gilot further noted, on Oct. 4, 1975, Bishop Joseph H. Hodges presided over the blessing and dedication of Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum.

From the moment the doors opened to the large crowd that gathered at its dedication, the Mausoleum remains a place of beauty and permanence. The polished marble interior and granite exterior present a stately building where visitors step respectfully into a space encouraging prayer and respect in peaceful silence for their loved ones. The entrance area is framed in Ashlar Spanish Rose Granite, with large white Luna Pearl Granite Cross insets on either side of the entrance. The floor of the Mausoleum is of terrazzo.

In 1977, a breathtaking stained-glass window was added and installed by Hunt Stained Glass of Pittsburgh. The image is of the Risen Savior based on a design by Rev. Msgr. Frederick J. Schwartz, P.A., a longtime chancellor of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The mausoleum is located on the edge of the Resurrection Shrine section of the cemetery, and within sight of the Calvary Shrine marking the priests' plot.

Additional history, it was Bishop Richard Whelan who purchased the 39-acres of land four miles east of Wheeling on National Road in 1872, for the Catholic cemetery. Bishop Whelan personally oversaw the Mount Calvary Cemetery's layout and design. The Bishop's Chapel was built in 1879, and a house for the sexton (caretaker for the graveyard, chapel, and any other buildings on the grounds) was added in 1883.



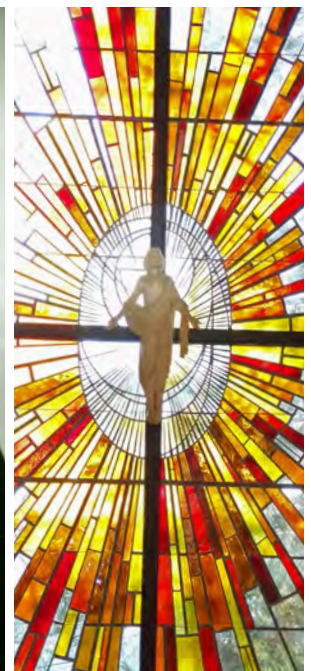
Architects render of the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum, ca. 1973



Drawing of the entrance to Mount Calvary Cemetery.



*Dedication of the Chapel in 1975 with Bishop Joseph H. Hodges
- photo by The Catholic Spirit*



Headshot is Rev. Msgr. Frederick J. Schwartz, P.A., who illustrated the design of the Resurrection Chapel's Risen Lord stained-glass window.

100 Years of Newman

1925-2025

10/4: FAMILY DAY

12:00PM - 3:00PM, NEWMAN HALL AND TOP LOT
JOIN US FOR FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES, FUN, AND GOOD FOOD!

10/5: MASS & PROCESSION, FORMAL DINNER

11:00AM MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP MARK E. BRENNAN

12:30PM FORMAL DINNER*, KEYNOTE: DR. ROBERT GEORGE

*SPACE IS LIMITED, USE THE QR CODE TO RSVP FOR THE DINNER



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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Moses creates a snake out of bronze and mounted it to a pole. Those who were bitten by a serpent could look upon it and be healed.

Responsorial: Psalm 78

“Do not forget the works of the Lord.”

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul tells the Philippians that Jesus humbled himself, remained obedient to death, even death on a cross. His name is exalted. Every knee should bend in heaven and on earth – Jesus is Lord.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

For God so loved the world He gave His only Son.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer Intentions

For the Church, that the cross continues to strengthen us as we take up our own crosses confident in God's love for us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That leaders around the world work together to advance initiatives to save lives, improve health, and aid vulnerable populations, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For first responders across all departments, offices, and jurisdictions that they are protected for their good works and sacrifices by St. Michael the Archangel, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our habitual and special intentions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



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Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.