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Welcome to this special section of the bulletin dedicated to the National Eucharistic Revival! As our parish continues to observe the second phase of this historic event, we are pleased to provide this dedicated space to weekly information on matters pertaining to the Revival. In addition to announcements regarding special activities and events, this section provides a regular listing of resources, catechesis and directives which are intended to help foster a deeper devotion and a greater understanding of the Holy Eucharist. We invite you to look over this section each week for new and updated content and we pray that as you do so, you will grow in your appreciation and love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years July 17-21, 2023 | Indianapolis, Indiana

This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims – but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

Ticket, travel & accomodation packages are now available from the diocese but they are limited! If you wish to attend, you should act now before the seats are gone. You may contact Anne Houston at 973-479-6467 or the Office of Evangelization & Communication at the Diocese of Metuchen.

OFFICIAL PRAYERS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

O SACRED BANQUET, in which Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

MY GOD, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

O MOST HOLY TRINITY, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has publicly launched!

The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across



the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major US cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and workshop, lectures on the Eucharist, and more.

The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 27-29, 2024. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. Adam Carlisle, Secretary of Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact Adam Carlisle at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Our parish offers Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 24/7 in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the Parish Center. We are very blessed to be the only parish in the Diocese of Metuchen to offer Perpetual Adoration. We welcome and encourage you to regularly visit our chapel and to invite others as well.

EUCCHARISTIC GUARDIANS

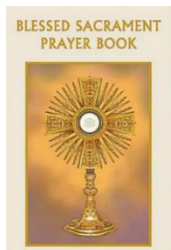


We are always in need of more Eucharistic Guardians. Eucharistic Guardians dedicate themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. They make Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring that Jesus is never left alone. For more information or to sign up, please call the Parish Office or Gerry Aubyme at 732-266-4145.

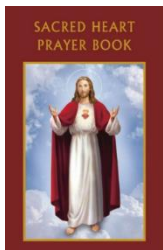
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TO HELP FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

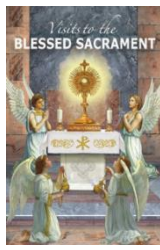
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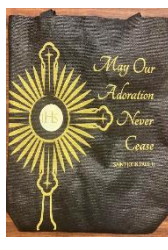
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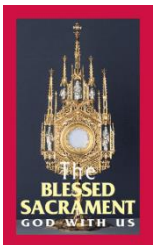
SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



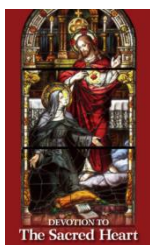
VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - \$8.00



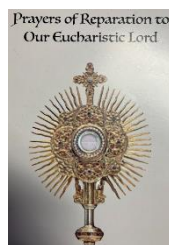
TOTE BAG - \$2.00



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - GOD WITH US - \$5.00



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART - \$5.00



PRAYERS OF REPARATION TO OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD - \$2.00



MONSTRANCE LAPEL PIN - \$2.00

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH is the 2021 United States Catholic Conference of Bishops document on the Eucharist – the doctrinal source text for the National Eucharistic Revival. To read the document, visit the Bishop's Conference Official Website at: www.usccb.org.

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Pilgrimage Passport

June 2023 – June 2024



The children in the religious education program here at Our Lady of Fatima Church are engaging in the Year of

Eucharistic Revival by making a pilgrimage to various chapels, shrines and holy sites within the surrounding area to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They have each received a little "passport" to take with them and to get stamped as they complete their visit to each site. If you would like to participate in this spiritual pilgrimage as well, pick up a passport at the main entrance to the church. We hope many children will partake in this wonderful experience visiting Jesus! Additional information can be found on our parish website www.olfparish.org.

Learn more about the Sacred Liturgy and the Holy Eucharist on **FORMED**

This week, we recommend the following Series:
The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church with Bishop Andrew Cozzens



The Eucharist is indeed Jesus Christ, and as Catholics, a gift that requires our response. And what a gift it is! In this groundbreaking new course, Bishop

Cozzens breaks open the new document published by the USCCB: "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." This is the perfect companion resource! Want to learn more about Revive Parishes and get more courses like this 100% free of charge? Visit reviveonformed.org to sign up today!

"O Jesus! on this day, you have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed, and like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."
– St. Therese of Lisieux

"The Eucharist is everything, because from the Eucharist, everything is."
– St. Peter Julian Eymard

“O most sacred, most loving heart of Jesus, thou art concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and thou beatest for us still.... Thou art the heart of the Most High made man.... Thy Sacred Heart is the instrument and organ of Thy love. It did beat for us. It yearned for us. It ached for our salvation. It was on fire through zeal, that the glory of God might be manifested in and by us.... In worshipping thee I worship my incarnate God, my Emmanuel.”

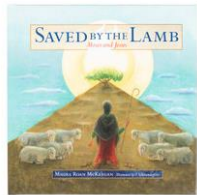
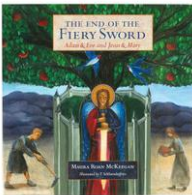
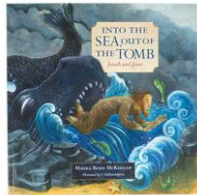
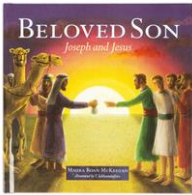
– St. John Henry Newman

“Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness. Listen to God. Adore Him in the Eucharist.”

– Pope Benedict XVI

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

Children's Old & New Testament Parallels Deluxe Book Set



Saved by the Lamb: Moses and Jesus

- Tells the story of two baby boys who were born to save their people
- Together, their stories reveal God's plan not just for the people of ancient Israel, but for us today

Beloved Son: Joseph and Jesus

- Teaches children how obedience leads to good
- Helps them understand to trust God no matter the circumstances

Into the Sea, Out of the Tomb: Jonah & Jesus

- What do Jonah and Jesus have in common? More than you think!
- Both have something very important to teach about obedience to God's plan

The End of the Fiery Sword: Adam & Eve and Jesus & Mary

- What do Adam and Jesus have in common? What do Eve and Mary have in common? More than you think!

Discover similarities between persons or events in the Old Testament that foreshadow those of the New Testament.

This item may be purchased on AMAZON or on the Catholic Company website (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/childrens-old-new-testament-parallels-deluxe-book-set/>).

Prayer to St. Anthony Mary Claret

St Anthony, during your life on earth you comforted the afflicted and showed tender love and compassion to the sick and sinful. Intercede for me now, that you may rejoice in the reward of your virtues in heavenly glory. Look with pity on me and seek for me this favor...

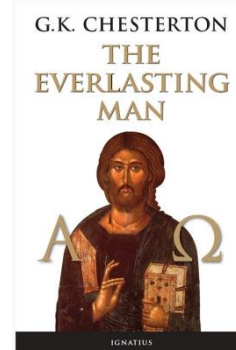
(Share your request...)

but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul. St Anthony, make my troubles your own. Speak a word for me to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask her to obtain for me, through her powerful intercession, the graces I yearn for so ardently: a blessing to strengthen me during life, and her assistance at the hour of my death leading me to a happy eternity. Amen.

BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pick of the Week

The Everlasting Man by G.K. Chesterton



Considered by many to be Chesterton's greatest masterpiece of all his writings, this is his whole view of world history as informed by the Incarnation. Beginning with the origin of man and the various religious attitudes throughout history, Chesterton shows how the fulfillment of all of man's desires takes place in the person of Christ and in Christ's Church.

Chesterton propounds the thesis that "those who say that Christ stands side by side with similar myths, and his religion side by side with similar religions, are only repeating a very stale formula contradicted by a very striking fact." And with all the brilliance and devastating irony, so characteristic of his best writing, Chesterton gleefully and tempestuously tears to shreds that "very stale formula" and triumphantly proclaims in vivid language the glory and unanswerable logic of that very striking fact. Here is the genius of Chesterton at its delightful best.

This book is published by *Ignatius Press* and may be purchased at most religious book stores and on AMAZON.COM.

When our whole life is one faith, hope, love, prayer and silence, a consecrated life always bound up in the Eucharist, then the 'urge' towards God springs.

– Pope St. John Paul II

“I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ's Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to be ours later in the beatific vision of God.”

-- St. Gertrude the Great

EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

SAINT HESYCHIUS OF JERUSALEM

EASTERN ORTHODOX MONK WHO WAS A BIBLICAL INTERPRETER



St. Hesychius was a priest who wrote about the Bible in the liturgy. He viewed Scripture as “perfect wisdom, the point of departure and the point of arrival to which the whole of our existence should be conformed.” Hesychius preached on Easter at the place of the crucifixion, exalting the cross and Christ’s victory. Like St. Cyril of Jerusalem, he taught a realistic doctrine of the Eucharist, which he regarded as a sacrifice identical with that of the cross. Hesychius taught that Christ was present to transform us through our inner absorption of his whole being. “Keep yourselves free from sin so that every day you may share in the mystic meal; by doing so our bodies become the body of Christ.”

Serving as a priest in the church in Jerusalem around the year 412, Hesychius gained a reputation as a theologian and catechist, so that by 429 he was recognized by chroniclers as the pre-eminent biblical interpreter and teacher of the church in Jerusalem and Palestine. Most of Hesychius’ writings have been lost, although scholarship in the second half of the 20th century continues to identify more of his works hidden among Greek manuscripts and Latin translations. His biblical commentaries include interpretations of the Old Testament books of Leviticus, Job, Isaiah, and Ezekiel. A celebrated moralistic annotation on the Psalms that had long been attributed to the 4th-century spokesman for orthodoxy, Athanasius of Alexandria, is now acknowledged as Hesychius’s work.

Hesychius’ preoccupation with symbolism led him to deny that a literal meaning could be found for every sentence in the Scriptures. In order to avoid heretical interpretations of Scripture, he rejected such philosophical terms as person, essence, or substance to express doctrine on the nature of Christ. On this point he allowed only the term *logos sarkotheis* (“the word made flesh”), a biblical concept. Credited with the earliest known liturgical addresses on the Virgin Mary, Hesychius also wrote a church history after 428 that controverted Nestorianism and other heretical beliefs. This text was incorporated into the proceedings of the second Council of Constantinople in 553. His feast day is March 28th.

The Editors of Encyclopædia Britannica. “Hesychius Of Jerusalem: Eastern Orthodox monk.” Britannica. 13 March 2024. <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Hesychius-of-Jerusalem>
OSV News. “10 Saints who can bring us close to the Eucharist.” Catholic Review. 25 June 2023. <https://catholicreview.org/10-saints-who-can-bring-us-close-to-the-eucharist/>

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

MORROVALLE, ITALY IN 1560



In Morrovalle, at about two o’clock in the morning of April 17, 1560, during the octave of Easter, Brother Angelo Blasi awoke with a start at the sound of violent crackling. Looking out the window of his cell, he saw the church was completely engulfed in flames, and he immediately ran to notify the other brothers. The fire was extinguished after seven hours, and in the following days began the work of clearing the massive pile of church ruins. On April 27, Father Battista da Ascoli was removing a piece of marble from what used to be the main altar and discovered the pyx (a container for the reserved host) in a wall cavity. Its corporal was scorched but the consecrated Host was still intact and in good condition. Father Battista shouted at the sight of the miracle, and many people immediately ran to the marvelous sight. For three entire days, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public adoration. When Franciscan provincial Father Evangelista da Morro d’Alba finally arrived, the miraculous Host was placed in an ivory case. The then-bishop of Bertinoro,

Ludovico di Forli, was immediately sent by Pope Pius IV to Morrovalle to investigate the authenticity of the event. As soon as he received the bishop’s account, Pope Pius IV judged the occurrence to be without natural cause, and he authorized public devotion with the Bull “Holy Roman Church” (1560). The Bull proclaims the anniversaries of the fire and the discovery of the sacred Host (April 17 and 27) as feasts with plenary indulgences (so that they were known locally as the feasts “of the two pardons”). Because of the many faithful who came to the celebrations, the church was later expanded. Today, the feasts are celebrated with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and of the pyx on the main altar. The pardons, namely the plenary indulgences, are available at the church of Saint Bartholomew. The miraculous Host was conserved intact until 1600 but due to the vicissitudes of history every trace of it was later lost. All that remains today is the glass ciborium and the pyx lid which survived the flames. The Eucharistic miracle’s Fourth Centenary was celebrated in 1960, and the City Council unanimously decided to place at Morrovalle’s main gate the inscription, “Civitas Eucaristica” (Eucharistic City).

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