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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.

New 4-Week Parish Workshop!
It's not too late to sign up!

7 Secrets of the Eucharist



Please join us to explore the “hidden” truths of the Eucharist based on Vinny Flynn’s book and study guide, *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*. Workshops will be held in the Parish Center:

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 p.m. on February 27th, March 5th, March 12th, and March 19th

or

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th.

Please register for this workshop by February 26th. The cost of workshop materials is \$16.00 payable by cash or check. Please make out any checks to Our Lady of Fatima Church.

For further information, please contact Jean Lyons by phone at 732-642-6747 or email at Jlyons@olfparish.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.

EUCHARISTIC GUARDIANS

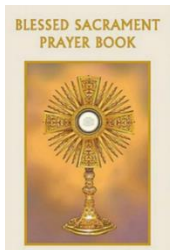


We are always in need of more Eucharistic Guardians. Eucharistic Guardians dedicate themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. They make Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring that Jesus is never left alone. For more information or to sign up, please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

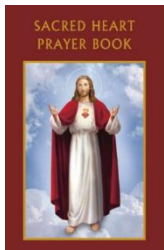
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TO HELP FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

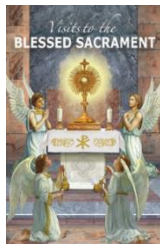
The following items are available at the Parish Center:



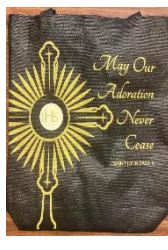
BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



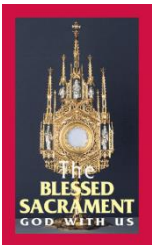
SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



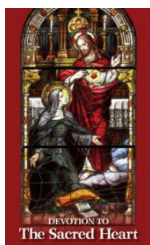
VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - \$8.00



TOTE BAG - \$2.00



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - GOD IS 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.



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.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven." – Pope Pius X

"Only through the Eucharist is it possible to live the heroic virtues of Christianity: charity, to the point of forgiving one's enemies; love for those who make us suffer; chastity in every age and situation of life; patience in suffering and when one is shocked by the silence of God in the tragedies of history or of one's own personal existence. You must always be Eucharistic souls in order to be authentic Christians."

- Pope Saint John Paul II

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

This week, we recommend the following Series:

Source and Summit | Augustine Institute Bible Conference



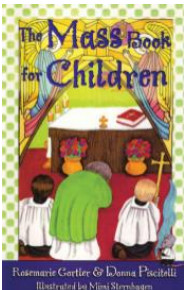
The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. But what does the Holy Bible have to say about it? This collection includes the following episodes:

- The Bread of Life: Jesus and John 6 by Dr. Brant Pitre
- On the Way to Emmaus with Hearts on Fire and Eyes
- Enlightened by Dr. Tim Gray
- Love Broken and Poured Out: Living a Eucharistic Life by Dr. Mary Healy
- Panel Discussion: Questions & Answers

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

The Mass Book for Children

By Rosemarie Gortler & Donna Piscitelli
Illustrated by Mimi Sternhagen



The Mass Book for Children is a delightful way to introduce your children to Jesus in the Eucharist. With its captivating writing style and charming art, The Mass Book for Children not only teaches young children the parts of the Mass but also shows them why joining in the joyful gathering is an experience of love. The Mass Book for Children takes your children through every rite of the mass with clear step-

by-step explanations and instructions. The Mass Book for Children is a great little booklet to bring along to mass to help children more fully participate and appreciate the miracle of the mass. Includes the order of the mass, but does not contain complete text for every prayer. The Mass Book for Children will have your kids following the mass with excitement and joy in their hearts. Entertaining and educational, The Mass Book for Children is perfect for the home or classroom.

This item may be purchased on AMAZON or on the Catholic Company website (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/mass-book-children-i5387/>).

BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pick of the Week

A Millennial in Paradise: Carlo Acutis

By Fr. Will Conquer



A young "computer geek" named Carlo Acutis, who created a website cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle in the world and died of leukemia a year later at age fifteen, was beatified in November 2019, after a healing miracle in Brazil was attributed to his intercession. Since the beatification ceremony one year later, solemn crowds have been filing past the exposed relics of the blessed youth in Assisi's Church of Santa Maria Maggiore.

Carlo is a sign of contradiction in the modern world who serves as a heroic model for today's young people—a teenager who programmed computers and enjoyed films and comics yet lived as an authentic and sincere disciple of Christ. In these pages, you'll discover how he embraced the Faith as a boy and developed the virtues necessary to live a Christ-centered life in a secular society, how he overcame the vices that plagued him, and how he gracefully dealt with heartaches he could not divulge even to his parents.

When he developed leukemia, he offered his suffering both for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Catholic Church, saying: "I offer all the suffering I will have to undergo for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." In this surprising and inspiring book, you'll also learn:

- How Carlo became holy, in only a few short years
- The young man's unusual loneliness and how he dealt with it
- His strategy for resisting peer pressure
- How he had fun without losing control and learned to resist gluttony
- How he interacted with teen girls who became his friends
- Why his explanations about the Mass are used in today's catechism classes in Italy
- How he dealt with friends who were sexually promiscuous and what he told them
- How he responded to the shocking news that he was dying (which happened two weeks later)
- His remarkable Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition—made possible by his computer skills—that is now touring churches all over Europe

This book is published by *Sophia Press* and may be purchased at most religious book stores and on [AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com).

"Every day He humbles Himself just as He did when from His heavenly throne into the Virgin's womb; every day He comes to us and lets us see Him in lowliness, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar."

— St. Francis of Assisi

EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

THE NUN WHO SUFFERED FOR THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was chosen by God to reveal to the Christian World the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her life was marked by supernatural experiences through which she greatly suffered in intense love for Jesus Christ. She consecrated her heart, while yet a child, to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In order to dedicate herself wholly to her Divine Spouse, she joined the Visitation Order of nuns at 23 years of age.

Margaret Mary was only 26 years old and had only fourteen months of profession when she received her first revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was kneeling as usual before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel. She told us how it happened: "I was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, when I felt myself wholly penetrated with that Divine Presence, but to such a degree that I lost all thought of myself and of the place where I was. He made me repose for a long time upon His Sacred Breast, where He disclosed to me the marvels of His love and the inexplicable secrets of His Sacred Heart." Jesus told her: "My Divine Heart is so inflamed with love for men, and for thee in particular that, being unable any longer to contain within Itself the flames of Its burning charity, It needs to spread them abroad by thy means, and manifest itself to them (mankind) in order to enrich them with the precious treasures which I discover to thee, and with contain graces of sanctification

and salvation necessary to withdraw them from the abyss of perdition. I have chosen thee as an abyss of unworthiness and ignorance for the accomplishment of this great design, in order that everything may be done by Me."

One or two months after the first apparition, a second revelation took place. St. Margaret Mary wrote: "The Divine Heart was presented to me in a throne of flames, more resplendent than a sun, transparent as crystal, with this adorable wound. And it was surrounded with a crown of thorns, signifying the punctures made in it by our sins, and a cross above signifying that from the first instant of His Incarnation, that is, as soon as the Sacred Heart was formed, the cross was implanted into it and from the first moment it was filled with all the sorrow to be inflicted on it by the humiliations, poverty, pain, and scorn of His sacred humanity was to endure throughout His life and during His sacred passion...And He (Jesus) made me see that He intensely desired to be loved by men and to snatch them from the path of perdition onto which Satan was driving them in throngs. It was this that made Him decide to manifest His heart to men - with all the treasures of love, mercy, graces, sanctification and salvation it contained. Thus, all who wanted to render to Him and obtain for Him all the love, honor and glory in their power would be enriched with the abundance and profusion of these divine treasures of the heart of God which was their source. This heart of God must be honored under the form of His heart of flesh, whose image He wanted exposed, and also worn on me and on my heart. He promised to pour out into the hearts of all those who honor the image of His heart all the gifts it contains in fullness, and for all those who would wear this image on their persons He promised to imprint His love on their hearts and to destroy all unruly inclinations. Everywhere this holy image was exposed to be honored, He would pour fourth His graces and blessings. This blessing was, as it were, a final effort of His love.

More apparitions followed. The most memorable part of this series of apparitions occurred when Jesus pronounced these words: "Behold this heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to the point of spending itself and being consumed to prove its love to them. And in return, I receive from most men only ingratitude because of their irreverence and sacrileges and the coldness and scorn they have for me in this Sacrament of love. But what offends me most is that hearts consecrated to me act in this way..."

On the evening of October 17th, having previously announced herself that this would be the date of her death, she entrusted her soul to the Lord, the One whom she had loved wholeheartedly. Only three years after her death, Pope Innocent XII addressed the monastery at Dijon whereby he enriched the feast of the Sacred Heart with precious indulgences, extending the privilege of celebrating it to all Visitation monasteries. In 1765, Pope Clement XIII introduced the feast at Rome. Finally, in 1856, Pope Pious IX extended the feast to the entire Church. Finally, in the year 1920, she was beatified by Pope Benedict XV.

Before she died she said: "I only have the need of God and the need of immersing myself in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

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