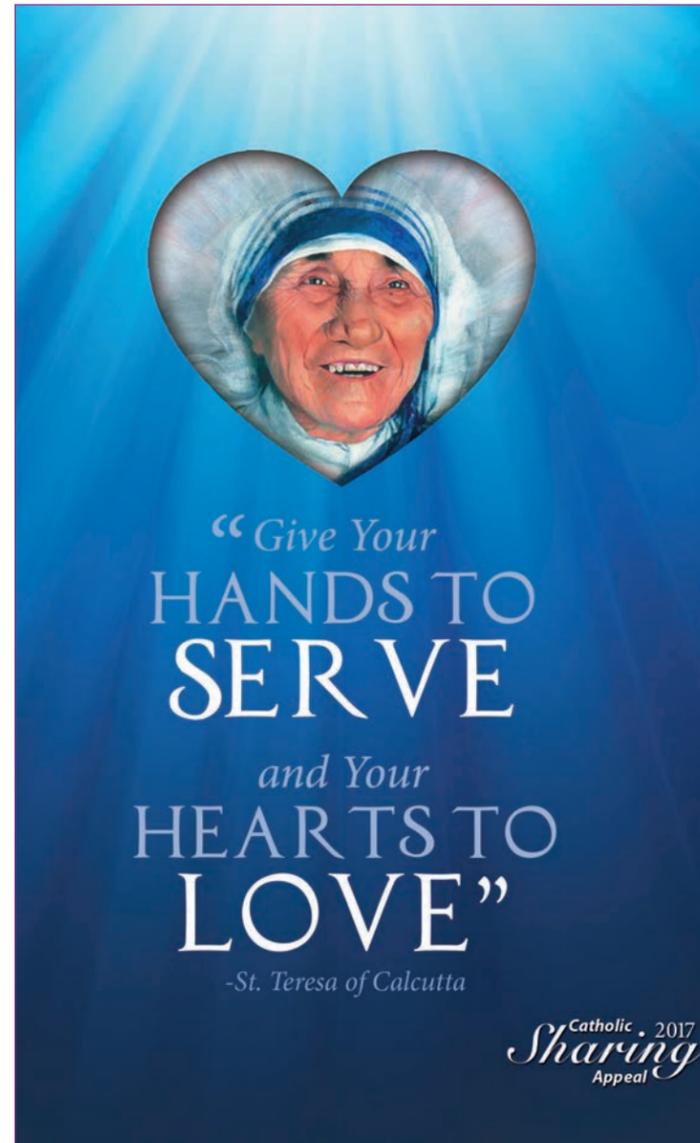


2017 Catholic Sharing Appeal Begins



The Catholic Sharing Appeal, or the CSA, is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parish. The theme of this year's appeal, Give Your Hands to Serve and your Hearts to Love, was inspired by Saint Teresa of Calcutta. This week you will be receiving a mailing that will give you more information on this year's case for support. Please take time to review the materials. After prayer and discussion with your family, please join me by making a commitment to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Catholic 2017
Sharing
Appeal

**“Give your Hands to Serve
and your Hearts to Love”**

All gifts made to the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) help fund ministries and programs that benefit the parishes, missions and schools throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as support for outreach programs through Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa).

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Month of Our Lady



the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order—by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding—even if only mentally—some pious invocation.

Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the

Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits

of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: *Encyclical on the Month of May*, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

Me: Good morning dear. I love you, and oh, I'm sorry.

Lori: What are you sorry for (with laughter)?

Me: The day is still young. That is a just in case sorry.

Lori: Just in case of what?

Me: Just in case I do something wrong or upset you today and forget to say I am sorry right away. Just wanting to have one saved.

Lori: Do you plan on doing something wrong today?

Me: No, but, you never know what I might do or say when frustrated, in a hurry, or just being absent minded.

Lori: Ok, well, just in case you do something wrong, you are forgiven. I love you too.

Wouldn't the day be better knowing that we will be forgiven for something we have done wrong and that we are still loved by the person we have hurt or upset? The conversation above is based more on fact than fiction. I have begun some days telling my wife that I am sorry as a just in case. Not that I plan on doing something wrong, but there are days when I surprise myself by verbalizing my thoughts and then asking myself why I said that. I can't erase the words spoken as easily as I can erase the thoughts from my mind. Then I go through a period of reconciliation and penance, which again, lasts longer in my mind than in Lori's. I do believe she does this purposely. These thoughts verbalized were more frequent in the early days of our marriage than today. The longer we are to-

gether the fewer mistakes we make. We have become comfortable knowing each other's personalities, sorrows, and joys. We can talk to each other without fear of criticism or embarrassment. Not that we live in a home with a perfect marriage, but we have come to understand that apologizing is much easier to handle than a continued argument. No longer do we prolong a disagreement to allow it to escalate into an argument. We have grown to know each other, or maybe we have grown too tired to fight in our graying years, (said humorously).

I don't think our relationship would have lasted 30 plus years if we neglected to say to each other that we are sorry for something done wrong and forgiveness freely given. The buildup of neglect would be too much for the marriage to handle. I don't believe a relationship can last when one side feels they are always right or neglects the feelings of their partner. We have made a commitment to each other with the Vows of Marriage. Did I fail to mention this is also a Sacrament? I apologize if I didn't. As a Sacrament, Christ has freely entered into our Catholic marriage. We have freely given ourselves to each other, and freely wanted Christ in our lives. But with this freedom we also have commitment, which limits one's freedom. As Pope John Paul II once said, "Limitation of one's freedom might seem to be something negative and unpleasant, but love makes it a positive, joyful and creative thing. Freedom exists for the sake of love." Since Lori and I love each other, and she reminds me of this each day, (again, said hu-

I Am Sorry

morously) we do understand that there will be times when one of us will say we are sorry and the other offering forgiveness. One of our greatest freedoms we have is the choice to forgive. If we study the life of Jesus Christ, we come to know his many acts of forgiveness. The ultimate forgiveness is shown with his words on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do," Luke 23:34. During all his suffering, Jesus asks His Father to forgive. Does it take much for any of us to say we are sorry and ask for forgiveness in comparison? After Christ rose from his state death, he established the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins with his Apostles. "He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is

withheld," John 20:22. Without confession, without saying we are sorry to God for something we have done wrong (sins), the meaning of the Easter season will be lost along with the colored eggs not found in the tall grass. With confession, we are asking for forgiveness to meet the risen Christ. We can then tell others of the forgiveness of sins and Christ's love for us all. We can then truly celebrate the risen Christ with our Alleluias each coming day.

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace," Ephesians 1:7.

You are remembered in my prayers, as I hope to be remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

Help Support the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center at its Annual Spagetti Dinner

Don't forget to participate in the annual Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's Spaghetti Dinner May 7. The dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Catholic Neighborhood Center on 18th Street. Officials at the Catholic Neighborhood Center, said the event is the Neighborhood Center's only fundraiser for the year and usually draws a big crowd. The Center serves more than 12,000 meals every month both through

home delivery and those served here at the center. The dinner also helps fund food for the food pantry and other services, such as cleaning supplies for families and emergency utility assistance for families.

At 5 p.m., the spaghetti dinner becomes open to the poor of the community. If you would like more information on the dinner or to make a donation to the Catholic Neighborhood Center, call (304) 233-7157.

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—April 30th—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
8:00a Mass for Ron Radcliffe
9:15a 1st Communion Class—Parish Office
10:30a Mass for Nancy Rodgers
RDGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Monday—May 1st—Saint Joseph the Worker

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday—May 2nd—Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:05p Mass for Linda McGinley
RDGS: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-7, 8a,
17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Athanasius, died 373; forty-five years the bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea; prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote *On the Incarnation*, the *Discourse Against the Arians* and the *Life of Antony*; known as "Doctor of the Incarnation."

Wednesday—May 3rd—SAINTS PHILLIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

12:05p Mass for Dave Girts and Vivian Ritz
RDGS: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Philip, died 1st c.; from Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus; tradition holds he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works attributed to him; with James, venerated as patron saints of Uruguay.

James, son of Alphaeus and cousin or "brother of the Lord"; surnamed "the Less" or "the just" for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying; both saints mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Thursday—May 4th—Easter Weekday

12:05p Mass for Dr. Jesus Ho
RDGS: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday—May 5th—Easter Weekday

First Friday
11:15a Confessions
12:05p Mass for Mildred Risovich
12:40p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
RDGS: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday—May 6th—Easter Weekday

9:00a Mass for Thelma Moran
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for John Belot Jr.
RDGS: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday—May 7th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
10:30a Mass for Ann Schlatt
First Communion Mass
RDGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6 1Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

Women's Faith Sharing Group

The next Women's Faith Sharing Group gathering will be held May 12 at 1 p.m. in the parish office following the 12:05 p.m. liturgy and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Call Diane at (304) 233-8574 if you have any questions.

Russell Nesbitt Services Inc. Set to Open GROW

On May 6 at 10 a.m. GROW (Greenhouse Retail Operation @ Watch) will officially open its doors at 2600 Main Street. "We will have flowers—both annuals and perennials, decorative plants, starter vegetable plants, garden décor and more. Our goal is for the members of the community to receive excellent customer service, outstanding products at a fair price and to leave the greenhouse with a smile on their face and in their heart." said Brian Breyer, Executive Director, RNS.

GROW will employ individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and is expected to sustain the agency for years to come.

To learn how you can donate, volunteer, or apply for employment, please contact Brian Breyer at Russell Nesbitt Services by email BBreyer@rns-watch.org.

Thursday evening May 4th, there will be teachings on "God's Love" and "Salvation for All" in the first of a 4 week series Holy Spirit Seminar join us in preparing for a personal Pentecost

Thursdays 6:30 to 8:30PM in the St Vincent de Paul parish Marist Center Wheeling teachings / individual reflection / witnesses scripture / discussions / praise and worship excerpts from "The Wild Goose" videos
All are welcome!

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,649 Books: \$1,060.60
Online: \$338