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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.

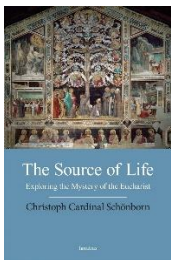
BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pick of the Week

The Source of Life:

Exploring the Mystery of the Eucharist

by Christoph Cardinal Schönborn



Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, the renowned Cardinal and prolific author, explores how rituals often connect to the Jewish roots of the Christian story. Accessible to all those who want to know more about the essential source of Christian spirituality in order to elevate the depth of their experience in it, this work defines the origins of the Eucharist in the Passover celebration and the Last Supper, along with other key elements of the liturgy, including sacrifice, transubstantiation, the transformation of the bread and wine, and the significance of the Eucharist today. A readable, beautifully insightful book for everyone who desires to understand and experience more profoundly the central sacrament of Christian life.

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

RESOURCES

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 (Booklet) - \$8.00
- The Blessed Sacrament – God with us (Booklet) - \$5.00
- Devotion to the Sacred Heart (Booklet) - \$5.00
- Prayers of Reparation to Our Eucharistic Lord - \$2.00
- Monstrance Lapel Pin - \$2.00
- “Eucharistic Adoration” Tote Bag - \$2.00



NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

Tickets/Travel Packages Coming Soon!

Registration is now open for the National Eucharistic Congress! At the National Eucharistic Congress (<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>), the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love. This historic five-day gathering (July 17-21, 2024) will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church – those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country – to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord “for the life of the world” (John 6:51). This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. (It is the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years!) Tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected to attend – but space is limited. To ensure that the Diocese of Metuchen is well-represented, we are pleased to announce that the diocese has purchased 100 tickets to next summer’s Congress. These packages include transportation to and from Indianapolis, as well as hotel accommodations. More information on how to purchase tickets to next summer’s Congress will be forthcoming. In the meantime, anyone interested in learning more about the Congress, or about how to purchase tickets/travel packages, should contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at acarlisle@diometuchen.org

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 at acarlisle@diometuchen.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

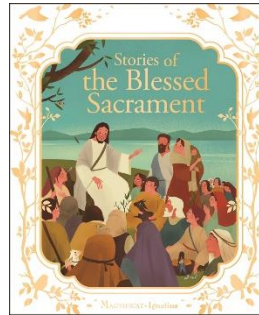
Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel offers individuals the opportunity to spend quiet prayerful time with Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except during inclement weather). We are the only parish in the Diocese of Metuchen offering 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this blessing and spend time with the Lord. Eucharistic Guardians commit themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, making Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring Jesus is never left alone. **Can you commit to spending one hour a week in the presence of Our Lord?** If so please call Gerry Aboyme at 732-266-4145.



RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

Stories of the Blessed Sacrament

By Francine Bay



This unique book tells twelve inspiring true stories that help children get to know Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and encourage them to remain close to him in the Eucharist all their lives. From the multiplication of the loaves by Jesus in the Gospels to the heroic actions of a young girl in Nazi-occupied Poland, young readers will learn how the Real

Presence of Jesus has led countless believers to lives of deep faith and devotion, strong compassion, and heroic bravery.

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

The "Te Deum" Prayer

Te Deum is a traditional hymn of joy and thanksgiving. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite it in thanksgiving and a plenary indulgence is granted if the hymn is recited publicly on the last day of the year. The Te Deum can be sung in Latin during Benediction. Here is the English translation:

Te Deum

O GOD, we praise Thee: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

Everlasting Father, all the earth doth worship Thee.

To Thee all the Angels, the Heavens and all the Powers,

all the Cherubim and Seraphim, unceasingly proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles,

the wonderful company of Prophets,

the white-robed army of Martyrs, praise Thee.

Holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee:

the Father of infinite Majesty;

Thy adorable, true and only Son;

and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

O Christ, Thou art the King of glory!

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

Thou, having taken it upon Thyself to deliver man, didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

Thou overcame the sting of death and hast opened to believers the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We beseech Thee, therefore, to help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in everlasting glory.

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

A Parish Study for Adults



Have you ever wondered when the Holy Eucharist was instituted? When does the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ?

If you have wondered about these and other matters related to the Eucharist, this course is for you!

Beginning on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, and continuing Wednesdays until November 15, 2023, Our Lady of Fatima Parish will present a video and workbook study led by our own parishioner, book writer and teacher, Scott Culver from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

Based on three of Dr. Scott Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," this course will examine the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explore the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. It will explain God's plan of Salvation as it is expressed through the Sacred Scriptures and the Holy Mass and unlock the meaning of the words "covenant", "sacrifice", and "sacrament" as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.

There is no cost for the class, except \$25 for the participant's workbook. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office at 732-968-5555.

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

"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory,' respectful silence in the presence of the 'ever greater' God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications."

United States Catholic Conference, Inc. (1994). Catechism of the Catholic Church. New York, NY: An Image Book, Doubleday, page 693, CCC 2628.

"The Eucharist is the life of the people. The Eucharist gives them a center of life. All can come together without the barriers of race or language in order to celebrate the feast days of the Church. It gives them a law of life, that of charity, of which it is the source; thus it forges between them a common bond, a Christian kinship."

– St. Peter Julian Eymard

Learn more about the Sacred Liturgy and the Holy Eucharist on

FORMED

This week, we recommend the following Series:

The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show



The Eucharist is one of the greatest signs of Christ's love for us; not only did he want to be with us for 33 years and save us from our sins, but he also wanted to be united with us after his ascension in a radical way. Did you know

there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? You'll also get a primer on the metaphysics of the Eucharist, what "transubstantiation" means and the incredible stories of several Eucharistic miracles!

You Are Loved



These You Are Loved videos are just a small portion of the curriculum created by the trusted theologians and award-winning film studio at the Augustine Institute. Signs

of Grace is the only comprehensive sacramental preparation program for children that includes a thorough family faith formation component.

EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

The Woman Who Terrorized Invaders with the Blessed Sacrament



Clare was the first woman who followed St. Francis and his way of life. St. Francis appointed Clare as the women's superior of the first convent they founded in 1215. Her community would soon be known as the Poor Clares. Wearing no shoes, fasting often, perpetually abstaining from meat and sleeping on the hard wood floors the sisters radically embraced a life of poverty and penance. Their embrace of poverty was only equaled by their embrace of prayer. Taking a vow of silence they rarely spoke except to sing God's praises in the psalms and in prayer. As tough and extreme as their lives were, it did not stop the community from growing in numbers. Some in turn returned home and founded convents of Poor Clares in their own towns and cities.

One story of the power of St. Clare's prayer regards the invasion of the Saracens in 1240. As the invading forces surrounded and attacked Assisi, they made their way to the city where the Poor Clares' convent was located. As the warriors approached, Clare's sisters panicked and roused Clare from her sick bed. She in turn led them in prayer. As the invaders started coming over the convent walls, she took the monstrance from the chapel with the consecrated Host and showed it to the Saracens. Upon seeing Clare hold the Blessed Sacrament, the enemy first froze in their tracks and then gripped with a feeling of terror began to retreat.

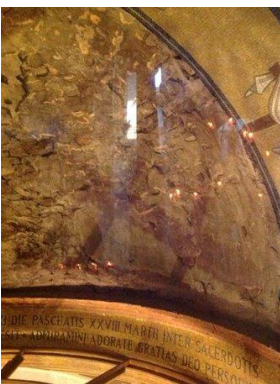
In 1252, Clare was not well enough to go to the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of St. Francis with her sisters and the friars. She became very lonely and began to cry. Then realizing that her lonely cell was better lodging than that of Mary and Joseph, she began to meditate on the Christmas Mystery. Suddenly her cell burst into light, her cell walls were shaken by the sound of a great organ and she was able to see the Church of St. Francis ablaze with candles. She watched the Celebrant ascend the Altar and participated at Mass listening to the beautiful chants. God in His loving tenderness had brought Church to her.

Because of her renowned sanctity of life, the Church opened her process to becoming a canonized saint just over two months after her death on October 18, 1253. Pope Alexander IV finally proclaimed her a saint on August 15, 1255.

Fr. John O'Connor. "St. Claire of Assisi." Diocese of Brooklyn, <https://stclare-queens.org/st-clare-of-assisi>

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Eucharistic Miracle of Ferrara, Italy



On March 28, 1171, Father Pietro da Verona was celebrating Easter Mass with three confreres. At the moment of the breaking of the consecrated Host, Blood gushed forth from the Host and threw large drops on the ceiling of the small crypt above the altar. Histories tell of the "holy fear of the celebrant and of the immense wonder of the people who crowded the tiny church." There were many eyewitnesses who told of seeing the Host take on a Bloody color and having seen in the Host the figure of a Baby. Bishop Amato of Ferrara and Archbishop Gherardo of Ravenna were immediately informed of the event. They witnessed with their own eyes the miracle, namely "the Blood which we saw redden the ceiling of the crypt." The church immediately became a pilgrim destination, and later was rebuilt and expanded on the orders of Duke Ercole d'Este beginning in 1495. There are many sources regarding this miracle. One of the documents which dates to March 6, 1404, is the Bull of Cardinal Migliorati, in which he grants indulgences to "those who visit the church and adore the Miraculous Blood." Even today, on the 28th day of every month in the basilica, which is currently under the care of Saint Gaspare del Bufalo's

Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated in memory of the miracle. And every year, in preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the solemn Forty Hours devotion is celebrated.

"Eucharistic Miracle of Ferrara, Italy, 1171." Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association, 2023. http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/english_pdf/Ferrara.pdf