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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.

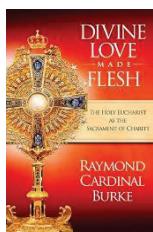
In addition to announcements regarding special activities and events, this section provides a regular listing of resources, catechesis and directives which are intended to help foster a deeper devotion and a greater understanding of the Holy Eucharist. We invite you to look over this section each week 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*

#### **Divine Love Made Flesh: The Holy Eucharist as the Sacrament of Charity**

by Cardinal Raymond Burke



In *Divine Love Made Flesh: The Holy Eucharist as the Sacrament of Charity*, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke examines the beauty and power of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist in light of the profound and elucidating teachings of Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Using clear and illuminating language, Cardinal Burke guides one through the teaching of the Church on this Most Holy Sacrament and its place in the life of every disciple of

Jesus Christ. Truly inspiring, this spiritual treatise on the central Mystery of our Faith links the rich theology of the Church with pastoral practice and the spiritual life. To this end, Cardinal Burke's marvelous ability to reach the layman in simple yet inspiring language is sure to engender the love of the Eucharist in the hearts of all who read it.

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org)

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## 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.



## Litany of the Holy Eucharist

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Jesus, the Most High	have mercy on us
Jesus, the holy One	have mercy on us
Jesus, Word of God	have mercy on us
Jesus, only Son of the Father	have mercy on us
Jesus, Son of Mary	have mercy on us
Jesus, crucified for us	have mercy on us
Jesus, risen from the dead	have mercy on us
Jesus, reigning in glory	have mercy on us
Jesus, coming in glory	have mercy on us
Jesus, our Lord	have mercy on us
Jesus, our hope	have mercy on us
Jesus, our peace	have mercy on us
Jesus, our savior	have mercy on us
Jesus, our salvation	have mercy on us
Jesus, our resurrection	have mercy on us
Jesus, Judge of all	have mercy on us
Jesus, Lord of the Church	have mercy on us
Jesus, Lord of creation	have mercy on us
Jesus, Lover of all	have mercy on us
Jesus, life of the world	have mercy on us
Jesus, freedom for the imprisoned	have mercy on us
Jesus, joy of the sorrowing	have mercy on us
Jesus, giver of the Spirit	have mercy on us
Jesus, giver of good gifts	have mercy on us
Jesus, source of new life	have mercy on us
Jesus, Lord of life	have mercy on us
Jesus, eternal high priest	have mercy on us
Jesus, priest and victim	have mercy on us
Jesus, true Shepherd	have mercy on us
Jesus, true Light	have mercy on us
Jesus, bread of heaven	have mercy on us
Jesus, bread of life	have mercy on us
Jesus, bread of thanksgiving	have mercy on us
Jesus, life-giving bread	have mercy on us
Jesus, holy manna	have mercy on us
Jesus, new covenant,	have mercy on us
Jesus, food for everlasting life	have mercy on us
Jesus, food for our journey	have mercy on us
Jesus, holy banquet	have mercy on us
Jesus, true sacrifice	have mercy on us
Jesus, perfect sacrifice	have mercy on us
Jesus, eternal sacrifice	have mercy on us
Jesus, divine Victim	have mercy on us
Jesus, Mediator of the new covenant	have mercy on us
Jesus, mystery of the altar	have mercy on us
Jesus, medicine of immortality	have mercy on us
Jesus, pledge of eternal glory	have mercy on us
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:	have mercy on us
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, you take away the sins of the world:	have mercy on us
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, you take away the sins of the world	have mercy on us
Christ, hear us	Christ, hear us
Christ, graciously hear us	Christ, graciously hear us
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

## 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 every Wednesday, 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.

While there is no cost for the class, registrants should enclose a check for \$25 made out to Scott Culver for the cost of 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](http://www.usccb.org).

Learn more about the Sacred Liturgy and the Holy Eucharist on

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*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](http://reviveonformed.org) to sign up today!

## RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

### A Missal for Toddlers



This simple, durable and lovely illustrated missal allows a young child to follow the prayers and actions of the Holy Mass step by step. The prayers and colorful pictures show a boy and a girl at Mass with their parents, what they say and what they do, as well as the words and actions of the priest.

The mystery of Jesus, who died on the cross, rose from the dead, and opened the way to Heaven for us, is the essence of the Holy Mass, which a child can enter into little by little with the help of this charming book. Color illustrations throughout. Ages 3 and up.

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

**"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."**

- St. Augustine

# EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

## BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

### THE MILLENNIAL COMPUTER WHIZ



Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London and raised in Milan. Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Antonia Salzano, his mother, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. After Carlo made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and he made Holy Hours before and after Mass. One of his famous quotes was: "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." Antonia spoke to EWTN News Nightly on Oct. 2, 2023, about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: "He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ... So, for him the Eucharist was the center of his life." He prayed the Rosary every day, making the Blessed Virgin Mary his confidant. He went to confession weekly. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, and soccer. Carlo loved playing video games. His console of choice was a PlayStation, or possibly a PS2, which was released in 2000, when Carlo was 9. He only allowed himself to play games for an hour a week, as a penance and a spiritual discipline, but he wanted to play much more.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping", where Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel. Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification at Assisi's Basilica of St. Francis were many of his childhood friends. Presiding at the beatification service, Cardinal Agostino Vallini praised Carlo as an example of how young people can use technology to spread the Gospel "to reach as many people as possible and help them know the beauty of friendship with the Lord." His liturgical feast is celebrated on October 12th.

His heart, which is now considered a relic, is displayed in a reliquary in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. St. Dominic Parish in Brick, New Jersey, also received a first-class relic from Carlo's mom on Oct. 1, 2023. After the celebration of Mass, Salzano took the relic of her son from the hands of Bishop David O'Connell of the Diocese of Trenton, and together they processed to the narthex, where a new shrine to Acutis was blessed. In her remarks to the faithful gathered for the celebration, Salzano declared: "Sainthood is for everyone. Carlo became a saint by practicing the seven theological and cardinal virtues." She emphasized: "This is what makes us all saints."

"Saint of the Day: Blessed Carlos Acutis." Franciscan Media. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/blessed-carlo-acutis/>

Fenton, Francesca Pollio "10 things you should know about Blessed Carlo Acutis." Oct 12, 2023. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/46048/who-was-carlo-acutis-a-cna-explainer>

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

### The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Italy

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He is described as being a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. Initially, he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, the city where Pope Urban IV was then residing. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring to Orvieto the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood. With archbishops, cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto. It is said that Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.

"Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena-Orvieto, Italy." Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association, 1987. <http://www.therealpresence.org/euchars/mir/bolsena.html>