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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.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

**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. The Diocese of Metuchen has been promoting this event for the past year partnering with Corporate Travel Service to create travel packages for the parishioners in the diocese. At this time, there are still an ample number of passes. However, accommodations and transportation will not be available through the diocese. Attendees will need to independently make their own arrangements. If you or someone you know would like to attend the NEC this summer, we ask that you please register as soon as possible. Please contact Adam Carlisle (acarlisle@diometuchen.org) in the Office of Evangelization & Communication in 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.

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.

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 REVIVAL 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.

"The best, the surest and the most effective way of establishing PEACE on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."

– Pope St. John Paul II



The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Metuchen



The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, **and will pass through the Diocese of Metuchen on May 27-28, 2024.** During these two days, the Diocese of Metuchen will welcome the National Eucharistic 'Perpetual Pilgrims' as they process from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, to St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, and St. Augustine of Canterbury in Kendall Park. We encourage you to eat, pray, and walk with them as they witness to the world that Jesus is here, present in the most Blessed Sacrament, and that he accompanies us - all of us - on our pilgrimage in life.

There will be three stops in the Diocese of Metuchen for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. **Attendees must register for each stop at <https://diometuchen.org/nep2024>.** Please select the Pilgrimage stop in the Diocese of Metuchen to Register. *Please be aware registration is handled by the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and the Modern Catholic Pilgrim.*

Date: Monday, May 27, 2024

Location: The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main St, Metuchen, NJ 08840

- The Diocese of Metuchen will welcome the 'Perpetual Pilgrims' of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.
- **7:00 PM - 9:00 PM:** Praise and Worship at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. *Join us for Praise and Worship!*
- **7:15 PM:** 'A Pilgrim Church on Earth: The Christian's Lifetime Procession with the Eucharistic Lord" by Fr. Roger Landry
- **9:00 PM - 8:00 AM:** All-Night Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. *Find peace in an evening of Adoration at the Cathedral.*

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Location: The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main St, Metuchen, NJ 08840

- **8:00 AM - 8:30 AM:** Breakfast at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. *Enjoy a meal before we start the day's Eucharistic Procession! **Please register for the Breakfast!***
- **8:30 AM - 11:00 AM:** Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, to St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick.

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Location: St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, 94 Somerset St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

- **11:00 AM - 11:30 AM:** Mass at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick. *Join us for Mass to conclude the day's Eucharistic Procession.*
- **11:30 AM - 12:30 PM:** Lunch at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick. *Enjoy a meal at the end of this section of the Eucharistic Procession! **Please register for the Lunch!***
- **12:30 PM - 4:00 PM:** Procession to St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Kendall Park, from St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick. *Join us for the final leg of the day's Eucharistic Procession! Be sure to bring water, food, and good walking shoes.*

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Location: St. Augustine of Canterbury Roman Catholic Church, 45 Henderson Rd, Kendall Park, NJ 08824

- **4:00 PM - 4:30 PM:** Dinner at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Kendall Park. *Join us for dinner! **Please register to participate in the dinner!***
- **4:30 PM - 5:00 PM:** Tour of the Church/Chapel of the Saints at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Kendall Park. *Join us for a tour of the Church/Chapel of the Saints at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church.*
- **5:00 PM - 5:45 PM:** 'The Eucharistic Journey to Holiness' by Fr. Roger Landry. *Join us at 5:00 PM for a presentation on Eucharistic Miracles/Stories of the Saints.*
- **5:45 PM - 6:15 PM:** Blessing for the Pilgrims as they Depart for the Diocese of Trenton at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church, Kendall Park. *Join us for a blessing for the Pilgrims as they Depart for the Diocese of Trenton.*

For registration and additional information, please visit the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Metuchen webpage at <https://diometuchen.org/nep2024>.

The Diocese of Metuchen's participation in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is being organized by the Secretariat for Evangelization and Communication. Questions? Contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.

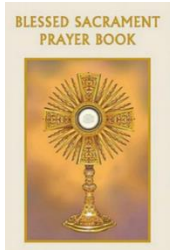
RESOURCES

TO HELP FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

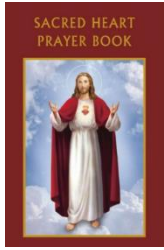
The following items are available at the Parish Center:

7 Secrets of the Eucharist Book and Study Guide

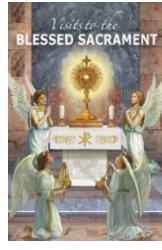
The 4-week parish workshop based on Vinny Flynn's book **7 Secrets of the Eucharist** recently concluded, and we have a limited supply of extra books and study guides available for sale at the parish center for \$10 each.



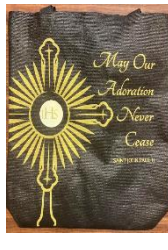
BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



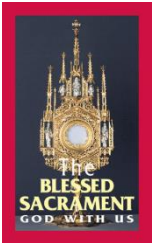
SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



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

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

This week, we recommend the following Series:

The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka

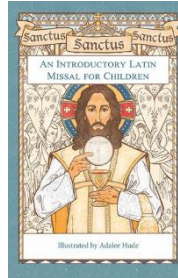


The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit from 4PM Media and The Ministry of The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. Find out more at 4pmmedia.com and thewildgooseisloose.com.

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RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN - *Pick of the Week*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: An Introductory Latin Missal for Children



Rediscover the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Mass of the Ages. This richly- illustrated introduction to the Latin Mass for readers young and old provides a thorough sampling of Latin text from the missal with English translation. It also provides a look behind the veil of what we can see with our eyes, depicting the meeting of heaven and earth at each Mass, as Pope Saint Gregory the Great

stated: "The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." The beauty of the language, the reverent movements, and the salvation made possible through Jesus's penitential offering to the Father are all depicted lovingly within these pages.

For those unfamiliar but curious about the Latin Mass, this book can ease them into experiencing it without feeling overwhelmed. Even if you've only attended the Novus Ordo, the knowledge of the Latin Mass you'll get from this book will deepen your understanding of the Novus Ordo.

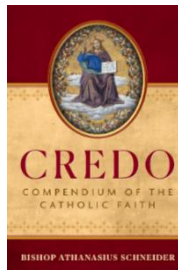
This item may be purchased on AMAZON or on the Catholic Company website (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/sanctus-sanctus-sanctus-an-introductory-latin-missal-for-children/>).

BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pick of the Week

Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith

By Bishop Athanasius Schneider



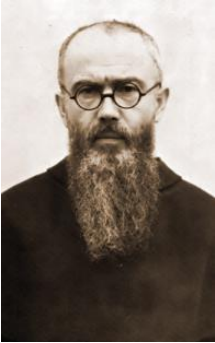
The most up-to-date "catechism" in print! For the first time in over fifty years, a Catholic bishop has published his own comprehensive presentation of the Faith—what to believe, how to live, and how to pray as Christ taught. Sure to be a classic for generations to come, Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith offers a clear and readable summary of Catholicism as a whole, given in the pastoral style of the apostles. Using the simple and direct "Question–Answer" format so popular among instructors (and internet search engines), Bishop Athanasius Schneider shares a bold new articulation of timeless truths, while also engaging current issues with courage and kindness. After an Introduction outlining Christian identity and doctrine, Part I unpacks what Catholics believe, following the articles of the Apostle's Creed. Part II explains the principles of right moral action, following the Commandments. Part III teaches on grace, the sacraments, prayer, and worship.

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

EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

THE MARTYR WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ANOTHER PRISONER



The martyr of Auschwitz, St. Maximilian Kolbe had a tremendous devotion to the Eucharist. While a student at the Franciscan minor seminary, he often visited Jesus in the tabernacle before or after classes, and signed up as a perpetual adorer at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. After his ordination, he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with such profound reverence that those in attendance were drawn into a more personal encounter with Christ. He continued his frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament after his ordination and as his priestly ministry expanded.

Kolbe had a strong devotion to the Virgin Mary and he became an active participant in the Militia Immaculata or Army of Mary. "I felt the Immaculata drawing me to herself more and more closely... I had a custom of keeping a holy picture of one of the Saints to whom she appeared on my prie-dieu in my cell, and I used to pray to the Immaculata very fervently." He felt a strong motivation to 'fight for Mary' against enemies of the church. It was

Kolbe who sought to reinvigorate and organize the work of the MI (Militia Immaculata). Kolbe helped the Immaculata Friars to publish high pamphlets, books and a daily newspaper – *Maly Dziennik*. The monthly magazine grew to have a circulation of over 1 million and was influential amongst Polish Catholics.

Eucharistic Adoration was one of his principal aspirations and preoccupations for the "Cities of the Immaculate" in Poland and Japan. For him, Eucharistic Adoration comprised the "most important work area in the friary." He himself did not fail to make visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament, offering the entire visit expressly to Our Lady, sometimes simply uttering the brief invocation "Mary," because in that way he gave "the greatest joy possible" to Jesus. St. Maximilian believed strongly in the spiritual strength that one receives through the reception of Christ in the Eucharist. Often, he would bring the Blessed Sacrament to friars who were too sick to celebrate Mass with the community, offering them spiritual strength and fraternal charity.

At the start of the Second World War, Kolbe was residing in the friary at Niepokalanow, the "City of the Immaculate." By that time, it had expanded from 18 Friars to 650 Friars, making it the largest Catholic house in Europe. When Poland was overrun by the Nazi forces in 1939, Kolbe and the community at Niepokalanów helped to hide, feed and clothe 3,000 Polish refugees, (of which approximately 1,500 were Jews). In 1941, his newspaper "The Knight of the Immaculate" offered strong criticism of the Nazis. On February 17, 1941, he was arrested by the Gestapo for hiding Jewish people. After a brief internment in a notorious Polish prison, he was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp and branded prisoner #16670.

In July 1941, three prisoners appeared to have escaped from the camp; as a result, the Deputy Commander of Auschwitz ordered 10 men to be chosen to be starved to death in an underground bunker. When one of the selected men Franciszek Gajowniczek heard he was selected, he cried out "My wife! My children!" At this point, Kolbe volunteered to take his place saying: "I am a Catholic priest from Poland; I would like to take his place because he has a wife and children." Rather surprised, the commander accepted Kolbe in place of Gajowniczek. Gajowniczek later said: "I could only thank him with my eyes. I was stunned and could hardly grasp what was going on. The immensity of it: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me – a stranger. Is this some dream? I was put back into my place without having had time to say anything to Maximilian Kolbe. I was saved. And I owe to him the fact that I could tell you all this. The news quickly spread all round the camp. It was the first and the last time that such an incident happened in the whole history of Auschwitz." The men were led away to the underground bunker where they were to be starved to death. It is said that in the bunker, Kolbe would lead the men in prayer and singing hymns to Mary. When the guards checked the cell, Kolbe could be seen praying in the middle. Bruno Borgowiec, a Polish prisoner who was charged with serving the prisoner later gave a report of what he saw: "The ten condemned to death went through terrible days. From the underground cell in which they were shut up there continually arose the echo of prayers and canticles...Since they had grown very weak, prayers were now only whispered. At every inspection, when almost all the others were now lying on the floor, Father Kolbe was seen kneeling or standing in the center as he looked cheerfully in the face of the SS men. Father Kolbe never asked for anything and did not complain, rather he encouraged the others...One of the SS guards remarked: this priest is really a great man. We have never seen anyone like him..." After two weeks, nearly all the prisoners, except Kolbe had died due to dehydration and starvation. Because the guards wanted the cell emptied, the remaining prisoners and Kolbe were executed with a lethal injection. Those present say he calmly accepted death, lifting up his arm. The deed and courage of Maximilian Kolbe spread around the Auschwitz prisoners, offering a rare glimpse of light and human dignity in the face of extreme cruelty. After the war, his reputation grew and he became symbolic of courageous dignity. Kolbe was beatified as Confessor of the Faith in 1971. He was canonized as a martyr by Pope John Paul II (who himself lived through the German occupation of Poland) in 1981.

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