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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. 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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.olfparish.org).

**"When you approach the tabernacle remember that he has been waiting for you for twenty centuries."  
– Saint Josemaria Escriva**



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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

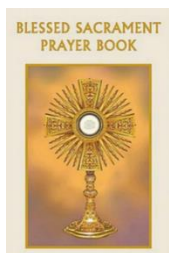
# RESOURCES

## TO HELP FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

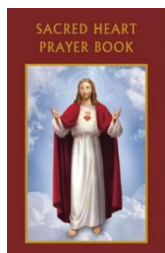
The following items are available at the Parish Center:

### 7 Secrets of the Eucharist Book and Study Guide

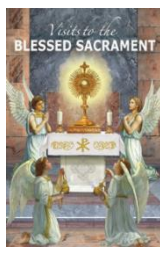
The 4-week parish workshop based on Vinny Flynn's book *7 Secrets of the Eucharist* recently concluded, and we have a limited supply of extra books and study guides available for sale at the parish center for \$10 each.



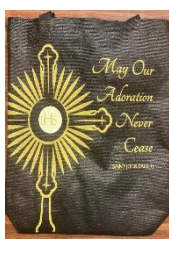
BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



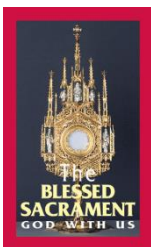
SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK - \$8.00



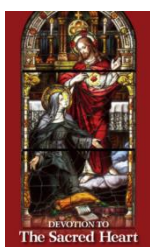
VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - \$8.00



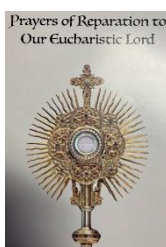
TOTE BAG - \$2.00



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

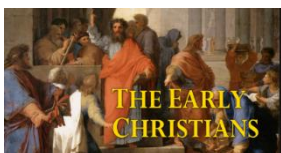
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## Learn more about the Sacred Liturgy and the Holy Eucharist on



*This week, we recommend the following Series:*

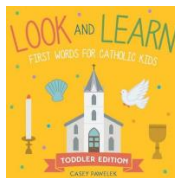
### The Early Christians



How did the religion of Love manage to survive against paganism and barbarianism? How did the first Christians live? Who were their most terrible enemies: idols, lions, Jews... or heretics? How did they defend their faith? How did they propagate it? The blood of the martyrs was the seed for new Christians. But after the persecutions of the Romans and the barbarian invasions came another grave danger for the new religion: heresies... They would not be lethal. On the contrary, they provided the opportunity to define the essential truths of Christian faith, consolidating the roots of a millennial Church. This in-depth new film series produced in Europe explores this amazing story of the witness of the early Christians and the spread of Christianity.

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

### Look and Learn: First Words for Catholic Kids (Board Book)



The church is full of beautiful and mysterious things—things we can see and touch, and some we can't see, but we speak, sing, and believe in our hearts. *Look and Learn: Words for Catholic Kids* is a fresh concept: a simple, engaging, and lively book full of colorful illustrations that help kids to learn about all the things they will encounter in church.

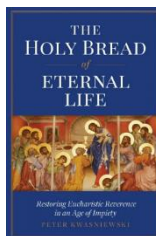
This item may be purchased on AMAZON or on the Catholic Company website (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/look-and-learn-first-words-for-catholic-kids-board-book>).

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## BOOKS ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### *Pick of the Week*

### The Holy Bread of Eternal Life By Peter Kwasniewski



Recent decades have been marred by pervasive Eucharistic abuse, from violations of liturgical norms and rubrics to practices that encourage irreverence and facilitate habitual sacrilege. The coronavirus crisis in 2020 has occasioned a further wave of sacramental manipulation, desacralization, and deprivation that has left almost no Catholic in the world unharmed. These disturbing “signs of the times” call for an unsparing reassessment of official and unofficial policies, practices, customs, and attitudes, along with fresh appreciation for “creative minorities” that are taking a different, more difficult, and more successful path to reverence.

*The Holy Bread of Eternal Life* is a powerful and timely book by scholar Peter Kwasniewski that exalts the divine gift of the Blessed Sacrament, which can never be too much adored, too much loved, too much cared for, or too much sacrificed for.

Drawing on both Testaments, the Fathers of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Magisterium, Kwasniewski describes the fitting veneration and handling of this “mystery of faith” past and present, the dispositions we need to cultivate for a fruitful reception of the Lord, and the blessings that follow from a life centered on Holy Communion. At the same time, the book critiques many novelties in modern Catholic worship and shows why they must be set aside for the health of souls and the Church.

There is far more at stake in today's debates concerning Holy Communion than what preferences should be indulged or slip-ups tolerated. At stake is whether we truly believe in Jesus Christ, our God, our Savior, our Friend, and our Judge, really present in the Eucharist; whether we acknowledge and accept His lordship over us in every aspect of what we do and say; and whether we will act, react, worship, and pray in a manner consistent with true belief.

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

# EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS

## ST. JOHN OF EUDES

### THE PRIEST WHO DEVOTED HIMSELF TO MAKE “GOOD SHEPHERDS”



John Eudes was born in Ri, a small farming village in the Normandy region of northwestern France. His parents were devout Catholics that made a pilgrimage to the Church of Notre-Dame de la Recouvrance following John's birth to dedicate their son to God. Their devotion paid off, as John developed a strong Catholic faith from a young age.

After being educated by a holy priest, John made his First Communion and received Confirmation around the age of twelve. It is said that he appeared like an angel in divine ecstasy on that day. Overjoyed, he soon after made a personal vow of chastity, dedicating his life to God, just as his parents had done for him upon his birth. As a teenager, John was sent to the larger city of Caen, about thirty miles to the north, where he was educated by the Jesuits. The Jesuits, a new and respected order, were known for their excellent teaching. In Caen, John completed his philosophical studies and deepened his devotion, particularly toward the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. His devotion was so profound that his peers referred to him as “the devout Eudes.” After completing his philosophical studies, John's father wanted him to return home and settle down. However, John explained that he had dedicated his life to

God and pleaded to be allowed to continue his studies. His father relented, and John returned to Caen for theological studies under the Jesuits. After completing his studies, John joined the French Oratory of Pierre de Bérulle in Paris and was ordained a priest one year later at the age of twenty-four.

After his ordination in 1625, Father Eudes fell gravely ill and was bedridden for almost a year. Once he recovered, he was sent to Aubervilliers, just outside Paris, for further theological studies. In 1627, his father informed him of a plague that had broken out in a village near his hometown. Father Eudes quickly ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the victims, particularly encouraging them to turn to their loving mother in Heaven and to rely upon her intercession. When another nearby town experienced the same plague a few years later, he did the same. This time, out of fear that he would become infected and in turn infect others in the Oratory, he lived for a time in a barrel in an open field while ministering to the sick, unconcerned for his own well-being.

In 1633, Father Eudes began earnest preaching. He preached parish missions that would sometimes last for weeks or even longer. His sermons emphasized the mercy of God, and he rallied a large number of priests to hear confessions. He himself was an effective confessor who embodied the Heart of Christ to sinners. One parish after another was gradually transformed. During his missions, he developed a deep compassion for sinners trapped in cycles of sin, particularly prostitutes. To address their needs, he founded the Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge in 1641, with the assistance of three Visitation sisters. The purpose of this order was to provide spiritual and material aid to repentant prostitutes who needed help to change their ways.

After ten years of preaching missions, Father Eudes began to notice that although people initially changed after a mission, they quickly fell back into their sins without ongoing spiritual support and guidance. To remedy this, Father Eudes turned his attention to the formation of the clergy. He realized he couldn't single-handedly evangelize and offer ongoing spiritual support to everyone, and so, in 1643, he left the Oratory and founded the Society of Jesus and Mary, later known as the Eudists. The aim of this new congregation was to provide for the formation of seminarians and parish missions. Over the next thirty years, Father Eudes founded six major seminaries in France at Caen, Coutances, Lisieux, Rouen, Évreux, and Rennes. These seminaries not only formed seminarians but also welcomed priests for further education, formation, and retreats, and offered teachings to the laity.

Devotion was at the heart of Father Eudes' ministry, and his most enduring legacies are his promotion of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Heart of Mary. In 1648, with the permission of the local bishop, he instituted a feast in honor of the Holy Heart of Mary, fostering a realization of the love that the Blessed Mother had for her Son and for all people. Father Eudes later composed a Mass and Office in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which he celebrated with the bishop's permission for the first time in 1670. His goal was to reveal the infinite and personal love of Christ Jesus for His people. Providentially, in 1673, a French nun and mystic, later to be a saint, named Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque began to have visions of Jesus, in which He conveyed the importance of devotion to His Sacred Heart

Saint John Eudes emerged as one of many saints within the Church in France during a time of spiritual renewal, using the weapons of personal devotion, prayer, adoration, frequent Communion, and Confession. Hearts were transformed, not just minds. To ensure that this renewal would be ongoing, he dedicated himself and his newly founded order to the formation of priests, providing good shepherds who emulated the Heart of Jesus to God's people.