

National Eucharistic Revival

Some may be wondering why we continue to pray the National Eucharistic Prayer after each Mass. The answer is because the Eucharistic Revival is still underway. The Revival was divided into three year segments, each beginning on the solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The first year was June 2022 to June 2023. During this first year the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston and all Parishes were informed of all the things they could do to enhance the Eucharistic Revival within their particular Diocese and Parish.

The second year of the Eucharistic Revival was from June 2023 to June 2024, which included many National, Diocesan, and Parish activities, focusing on the celebration of the Mass, and other ways people could fall deeper in love with the Eucharist. The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston held several Eucharistic events in various locations in the Diocese giving opportunities for everyone to attend.

Locally, Holy Rosary Parish presented two Eucharistic Retreat Days in the Parish Hall, one by Daniel Maul and one by Father Bill Petro. Following the Retreats, our Parish Eucharistic Revival Team hosted seven Saturdays, presenting very well-prepared film programs from the National Eucharistic Revival Committee. These seven days gave participants time for learning, prayer, reflection and discussion. Also, a few of our Parishioners were amply blessed to be able to attend the National Eucharistic Congress held July 17th to 21st in Indianapolis.

We are currently in the midst of the third and final year of the Eucharistic Revival, which began in June 2024 and will conclude on the solemnity of Corpus Christi in June 2025. The theme for this third year is “Mission.” Just as Jesus gave His first disciples the Mission to go out into the whole world proclaiming the Gospel with zeal and baptizing in name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As a Eucharistic People we are also given the same Mission of those first disciples by the virtue of our baptism and we’re given the authority to do so by evangelizing, just as those first disciples did. For many individuals, they may have questions about how to fulfill the Mission that Jesus has given us since things might be a little different today then they were for the first disciples.

The National Eucharistic Revival Committee has published what they call “The Four Pillars of Faith”. Each of the Pillars of Faith contain “Personal Invitations,” which give us several ideas of how we can grow in our faith and love for Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. Each Pillar of Faith also has “Mission Invitations.” The Mission Invitations offer us ideas of how we can become more successful in fulfilling our Mission.

So, over the coming weeks, we will explore each of the “Pillars of Faith” one at a time and let us pray that our hearts will be open to receive our Lord’s Mission and doing His will, all the days of our lives.

