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Mary, The Cause of Our Joy!



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Visits to the Southeast!
Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia



Young Nolan and Sienna received their first Holy Communion in Nashville.
May the graces of this first reception of the Most Holy Eucharist
be with them all the years of their lives!

Little Naomi Stella was baptized in
Charlotte, North Carolina. Her
godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Skiold, are
originally from Colombia, where they
knew Fr. Basilio Meramo, may he rest in
peace.



The wonderful Cline family in Georgia.
The Clines have been a tremendous help to Father Hewko over the last several years:
managing the video channels for the sermons, managing and cooking for the retreats,
hosting and managing the *sspxmc.com* website, the accounting, as well as a myriad of

other forms of assistance. They will continue to help in many ways but all they've done will **never** be forgotten!

The Oratory of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winter!



A much appreciated gift to the Oratory.
A Crucifix with the Sorrowful Mother made in Hungary in the 1700's.



John improving and embellishing the stenciling in the Chapel,
by emboldening and freshening up the colors!

Joe and Nate adding gold-painted trim to the chapel to honor His Majesty in the Holy Eucharist.



The Oratory in the depths of winter. It was a white Christmas and Epiphany. The Chapel is positioned at the back of the building.



A newly installed soapstone wood stove, taking advantage of the Oratory's original chimney from the late 1700's, surrounded by the original wide plank floors in the future classroom!

Visits during the Canadian Winter!



Above, young Franciszek makes his First Holy Communion in the Madawaska Valley of Ontario. Franciszek's brothers Jacob and Cyprian made his First Communion extra special by serving at the Mass.

Below, Franciszek's family rejoice with him on this blessed occasion which took place during Christmastide. In the background, the log cabin chapel on the family farm.



After Holy Mass and a hearty breakfast, the boys take Father and his driver for an ATV outing on the nearby frozen lake for ice fishing!

Late Spring in the UK!

A Tour of Ireland

First Stop: The Tomb of St. Patrick

Young Louis and Ernest with Peter and his father accompany Father to Ireland.

In this picture, they are waiting for the night time ferry to the 'Land of Saints and Scholars!'





An early morning ferry landing and a several hours drive brings the pilgrims to the Tomb of St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, located on Cathedral Hill, overlooking the town of Downpatrick. St. Patrick died in 461. His tomb is covered by a large granite block, simply bearing the name '*Patric*.'



A simple sign pointing out the way to St. Patrick's tomb.





A shrine in honor Our Lady of Lourdes is found along the path to the gigantic statue of St. Patrick.

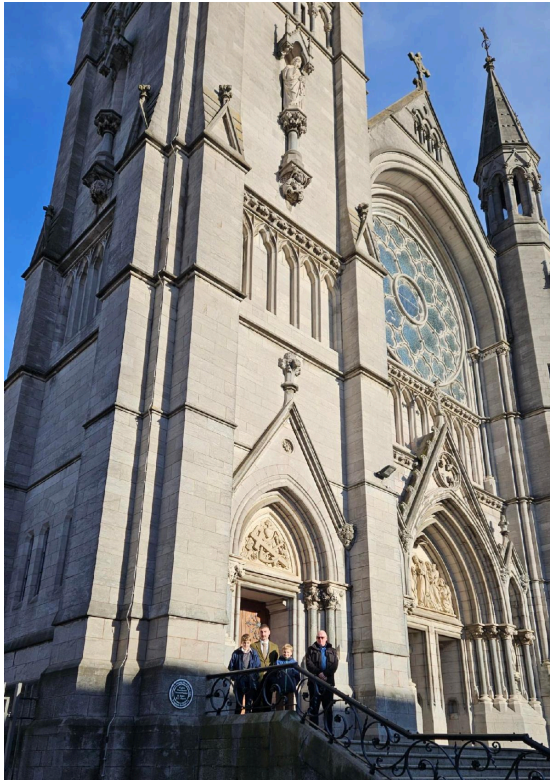


A marvelous statue of St. Patrick not far from his tomb on the hilltop overlooking one of the many villages St. Patrick converted from the throes of paganism.



The pilgrims standing in front of the ancient Celtic cross in front of Down Cathedral, originally built in 1183 by the Benedictine monks.

Next Stop: Drogheda



The pilgrims in front of the magnificent St. Peter's Church in Drogheda with a picture of the magnificent and ancient nave and altar!



An impressive statue of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, in St. Peter's Church.

The Church contains a reliquary of the skull (still partially found with the skin) of St. Oliver Plunkett, an Irish bishop who was the last Catholic martyr of the infamous Tyburn Tree.

The portrait below reflects how St. Oliver Plunkett was known for his ordaining of many priests and Masses and Sacraments in forests during the persecutions of the Catholics. He was also a vehement preacher against the heresies of Protestantism. Imagine the sermons he would preach against the Vatican II and the New Mass of Paul VI!

Included below is a painting of the Saint's journey to the place of martyrdom on the 'hurdle,' a horse-drawn wicker matting that draws the condemned through the streets.



A Stop in Dublin Before Heading West



Above, a stop at the parish church of St. Pius X in Dublin.

Below, a hand-carved wooden status of Pope St. Pius X within the Church.



A quick sightseeing stop at the Guinness
Brewery at St. James Gate in Dublin.
Arthur Guinness signed the famous
9,000 year lease for the brewery in 1791.



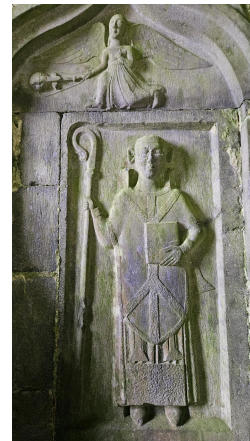
Above, a visit to the home of Ivano and his wife, originally from South Africa, in Kilcullen, County Kildare.

Below, are pictures of the pilgrims in front of the ruins of the Kilcooley Abbey nearby Ivano's home. It was built by the Cistercians monks in 1182.



"The *abbey* was founded by the King of Thomond, Donal Mor O'Brien, in c.1182 and within two years the abbey became a daughter foundation of the Cistercian abbey at Jerpoint in County Kilkenny."

The engraving of a tomb of a bishop buried at the Monastery.



Western Ireland

A visit to the 'coffin ship' memorial created in 1997 on the occasion of the 150 year anniversary of the Great Irish Famine of 1845-1852. Thousands of Irish attempted to flee the famine by sailing to North America but many died on the journeys due to the harsh and



cruel treatment of the ships' captains and crews. While there are many memorials of the Famine through the island nation, this particular Memorial features a ship with skeletons from the Protestant persecution as rigging. It sits under the shadow of Croagh Patrick in County Mayo.



A statue of St. Patrick welcomes all to Croagh Patrick, the site of the 40 day fast of St. Patrick in 441.

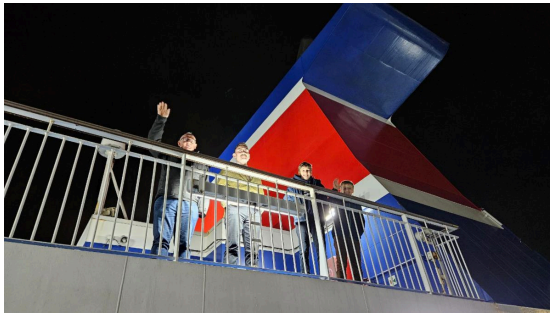
On this particular occasion the winds and mists made the journey to the summit of Croagh Patrick impractical for these pilgrims.



One can still find roadside shrines to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ireland, a once more common in former days.

This shrine is across from a tavern on a main road.

A brief stop at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, where she appeared in 1879 to some of the local parishioners with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. Most apparitions of Our Lady bear some message but at Knock, all three Heavenly Visitors were silent.



The pilgrims looking out over the Atlantic while taking the night ferry back to England.

England Travels!



A visit to Durham Cathedral by the families of the Resistance!

This famous Cathedral houses the tomb of both St. Bede and St. Cuthbert, two great English saints.



Refreshments after Holy Mass.

In attendance is Mr. Charlie Flynn, the bearded gentleman on the right, a professional Scottish boxer and Commonwealth gold medalist!

Scenes from the 1800's in the Oratory's history



The Oratory is on Goves Lane in Wentworth, NH. Here are some of the Goves boys plowing the fields near the house. Very little of the landscape or house has changed from this picture!



Two of the Goves boys showing the results of their beaver trapping endeavors! Behind them is the barn and the cider mill, which is now the Oratory's woodshed.

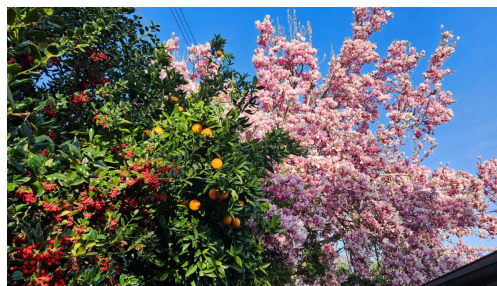
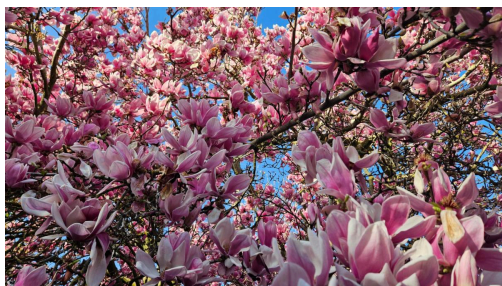


A Goves Family reunion photo from the 1930's. The Oratory looks exactly the same as it does today!



Haying season in the fields behind the Oratory!

Snapshots of the Missions in Northern California and the West



A beautiful spring flowering tree and orange trees in the backyard of where Holy Mass is offered in Sacramento, California.

A young boy makes his First
Communion in Pocatello, Idaho.

May the joy of this occasion remain with
him all his days!



In Montana, an adult baptism and First Communion! Craig, pictured here after Holy
Mass standing here with his mother,



An impressive view of the Rockies while
driving on the mission circuit near
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Some of the Rocky peaks in this area
can reach 13,000 feet.

Back in the UK for the Women's Retreat!



An adult Baptism and Profession of Faith! Ayan took the baptismal name of Joseph. He is pictured here with his godfather, Mr. Greg Taylor who is the editor of *The Recusant* website and newsletters, and Frs. Hewko and Ruiz.



The beautiful altar set up for the women's Ignatian Retreat in the coastal city of Scarborough!



The many joyful faces of the women after completing the Ignatian retreat! The retreat ended with a procession to the nearby Scarborough Park!



Many thanks to all those who cooked and helped in the kitchen for the priests and retreatants.

Fr. Ruiz offering Holy Mass back in London!



Fr. Ruiz stops for a brief visit at the Oratory of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary in New Hampshire on his way back home to Mexico.
Here he is picture offering Holy Mass in the Oratory's chapel.

The Mass Circuits Continue!



The Oratory in April, nestled in the Baker Valley, with the mountain in the background that serves as one of the foothills of New Hampshire's White Mountains.

Our Lady of Fatima in the Oratory's chapel, surrounded by Paschal tide lilies with Her new crown adorned with gems donated by hundreds of faithful.



A gathering for the celebration of Fr. Hewko's 32nd Ordination Anniversary on April 21st at the Oratory!

Father's unwavering and uncompromising faith has been a source of strength and a guide to many souls.
May God continue to bless him abundantly!



Fr. visiting newly married Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Emily Massett at their wedding reception.



The Massett brothers celebrating their brother's marriage.
They are a family of 12!



One of Québec's good families traveled 10 hours all night to the American side of Niagara Falls to arrive in time for the baptism of little Valerie.

Eastern Canada



Springtime in eastern Canada! Along the hiking trails in areas with many Polish families, it is not uncommon to pass shrines devoted to Our Lady and St. Joseph along the way, overlooking Barry's Bay in Ontario. A sign of better times, when keepings one's mind elevated on heaven was a part of everyday life.

With the warmer spring and summer days finally here, the family prepares their pasture land for the horses to graze.



Stateside again!



An after-Mass group picture of the Minneapolis chapel!



Congratulations to young Grace on receiving Our Blessed Savior in her First Holy Communion at the Chicago chapel.



The first wedding at the Oratory!
William and Mary tied the knot in May and for their honeymoon, they traveled to France to visit the many Shrines!



A visit to the outskirts of Calgary, Alberta. Seated in this picture is Conan Comic Book artist, Cary Nord.

Emily takes her little brother, Daniel, for horseback riding after Holy Mass around the family's property.



Jim and Leo (father and son) have their 18 wheelers blessed in Alberta!

Letter from Father Hewko



Spring 2024

Dear Friends of the Cross,

The triumph of the Cross of Christ is surrounded with “*Alleluia's*” in Paschal time, like a shining trophy encircled by wreaths and flowers. Christ the King died on the Cross and was buried, rigor mortis having set in. But He Who is Life Itself, by dying, gave us life. He was the first to rise from death at His triumphant Resurrection! Forty days later, at the occasion of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, He escorted millions of saints into the Heavenly City from Limbo. Truly, Christ's Immaculate Flesh washes and cleanses sinful man's flesh by His Most Precious Blood, and frees him from the chains sin, death, and eternal punishment. Here's what a verse of the Vespers Hymn of the Ascension chants:

*Tremunt videntes Angelo
Versam vicem mortalium:
Peccat caro, mundat caro
Regnat Deus Dei caro.*

Which means:

The Angels tremble as they

see the change in Man's destiny.
Flesh had sinned. Flesh washes
away that sin and God made flesh
reigns as God!

Then, fifty days after His Resurrection, God the Father and the Son sent the Holy Ghost upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and one hundred twenty disciples. With fiery tongues He inflamed their hearts and minds with wisdom and zeal and they began to fearlessly preach the Holy Faith, when before, they took cover and trembled *"for fear of the Jews."*

Now we bask in the sunlight and the lush fruits of the Holy Ghost in paschaltide and the outpouring of the excess of the love of the Holy Trinity. The Feast of the Holy Trinity crowns the entire Church year. Then we can enjoy these fruits with the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the sweet Fruit Who has come down to us from Heaven, born of the Virgin Mary, *"Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus!"* He becomes our Food to eat! *"I am the Living Bread which hath come down from Heaven"* (St. Jn. 6:51).

Eight days later, as specifically requested by the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Himself, to St. Margaret Mary in the 1600's, Mother Church inflames us to adore and honor the Kingly Heart of Jesus. When someone gives their heart it symbolizes that they give all they can possibly give. This eight day Octave, and both feasts at the start and end, namely, Corpus Christi and ending with the Feast of the Sacred Heart, highlight this very point; that the Holy Eucharist is none other Christ the King, Himself, giving us His Burning Heart in Holy Communion!

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself!" said St. Peter Julian Eymard.

We mustn't underestimate the fruitfulness of spiritual communions, which all the saints practiced and encouraged to be always united to the Heart of Our Lord.

St. Leonard of Port Maurice had this to say, *"If you practice the holy exercise of Spiritual Communion a good many times each day, within a month you will see yourself completely changed."*

And Padre Pio, *"Go to the Tabernacle in spirit when you are unable to do so physically, and there pour out your ardent desires, talk, pray, and embrace the Beloved of our souls, even more than if you have been permitted to receive Him sacramentally."*

Psalm 33:9 says: *"O taste and see that the Lord is sweet; blessed is the man that hopeth in him!"*

Often, we are left these days with no Tabernacle to visit the Divine Prisoner, infrequent Masses and confessions, but, in spite of all this, these absences can be supplied and made up for, by the enlarged desire to receive Our Lord, to be forgiven of our sins and be inflamed with His grace. St. Augustine urges us to open our hearts wide for Our Lord, Who is so good, and wants to fill it with His treasures. The Heart of Jesus expresses this in Psalm 80:11: *"For I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I will fill it!"*

As we celebrate the upcoming solemnities and feast days of the saints in June, July, August, and September, with all the miracles and teachings of Our Lord in the Gospels of the Sundays after Pentecost, let us beg the Holy Ghost to till our souls like a garden, where God the Heavenly Farmer, (*"My Father is a farmer..."* St. Jn. 15:1), will help us eradicate the weeds of our sins, water it with prayer, give it black soil of

humility and contrition, and shine the warmth of His abundant graces on us! So that He may effectively make it produce many fruits of virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Ghost in our souls!

“But let him ask in faith, not wavering!” (St. James 1:6).

And from the authoress of *Story of a Soul*, *“We can never have too much confidence in the good God...As we hope in Him, so we shall receive. I am certain that even if I had on my conscience every imaginable crime, I should lose nothing of my confidence; rather I would hurry, with a broken heart with sorrow, to throw myself into the Arms of my Jesus!”* (St. Therese of the Child Jesus).

“Let us come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and may find grace in seasonable aid!” (Hebrews 4:16; Introit for Mass of the Immaculate Heart on August 22).

In Christ the King,

Fr. David Hewko

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