

The Vatican Display Eucharistic Miracles
St. James Catholic Church
Lititz, PA
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Heading: Eucharist Miracles Exhibit Showcases Faith of the Catholic Church

St. James Catholic Church is honored to host the Vatican International Exhibition of *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*. All community members are invited to view this exhibit, no matter their religious affiliation. Admission is free. This display showcases, through photos and detailed descriptions, the over 170 Catholic Church approved Eucharistic Miracles from all over the world throughout the centuries. As Americans continue to struggle through the pandemic and other challenges, this exhibit provides a message of hope and trust in a God that is greater than what our human senses can comprehend.

What exactly are Eucharistic miracles? The Catholic Church believes that at Mass the bread and wine offered up are transformed and become the actual Body and Blood of Jesus. Evidence of the continuum of this belief can be found by examining the writings of the Church Fathers from the first few centuries of Christianity who, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, established this teaching which continues to be passed on in the Catholic Church today. At every Mass the miracle occurs, and bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Eucharistic Miracles are a manifestation where the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, normally visible to us as bread and wine, change their outward appearance. Sometimes they show themselves as actual flesh and blood, other times they become luminous or even levitate, at other times images appear on the Bread or other extraordinary events take place.

Blessed Carlos Acutis, an Italian teenager who was beautified in October 2020, created a website documenting the Eucharistic Miracles which inspired this exhibit and an upcoming documentary. The original exhibit premiered in Rome in October 2005 and was sponsored by the Institute of St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr. This form of the exhibit is being brought to the United States through the efforts of the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association in cooperation with the Pontifical Academy *Cultorum Martyrum*. The display is locally sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10827 as well as Holy Family Radio (AM 720), Lancaster Catholic High School and the Lancaster Region Order of Malta.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 505 Woodcrest Ave in Lititz. The exhibit can be accessed through the St. James Parish Hall, located in the back of the Church building. The exhibit is free and open to the public on Tuesday, Oct. 12 from noon to 8 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 13-14 from 9:30 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15-16 from 9:30 am to 10 pm and on Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon to 7 pm. Forty hours of Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist in the main church is also available for Catholics starting on Friday, Oct 15. For more information, ~~please~~ contact Bob Lowe at 717-371-0490 or boblowe52@hotmail.com or Paige Quinn, Parish Office Administrator at 717-626-5580 x2 or pquinn@hbgdiocese.org.

