



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño
“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens



Divine Mercy/Second Sunday of Easter - April 19th 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our Facebook page, Sundays at 10am and Wednesdays at 8:00am from the Cordis Center Chapel.

The Diocese is streaming daily Mass, Monday through Friday, at 12:05 p.m. from the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

Mass is also being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online. The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM
Dunbar|Charleston
<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Suspended until further notice.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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Sharing Our Treasure - 4/12/2020

Regular Collection: \$15,157 SMILE: \$185
Partners In Hope: \$175 Social Concerns: \$140
Flowers: \$185 Needy Student: \$20
Catholic Relief Serv.: \$40 (\$1470 total) Holy Land: \$464
Education of Seminarians: \$985 Holy Thursday: \$50
Priest Health Retirement Assoc. : \$250 (\$2,075 total)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Greetings in the Risen Lord!

May the Lord's Divine Mercy be with you!

Our Easter Season continues until our celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday, May 31st. While we are away from one another and our Church, let us make great use of the variety of resources available as we deeply ponder the promise and meaning of the Lord's Resurrection. Please join us as we live stream the Mass on our Facebook page, on Sundays from the Basilica at 10am and at 8am on Wednesdays from the Cordis Center Chapel.

Please let me know if I can be of help to you by emailing me at dhiggs@dwc.org or calling me on my cell phone 304-685-2367. Let us continue to pray for the world.

Peace to you,
Fr. Don



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have died and give them the gift of everlasting life.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Divine Mercy. Amen

Fr. Brian O'Donnell Receives New Assignment

The Society of Jesus has missioned Fr. Brian O'Donnell to join the staff of Holy Trinity Church in Washington, D.C., beginning mid June. While Fr Brian is pleased by this new assignment, he says "I'll miss so many people in West Virginia, including the community of the Co-Cathedral"

We are happy for Fr. O'Donnell and our prayers and congratulations to him in his new assignment. However, we are sad for us for it will be a loss to our parish, our Diocese, and State. Fr. Brian has offered his greater gifts for the benefit of our Diocese and his faithful service with our State's Legislature. He has served us very well," Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam", for the great glory of God.

Divine Mercy-Second Sunday of Easter



Breath of Life

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you once breathed life into the first human being, so now the Risen Christ breathes your living Spirit into us. May this Spirit animate every part of our lives. May we listen and look for the Spirit, and follow where the Spirit leads. If our faith is shaken, if our joy wavers, if we long for signs and wonders, breathe your Spirit into us anew so that we will persevere in discipleship and inspire others to follow where the Spirit leads. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 19, 2020-Moving Forward

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31. Today's readings are permeated with joy. The disciples rejoice when Jesus appears, the early Church exults in her new life in the Spirit, and St. Peter writes of the **"incredible and glorious joy" that comes from knowing how deeply God loves us.** The readings also contain contradictions. The disciples believe in the Risen Lord because he appears to them, and in Acts we hear that the Apostles worked miracles, yet people are blessed for believing without seeing. The passage from Acts also portrays the Church as living in harmony, but other passages reveal that the Church faced internal conflicts and divisions.

St. Peter tells us that we rejoice in our salvation but will sometimes suffer because of our faith. Enduring persecution for the sake of **Christ is difficult, but what about other forms of suffering? It's often difficult to integrate our experiences of pain and sorrow** into our life of discipleship.

The readings celebrate the joy that arises from faith, but they remind us that faith must be strengthened. We need time in prayer for our encounter with the Risen Lord. We need time with the Scriptures, with the testimony of others who knew Jesus but who also struggled. We need a community to form and support us. Our faith will sometimes waver, but these people and practices will help us enter into the eternal joy of God's Kingdom.

This Week at Home

Monday, April 20-Reborn in the Spirit

Nicodemus doesn't understand that Jesus is bringing about the Kingdom of God. In response, Jesus speaks about the Spirit. Those who are "born from above," who receive the Spirit, become part of God's Kingdom. When the Apostles were reborn in the Spirit, they went forth to bring others into God's Kingdom. At Baptism and Confirmation, we celebrate God's gift of the Spirit, but how much do we let the Spirit work within us? Pray for the courage to live as someone who is reborn in the Spirit. **Today's Readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.**

Tuesday, April 21-What We Possess

Nicodemus is a leader among his people, but Jesus has far greater authority because he has come from heaven. Jesus has shared his authority with the Apostles. In Acts, we hear how converts entrust their wealth to the Apostles for distribution among the community. By giving up their wealth, people show that they have submitted themselves to Christ and his Church. They are no longer attached to material things. How attached are you to the things you own? How much would you put at the feet of the Apostles? **Today's Readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.**

Wednesday, April 22-Faith to Share

The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that our Christian faith is not something to be kept private. We are instead to be like the Apostles and share the good news that God loves the world so much he became human. When the Apostles are imprisoned for sharing this good news, God sends an angel to free them. God goes to remarkable lengths to help us share his love with others. How can you help someone encounter **God's love today?** **Today's Readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.**

Thursday, April 23-Brave Witness

Jesus, the one "from above" who has received everything from his Father, speaks on God's behalf and freely shares the Spirit with those who believe. Having received the Spirit, Jesus' followers continue to teach and heal in his name, despite being imprisoned, interrogated, and ordered to stop. Without their brave witness, we would never have heard the Gospel. Pray for those who risk their lives for Christ. **Today's Readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.**

Friday, April 24-Thy Will Be Done

Despite not having nearly enough food for the crowd, Jesus feeds everyone, and has baskets left over. It is God's will that people be fed, that they be nourished. In Acts, a Jewish leader intervenes on behalf of the Apostles, pointing out that if they are doing God's will, their work will succeed. What work are we trying to do? Does God support us, or are we acting for ourselves alone? **Today's Readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.**

Saturday, April 25-St. Mark the Evangelist

St. Mark responded to the Lord's command to "proclaim the gospel" by writing down the story of Jesus. In Mark's Gospel account, the danger of the cross looms early in Jesus' ministry. Mark seems to have composed his work for Christians who were persecuted because of their faith in Christ. Like St. Peter in his letter, Mark encourages those who suffer to remain "steadfast in faith." Although we are in a season of rejoicing, we remember that being an Easter people means we must also be people of the cross. Read some or all of Mark's account of the Gospel today. **Today's Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.**

NOVENA TO SANTO NIÑO

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY CHILD

Dear Christ Child Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. You are our King and our God. We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory. You protected the people of Prague and have blessed the people of the Philippines with extraordinary wonders through your Miraculous Image. Now we turn to You, our strong defender, and look to You for similar wonders in our lives in these United States. Be mindful of us. Look down on us who come to You for help. Lead us with Your wisdom, discipline us with Your truth, console us with Your tenderness, protect us with Your might.

We consecrate ourselves to You. You will be first in our thoughts, as we speak of Your love and mercy. We will endure, for Your sake, whatever sufferings beset us. We beg You, Holy Child Jesus, illumine our understanding, kindle our will, cleanse our bodies, sanctify our souls. We wish what You wish, because You wish as You wish, as long as You wish.

Grant us, Christ Child Jesus, that we may always love You, follow You, and rightly despising the things of the world, be zealous toward our fellow human beings. Help us to overcome sensuality with strict discipline, greed with generosity, anger with gentleness, and indolence with zealous industry. Make us wise in counsel, courageous in danger, patient in adversity, and humble in prosperity.

Teach us, dear Christ Child, the worth of this world, the greater worth of heaven, how brief is time, how long is eternity. Grant us, lastly, that we may remember You, adore You, love You, and serve You, here on earth, that we may be happy with You forever in Heaven. Amen.

Three times: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, in honor of the Holy Child.

Ask the Christ Child the favor you want to obtain in this Novena.

The 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 26th will be celebrated for the final day of Santo Nino and the novena will be prayed after the Mass.

SUPPLICATIONS TO THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Jesus, hear us,
Jesus, graciously hear us
In every need, let us come to you with humble trust,
Santo Niño, help us
In all our doubts, perplexities, and temptations,
Santo Niño, help us
In hours of loneliness, weariness, and trials,
Santo Niño, help us
In the failure of our plans and hopes,
Santo Niño, help us
In disappointments, troubles and sorrows,
Santo Niño, help us
When others fail us, and Your Grace alone can assist us,
Santo Niño, help us
When we throw ourselves on Your Tender love as our only refuge,
Santo Niño, help us
When our heart is cast down by failure,
Santo Niño, help us
When we are ill, and our head and hands cannot work, and we are lonely,
Santo Niño, help us
When we feel impatient, and our cross irritates us,
Santo Niño, help us
Always, always in spite of weakness, falls and shortcomings of every kind,
Santo Niño, help us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Jesus
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Jesus
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus
Jesus, Hear us,
Jesus, graciously hear us.



LET US PRAY

Dear Christ Child Jesus, You said, "Ask and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Grant to us, who ask, the gift of Your divine love, that we may love You with our whole heart, in word and work, and never cease from showing forth Your praise. Make us, Lord, to live always in awe and love of Your holy name, for You never fail to guide and direct those whom You solidly establish in Your love.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Son of the living God, prostrate now before Your holy Image, we ask You to look kindly on our troubled hearts. Let Your tender love, so inclined to mercy, be softened at our prayers, and grant us the grace and peace which we ask of You. Take from us all unbearable affliction and burdens. For Your sacred infancy's sake, hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid, that we may praise You with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Parishioners,

Our parish will continue to pay those who are salaried and those who work hourly in our parish and schools. Our diocese will help us to cover these costs at this time.

The parish is in the process of setting up online giving through a local bank. In the meantime the Diocesan website dwc.org has a link for online giving, 100% of the money donated goes to the parish of your choosing. Just click on the [I Support My WV Parish link](#), select your parish from the list and follow the prompts.

I am grateful for those who are able to keep up with their weekly contributions, but at the same time, I fully understand there are parishioners who cannot until they are financially safe. I would ask those who can, to contribute more during this difficult time to help cover those who cannot. Thank you for those who can be generous. Fr. Don

Theology Teacher Opening at CCHS

Charleston Catholic High School in Charleston, West Virginia, is seeking an energetic and supportive theology teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The theology program forms students intellectually, morally and spiritually through Catholic teaching and by fostering gospel values within a religiously diverse school community. The candidate should have knowledge of Catholic teaching, hold at least a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field, and demonstrate a willingness to pursue certification as specified by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Colleen Hoyer at colleen.hoyer@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.