



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

Third Sunday of Easter - April 26th 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
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<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 - 4/19/2020

Regular Collection: \$5,421 SMILE: \$270
Partners In Hope: \$100 Social Concerns: \$110
Needy Student: \$100 Flowers: \$100 (\$285)
Education of Seminarians: \$415 (\$1400) Holy Land: \$235 (\$699)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

A Note from the Rector...

Greetings in the Risen Lord!

My dear parishioners, I pray this note finds you well in the midst of our physical separation. Though we are apart physically, I pray that we are united spiritually. I know you have many resources available to you and your family on our parish and diocesan websites but, I offer you one more. The Vatican has released a free online prayer book to help us in seeking God's help during this crisis. The free book is entitled, "Strong in the Face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion-a Sure Support in Time of Trial". The first part contains prayers, rituals and supplications, including prayers for the sick and for the liberation from evil. The second part explains how we can continue to practice the faith without the support of the Sacraments. The third part gathers together Pope Francis' reflections since the beginning of this pandemic. This free book can be found on the Vatican's website

www.Vatican.va under the Vatican Publishing House. I encourage you to use this wonderful resource for your prayer and meditation. Let us continue to pray for each other. Please let me know if I can be of any help.

Peace to you during these days,

In Christ
Fr. Don
304-685-2367



Please keep in your prayers **Thomas Guinn**, who died Friday, April 17th. Our prayers and condolences for his wife Dreamma, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.

Parishioners,

Father Don and Father Binu are saying **Mass** via **Facebook Livestream** on Wednesdays at 8:00am and on Sundays at 10:00 am. Sunday Mass includes music. A worship aid with music for our Sunday Masses will be emailed each week and can also be found on our website sacredheartcathedral.com. Additionally, the Mass video will be available on the website for anyone who does not have access to Facebook or who was unable to watch live.

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.



Third Sunday of Easter

Stay with Us

Lord of Glory, Risen One, you have begun to recreate our world. Stay with us when we feel sorrow and need your consolation. Stay with us when we need your wisdom and guidance, and when we study and reflect on your Word. Stay with us when we gather at table to meet you and one another in fellowship and love. And stay with us, Lord, as we go forth to tell others that you are with us always, and that you want us always to be with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 26, 2020-Persuading

Today's Readings: *Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 (11a); 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35.* When the Risen Christ appears to the disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, he gets them talking—about his ministry, crucifixion, and even the reports that he was alive. He then helps them to interpret these events with reference to their shared Scriptures, which we call the Old Testament. With their hope renewed, Christ then breaks bread with them, and they finally recognize him and understand that Christ is in communion with them.

In his speech in Acts, Peter uses different techniques to persuade his hearers of the truth of what he says. He appeals to what they themselves witnessed during the ministry of Jesus. He quotes the Scriptures and what they know about King David. He speaks of his encounter with the Risen Lord. **Finally, he refers back to the unmistakable presence of God's Spirit, which is enabling Jews of every language to understand his words.** The Second Reading tells us what we already know and believe about Jesus, but in language that is rich and eloquent, thereby reinvigorating our faith. We might not be as eloquent as St. Peter, but there are other ways to persuade people of the life-giving power of the cross. By conducting ourselves **“with reverence” and following the guidance of God's Spirit, we will open people's eyes to the presence of the Risen Christ.**

This Week at Home

Monday, April 27-Signs

When the people ask Jesus how to do God's will, Jesus tells them to believe that God sent him. In Acts, we hear how Stephen so utterly believed in Jesus that he shared Christ's power to work “great wonders and signs.” Such signs were meant to help people believe that God sent Jesus for the salvation of the world, but many people struggled to accept the meaning of the signs as well as Jesus' identity. Read John 6:1–15 and reflect on all that this sign means. **Today's Readings:** *Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 28-Always

After eating the bread that Jesus gave them, the crowd asks to have “this bread always.” Jesus clarifies that he himself is their bread—and those who believe in him will have this bread *always*. Even during death, a death that resembled Jesus', the apostle Stephen experiences the enduring presence of Christ. In what ways have you seen that Christ is always with you? **Today's Readings:** *Acts 7:51—8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 29-St. Catherine of Siena

Jesus declares that he will welcome everyone who seeks him, for God wills that people find life through his Son. The Samaritans find life in the Son because of Philip, who preaches, expels demons, and heals people in their midst. St. Catherine, who also wanted Christ to have all that his Father entrusted to him, passionately and persistently advocated for reforms within the Church. Her work was quite different from Philip's, **but both labored** in fidelity to Christ and his Father. Learn a little more about St. Catherine of Siena today. **Today's Readings:** *Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 30-Drawn by God

Before Jesus, God revealed himself in events, through the prophets, and in his laws. Now God draws people through the fullest revelation of himself possible: his Son. The man in the passage from Acts first encounters God through the prophet Isaiah. When Philip, led by the Holy Spirit, explains the meaning of the text and tells him about Jesus, the man believes and is baptized. We cannot know God all by ourselves. Thank someone today who helped draw you to God. **Today's Readings:** *Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, May 1-Seeing and Believing

When Jesus continued talking about how he is the bread of life, people became more resistant to his claims. Saul rejected Jesus' claims so **completely that he attacked Jesus' followers. Then Saul had an encounter with Jesus that left him as physically blind as he was spiritually blind.** Saul, now St. Paul, only recovered his sight when he accepted that Jesus truly did come from heaven, sent by his Father. How have you failed to see Christ? What helped you to see him? **Today's Readings:** *Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, May 2-St. Athanasius

When others turn away from Jesus, Peter remains, saying that Jesus has “the words of eternal life.” Filled with faith in Christ, Peter later heals people and even raises a woman from the dead. During the fourth century, people vigorously debated whether Jesus was truly one with his Father. St. Athanasius insisted that he was, because only then would God have fully revealed himself and his saving love for the life of the world. Reflect on and pray with the words of the Nicene Creed. **Today's Readings:** *Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*

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

During this challenging time, the students, teachers, and parents of SHGS have continued with the important work of caring, learning, and growing. Each morning at 9:00, students may tune-in to Facebook Live for morning prayer, reflection and announcements with Mrs. Malinoski. Students then check the SHGS website for daily assignments from their teachers. Daily activities and assignments are available for all SHGS students, Tiny Hearts Twos-5th grade. This consistent routine provides our children with a feeling of comfort and safety during an unsettling time.



SHGS teachers have been using a variety of content delivery methods to reach and connect with their students. Some teachers use Zoom and Google Meet for live sessions, while others have Face-time calls with individual students, online discussions through Google Classroom, as well as phone calls and emails with students and parents. These are only some of the strategies SHGS educators are using to reach our children. Instruction may also come through pre-recorded teacher videos or other instructional platforms such as Khan Academy or Nearpod.

SHGS teachers, parents, and administration have been working closely together during this time with constant communication to support our children and each other. We send many pictures, emails, and videos to each other to keep in touch! We reached out to others with faith filled activities for the Lenten and Easter seasons including a sing-along video of "Beacons of Hope" and a thank you video for our frontline heroes. Special school wide interactive activities such as Red & White Day, Pajama Day, National Book Day, Sunglasses Day, Kindergarten Day, and cameo appearances by specials teachers during morning announcements (to name a few) allow our families to have fun and connect with each other through social media. There are many pictures and videos on the SHGS Facebook page and Instagram feed of these activities.

The love, creativity, and devotion displayed as SHGS teachers, parents, and students work together is a beautiful silver lining to this very dark cloud. We appreciate your continued support and prayers as we navigate these uncharted waters. We pray for our SHGS community and for the world during this trying time.

Susan Malinoski,
Principal, Sacred Heart Grade School

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.

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.