



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 26, 2025

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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community
January 26th - February 1st

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:15 am, Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 PM

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our Facebook & YouTube page, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Mass from the Diocese is 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

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment.
304-342-8175

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM.



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.

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings
For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

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Contact: Karen or Sam Gross 346-2608
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Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger 550-2411
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SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 26, 2025

01/25 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
01/26 Sun. 8:00 am + Thomas Kerner, Jr.
10:30 am + John Ruddick
5:00 pm + Fr. Ed Sadie & Family
01/27 Mon. 8:15 am + Rev. Richard F. Harris
01/28 Tues. 12:00 pm For the Intention of Msgr. Paul Hudock
01/29 Wed. 12:00 pm + Thomas McHugh
01/30 Thur. 12:00 pm For the Intention of Joyce Nicksick
01/31 Fri. 8:15 am + Fr. Ed Sadie
12:00 pm + Margaret Brison Plott
02/01 Sat 8:15 am + Rev. Robert Sullivan
02/01 Sat. 5:30 pm + Ms. Arduinne Wazelle
02/02 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish
10:30 am + Dr. Elma Bernardo
5:00 pm + Herminigildo Banzon Abella, Jr

Ministry Schedule week of February 1/2

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Joe Noronha
8:00 AM-Karen Gross
10:30 AM-Perry Ayoob
5:00 PM-Debra Basham

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Kerri Grant, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Nancy Bricker, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Chloe Flores, Kerri Linton, Cindy McGhee, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Lara Bissett, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention

January-For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Sharing Our Treasure - 1/19/2025

Regular Collection: \$8593 Candles: \$131
Smile (Sisters): \$148 Partners in Hope: \$75
Social Concerns: \$10 Needy Student: \$50
Dev. World: \$412 (\$637) Heating: \$1810 (\$2095)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Sacred Heart Gift Shop is open after each Mass

and is generally opened prior to the 10:30 Mass. We have gifts for every occasion. In addition to gifts, we keep in stock a variety of rosaries, medals, automobile visor medals as well as bike medals and holy cards. Children's books and coloring books are also available. If you can't find what you are looking for, we can order it for you.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the Lord!

Happy Word of God Sunday! Pope Francis has established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time will be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. Pope Francis stated “that we need God’s Word so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life” I very much agree that amid all the words that we will hear and say can bring peace and joy but also may bring confusion and despair. As the Church of the Word, I invite you to spend time studying and praying with the Word of God.

Loving God, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your Eternal Word, your Word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen.

May the Word of God nourish and strengthen us and deepen our understanding and love. Make use of this prayer as you prepare to read the Word of God.

We begin to celebrate Catholic Schools Week this Monday. According to a “brief history” from our parish directory of 2005, our parish began a school in 1866. Our parish school had a number of starts and stops until 1903 when the Franciscan Sisters of Penance and Christian Charity of Stella Niagara reopened our Catholic school. It was in 1920 that the grade school was built which is now called Seton Hall. In 1927, the property of J. E. Chilton at 1108 Virginia Street was used as the Sacred Heart High School until 1940. In 1941 our new high school building was built and renamed Charleston Catholic High School. Our current Sacred Heart Grade school was built in 1962. The Sacred Heart Early Learning Center was built in 2012. Due to the very gracious generosity of parishioners, past and present, millions of dollars have been spent on enlarging and improving the buildings over the years. These considerable investments have assured that we have been able to provide excellent educational programs. Our teachers and the parents of our students have also greatly invested through their sacrifice in the mission and life of our schools. A number of religious women's and men's orders have served our schools over the years with great apostolic zeal.

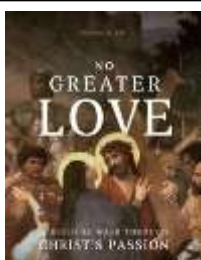
As we celebrate our Catholic Schools this week, let us pray that our schools will continue to be places where faith, excellence and service are taught and experienced.

May those who graduate from our schools leave with an appreciation and deep understanding of our Catholic Faith and know of their lifelong responsibility to serve the needs of the world.

I encourage parents to prayerfully consider our Catholic Schools. Please don't allow finances to be the first barrier to the wonderful opportunity of a Catholic education. Please give me a call. Let's talk!

May you have a safe and blessed week. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Don



We will have faith sharing group for Lent beginning Wednesday, February 26th. It will be held in the Cordis Center from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We are using the book “No Greater Love” by Edward Sri. Books can be purchased from Ascension Press or Amazon. Please contact Mary Williams to pre register. Her email is mewills15@gmail.com or text her at 304-541-6492.



Please keep in your prayers June E. Walker, who died December 27th, 2024. Our prayers and condolences for her husband Dick, her children, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.



Please keep in your prayers Dr. Brenda Pulido, who died January 11th, 2025. Our prayers and condolences for her husband Fred, her children, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

FYI... The Disciple Maker Survey is Available Online-Take it today!

Sacred Heart Basilica is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Sacred Heart Basilica and better prepare us for the future.

The 10-15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x1a1t6> available now through Thursday, February 6th. We ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will be available in the Church vestibule for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

TAX STATEMENTS-The 2024 contribution statements will be mailed by the end of January. If you do not receive yours within a reasonable amount of time please contact the parish business office, 304-342-8175. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

Catholic School's Week 2025 Sacred Heart Grade School
“United in Faith and Community”



Monday 1/27: We Celebrate our Community

We will begin our annual “Pennies for People” drive for the week with proceeds being donated to Catholic Charities. Students will be asked to bring in one box of cereal to be donated to Riverside High School and Catholic Charities for their pantry. At 2:00 students will bring their boxes of cereal to the gym as we attempt to make a giant dominoes course. (We will call classes one at a time to bring their cereal down and place it on our course.)

Tuesday 1/28: We Celebrate our Students

Students will have a dress-down day and bring in board games to play in their classrooms at the end of the day. A sweet treat will be passed around during their game time for all students. This will be a No Homework day for students.

Wednesday 1/29: We Celebrate our Nation

Students and teachers will have a red, white and blue dress-down day. We will invite military personnel to join us for lunch followed by a flag ceremony. At the end of the day we will celebrate our nation with a patriotic sing-along in the gym. (Each grade level will be assigned a song to share. Ms. Aliff will be coordinating.)

Thursday 1/30: We Celebrate Vocations

Students will bring in \$1 for a dress down day with all money collected going to the purchase of care packages for our local seminarians. Our parish currently has three young in the seminary, Michael Aiello, Michael Tupta, and Timothy Kawash. Money collected will be used to purchase items to send them as they answer their vocational call. Classes will stop to say the Rosary at 1:00 in their classroom as we pray for our priests, bishop, sisters, and seminarians,

Friday 1/31: We Celebrate our Teachers, Staff, and Volunteers

We will start our day with an all-school Mass. Lunch will be provided by PVA for the teachers. We will end our day with games of Teacher vs Students in the gym at 1:45.



Knights of Columbus 771

A Conversation with Father Prakash. Father Prakash Kerketta will speak on his motivation to become a priest at the Knights of Columbus social meeting, Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 pm. at the Cordis Center upstairs dining room . This meeting will be open to all, but we will need for anyone who wishes to attend to call the rectory at 304 342-8175 and let Angie know how many are coming. We will provide cold cut sandwiches and we must have a count.

Warm up with the Knights of Columbus Chili Cook off Competition. This competition will be a friendly fundraiser to benefit our Seminarians. This event will take place Sunday February 16 Starting at 11:45 in the Sacred Heart Grade School Gym. This will be a competition with an entry fee of \$20.00. Match your chili to that of your friends. Tickets to the event will cost \$5.00 each and will entitle the ticket holder to sample the various chili entries and vote on the winner of the competition..

We are also looking forward to again hosting Fish Fries Fridays during Lent. 2025. We are always looking for Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in helping us with our projects, please talk to a Knight.

This Land is Home to Me-Social Gathering

On February 1, 1975 twenty-six Appalachian Bishops signed a pastoral letter that came from years of listening to the voices of the people of Appalachia through the efforts of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia (CCA). The letter, This Land Is Home To Me, is often described as prophetic in its call to listen to voices in the small spaces where people are impacted in hidden and dramatic ways.

Today, CCA members and friends continue to work and listen with the marginalized and disenfranchised in our region. Please join CCA Members, for a social gathering around soup beans, cornbread and fellowship on the 50th anniversary of the signing of This Land Is Home to Me Feb. 1, 2025 2-4pm in Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. The Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 4pm at Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome! If you're able, please email Molly Linehan Belcher (mollylinehanbelcher@gmail.com) to have a general head count. But come even if you haven't submitted an RSVP.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Please volunteer to contribute dinner food items, set up, serve and clean up for our reception welcoming our newest parishioners!

Many hands make light work!!

April 19, Food donations received any time after 3pm, 8pm Set up, 10:30pm approximate time for Mass to end, serving begins, 11:30pm Clean up.
Email Mary at MCollins28@hotmail.com or text 304-320-6619. Thank you!

FUNERAL RECEPTION HELP NEEDED

We are in great need of volunteers to help with receptions for friends and family following parish funerals. While only a few people are needed for a funeral, we need a committee to ensure that we can provide for every funeral. This is an infrequent need and requires approximately 3 hours of your time.

Remember that burying the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy, we are all called to support and comfort those who are grieving.

To add your name to our volunteer committee: email Mary at MCollins28@hotmail.com or text 304-320-6619



**Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead**



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January 24, 2025

The Gift of Life, a Gift to Cherish

What if there were no children? What if there were no smiling babies, no rambunctious toddlers, no agile teenagers playing soccer or the violin, no young adults marrying and starting their families?

The birth rate in the United States in 1950 (the Baby Boom era) was 24.2 births per 1000 women. In 2024 it was 12 births per 1000 women and is likely to be below that figure in 2025. The fertility rate per woman in 1950 was 3.1 children; in 2024 it was 1.6, down almost 50%. The replacement rate to keep the population even is 2.1 children per woman. (Statistics from HCH stats, Oct 4, 2024, and Macrotrends, no date). West Virginia reflects these trends, having the highest percentage of population loss by state in the 2020 census.

Rather than rehearse all the reasons for this dramatic decline in the birth and fertility rates, let's focus on the actual effects of that decline. The accumulation of millions of individual decisions not to have children or to abort those already conceived has already led to a shortage of workers (e.g., nurses, restaurant workers), a shrinking base of workers to support those living on Social Security, a strain on our health care system as the aged need more and more services, a push for euthanasia and assisted suicide to eliminate the elderly, and fewer children to adopt, which forces many couples to go to other countries to adopt or turn to in vitro fertilization (IVF), an expensive and morally problematic procedure that separates parents from the conception of their child while leaving excess embryos frozen or discarded.

More broadly, we can be sure that, having eliminated tens of millions of children by abortion and an untold number by contraception, we have deprived ourselves of many human beings who would be contributing to the welfare of our people, were they alive. Growth is healthier than decline. We are hurting our nation by having fewer and fewer children.

God's will for us is clear: Be fertile and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it (Genesis 1:28). Having created us, God wants us to flourish. Because we are mortal, we have to reproduce or there will be no smiling babies, rambunctious toddlers, agile teenagers and young married couples. Each of us received our life as a gift from God and our parents. It is up to us to cherish that gift and share it with the next generation. Apart from those whom God calls to a celibate life – mostly priests and religious but some lay people as well – the normal vocation of God's children is to marry and have a family.

Those who favor abortion and contraception often speak of "reproductive freedom." We need to speak of reproductive responsibility. God's command to be fertile and multiply calls for a generous response by His people. There are indeed reasons why a married couple may feel compelled to avoid a pregnancy at a certain time: the number of children they already have, the sickness of one or both spouses, the loss of a job or other economic hardship. The Church leaves that decision to the couple. But the couple should not use their freedom to be selfish. An openness to life is a sign of faith in a God who continues to be faithful to His people. Married couples should trust God to help them have and raise their children with a sufficiency of what they need. People are more valuable than things.

When a couple decides that having another child at this time would be irresponsible, they must consider the means to achieve that goal. Not all means toward a good end are themselves good. Thanks to our provident God, there are modern natural means for family planning: the symptom-thermal method, the Billings method, the Creighton model, all of which reveal to the couple when they are fertile and when they are not. Instruction is needed but it is needed to learn how to drive a car, use a computer or kick a soccer ball correctly. All these methods require some sexual abstinence by the couple, but it is temporary. Catholics rightly expect celibate priests and religious to abstain from sexual relations for their entire adult lives. I do not think it is too much to ask that married couples abstain from their sexual union for a few days during the wife's fertile period when they must postpone a pregnancy. Abortion is the killing of an unborn child who has no defense against the scalpel or the chemicals. It is sad that so many people ignore the injustice and cruelty of this act. But why is contraception wrong? After all, no child exists so no child is harmed. Yet something is harmed: the couple's relationship with God. There is no friendship without respect. A married couple ought to respect the way God has allowed the reproductive capacity of human beings to evolve.

When the unitive or love-making dimension and the procreative or child-creating dimension of the one sexual union of the

man and woman are both present, as they are periodically, their co-presence should be respected. Jesus' words, What God has joined together, no human being must separate, also apply to the nature of the bodily union in which they are no longer two but one flesh (Mark 10: 8-9). The moral evil of contraception is that it forcibly separates what God has joined together: the unitive and procreative dimensions of the sexual act.

God has already provided a natural means for postponing a pregnancy in the relatively short period of time in which the woman is fertile. For most of human history, society needed couples to have as many children as they could, because so many died before maturity. Because of advances in health care, the mortality rate for young children drastically declined in the late 19th and 20th centuries and some pressure began to be felt to allow longer intervals between pregnancies. In His providence, God arranged for effective methods of natural family planning to be discovered in the 20th century. For those who desire to honor God in their lives, this is the way to exercise reproductive responsibility when there is need to avoid an untimely pregnancy.

Men and women, young and old are marching in Washington, DC, today to affirm the value of the unborn child's life and to say they are ready to help women who need support in order to carry their babies to term. They will recommit themselves to working in their states to convince their friends and neighbors to join them in a renewed respect for human life in our land. We must all remember that our lives are God's gift to us, a gift to cherish and a gift to share. May our faith in the Lord inspire us to trust him and bear good fruit by generously receiving new generations of children with love.

Sincerely in Christ,
+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Sunday of the Word of God-Hearing the Word of God

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words "Thanks be to God" or, in the case of the Gospel, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responsorial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eucharist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101).

The key word in all of this is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the General Instruction itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

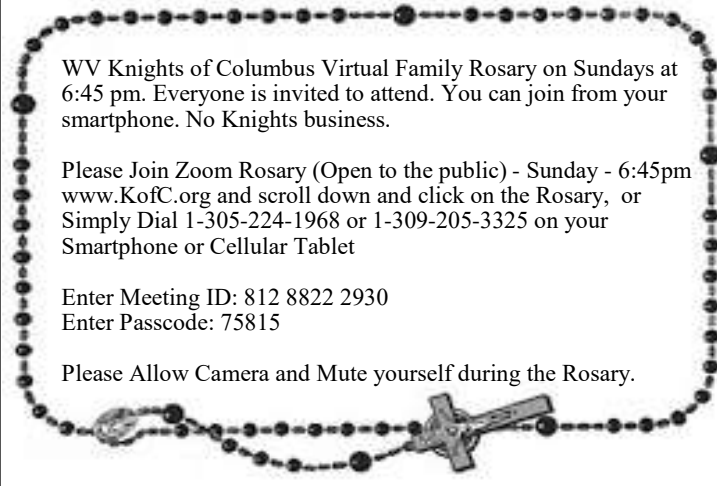
The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.



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St. Michael the Archangel Council #771
Membership Info: kofc.org/joinus

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 stand up for the unborn and all human life
PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
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“THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME”



WV Knights of Columbus Virtual Family Rosary on Sundays at 6:45 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. You can join from your smartphone. No Knights business.

Please Join Zoom Rosary (Open to the public) - Sunday - 6:45pm
www.KofC.org and scroll down and click on the Rosary, or Simply Dial 1-305-224-1968 or 1-309-205-3325 on your Smartphone or Cellular Tablet

Enter Meeting ID: 812 8822 2930
 Enter Passcode: 75815

Please Allow Camera and Mute yourself during the Rosary.

New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.

The church has consulted with Tim White at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home to help us get the mausoleum built. You may contact him at (304)342-8135 or his cell phone at (304)395-4824 for more information or to set up a private meeting. This may be done either virtually or in person. Affordable monthly payment plans are available.



*“Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hal-
 lowed the graves of all who believed in you and so made the grave a
 sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal
 bodies” – Rite of Committal*

For your information, this QR code is a quick way to get to the parish giving page.




Or...

Consider having your church contributions sent directly to the Church from your bank; please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this service. If possible please have your parish ID included on the check. Many parishioners are opting to do this.

Baptismal Preparation Class for First Time Parents
 To schedule a baptism preparation class or to get more information please call 304-342-8175.



The Serra Club of Charleston
Is An Organization That Encourages Vocations. Why Not Join Us?
Contact Mark Sadd 304-343-2149



Pastoral Care is offered to all parishioners. If you would like a visit or the Eucharist brought to your home, the hospital or assisted care facility, you can contact Sr. Ida at 1-304-709-0026.

Sacred Heart Early Learning Center
 Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, year round.

At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a safe, clean, predictable and nurturing environment in which children can explore, build relationships and develop a positive self concept. If you are interested in our program, call Andrea Stover at 414-5757 for an appointment, or for information.

SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL
A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Applications may be downloaded from our website www.shgs.us.
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