# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATING 125 YEARS



## Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño "Annunciation" and "Tree of Life" Meditation Gardens

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 29th, 2023

Pastor: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Rector: Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, VF Email: dhiggs@dwc.org Associate: Rev. Dominic Athishu Email: dathishu@dwc.org In Residence: Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L.



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# Catholic Schools Week 2023 January 29-February 4

# MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

> 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

> EUCHARISTIC 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 **TELEPHONE 304-342-8175** FAX 304-344-3907

#### ADMINISTRATION

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Director of RCIA: Mike Kawash	549-6453
Email: mak@ramlaw.com	
Coordinator of Religious Education: Sr. Ida Chikara	1-304-709-0026
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Sacred Heart Early Learning Center: 6 weeks-2 years	
Andrea Bias, Director	414-5757
Sacred Heart Child Development Center: After Schoo	l Care
Crystal Ashcraft, Coordinator	344-1125
Sacred Heart Grade School: K-5/Pre-School (ages 3-4)	
Anne Davis, Principal	346-5491
Charleston Catholic High School: 6-12	
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal	342-8415
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#### **SACRAMENTS**

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

**MUSIC** 

Music Director: Mark Haas	342-8175
Email: mhaas@shccwv.us	
Principal Organist: Gregory Gray	380-4786

#### **OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES**

Boy Scouts: Sam Wilkes	546-0614	
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For information on Catholic Charities		
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross	346-2608	
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 276	5-274-8110	
Girl Scouts: Sandi Greenhowe	553-7021	
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Dick Fauss, Grand Knight	965-6872	
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Mount Olivet Cemetery/Mausoleum	342-8135	
Wayne Johnson or Sacred Heart Parish		
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger	344-1181	
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center	342-0507	
SH Christian Service Committee: Ron Rushworth	382-7768	
SH Finance Council: Cindy McGhee-Chair	342-8175	
SH Gift Shop: Antonetta Stevens 415-8132 or Kathy Lamb	344-2011	
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair	533-2298	

#### Sharing Our Treasure - 1/22/2023

Regular Collection: \$8,759 Candles: \$77 SMILE: \$50 Energy Needs: \$85 (\$2,024) Church in Europe: \$40 (\$653)

Partners In Hope: \$25 Needy Student: \$100

Church in Dev. Africa & Latin America: \$40 (\$698)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 29, 2023

01/28 01/29		8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	<ul> <li>+ Robert "Bob" Miller</li> <li>+ People of the Parish</li> <li>+ John Ruddick</li> <li>+ Dr. Angel Cinco</li> <li>+ Randy Michael</li> </ul>
01/30	Mon.	8:15 am	+ Geraldine Washington
01/31	Tue.	12:00 pm	+ Jim & June Wilson
02/01	Wed.	12:00 pm	+ Nancy & Dick Long
02/02	Thu.	12:00 pm	+ Norma Hammons
02/03	Fri.		+ Herminigildo Banzon Abella, Jr. + Linda Kay Collins
02/04	Sat.	8:15 am	+ Jamar Lozano
		8:00 am 10:00 am	<ul> <li>+ Bob Crowley</li> <li>+ David Alan Harless</li> <li>+ People of the Parish</li> <li>+ Mary Lou Whitlatch</li> <li>+ Tom &amp; Mary Christina Edwards</li> </ul>

Ministry Schedule-Week of February 4/5

Lector Schedule 5:30 PM-1 O'Donoghue 8:00 AM-Mark French 10:00 AM-Maria Rendinell 12:00 PM-Maricel Bernardo 5:00 PM-Debra Basham

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
5:30 PM Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson
8:00 AM Greg Bolles, Steve Joseph
10:00 AM Bob & Jeannie Tyler
12:00 PM Chloe Flores, Bob Parker
5:00 PM Agnes Smith, Angelita Zamora

#### The Pope's Monthly Intention **JANUARY-For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Volunteers are needed to open the Gift Shop after noon mass. If you are interested, please contact Antonetta Stevens at 304.415.8132. A brief orientation/training will be provided.

## A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings on this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Because of a very sudden pastoral need, Bishop Brennan has appointed Fr. Dominic Athishu administrator of the Churches in Preston County, St. Sebastian Parish, Kingwood, St. Zita Mission, Masontown, and St. Edward the Confessor, Terra Alta effective February 8th. Fr. Dominic will be leaving us next Sunday after the Noon Mass. We will have a reception for him after the first four Masses next weekend giving us an opportunity to thank Fr. Dominic for his priestly ministry with us. Please pray for him as he takes on the responsibilities of three faith communities.

At this time, I am not sure when we will be assigned a new Associate Rector. I have been informed not to expect an associate anytime soon, so in light of this delay, starting February 6th, the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows, Monday 8:15 am, Tuesday no Mass, Wednesday & Thursday 12:00 pm, Friday 8:15 am, 12:00 PM Mass canceled, and Saturday morning no 8:15 am Mass. I will dialogue with members of our parish pastoral council and you to explore adjustments to our weekend Mass Schedule. More information next weekend.

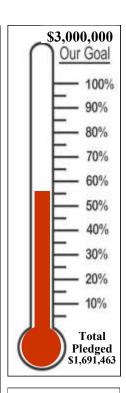
This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. According to a "brief history" from our parish directory of 2005, our parish began a school in 1866. Our parish school had a number of starts and stops until 1903 when the Franciscan Sisters of Penance and Christian Charity of Stella Niagara reopened our 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.

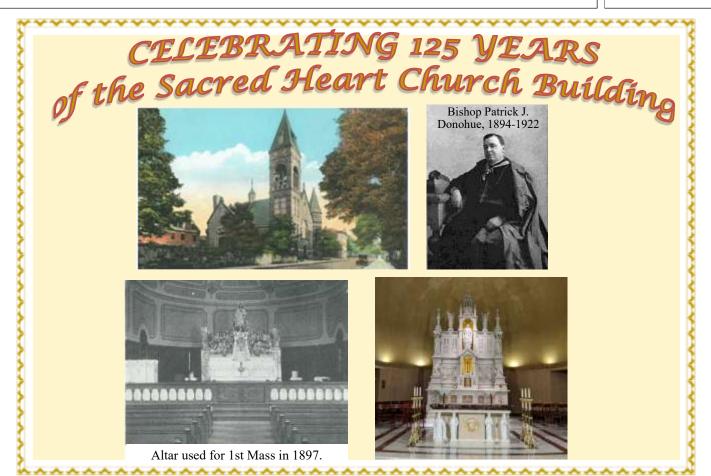
May those who graduate from our schools leave with an appreciation and deep understanding of our Catholic Faith and know of their lifelong responsibility to serve the needs of the world.

May you have safe and blessed week. I remain,

Yours in Christ, Fr. Don



The 2023 Religious Art Calendar's have arrived and are available in the Vestibule and Gathering Space at the Church. THANK YOU! Wayne Johnson and Barlow-Bonsall Funeral Home for the generous donation of our 2023 calendars.



## From our music director...

## A Joyful Psalm #75: Psalm 146

The readings this weekend are all about humility. But what does it mean to be humble? *Humble* is from the Latin, *Humilis*, which means, "on the ground/earth."

In the First Reading we read: "Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility." (Zeph 2:3) In the Second Reading, Saint Paul writes: "God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing." (1 Cor 1:28) Finally, in the Gospel Reading and Psalm Response, God describes those who will attain heaven: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

As Catholics, being humble means that we must admit our wrongdoings (sins) and bring them to the Lord (both privately and in Confession). We must lay our faces down on the ground before Him in true humility. Only then will the kingdom of heaven be ours!

Mark Haas, Director of Music

There will be a full day **Rosary Pilgrimage** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The Pilgrimage is hosted by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. Information on the Pilgrimage is beside the rosary baskets located at the back of the Church or in the Gathering Space. For more information go to their website: rosarypilgrimage.org

TAX STATEMENTS-The 2022 contribution statements will be mailed at 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.

# **TOGETHER IN HOLINESS**

Join us for the second annual **Together in Holiness Marriage** Conference presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This one-day conference provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more.

February 11, 2023 | 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM St. Michael Church | Wheeling, WV Mass Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and more!

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual. Early Bird discount available through January 9. Scholarships available upon request. On-site childcare (2-12yrs) available with pre-registration. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.



The Knights of Council 12630 will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on February 9, 2023 from 9:00 until 2:00 at the South Charleston Holiday Inn. Please sign up and give blood if you can. Call 1-800-Red Cross 1-800-733-2767 to sign up to donate blood. More information will be available later.

Father Thien, Ann Hall and the volunteers of the Risen Lord Food Pantry want the Parishioners of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral and the Knights of Columbus Council to know how much they appreciate both the monetary support [\$5,046 for Thanksgiving-Christmas Food Drive] and the quality and selection of food donations. Our food drive is definitely a help to their effort to assist the food insecure families in that region.

Join to help the Knights help the Church. Charity, Unity and Fraternity are the watchwords of The Knights of Columbus. Join us in our work. It is easy to join the Knights on line by logging on to kofc.org/joinus. Simply fill out the form answering a few simple questions for a free one year membership. Please specify council 12630. Enter the following ONLINE MEMBERSHIP CODE blessedmcgivney.

**Now Hiring-**Our Parish has full-time and part-time teacher positions for the Early Learning Center and After-school care programs. Diocesan benefits and salaries commensurate with experience and education. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and clear a background check. WVIT and ACDS helpful but not required. Please contact Sheila Kerekes at 304-414-5757 or mail your resume to 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301.





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congratulations to Palmer Blaire Seitz, Baptized Sunday, January 21st. She is

the Daughter of Stephen E. Seitz & Samantha F. Seitz.



## WV Catholic Schools Continue to be High Achieving

As West Virginia Catholic school students continue to outperform their public-school counterparts on the state and national levels, Catholic school administrators are aiming to do even better.

This fall the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported public

schools' standardized assessments are "appalling and unacceptable." While education experts attribute increasing rates in decline as a snowball effect to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic school administrators are able to tout steady increases in student achievement. During and since the pandemic Catholic schools in West Virginia have been able to continue to move forward instead of catching up.

NCES and The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), a congressionally authorized project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, reported that math and reading results for the nation are down, and like many of the states, West Virginia's public school scores are lower than the national average. Meanwhile Catholic schools scores remain higher than the state and national averages according to the Nation's Report Card reported by NAEP.

"Private and Catholic schools are expected to outperform public schools, so that is not the grabbing headline, but what is important to highlight is that when we faced a crisis situation, we were ready from the top down to quickly work together to problem solve – turn a challenge into an opportunity, because we did that and continue to do so – our students have not fallen through the cracks," Superintendent of Catholic Schools in West Virginia Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. said. "Our principals and teachers turned on a dime to provide lessons remotely, while reaching out to our students and families to monitor progress and their well-being. We responded without hesitation and then put our heads together on how to safely get back into the classroom as soon as possible."

It was that swift and decisive faith filled decision making to prioritize our students' academic progress, as well as mental and physical health that set them apart, she said.

"We are not perfect, nor do we pretend to be, but with a steadfast focus on our faith we trust God will continue to guide us to help our children reach their full potential," Deschaine said. To learn more about Catholic education in West Virginia go to: https:// wvcatholicschools.org.



## Sacred Heart Grade School News...

This week was "the calm before the crazy". Kindergarten celebrated the letter C on Friday with Crazy Hair & Cap day. It is all leading up to Catholic Schools Week which starts on Sunday, January 29! It will be a fun week.

The winner of the Aquinas Medal for SHGS was announced on Friday, January 27 at the school Mass. This year's winner is Brody Chapman. Congratulations, Brody!! We are so proud of you!



SHGS will be participating in the national celebration of Catholic Schools week this week. Each day will have various themes and celebrations. The students will be bringing in items for the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Society and will also be making blankets for The WV Kids Cancer

Crusade that will be distributed to children in hospitals undergoing treatment for cancer. We will also be bringing in Pennies for People. That money will be donated to The Gabriel Project and the victims of the apartment fire. *Anne Davis, Principal* 

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#### **Catholic Schools Week-CCHS**

This week, January 29- February 4, marks Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration when we recognize the blessings that our Catholic schools are in our lives and in our communities. This year's theme of "Faith. Excellence. Service." highlights some of the hallmarks of Charleston Catholic High School. Our longstanding tradition of academic excellence provides our students with foundations to be successful when they move on to the next level. Our robust theology program enables students to be thoughtful, faith-filled people who support others on their faith journeys. The Charleston Catholic mission statement encourages us to make the world a better place which we strive to do through service to our neighbors.

We will celebrate this week by supporting six local agencies that make an impact in our community. Additionally, we will celebrate the students and teachers at Charleston Catholic during our school days. During this week, please keep the Charleston Catholic High School community in your prayers as we strive to grow deeper in faith while we serve others and pursue excellence in our endeavors.





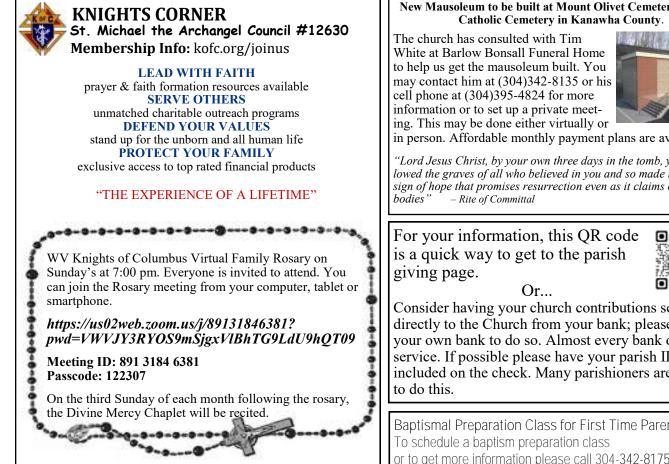
**Free to a Good home!** The poinsettias on the floor in the Gathering Space are free for anyone that wants them.

# **Regal Apartment Donation Drop Off**

The Sacred Heart Parish Confirmation Class would like to hold a donation drop off for the residents who lost all of their personal belongings in the Regal Apartment Fire. We will host this event on Sunday, in the parking lot in between the Junior College and Sacred Heart Playground. You may drive through and drop off any items or monetary donations.

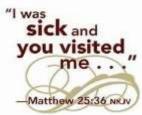
Your help is needed

When: Sunday, January 29th Where: Parking lot in between Junior College and Sacred Heart Playground on Virginia Street Time: 1:00-3:00 Items needed: Clothing, toiletry items, blankets, phone chargers, shoes, coats \*\*\*Monetary donations should be made out to United Way of Central WV



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**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.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

# New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only



in person. Affordable monthly payment plans are available.

"Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed 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



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

Baptismal Preparation Class for First Time Parents or to get more information please call 304-342-8175.



## 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. For information, or to schedule a tour, call 304-346-5491.

- Tiny Hearts-2 Year Old-Half or Full Day Program
- ECE-3 Year Old-Full Day Program
- PRE-K-4 Year Old-Full Day Program
- Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
- After School Care

Integrated Technology, Library, Music, Physical Education, Art & French, Emphasis on Academics, Spirituality, Personal Development and Community Service. All faiths welcome!

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