

BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

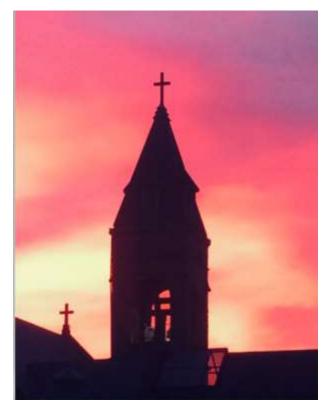
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 4, 2024

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 Rector: Rev. Rayappa Kurakula Email: rayappak@dwc.org In Residence: Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L.



1114 Virginia St., East, Charleston, WV 25301, Telephone: (304) 342-8175/Fax: (304) 344-3907 E-Mail: sacredheartwv@gmail.com - Website: www.sacredheartcocathedral.com



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 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 <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

Bookkeeper: Pam Acevedo	342-8175
email: pacevedo@shccwv.us	
Office Assistant: Angela Hodges	342-8175
email: ahodges@shccwv.us	
Property Manager: John Blake	342-8175
email: jblake@shccwv.us	
Secretary: Sheila Kerekes	342-8175
email: skerekes@shccwv.us	

EDUCATION Director of BCIA: Mike Kawash

5/10 6/153

Director of KCIA: Mike Kawash	549-0455
Email: mak@ramlaw.com	
Coordinator of Religious Education: Sr. Ida Chikara	1-304-709-0026
Email: idachikara@gmail.com	
Sacred Heart Early Learning Center: 6 weeks-2 years	
Andrea Stover, 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))
Niki Kurten, Principal	346-5491
Charleston Catholic High School: 6-12	
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal	342-8415
• • •	

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
Catholic Charities Office-Family Life Center	380-0162
For information on Catholic Charities	
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross	346-2608
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 27	6-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless 30	4-553-7021
Knights of Columbus -St. Michael the Archangel #12630	
Dick Fauss, Grand Knight	965-6872
Sam Gross-Faithful Navigator-Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188	346-2608
Ministry to Sick/Elderly	
Sr. Ida Chikara, SJI 1-30-	4-709-0026
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 - 1/28/2024

Regular Collection: \$11,050 Partners In Hope: \$25 Needy Student: \$75 Social Concerns: \$71 Church Dev. World: \$285 Candles: \$107 Smile (Sisters): \$65 Initial Offering: \$38 (\$478) Heating: \$610 (\$1394)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 4, 2024

02/03 Sat. 02/04 Sun.	I
02/05 Mon.	8:15 am For the Int. of Doug & Michelle McNiell
02/06 Tues.	12:00 pm NO MASS
02/07 Wed.	12:00 pm Communion Service
02/08 Thur.	12:00 pm Communion Service
02/09 Fri.	8:15 am + Lawrence Gresham 12:00 pm + Dick Allen
02/10 Sat.	8:15 am + Antoinette Thomas
02/10 Sat. 02/11 Sun.	1

Ministry Schedule week of February 10/11

Lector Schedule 5:30 PM-John Willson 8:00 AM-1 Rushworth 10:30 AM-Amanda Ream 5:00 PM-John Biros

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule 5:30 PM-John Willson, 5 volunteers 8:00 AM-Nancy Bricker, Greg Bolles, 4 volunteers 10:30 AM-Bob Parker, Jim Siebanoller, Bob & Jeannie Tyler, 2 volunteers 5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Angelita Zamora, 4 volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention February-For the terminally ill We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their

families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

FYI...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, June 8th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

This week, Msgr. Sadie plans to move to Edgewood Summit. Msgr. Sadie returned to the Cordis Center in May of 2022. It was very good for us to have him so close. I benefited greatly from his advice, council, and his encouragement. Please keep him in your prayers as he transitions to assisted living.

Fr. Roy will be returning to us on Friday. Please pray for his safe travels.

Have a blessed week. I remain, Yours in Christ, Fr. Don

Save the date for our upcoming Parish Mission! Guest speaker, Deacon Paul Lim, will join us to enrich our faith lives. Mark your calendars! Monday, February 26, Mass 12:00pm Adoration 1:00-6:00pm, Presentation with Deacon Paul Lim 6:00pm (Reception to follow!)



Deacon Paul Lim is a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He currently serves as Vice-President of Mission Integration at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital.



A Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy with Fr. Don

Fr. Don invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 14-25, 2024.

Highlights include: Florence, Siena, Assisi, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Rome, The Vatican and an audience with the Pope. Flight to and from Charleston, W.V. included. Early Bird Discount of \$50 for those who register before February 3rd.

The cost of \$5899 includes breakfasts and dinners, tours, r/t flights, 4-5 star hotels, motorcoach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Don't miss this once in a lifetime pilgrimage to visit and pray at the Catholic places you have heard of all your life. Plus, you will see the world-famous sites of Italy as well.

For the itinerary, more details and the option to register online, go to: https://bit.ly/ HiggsItaly or call Fr. Don at 304-685-2367.



Blessings and Congratulations to Beau Gabriel King, he was Baptized Sunday, January 28th. He is the child of Gabriel and Heather King.



All men of the parish are invited to attend the newly formed St. Joseph Men's group at Sacred Heart parish! We meet every Saturday morning at 7:15 am in the Cordis Center chapel for Liturgy of the Hours, morning prayer, and the Rosary. Also we meet every other Thursday evening in the Blue Room at the Cordis Center for Faith Formation. For more information please contact Mike Tupta 304-541-5177 or Sean Whelan 859-457-2861.



Religious Education News...

On Sunday, February 11th, all Religious Education classes will meet in the gathering space at the regular starting time (9:15am) for donuts and opening prayer. During the regular class time (9:30am-10:15am) students and teachers will participate in a scavenger hunt in the church to learn about the saint statues and stained glass windows. If your children/

grandchildren are not enrolled in RE but would like to participate please email Sr. Ida (idachikara@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

Jesus and the Eucharist Study Series

As part of our Faith Formation program for the Parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be presenting the 7-part study program "Jesus and the Eucharist". This program is being made available to all parishes in the US as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

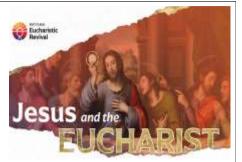
The program runs for 7 weeks, ending on March 14. Each week, we will provide 3 sessions to cover the material for that week, as follows -

- * Sundays at 12:00 Noon in the Gathering Space
- * Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Cordis Center
- * Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space

Each meeting will last approximately 2 hours or less, and will provide time for learning and sharing. The same material will be presented in each session of a given week – feel free to attend any one of the sessions that week. If you can't attend a given week, that's OK – please come whenever you can.

We think this will be a very rewarding and informative program for the parish, and will greatly increase our understanding of Christ's saving work in the Eucharist.

Please sign up using the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.





SHGS will be accepting applications for Sacred Heart parishioners beginning Friday, February 9th. Our application can be found on our website, www.shgs.us. We would love to have you join us for our 2024-2025 school year.

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL-EDUCATING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF WEST VIRGINIA'S YOUTH FOR OVER 90 YEARS

Applications for CCHS can be downloaded from our website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org. For more information, or to schedule a tour, call 342-8415 or email admissions@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.





Knights of Columbus

The Knights will have Fish Fries during lent starting February 16th through March 22nd at Sacred Heart Grade School. The cost for tickets is \$10. While we plan to sell tickets at the door it would be very helpful to us to have some idea of how many people might come to these Fish Fries. To try to accomplish this we will sell tickets after all Masses in the gathering space the weekend before each Fish Frv.

We will start serving at 6:00 p.m. MENU will feature Fried or Baked Cod, Baked Potato with Butter or Sour Cream, French Fries, Hush puppies, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Roll, beverage and dessert. We will have a separate table for condiments. Thanks to Father Don and Father Roy for their support and the Staff of Sacred Heart Grade School for the use of the cafeteria. We also may be asking for desert donations by sign up. If you have attended our trial fish fries and have suggestions, please talk to a Knight.

If you like the things that the Knights do, consider becoming a member. Knights participate in all manner of charitable activities to support families, the church community, faith and life. Our food drives, coats for kids, hot dog and ice cream socials and fish fries are examples of just some of our activities. The first year of membership is still free if you join online at kofc.org/joinus The free code is now blessedmcgivney [not case sensitive] for online membership. After a year, we ask that you pay dues which go to support our Charitable activities. Please ask a Knight if you are interested.

M 25...Whatsoever we do for the least, we do for HIM

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The "Family Life Center Food and Personal Care Pantry" at 1024 Quarrier St. in Charleston has been set up to benefit all parishes/parishioners in need within the greater Charleston area. This pantry is for you...and...yours. Access to the pantry is through the "double doors" on Dunbar Street.

We all know that the aftermath of the pandemic as well as other economic challenges have exacerbated the need to reach out to meet the emergency needs of members of our parishes. This pantry can have a profound impact on the lives of many in our area.

The pantry will consist of the following: Emergency Food, Emergency Home Care Items, Personal Care Items

The pantry will be open as follows: Tuesday 10:00 am until 12:00 noon, Wednesday 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, Thursday 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Catholic Charities West Virginia has been instrumental in caring for the basic necessities of those served and will continue to do so.

This pantry, however, is geared at those considered as "low income" in our parish communities, who, from time to time simply need assistance to get through month by month. It is not affiliated with any other pantry in the area and solely sustained by a collective effort of the local parishes.

Parishioners can be referred to the pantry through local priests or parish administrative offices...or...members of any parish. They need only to come during the designated times and our volunteers will assist. If anonymity is an issue, arrangements will be made to provide such.

We ask that you help us to sustain the pantry by weekly/monthly collection of items that we provide. If you prefer, a gift card or monetary donation is acceptable (no checks, please); all proceeds will help us restock and keep our shelves full. One of our volunteers, all representative of local parishes, can assist with parish solicitations.

Together, we can make a positive impact and ensure that no one in our parish community goes to bed hungry or is unable to meet the basic necessities of life. Collectively, we can be a beacon of hope for those who need us most.

In Christ, we are volunteers from: The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish, Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Anthony's Parish, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Christ the King Parish, St. Agnes Parish, St. John's Episcopal Church

PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE

2024-2025 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST 2024.

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Mark Brennan to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for **TAP through FACTS** is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2024-2025 school year.

Who is eligible?Any student accepted for the 2024-2025 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12)
is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.
Phase I: open to Catholic families ONLY
Phase II: open to ALL families
Phase III: open to ALL families-intended for families new to the school or have had a life-changing
event.

How do I apply? Applications are made on-line. Go to <u>www.factsmgt.com</u>, click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost? The application fee is \$25.

Grants: Diocesan grants for families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive **up to 50%** of the child's tuition.

IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ

Phase I Deadline April 30, 2024	In order to receive notification in late May, applications (<i>including all required documentation and payment</i>) are to be received by <i>FACTS by April 30, 2024</i> . Phase I is intended for <i>Catholic families ONLY</i> with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2024-2025 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Families must belong to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application.
Phase II Deadline July 14, 2024	In order to receive notification in August, all applications for 2024-2025 (<i>including all required documentation and payment</i>) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than <i>July 14th, 2024</i> . Phase II is now intended for <i>Catholic and Non-Catholic families</i> . If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. <i>Please do NOT submit a second application</i> .
Phase III Deadline August 23 rd 2024	In order to receive notification in September, applications <i>(including all required documentation and payment)</i> MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than <i>August 23rd</i> . Phase III is intended for Catholic and Non-Catholic families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e., birth, death, loss of job, major illness)
Note 1:	No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless: 1. an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted 2. all required documentation is provided, AND 3. the application fee of \$25 is paid by the deadline.
Note 2:	ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Fr. Sadie's "Cogitationes" 304-546-4330

The Tablet-International Catholic Weekly

VIEW FROM ROME

Promulgated a week before Christmas, Fiducia Supplicans is a gift from Rome that many around the world are struggling to unwrap. A declaration by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the document is unprecedented in Francis' pontificate: the last of its kind was Dominus Iesus in 2000, issued by the then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. The use of this kind of document signals how seriously Francis takes this delicate question, which he's entrusted to the Argentinian Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, the newly appointed Prefect with whom the Pope had worked closely on the drafting of landmark texts such as The Aparecida Document (2007) and Evangelii Gaudium (2013).

Given its charged topic, the declaration has, unsurprisingly, elicited a surge of varied reactions across the globe. While some are celebrating it as a welcome change, others are alarmed at the idea that traditional teaching has been upended. The Vatican is paying close attention to the waves the declaration is making, carefully reiterating this week that there is no question of "something that is not marriage being recognised as marriage". The point of the declaration was not to change the rich Catholic understanding of marriage but rather to expand the scope of blessings.

It's a distinction that is often missed in the media hubbub – and sometimes willfully ignored by those in the Church who are more interested in promoting their own position than in listening to what the Magisterium is actually teaching. Here in Rome last October, the delegates in the Synod hall expressed "a deep sense of love, mercy and compassion" towards "people who feel marginalised or excluded from the Church because of their marriage status, identity or sexuality". At the same time, Francis has said: "When one asks for a blessing, one is expressing a petition for God's assistance, a plea to live better, and confidence in a Father who can help us live better." Going beyond polarising rhetoric, Fiducia Supplicans is a reminder of the fundamental distinction between blessing two people and marrying them. Perhaps the real confusion lies on another plane entirely: in our understanding of who God is and how grace can be at work in very different situations. God's first gesture towards humanity, we shouldn't forget, was to bless (Genesis 1:28).

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has invited the Church to change not its doctrine but its posture, in order to be a sacrament of God's blessing for all persons, whatever their marriage status. The aim is to accompany those whose complex situation as a couple – whether same-sex, divorced and civilly remarried, or otherwise – has often given them a sense of being on the sidelines of the Church community or beyond the gamut of God's help and faithfulness in their daily life. Blessing two persons means recognising that there is something good in their life, which can grow with God's help.

As bishops and episcopal conferences churn out statements and reactions, pastoral reflection will be needed to discern how the implementation of Fiducia Supplicans can be a renewed sign of God's closeness, tenderness, and compassion in the lives of men and women in the local churches they serve.

There are no signs that Pope Francis intends to slow down. He has confirmed a trip to Belgium to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the Catholic University of Leuven. He has also spoken of trips to Polynesia and to his native Argentina, where he hasn't set foot since his election in 2013. Before the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Francis had toyed with the idea of resigning and even stated that if he retired, he would be known as the "Bishop Emeritus of Rome", not living at the Vatican but in a Roman parish, hearing Confession and visiting the sick. Since Benedict's funeral, Francis has affirmed on the contrary that to him the papal ministry is for life, perhaps to keep at bay those who want him out.

Julian Paparella is a doctoral student at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Rome. He has collaborated with the Venerable English College, the Synod of Bishops, and Salt and Light Media.



PRESENTED BY THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE THAT INSPIRES SPOUSES AND EMPOWERS PARENTS WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 10:45 AM - 6:00 PM

CELEBRANT & SPEAKERS

Very Rev. Timothy Grassi, Joshua P. Bitting, PhD John & Annie DeJack, Renzo & Monica Ortega

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Couple \$27* - Discount available through January 8 Couple \$32* | Childcare \$5/child

50% of all attendee registration costs are generously covered by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire.

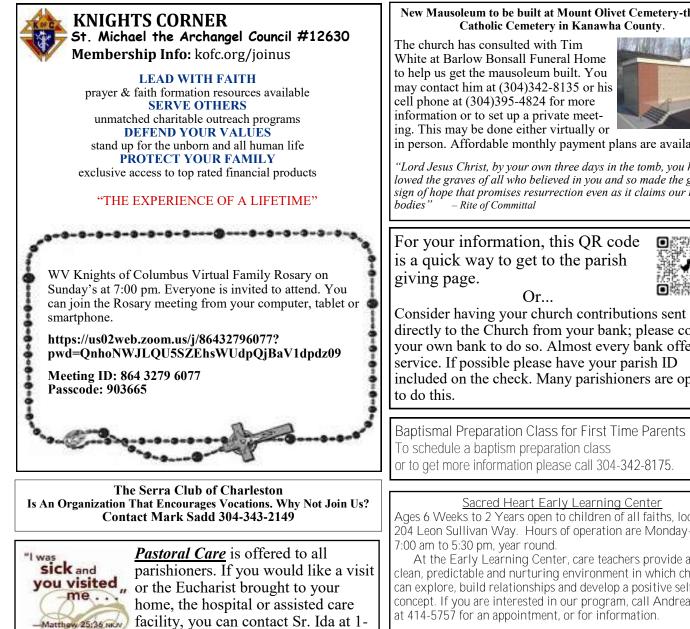
For more information, contact the Conference Coordinator Cameron Kelly at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070 or to register visit: togetherinholiness.org/wheelingcharleston

Every person is made for self-giving love, which has been fully revealed to us by Jesus Christ. At the third annual Together in Holiness conference in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, you will have the opportunity to reflect upon how your own family is called to be a school of love. I encourage all married and engaged couples to attend this event so you and your spouse may grow in deeper appreciation of your marriage vocation and your mission to love God and one another.

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan

VENUE-St. James the Greater Catholic Church, 49 Crosswinds Dr | Charles Town, WV 25414

WHO SHOULD ATTEND-Catholic married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and beyond who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic Faith.



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.

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



directly to the Church from your bank: please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this included on the check. Many parishioners are opting



Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday

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!

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **EDUCATING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF WEST VIRGINIA'S** Youth For Over 90 Years

Applications may be downloaded from our website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, call 342-8415 or email admissions@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

