



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

1st Sunday of Lent-February 18, 2024

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



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*Monsignor P. Edward Sadie, P.A.
December 15, 1930 - February 11, 2024*

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 <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

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

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Crystal Ashcraft, Coordinator	344-1125
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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
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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	276-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless	304-553-7021
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	1-304-709-0026
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 - 2/11/2024

Regular Collection: \$12,257	Candles: \$190
Partners In Hope: \$140	Smile (Sisters): \$120
Needy Student: \$140	Initial Offering: \$16 (\$504)
Social Concerns: \$10	Heating: \$80 (\$1554)
Black & Native American: \$895	

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

Our beloved priest, Msgr. Edward Sadie has gone to his reward. Please pray for him, his family, and his parish family. Much more will be said in the weeks ahead. For now, we just give praise and thanksgiving to God for his priestly service to the Lord and His Church.

May Msgr. Sadie hear from the Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant, receive your Master's Joy"

I remain,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Don

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 1st Sunday of Lent-February 18, 2024

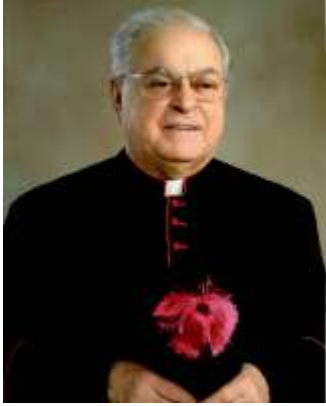
02/17 Sat.	5:30 pm + People of the Parish
02/18 Sun.	8:00 am + Shawn Wheeler
	10:30 pm + Francis Jean Smith
	5:00 pm + Roger Whittington
02/19 Mon.	8:15 am + Harry Higgs
02/20 Tues.	12:00 pm + Charles "Ken" Surber
02/21 Wed.	12:00 pm + Ed Klug
02/22 Thur.	12:00 pm + John Ruddick
02/23 Fri.	8:15 am + James Sorrent
	12:00 pm + Kenny Fox
	5:00 pm Pray the Rosary
	5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
02/24 Sat.	8:15 am + Holy Souls in Purgatory
02/24 Sat.	5:30 pm + Nora Matuszkiewicz
02/25 Sun.	8:00 am + Lissa Bolles
	10:30 pm + Msgr. P. Edward Sadie
	5:00 pm + People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule week of February 24/25

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Linda Higgs
8:00 AM-Joel Weese
10:30 AM-Mark Carter
5:00 PM-Debra Basham

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Mary Agnes & Rex Kern, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Debbie Barr, Jason Pizatella, Andrew & Heather Workman, 2 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Agnes Smith, 4 volunteers



Obituary

“The Glory of God is a human being fully alive.” — St. Irenaeus of Lyons

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, Monsignor P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L., of Charleston, West Virginia, passed peacefully in his sleep.

Monsignor was preceded in death by his parents Timothy and Jennie Sadie of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and brother James Robert Sadie of Montgomery, Alabama. Left to honor his memory and legacy are his Alabama family including sister-in-law Edna Abdelnour Sadie; nephews Timothy Joseph Sadie, James Edward Sadie, John Anthony Sadie (Lisa), and Mark Edward Sadie (Ashley); nieces Elizabeth Marie Sadie Sutton (William), Jennifer Rose Sadie Booth, Jeanne Marie Sadie Anderson (James), Ann Michelle Sadie Osten (Charles), Kristin Maria Sadie Schwarz (David); numerous grandnephews and grandnieces; as well as trusted advisors, Nick Casey, Ralph Hoyer, Dick Walker, Wayne Johnson; Madeleine Blankenship, his secretary of 35 years; and Debra Sullivan who served as principal of his two schools for 28 years. Monsignor was grateful for the outpouring of support offered by parishioners, friends, students and educators, fellow priests, Christian and non-Christian clerics, and others who encouraged him during his lifetime.

A happy and compassionate man of deep faith and humility, a dreamer and a visionary, a builder of lives both young and old, Monsignor certainly did his part. Through his lifetime of service, he touched lives in untold and profound ways. Through his example, he challenged all who knew him to find the better angels in themselves and in others and to look beyond what is and imagine what might be.

Monsignor Sadie was born on December 15, 1930, into the Syrian-American community of Parkersburg. His father, a Melkite Catholic who immigrated from Syria at age 15, started as a merchant selling home goods to farmers along Route 50 from Marietta to Clarksburg. He moved his goods by mule, then horse, then car, eventually opening a grocery store and tavern near the Wood County Court House which specialized in fish sandwiches and cream pies. Eventually, he became a prominent, successful, highly respected businessman. His mother, whose parents immigrated from the same village as her husband-to-be, was a strong presence in the immigrant community, helping Syrians who could not speak English. She referred to Monsignor as a “just and fair son.”

Monsignor’s pride in his Syrian and Melkite Catholic roots and his deep love of his parents and brother James were touchstones throughout life. His devotion to God, appreciation of art and music, belief in the power of education, and commitment to human rights were shaped by his family. At age 6 he began what was to become his lifelong passion for learning, attending St. Francis Xavier Grade School in his hometown, where he was taught by the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus. As a youth, he was a Boy Scout and played the mandolin and the violin, eventually earning First String position on the WPA Junior Orchestra. After ninth grade, he transferred to St. Charles Preparatory Seminary in Catonsville, Maryland, to complete his high school years and his college freshman and sophomore years. The only child of an immigrant studying at St. Charles at the time, Monsignor immersed himself in his studies and extracurricular life, running track and playing football intramurals. **He completed his college junior and senior years at St. Mary’s Major Seminary in Baltimore, earning an A.B. in philosophy 1953 and eventually S.T.B./S.T.L. theology degrees in 1957.** During his theology studies in Baltimore, he taught catechism to deaf children who were required to learn by reading lips. He learned sign language to instruct deaf adults. In conjunction with his S.T.L. degree, Monsignor studied medical ethics which he later taught to student nurses at St. Joseph Nursing School in Parkersburg. He later earned an M.A. in Latin from the University of Michigan.

Not known to even many of his friends, in 1956 Monsignor petitioned Church authorities to transfer from the Eastern Melkite Catholic Church, in which he could marry before ordination, to the Western Latin Church which required celibacy, all because he wanted to minister as a priest in West Virginia.





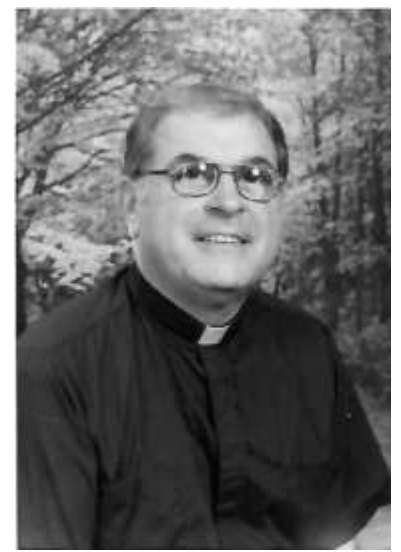
Monsignor returned to his home parish of St. Francis Xavier in Parkersburg where Bishop Thomas McDonnell ordained him as priest for the Diocese of Wheeling (now Wheeling-Charleston) on June 1, 1957. Four others were ordained that day and remained lifelong friends. Following ordination, Monsignor was assigned to southwestern Virginia, at that time the **outpost of the Diocese. For 6 years he served as associate pastor of St. Mary's Church** and missions in Blacksburg and as the chaplain at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Radford College, ministering to college-age men and women. During those years in a predominantly Protestant part of the Diocese, he developed close ties with Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Lutheran ministers, spurring his lifelong interest in ecumenism and the study of other faiths. He later cherished a decades-long friendship with Rabbi Victor Urecki of Charleston and formed deep relationships with the Muslim community.

In 1963, Monsignor was called back to Vienna, just outside Parkersburg, where he was named vice rector, treasurer, and Latin instructor at St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary, a four-year high school program for young men considering the priesthood. During those years he became even more committed to the power of a good education. It was there, too, that he was introduced to the intricacies of financial management, acquiring knowledge and skills that would affect his future parish assignments.

St. Agnes Catholic Church in Charleston welcomed him as pastor in 1969, where he happily served for 11 years. Admired and loved by parishioners young and old, his homilies, wisdom, devotion to Catholic schools, and service were applauded as he evolved into activities that became hallmarks of his priesthood — eliminating school and parish debts, expanding the church-school complex, strengthening educational opportunities, upgrading facilities, bringing together individuals from a variety of backgrounds as trusted advisors, and becoming involved in the broader Christian and non-Christian community. During these years at St. Agnes, Monsignor conducted energetic initiatives to attract inactive Catholics and successfully petitioned then Bishop Hodges for permission to commission women as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, making them the first women in the Diocese permitted to distribute Communion in a parish. He formed close bonds with families and the greater Charleston community, ties which continued to grow throughout his life.

Monsignor capably dealt with current issues while dreaming of future possibilities. Where some saw blight, he saw possibilities. Recognizing the value of real estate and the necessity of implementing solid financial practices to grow the parish and diocesan presence in the Charleston area, while at St. Agnes Monsignor developed contiguous parish property that had been used as a dump for refuse from the glass plant that formerly operated at the east end of Kanawha City. **With a combination of careful removal and remediation, grading, and filling, he doubled St. Agnes' footprint, creating an athletic field** for the school as well as a playground and additional parking for school staff and parishioners. He purchased a house adjacent to the University of Charleston on behalf of the Diocese to open a campus ministry office for college students. And Monsignor negotiated the purchase of land on Corridor G where the Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center is now located.

In 1980, Bishop Hodges named Monsignor as pastor of the Co-Cathedral Parish of the Sacred Heart, later through **Monsignor's efforts to be designated as Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**, in downtown Charleston, where his priestly leadership continued to flourish. **A humble man who sought no recognition for himself, Monsignor's valuable service was recognized in 2005 with his appointment as Monsignor, Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, and in 2013 as Protonotary Apostolic, the highest rank of Monsignor.** Monsignor took to heart the words of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests: **"Remain humble, remain simple. The more you are so, the more good you will do."**



Reassignment to Sacred Heart brought new challenges and opportunities as Monsignor continued to grow as a collaborator and visionary, enlisting the good ideas and help of others to advance parish initiatives. A community builder, he inspired parishioners to share their own talents and energy through a variety of activities. Monsignor launched the annual Red Mass and St. Thomas More liturgy for legal professionals, and the annual Rose Mass for members of the medical community, with invitations sent to all regardless of religious affiliation, inviting notable bishops, **archbishops, and cardinals as guest speakers. He encouraged parishioners' support of** missionary efforts, the Gabriel Project to help infants by providing basic needs, Catholic education throughout the Diocese, and funding for retired religious orders. Monsignor celebrated the international diversity of the parish, hosting liturgical celebrations associated with specific nationalities and welcoming pilgrims from across the country and the world. He recruited religious Sisters to relocate from Zimbabwe to extend parish outreach efforts.



In addition to working nonstop to fulfill his daily pastoral duties, Monsignor was ever mindful of the future needs of the parish, planning for the spiritual and facility needs of parishioners, and keeping an eye on the physical and fiscal needs of the church building itself and the two schools under his supervision. Monsignor believed that a strong Catholic presence downtown contributed mightily to the vitality of the city he loved.

Early in his years at Sacred Heart, he told then Bishop Hodges that Sacred Heart was landlocked and that, with the **Bishop's permission, he planned to buy all the adjacent, boarded up properties he could "hit with a rock."** And he did. Early on he bought and demolished dilapidated buildings at the corner of Leon Sullivan Way and Quarrier, building a parking lot for Sacred Heart Grade School staff, and then redeveloped it years later as home to the Parish Hall and the Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center. With the purchase of the Charleston Newspapers lot along Leon Sullivan Way and the Beury property on Virginia Street, a beautiful statuary garden and ample parking area for parishioners and Sacred Heart Grade School and Charleston Catholic High School staff were constructed.

During his over 36 years as pastor, he beautified Sacred Heart's downtown campus by using architecture, art, and landscaping to glorify God, teach tenets of the faith, and lift human hearts. With careful attention to the historical significance of the church building, and to economic feasibility, functionality, architectural detail, and aesthetics, Monsignor upgraded and expanded the original Sacred Heart Church building and grounds, making alterations to serve the cradle-to-grave needs of parishioners well into the future. Monsignor refurbished the 1897 church, carefully restoring the woodwork, Italian marble altar, stained glass windows, statuary, and tile flooring, while upgrading the lighting and sound systems. A Schantz pipe organ was installed, the sanctuary was extended, and an artisan-crafted **Appalachian wooden altar, Bishop's chair, and other furnishings** were put in place. Flags representing the many nationalities of parishioners were on display in **the church's nave. With Monsignor's particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin, an expansive collection of artistic** renderings of the Annunciation found a home at Sacred Heart. In keeping with the style of the original church, the original **rectory was demolished to make room for the Cathedral's expansion. The Cenacle Retreat House on Virginia Street** was renovated to provide living quarters for parish priests as well as office space for parish operations and a chapel and meeting areas.

Monsignor was widely recognized for his deep commitment to improving educational opportunities for children of all faiths. Students and staff – Catholic, non-Catholic, and non-Christian – living in Kanawha, Clay, Fayette, Raleigh, Putnam, Boone, Logan and other counties came together to create a family within the two schools. As pastor, Monsignor was chief administrator of Sacred Heart Grade School, and early in his years with the parish he petitioned Bishop Hodges for himself to assume the role as president of the then struggling Charleston Catholic High School. His devotion to the spiritual, intellectual, social-emotional, and physical development of children and youth was evident in the thought and energy he put into these schools. He worked diligently to ensure that the schools were excellent. Both grew in enrollment and quality as Monsignor focused on recruiting and retaining dedicated and capable staff, upgrading and expanding facilities, instituting sound financial practices, and providing up-to-date teaching resources.

Through the generosity of parishioners and the school community, Monsignor ensured that school facilities were safe, state-of-the-art, and conducive to learning. He reimagined an asphalt area located between the church and grade school, enclosing it for a gym and activity room. Upgrades to the original Sacred Heart Grade School and Seton Hall provided additional classroom space. Monsignor purchased the old Kanawha Valley Hospital at Dunbar and Virginia streets, setting the stage for a playground and space to meet school and parish needs. As the grade school continued to expand, Monsignor oversaw the acquisition and renovation of the Hoyer Building at the corner of Dunbar and Quarrier streets for additional classroom and storage space. Realizing that the parish needed room for youth and other groups, Monsignor refurbished a boarded-up building on Quarrier Street into the Sacred Heart Family Life Center.

With generous parishioners rallying to the call, Monsignor was able to purchase additional properties to provide income to the parish and schools. He purchased a rundown building on Dunbar Street across from Charleston Catholic High School,



transforming it into office space rented to a federal agency. For years he had his eye on the West Virginia Career College building – a stone's throw away – for future use by parish and schools. The parish eventually completed the deal.

Charleston Catholic High School benefited mightily from Monsignor's careful stewardship. By gathering the support of parishioners, staff, students, parents, alumni, businesses, and others in the community, in 1995 Monsignor spearheaded the complete renovation of the original 1940's school building and the construction of a 30,000 square foot classroom and commons/cafeteria addition, including infrastructure to accommodate the eventual addition of a fourth floor to the wing. Understanding that it was unlikely that suitable property adjacent to the school would become available or be affordable for construction of an athletic facility, in 2004 Monsignor, his advisors, and supporters purchased an indoor tennis facility on Hillcrest Avenue, transforming the property into the CCHS Athletic Facility with a gym, auxiliary gym, outdoor tennis courts, weight room, and meeting rooms along with rental offices.

Monsignor was a major player in endeavors beyond parish and schools. A highly esteemed leader, he was routinely sought out by civic, religious, and business leaders to lend a hand to improve Charleston and West Virginia ecumenically, educationally, economically, and socially. A prolific writer, he was a frequent contributor to state and regional newspapers commenting on public issues. He served as executive director of the Catholic Conference of West Virginia and was a member of the Diocesan Commissions for Religious Unity and for Evangelization, the Diocesan Vocations Committee, the Anglican-Roman Catholic and the Methodist-Catholic Commissions of West Virginia, and the St. Francis Hospital and Catholic Charities boards of directors. He co-founded the Root and the Branch, an ecumenical effort bringing different faith traditions together to build understanding. He happily supported the Coptic Christians in Charleston as they worked to find and renovate worship space. He was always available to share ideas.

When Monsignor retired in 2016, he began the next chapter on his life's journey. Building on his decades-long interest in providing a Catholic school education for those who desired it regardless of financial ability, he established the Father Sadie Educational Fund. Using his own financial resources, he opened a pathway for minority children and children of immigrants to attend Sacred Heart Grade School and Charleston Catholic High School. Through his vision and generosity, individual lives will continue to be touched.

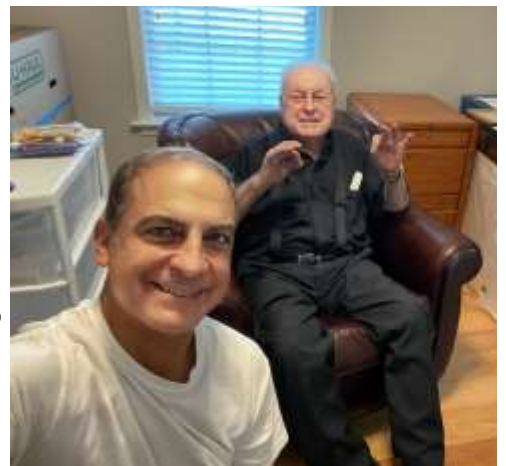
To his sister-in-law, Monsignor was simply "Eddie," and to nieces and nephews, he was "Uncle Eddie." As the last surviving member of their father's family, he was a source of incredible wisdom, faith, and guidance. He often advised them, with direct honesty and tremendous love, on matters related to faith, finances, hardships, and relationships. Furthermore, he provided for them an example of a person whose deep faith was enriched by his extensive education and pastoral experience, so that his faith was not simply in "the head," but a living one in the world. To his family, his life mirrored the first line of the encyclical document, *Gaudium et Spes*: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."

Although Monsignor was humble in assessing his own impact, the extent of his presence speaks for itself. A West Virginia treasure, Monsignor will be remembered for his vision, example of faith, life of service, boundless energy, humor, hope for the future, bedrock belief in the power of a good education, and commitment to the worth of every human being. Through his words, deeds, and challenges, he has left his mark on so many lives, the community, and the State.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Leon Sullivan Way in Charleston with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. by the Very Reverend Donald X. Higgs as presider and Monsignor Paul Hudock as homilist. There will also be visitation at the Basilica on Friday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, at The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by Bishop Mark Brennan as presider and the Very Reverend Casey Mahone as homilist. Monsignor will be buried with his parents at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Parkersburg.

In lieu of flowers or other acknowledgements, the family requests that donations be made to The Father Sadie Educational Fund, 1033 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV 25301. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.barlowbonsall.com. Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home of Charleston is honored to assist the family and parish with arrangements.



LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not apply. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.



Lent at the Basilica

- Regular Sunday and Weekday Schedule
- Friday's during Lent: Members of the Christian Service Committee will Pray the Rosary at 5:00 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

Priests Health & Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection March 2-3, 2024

A special second collection is scheduled for March 2-3, 2024, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

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.

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.



Sacred Heart Grade School will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 25th from 4-7 in our school cafeteria. Dinners will be \$15 each and include salad, spaghetti and meatballs, and bread. Bake sale items will also be available for an additional donation. All proceeds will benefit one of our school families, the Meltons, whose two year old son was recently diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Dine-in and Take-out options are available. Please plan to stop by and enjoy having dinner prepared for you.



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

Meditation Guide for Adoration

There is a new meditation guide available for use during Adoration. Copies are available in the vestibule.

It's not to late to join the 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.

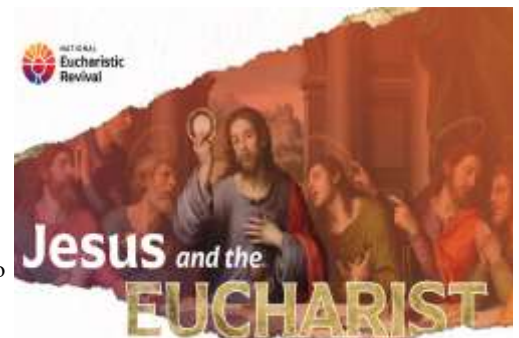
The program has already started but doesn't end until March 14. Each week, we will provide 3 sessions to cover the material for that week, as follows –

- * 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.





Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



Evening Eucharistic Encounter

with Deacon Paul Lim

Monday, February 26, 2024

- 12:00pm Mass (*Adoration 12:30-6:00pm*)
- 1:00pm Rosary
- 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:30-5:30 Confessions
- 6:00pm Presentation with Deacon Lim**
(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.

The Synod Continues in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston


Continuing on our journey as a Synodal Church, faithful from around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are asked to attend a gathering in their vicariate (Charleston, Martinsburg, Beckley, Clarksburg, Parkersburg, and Wheeling) between Feb. 21- March 7. Each gathering will be a synodal listening session to address two questions posed by the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, who met in Rome last October.

- Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church’s structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

The sessions will be held Feb. 21 at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, Feb. 22 at St. Leo Church in Inwood, Feb. 27 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Beckley, Feb. 28 at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg, Feb. 29 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Parkersburg, and March 7 at St. Michael Church in Wheeling. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend.



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.

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Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council 12630 are honored to add our tribute and remembrances for Monsignor Sadie who we all held in very high esteem. Monsignor Sadie was instrumental in founding our council on January 10, 2000.

Knights of Columbus Council 12630 will have [Fish Fries during lent starting February 16 and ending March 22](#). The cost for tickets will be \$10. We will sell tickets at the door. This is a new activity for our council, so please be patient with us as we refine our procedures.

The location will be the Sacred Heart Grade School Cafeteria. We will serve dinners from 6:00 p.m. to 8 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 and beverages. 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.

The Knights are starting our [40 Cans for Lent Food Drive](#), so please remember Father Thien and the good work he does to help the food insecure in Clay County. As in previous years, you may bring either non-perishable food or give a monetary donation. Father Thien’s most requested items are 1. Peanut Butter, 2. Canned Tuna Fish, 3. Canned Soup, 4. Any Canned Vegetable, 5. Canned Fruit. Crackers would also be appreciated. We are again suggesting a donation in the form of a check made out to K of C 12630 for \$30.00 to cover a basic meal.

M 25...Whatever 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

First Sunday of Lent

In His Mercy

Loving Father, you sent a rainbow as a sign of your mercy and of our relationship with you. Soften our hardened hearts. May the mercy that we show others be a sign that through the waters of baptism you live in us and that we are your adopted children. May our Lenten prayer and sacrifice fortify us to continue your mission on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 18, 2024-Abundant Mercy

Today's readings: Genesis 9:8–15; Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15. "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every little creature." With these words, God shows his love as he promises anew to be in relationship with creation. In the reading from the First Letter of Peter, we hear that God saved the eight who were aboard the ark through the waters of the flood and now saves us through the waters of baptism. God, whose love brought us into being, seeks relationship and communion with us. To reconcile us with him, he sent his Son, who prepared for his mission by fasting for forty days in the desert.

During the forty days of Lent, many of us give in to temptation and find ourselves repenting time and again. Knowing that God is merciful and understands our shortcomings, we can always resolve to begin anew. God yearns for relationship with us and does not give up on us.

As one of your Lenten practices, you may have chosen to read the day's Scriptures attentively. Try to approach the readings with fresh eyes willing to allow the text to relate to your life today. Familiar texts can speak to us in the new circumstances, challenges, joys, and sorrows of our lives. All we need is an openness to the Word. God's Word is always relevant.



This Week at Home

Monday, February 19-The Neighbor

In Matthew 22:36–39, Jesus tells the scholar about the two greatest commandments: loving God and loving neighbor. Today's passage from Matthew depicts how our actions show love for both God and neighbor. Inviting the sheep on his right to the kingdom, the Son of Man recounts that their feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and welcoming the stranger also fed, clothed, and welcomed Christ. When a reminder is needed on how God expects us to treat our neighbor, return to this passage. Today's readings: Leviticus 19:1–2, 11–18; Psalm 19:8–10, 15; Matthew 25:31–46.

Tuesday, February 20-Patiently Waiting

Both the psalm and Gospel show us how to pray. Portraying the need for trust, the psalmist sings, "I sought the Lord and he answered me, / delivered me from all my fears." In the Gospel, Jesus tells his followers that they need to come to God with humility as they pray that his will be done. Instead of expecting instant gratification from prayer requests, keep in mind that God acts in his time, not ours. Be patient and trust; God will not leave you alone. Today's readings: Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 34:4–7, 16–19; Matthew 6:7–15.

Wednesday, February 21-Grateful Hearts

Jesus comments in today's Gospel on the generation's desire for a sign. How many times have you prayed and asked for a sign? Many of us want proof that God will come through for us. Remember that God knows what is best for each of us. During this Lent, seek to discern and appreciate what you have been given and thank God for what he has provided. Today's readings: Jonah 3:1–10; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 18–19; Luke 11:29–32.

Thursday, February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Upon Peter's assertion that Jesus is the Messiah, we hear Jesus tell Peter that he is the rock upon which the Church shall be built. As Christ's followers, we too must voice that Jesus is our Savior. Our faith can be the foundation upon which others' faith can grow. Pope Francis implores us to go out in mission so that through encounters with others, the Church will grow. Our faith is not a secret but a wonderful gift. This Lent, how will you contribute to strengthening the foundation of the Church? Today's readings: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Psalm 23:1–3a, 4–6; Matthew 16:13–19.

Friday, February 23-Continuing the Mission

On the optional Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, the Church recalls a second-generation Christian who was a disciple of the apostle John. Before St. Polycarp was burned at the stake, he put his trust in God. He was unafraid of what would happen to him. Pray to be able to trust that God is with you, no matter the trial you face. Today's readings: Ezekiel 18:21–28; Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–7a, 7bc–8; Matthew 5:20–26.

Saturday, February 24-Learning to Love

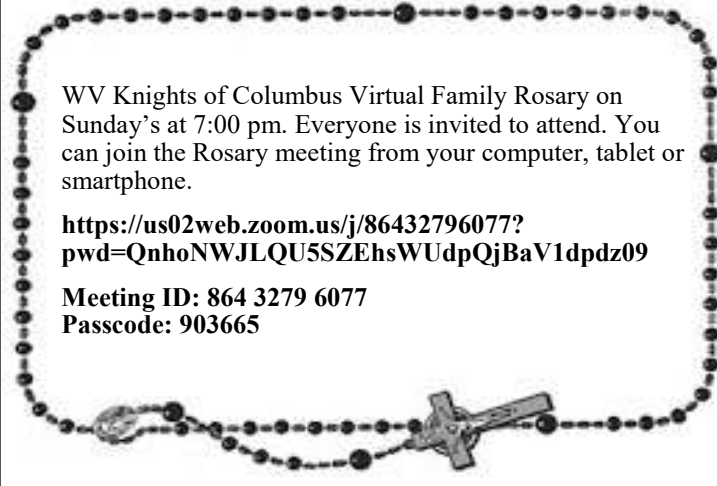
"If you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?" we hear in today's Gospel. To love without conditions can be difficult. Yet this is what Jesus asks from us. When we have been wronged, it is tempting to seek revenge. Yet, Jesus shows us a higher path. Instead of revenge, Jesus loves everyone and instructs us to forgive. What would it mean for you to love your enemy and to forgive someone who has hurt you? Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:16–19; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 7–8; Matthew 5:43–48.



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