



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 26th, 2023

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Our Lady of Kyiv pray for us.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 PM

Monday & Friday 8:15 am

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday & Thursday 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

<https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM

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<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

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SH Gift Shop: Antonetta Stevens 415-8132 or Kathy Lamb 344-2011
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 2/19/2023

Regular Collection: \$8,291	Candles: \$100
SMILE (Sisters): \$95	Needy Student: \$55
Energy Needs: \$20 (\$2,359)	Partners in Hope: \$75
Black & Native American: \$145	Social Concerns: \$10
Catholic Home Mission: \$115 (\$881)	

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 1st Sunday of Lent-February 26, 2023

02/25 Sat. 5:30 pm + Barbara Anne Angelo
02/26 Sun. 8:00 am + Lissa Bolles
10:00 am + Cathy Balazs
12:00 pm + People of the Parish
5:00 pm + Burke Riley
02/27 Mon. 8:15 am + Herminigildo Banzon Abella, Jr.
02/28 Tues. No Mass
03/01 Wed. 12:00 pm + Rita Mills Williams
03/02 Thu. 12:00 pm + Phillip Peters
03/03 Fri. 8:15 am + Jamer Lozano
5:00 pm Pray the Rosary
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
03/04 Sat. 5:30 pm + Robert "Bob" Miller
03/05 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish
10:30am + Arthur Thomas Keefe, III
5:00 pm + C.W. Moore

Beginning Sunday, March 5th the 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses will be combined into one Mass, that will be held at 10:30am. This is a permanent change that affects only those two weekend Masses.

Ministry Schedule-Week of March 4/5

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Michael Kawash
8:00 AM-Bob Harrison
10:30 AM-Mark Carter
5:00 PM-John Biros

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM Matt Higgs, Debra Murphy
8:00 AM Greg Bolles, Steve Joseph
10:30 AM Debbie Barr, Steve Naylor
5:00 PM Debra Basham, Agnes Smith

Local Lenten Reconciliation Services

Sacred Heart Basilica
Monday, March 20th-7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Hills
Tuesday, March 21st-6:00 PM

St. Anthony
Wednesday, March 22nd-6:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, March 26th-3:00 PM



A note from the Rector...

This Sunday, Bishop Mark will be at the Basilica to celebrate the Rite of Election for the Catechumens who are preparing to be received into our Church through the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Our Bishop will also celebrate the Rite of Continuing Conversion for those who are already Baptized and wishing to enter our Church. With Joy, our Bishop will call them to the Easter Sacraments. Please keep in your prayers our parish catechumens, Crystal Flanigan, Elizabeth Southern and Matthew Thomas and our candidates, Jordan Burgess, Tracy (T.J.) Cook, Sherri Graley, Shannon Holliday, Zachary Mason, Andrew Price, James Renner & Kellie Renner.

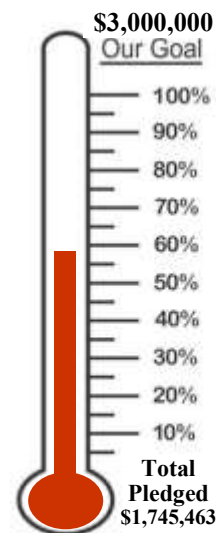
Please remember that we begin our new Mass schedule next Sunday. We will be combining the 10am and the 12 Noon Mass into one at 10:30pm. Thank you for your understanding.

As we enter into this Holy Lent, please make us of our Lenten reflections and keep in your prayers the people of Turkey and Syria who continue to suffer because of the earthquakes. Please also use the prayer for peace for the people of Ukraine as the war has passed the one-year mark. May our Lady of Kyiv intercede for them. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Don



Scan the QR Code to make a donation with your smartphone



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.



Religious Education News...

With our new 10:30 Mass time starting March 5th, Religious Education classes will begin at 9:15 am.

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.

Prayer for Peace

Composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples.

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother. Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother. O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. Amen.



Sacred Heart Grade School News...

SHGS celebrated this week! We started our week on Tuesday with a live jazz band at dropoff and for our morning parade. Each class enjoyed a King Cake as a snack, had pancakes for lunch, and ended the day with a magic show. So much fun! We received ashes in Mass on Wednesday morning. We are gearing up for a month focused on reading. Fourth grade learned about haiku poems while all classes heard books from a variety of authors in the reading center. More reading activities to come! *Anne Davis, Principal*



DON'T FORGET

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL-SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR HOPE THIS SUNDAY

Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, on Sunday, Feb. 26th in the CCHS Commons. Tickets are \$10 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the school office or at the door on Feb. 26th. All of the proceeds from the dinner will go toward the costs for the week-long project in June. HOPE participants commit to raise \$25,000 so that the Cabwaylingo Appalachian Mission can build a house for a family in need. Students and adult volunteers spend the week repairing homes and helping with the new construction. HOPE has the dual purpose of improving the quality of housing for low income folks in need and instilling the habit of service in students with a commitment to living the works of mercy.



As everyone is aware, the season of lent is upon us. Once again the Knights of Columbus is conducting a **40 Cans for Lent food drive** to Help the Risen Lord Food Pantry of Clay County.

The Food Drive will start the weekend of February 25 and run through Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. We will accept "Cans" or other non-perishable food or some may wish to make monetary donations by check. \$20 will help buy a ham while \$35 [Inflation!] will provide a meal. Donations may be returned to Post Office Box 11578 Charleston, WV 25339-1578 or the Sunday Collection Basket. Father Thien is skillful in knowing how to purchase food in quantity and will certainly put any money donated to good use. If you prefer to donate food rather than money, 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.

In our combined Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive we collected donations amounting to \$5,046. We thank our parishioners for their generosity during this time of continued need.

From our music director...

A Joyful Psalm #79: Psalm 51

God forgives *all sins*. And there is a means to this forgiveness. The readings this weekend get to the core of our spiritual life as Catholics. In the First Reading, we read about God creating man on the sixth day of creation. God *breathes* life into Adam (Gen. 2:7). Adam and Eve go on to commit the first sin, and the entire human race now is subject to this Original Sin.

King David addresses sin poignantly within Psalm 51. He lists three categories of sin: (1) Iniquities; (2) Transgressions; (3) Sin. The number three in Hebrew means "total" or "all." David is stressing that God forgives *all sins*.

Fast-forward to the Gospel of John 20:21, and we see Jesus establishing the Sacrament of Confession: "He *breathed on them* and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" The last time God breathed on anyone was in the Garden of Eden when he breathed life into Adam. Jesus now breathes on the Apostles as he charges them to go forth and forgive sins.

The Lord wants to forgive *all our sins*. May we be so courageous to ask for His loving mercy during this Lenten season.

Mark Haas, Director of Music

Fr. Sadie's "Cogitationes"

Antisemitic incidents reached a historic high in 2021, according to the Anti-Defamation League, and a series of high-profile incidents at the close of 2022 suggest that this unfortunate trend has likely continued.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the Archbishop of Washington, and the Catholic co-chair of the National Council of Synagogues-US Conference of Catholic Bishops Consultation. Catholic political figures "should be outraged and embarrassed and concerned (about antisemitism) in their position as leaders, and as Catholics in the public arena."

The U.S.C.C.B.'s statement condemning antisemitism in November: "The rising trend of antisemitism incidents has become even more painful in light of the Church's relationship to the Jewish tradition and our connections to the Jewish people in dialogue and friendship"... "In unequivocal terms, we condemn any and all violence directed at the Jewish people, whether motivated by religious, racial, or political grievances"... "We furthermore denounce any rhetoric which seeks to demonize or dehumanize the Jewish people or Judaism as a religious tradition."

FISH FRY

Every Friday of Lent
St Francis of Assisi, St Albans
on the Corner of 6th Avenue &
Holley Street in the gym
5:00-7:00 pm
\$14/adult, all you care to eat
Children \$5 (under 12)
Dine in our carry out
St Francis School 5th grade
waits tables



HELP! Meals on Wheels is in need of a **Driver** on Monday's. Please consider giving a little of your time for this much needed service. For more information or to volunteer call Helen Scragg at 304-346-5104.

Eucharistic Revival Study Series "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church"

As part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival, we will be holding a series of discussion sessions on the Eucharist, using the USCCB document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" as well as the Bishop Robert Barron video series on the Eucharist.

There will be two sessions, each lasting 4 weeks in March as follows:

- **Session 1** – Wednesdays from 10:30 am until 12:00 noon, to be held on March 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- **Session 2** – Thursdays from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, to be held on March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

All meetings will be held in the Gathering Space.

Topics will include the Eucharist as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, the Real Presence of Christ, the Communion of Christ and the Church, and our proper response, having received the Body and Blood of Christ.

Please indicate which session you will attend, and how many people will attend, by signing up for one of the sessions using the sign-up forms in the Gathering Space, by calling the Parish Office, or by responding at eucharisticrevival@gmail.com.

You can access "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/The-Mystery-of-the-Eucharist-in-the-Life-of-the-Church.pdf>.

Please join us as we explore the meaning and significance that the Eucharist holds in our faith.



Eucharistic Retreat Weekend

March 10-12

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center
100 Hodges Road, Charleston

As part of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival in the US, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will host a Eucharistic Retreat. Faithful around the state are invited to attend a weekend to bring our hearts closer to Christ in the Eucharist.

Agenda

- Friday** 8:00 pm - **Social** Participants are encouraged to attend. Those needing accommodations may also check-in at the retreat center prior to the social.
- Saturday** 8:00 am - **Breakfast** Registration and Mass will follow. The weekend will consist of inspiring talks, facilitated discussions, Liturgy, Reconciliation, music, and private prayer.
Keynote Speaker and Celebrant: Father John Finnell
- Sunday** Breakfast, concluding reflections, and Mass at 11 am

Cost

\$100/per person Price includes meals and accommodations at the retreat center.

To register go to <https://dwc.org/eucharistic-retreat-2023/>

For more information email the retreat center director

Gerri Wright at gwright@dwc.org or call her at 304-342-0507.



Eucharistic Prayer I

The first Eucharistic Prayer is lengthy and ponderous. Its repetitive structure so differs from the other prayers that it can be hard to follow. Yet throughout our history as a Church, the Roman Rite has used no other Eucharistic Prayer more frequently. Inspired by St. Ambrose in the fourth century, it became the only Eucharistic Prayer permissible in the Roman liturgy until the Second Vatican Council. Having no Preface of its own, it accepted one chosen for the feast, season, or occasion. The rest of the prayer remained unchanged since about the seventh century and assumed the title “canon” because it was the only one. Now because we have so many Eucharistic Prayers, it is less accurate to call any of them a “canon.”

The prayer balances across the account of the Last Supper. We pray for the living in the first half, for the dead in the second. We ask intercession from some saints in the first half and from others in the second. The prayer never included an explicit appeal to the Holy Spirit, which caused some controversy among the Eastern Churches noted for their devotion to the third person of the Trinity. Consequently, every single Eucharistic Prayer approved since Vatican II includes an explicit “epiclesis”—a request for the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Although fixed in form, Prayer I offers internal options. The Prefaces change. The lists of the saints may be abbreviated. Many subsections conclude with an optional formula: “Through Christ our Lord. Amen.” The first Eucharistic Prayer also permits a special acknowledgment of some feasts such as Christmas, Holy Thursday and Easter. Before Vatican II, Pope John XXIII authorized one last change to the Roman Canon: he included St. Joseph among the list of saints. A few years after the council, the Memorial Acclamation was added as well. Eucharistic Prayer I is admittedly hard to follow, but its endurance gives testimony to the timelessness of the Catholic faith.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



The Lord Alone

Faithful God,
from the very beginning
you have called your people
to worship you
with single-minded focus.
You are the one true God,
source of all goodness and mercy.
Grant us the strength
to resist earthly temptations,
the will to turn from distractions,
and the desire to orient our lives
toward loving you first.
We ask for your patience
as we seek to grow in holiness
this Lent
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

God First



Today's readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus gets the last word when the devil tries to lure him with earthly temptations. He quotes the Shema from Deuteronomy, chapter 6: "Hear O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (6:4-5). This most fundamental expression of faith orients our spiritual focus for the season of Lent. It is a clear invitation from the Scriptures to turn our hearts toward God.

A simple pie chart of how the majority of our time is spent during any week will reveal the priorities around

which our lives are ordered and what or whom we worship. Do we seek the accumulation of possessions or power; do we worship celebrities or ideologies; do we serve egocentric goals or addictions? Lent offers us the opportunity for *metanoia*, the profound transformation of mind and heart. Now is the time to take a self-inventory and make deliberate choices that place God first in our heart and mind. These choices are expressed in the activities and gestures of our daily living. Sketch out your pie chart and take an honest look at it. Then write a love letter back to God, telling him your plan for how you intend to place God at the center of your life this Lent.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 27

Mercy Works

How shall we grow in holiness this Lent? We don't have to guess. Today's Scriptures lay out the blueprint. The instructions from Leviticus give clear direction for avoiding sin. Equally important, the Gospel passage from Matthew calls us to active engagement in the corporal works of mercy. We have six weeks before Easter. Pick one work of mercy to focus on each week of Lent; resolve to try the works of mercy you find most challenging first. *Today's readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Matthew 25:31-46.*

Tuesday, February 28

Our Father

Each Lent we are invited to deepen our prayer life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us exactly how to do just that through giving us the words of the Lord's Prayer. How can we magnify our prayer life? A possible start could be by praying the Lord's Prayer more intentionally. Write or type the prayer line by line on a sheet of white paper. Cut into strips. Reflect on each line of the prayer. Make the practice part of your daily prayer routine this Lent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Matthew 6:7-15.*

Wednesday, March 1

Create in Me A Clean Heart

Responsorial Psalm 51 is prayed repeatedly through the season of Lent because it expresses the humble stance we are called to assume: "A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn." Catholics celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation each Lent as an essential step of spiritual preparation for Easter. Seek reconciliation early in Lent as a way to turn over the soil of your heart and make room for the new seeds of faith to grow in the coming weeks. *Today's readings: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Luke 11:29-32.*

Thursday, March 2

Ask, Seek, Knock

Today's Scriptures are deeply reassuring. The psalmist glorifies God, "on the day I asked for help, you answered me." Jesus promises, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." What do you need to ask God for today? Write a letter to God and lay out all the burdens you carry. Ask for what you need with confidence in God's faithfulness. *Today's readings: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Matthew 7:7-12.*

Friday, March 3

Time to Heal

Jesus reminds the disciples, and us, of how broken relationships harm the soul. Lent is the time for reconciliation with God and with the people in our lives. Do you have an estranged relationship? What steps can you take toward healing? For starters, name a relationship that seems to hold you in bondage. Ask God to guide you in seeking freedom from anger, judgment, frustration, and resentment. Attend to the ways God provides opportunities to take repairing steps in the coming days. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Matthew 5:20-26.*

Saturday, March 4

Lifting Up a Relationship

The call to pay attention to difficult relationships in our lives continues in today's Scripture readings. Jesus tells us the first steps toward healing: pray for that person daily as part of your Lenten sacrifice. This can be challenging. Praying for those who cause us distress requires humility. Heed the advice of our Lord and take note of the movement of your heart as you do so in the coming weeks. *Today's readings: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:43-48.*





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February 23, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write today to inform you of some updates regarding the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's requirements for maintaining a Safe Environment for children and vulnerable adults. The worldwide sex abuse crisis in the Catholic church continues to impact our methods for keeping children and vulnerable adults safe here in the United States. In our diocese, we continue to make every effort to create and maintain a culture of safety. In October of 2022, our Independent Review Board, at my request and as a matter of best practice, initiated a policy review relative to Safe Environment, and I would like to inform you of the updates that resulted.

First, some history: As you know, since 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has adhered to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, a document which mandates Safe Environment requirements and mechanisms to hold U.S. dioceses accountable in these efforts. Here, and in dioceses across the U.S., members of the clergy are required to undergo background checks, sex abuse awareness training, receipt and review of our Diocese's Sex Abuse Policy, and acknowledgements related to mandated reporting and our Code of Conduct. In addition, the diocese requires fingerprinting and completion of monthly training bulletins for clergy and those who are employed in Catholic schools. Every quarter, we convene an Independent Review Board which ensures that any matters are reported in a proper and timely fashion. These volunteers also advise the Diocese on matters of concern, credibility, and courses of action on sex-abuse related matters.

As a result of the recent policy review, and in addition to the requirements mentioned above, we have strengthened our Safe Environment efforts by:

- **Expanding the scope of the diocese's Independent Review Board:** The Independent Review Board will always prioritize clergy-related sex abuse of minor claims, in accordance with the *Charter*. However, the board's scope now also includes boundary violations and other adult behavioral issues and concerns relative to clergy as well as employees and volunteers. Diocesan review boards across the U.S. are implementing best practices to address other areas of concern and impropriety, in addition to those central to the clergy sex abuse of minors issues. The Review Board in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has been moving in this direction for the past several years and formalized this best practice through policy changes at its January 2023 meeting.

- **Updating language to include guidelines and best practices for use of social media, digital and internet platforms, and electronic communications;** expanded and

modern reporting mechanisms; and clarification regarding the inappropriateness of all types of pornography.

- Including a comprehensive list of employee and volunteer roles at the parish and school level to which the Safe Environment process applies in an effort to assist our clergy and staff as they manage the administration of locations and programs.

These updates were formalized and took effect on January 11, 2023, at the Independent Review Board's first quarterly meeting of the year.

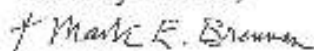
In our Diocese, we continue to encourage reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been alleged. We also continue to promote the use of EthicsPoint, a mechanism for anonymous reporting of various concerns that are not limited to sex abuse. We also encourage reporting to the national Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting website.

Regarding sex abuse-related claims, the Diocese does not request or require non-disclosure agreements as part of civil settlements. However, the Diocese does respect confidentiality when requested by victims. Funds to settle claims are paid from investment income. They are not paid using any funds donated through parishes, schools, or fundraising appeals.

We also have resources to help any priest, employee, or volunteer navigate disclosures, sex abuse-related issues, or any other issues related to inappropriate conduct should they receive one throughout the course of their ministry, work, or service here.

As a diocese, we continue to focus on prevention and healing and offer support to all who assist in carrying out this important and necessary work.

Sincerely in Christ,



+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Dear Fellow Catholics,

It's an exciting time to be a young Catholic in West Virginia! The summer of 2023 is an incredible time to lead young people to Christ and His Church. The motto chosen by Pope St. Paul VI for his church life perfectly describes the goal of our camping ministry: to be "with Him on the mountain." Camp Carlo provides an exciting opportunity for young people to encounter Christ and His Church, adventure through God's creation, and grow in their Catholic faith alongside peers from all over the state of West Virginia. We're looking forward to meeting you and your families as we travel the state, work with your parishes, and, hopefully, welcome your children back to another faith filled summer at Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp!

In Christ Our King,

Deacon Raymond Godwin, Camping Director, rgodwin@frontiernet.net & Maggie Moran, Camping Assistant Director, mmoran@dwc.org Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, 225 Catholic Conference Center, Huttonsville WV, 26273

2023 Camp Carlo Dates

- June 25th – July 1st – Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.
- July 2nd – July 8th – A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.
- July 9th – July 15th – Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.
- July 16th – July 22nd – A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.
- July 23rd – July 29th – "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.



Registration Fee is \$275 Early Bird by June 1, 2023-If paying with PayPal, you will be redirected to PayPal once you hit submit. You can either pay with a credit card, or PayPal. There is a \$7.73 processing fee for using this option. If you have any questions feel free to contact Maggie at 757-995-4486.

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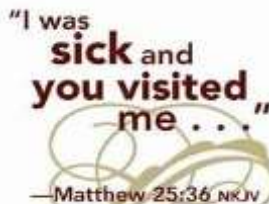
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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the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

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