



# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

**3rd Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2026**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Mass from the Diocese is being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online.

The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM  
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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.

## Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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### ADMINISTRATION

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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:** Rosemary Severn rsevern@shccwv.us  
**Principal Organist:** Gregory Gray 380-4786

### OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

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### Sharing Our Treasure - 3/1/2026

Regular Collection: \$13,391  
SMILE (Sisters): \$435  
Partners In Hope: \$350  
Needy Student: \$305  
DWC Priest Ret.: \$400  
Good Friday: \$260  
U.S. Missions Black & Native Amer. \$50 (\$879)

Candles: \$137  
Social Concerns: \$215  
Heating: \$30 (\$1483)  
Easter Flowers: \$235  
SH Priest Ret.: \$350

**Thank you for your faithful generosity.**

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2026

03/07 Sat. 5:30 pm + Margaret Krupa  
03/08 Sun. 8:00 am + John D. Sadd  
10:30 am + People of the Parish  
5:00 pm + Pam Edwards  
03/09 Mon. 8:15 am + Daniel K. Tyler  
03/10 Tues. 12:00 pm + Gene Lavoie  
03/11 Wed. 12:00 pm + Sr. Euphrasia Madziva, SJ  
03/12 Thur. 12:00 pm + Phyllis J. Sadd  
03/13 Fri. 8:15 am + Msgr. P. Edward Sadie & Family  
12:00 pm + Jessica Dunn  
5:00 pm Pray the Rosary  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
03/14 Sat. 8:15 am + Very Rev. Philip J. Brady  
03/14 Sat. 5:30 pm + Ron Cretin  
03/15 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish  
10:30 am + Adele Bobinger  
5:00 pm + Don & Phylis Hammond

### **The Pope's Monthly Intention**

#### **March-For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### Ministry Schedule March 14/15, 2026

#### Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Patricia Noronha

8:00 AM-Jack Burke

10:30 AM-Andrew Workman

5:00 PM-Debra Basham

#### Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Kerri Grant, John Willson, 4 volunteers

8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Joel Weese, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers

10:30 AM-Bob Parker, Steve Naylor, Antonetta Stevens, 3 volunteers

5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Lara Bissett, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

### **Our Parish Seminarians Addresses**

**Send them a card of  
encouragement and the  
promise of prayers.**

**Michael Aiello**  
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## A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Third Sunday of Lent!

I pray your Lent is giving you time to increase your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Beginning this Sunday and for the next two Sundays at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny for our Elect and Candidates. The Scrutinizes are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful and to bring about all that is upright and good. The prayers and blessings of the Scrutinizes are to be a source of strength for them as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments. Please keep them in your daily prayers, their names are this bulletin.

To help us prepare for Easter, we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service this coming Thursday beginning at 6:30pm. We will have a few area priests to assist us. I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Don

## Lent at the Basilica

- Regular Sunday and Weekday Schedule
- Friday's during Lent: Starting February 20th Members of the Christian Service Committee will Pray the Rosary at 5:00 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.
- Our Lenten Penance Service will be March 12th at 6:30 PM

### Area Lenten Penance Services

Our Lady of the Hills - 3/17 at 5:30pm  
Blessed Sacrament - 3/22 at 3:00pm  
St. Agnes - 3/24 at 5:30pm  
St. Anthony - 3/29 at 3:30pm

## Called to the Easter Sacraments

### Our Elect

Eric Leftwich, Breanna Leslie, Clarence Mack Pruitt, Christopher Tucker, and Vivian Valentin.

### Our Candidates

Dani Burgess, Michael Shane Fisher, Travis Hysell, John Leslie, Gregory McVey, Courtlandt Smith, and Kristin Winfree.



Please keep in your prayers Betty Lee Brennan who died

March 1, 2026. Our prayers and condolences for her children, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

## Lenten Reflections

This Lent, please join us for presentations and reflections based on the FORMED program "Wilderness Within." In this program, Sr. Josephine Garrett invites us to explore the interior wilderness of our hearts to expand our love as we prepare for Easter. Sessions will begin on Sunday February 15, and continue through Wednesday, April 1.

**We will have 3 sessions each week on the same material**-Sundays at Noon in the Gathering Space, Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Cordis Center, and Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

Please attend any sessions whenever you are available. Make this Lent your best ever as we prepare for Easter!



## K of C Fish Fry

**When:** Fridays through March 27, 2026.

**Location:** Sacred Heart Grade School Cafeteria

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**Tickets on sale at the door.**

**In the spirit of community we are asking for those who are able, to contribute a dessert for our fish fry each week. We are estimating we will need around 8 donations per week of a cake or one batch of cookies per volunteer, delivered to the Fish Fry by about 5:15. We will do the sign-up via a Flocknote email each week. Thank you in advance for your donation. We are going to offer a Child's Cheese Pizza dinner for \$5.00 which will consist of 2 pieces of pizza, Green Beans and a dessert.**

The Knights will also be raffling a donated quilt. Tickets will be \$5 each or \$20.00 for 6 Tickets. The winner of the quilt will be announced at the last fish fry on March 27th.





## Sacred Heart Grade School

Learn more. Serve many. Love all.

Greetings,

Please join us for a *Night on the Amalfi Coast* - a fun filled event with delicious food, great drinks, lots of dancing, and many **opportunities to bid on children's one-of-a-kind artwork**, among many exciting auction items all benefitting Sacred Heart Grade School. It will be held on *Saturday March 14, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Charleston Marriott Town Center*. We invite you to partner with us as a sponsor of the event.

SHGS has been serving our community for 150 years. They strive to help students fulfill the potential of their God given talents and abilities by guiding them to develop themselves spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, aesthetically, and socially. Our faculty, parents, and students work together to develop a community of shared values based on the respect and concern for self and others.

Our event provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, and supporters to come together and celebrate the achievements of our students and the growth of our institution. Moreover, it is a crucial fundraising event that allows us to continue providing the best education and resources to our students. Your support would provide valuable exposure for your company and help us achieve vital goals such as:

- Fund the repairs for a new roof and sidewalks.
- Enhance our educational programs and facilities.
- Support extracurricular activities that enrich the lives of our students.

Sponsors are essential to our success! Please review the sponsorship levels and consider being a part of this dynamic community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a sponsorship package, please reach out to Kirsten Mork (Kirsten.s.mork@gmail.com) or Malena Scalise (Malena@Solutionspbs.com). Thank you for your support and generosity, and we look forward to hearing from you!



Sincerely,  
Sacred Heart Grade School PVA

Donate and Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

### SHCC RE Schedule Reminder

- \* 4/5/2026: No class (Easter Sunday)
- \* 5/3/2026: Final class for the 2025-2026 school year

Interested in helping with Religious Education at Sacred Heart? We are in need of volunteers for 2026-2027 to teach, substitute teach, monitor the door, and pick up donuts! Contact Sr. Ida for more information. Classes meet Sundays, 9:15am-10:15am from mid-September to early May.



### Don't Forget Spaghetti Dinner for HOPE This Sunday, March 8th

Charleston Catholic's HOPE Project will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5:30-7:30, on Sunday, March 8th at the CCHS Commons.

Tickets are \$15 a plate. Children, age 5 and under, eat for free. Tickets can be purchased at the door on March 8th.



## 40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights are starting our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive, so please remember Father Dominic and his volunteers for the good work they do to help the food insecure in Clay County. As in previous years, you may bring either non-perishable food items or give a monetary donation. The 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 placed in the collection basket made out to K of C for \$20 for a Ham or Turkey or \$35.00 to cover a basic meal.

### Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Collection—Sunday, March 8, 2026

A special second collection is scheduled for March 7-8, 2026, 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.



# Prayer Service

*in the style of Taizé*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL  
OF THE SACRED HEART

*Join us for a time of prayer and song.*

**JUNE 12, 2026**  
FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
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**JUNE 13, 2026**  
SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL  
CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF  
SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOLS



“O, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Font of Every Blessing”



# Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Lord, on this Third Sunday of Lent, we  
turn our hearts to You in prayer.  
Strengthen us with Your grace, that we  
may grow in faith and in love. Help us to  
deepen our relationship with You, through  
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guide us  
to walk the path of repentance and  
renewal, so that we may prepare our  
hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter. We  
ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus  
Christ. Amen.



## 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.

**The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality** is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

### **Praying with the Four Teresas: In-person Retreat**

This in-person retreat has been moved to Saturday, April 25, 2026 (9:30 – 3:30) – Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D., Executive Director of WVIS, will offer a Day of Prayer and Reflection entitled “Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four St. Teresas.” For more information, visit our website at [www.wvis.org/programs](http://www.wvis.org/programs) or email Sr. Cheryl at [exec.director@wvis.org](mailto:exec.director@wvis.org).

### **Ignatian Silent-Directed Retreats**

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to take a little “vacation with God,” we invite you to come to the WVIS retreat house for a 1-, 3-, or 5-day retreat experience. The retreat house is open and available to retreatants on March 19-28 and April 19-29 (there are more dates can be found on our website [www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat](http://www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat)). Questions, email Sally at [sally.orcutt@wvis.org](mailto:sally.orcutt@wvis.org).

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**The New Mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery is the only Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.**  
To purchase or learn more about arrangements for above ground entombment or inurnment, please contact Tim White at 304-395-4824. Brochures available in the gathering space.  
*"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 bodies" – Rite of Committal*



**A LEGACY TO SECURE OUR FUTURE**  
Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that has meant so much to you. The West Virginia Catholic Foundations (WVCF) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sacred Heart Parish and Grade School has partnered with the WVCF to establish endowment funds to provide a perpetual and reliable source of income to support the general operations and expansion of the parish and school.  
When preparing your Will or planning your Estate, we suggest the following language:  
I give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and his successors in office, for the benefit of the General Endowment for:  
The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, West Virginia.  
**Or** Sacred Heart Grade School, Charleston, West Virginia  
**Or** Sacred Heart fund for Catechesis and Evangelization  
For more information please contact the parish office, 304-342-8175.