



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

4th Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2026

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

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Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Audience with the Pope

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
Dunbar|Charleston
<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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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
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OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

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SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 3/8/2026

Regular Collection: \$8405
SMILE (Sisters): \$100
Partners In Hope: \$50
Needy Student: \$90
DWC Priest Ret.: \$5247
Candles: \$110
Social Concerns: \$25
Heating: \$1483
SH Priest Ret.: \$375

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

4th Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026

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 & Phyllis Hammond
03/16 Mon. 8:15 am + Msgr. P. Edward Sadie
03/17 Tues. 12:00 pm + Ruth, Joe & Jay Mullen
03/18 Wed. 12:00 pm + Elizabeth Michelle Knight
03/19 Thur. 12:00 pm + Dottie Coyle Stopher
03/20 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. James P. Altmeyer
12:00 pm + Jennifer Taylor
5:00 pm Pray the Rosary
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
03/21 Sat. 8:15 am + Mike & Helen Mychesky
03/21 Sat. 5:30 pm For the Intention of Bob Crowley
03/22 Sun. 8:00 am + Nancy Stone Dollison
10:30 am + Ed Klug
5:00 pm + People of the Parish

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 21/22, 2026

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Sean O'Donoghue
8:00 AM-Megan Harris
10:30 AM-LaDonna Mason
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Patricia Noronha, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Jack Burke, Karen Gross, Sarah Stricker, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Chloe Flores, Andrew & Heather Workman, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Dick Fauss, Ann Knebel, Kerri Linton, 3 volunteers

Our Parish Seminarians
Addresses
Send them a card of encouragement and the promise of prayers.

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A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Fourth Sunday of Lent-Laetare Sunday!

I am happy to report that Bishop Mark had the joy of meeting Pope Leo XIV during this past Wednesday's Audience at the Vatican. Bishop Mark was in Rome visiting our two seminarians, our own Michael Tupta and Joe Derico from St. Patrick in Weston. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers. You are invited to send notes to our parish seminarians whose contact information is in this bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers our elect and candidates as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The group will be on retreat this coming Saturday at the WV Institute for Spirituality. Their retreat will be led by Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU.

Have a blessed Lent. 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.

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 Kirstin Winfree.



Please keep in your prayers **Teresa D "Tess" Smith** who died March 10, 2026. Our prayers and condolences for her husband Ralph, her children, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.

Please keep in your prayers Rodney Tunnell, III who died March 7, 2026. Our prayers and condolences for his wife Susan, his children, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, 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 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!

Donate and Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

Sincerely,
Sacred Heart Grade School PVA

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.



ROOT AND BRANCH

Monday @ 7pm March 23, 2026 Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 1032 Virginia St. East Charleston, WV 25301

“Sharing Wisdom: Similarities and Differences Between Catholicism and Other Great Religious Traditions”

Free and open to the public! Refreshments available!



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.

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.

JUNE 12, 2026

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
HOLY MASS • PARISH DINNER**

JUNE 13, 2026

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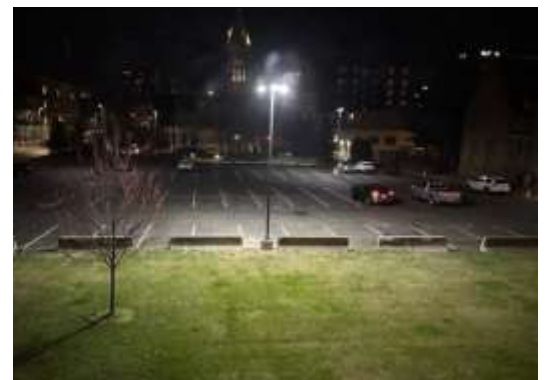


**“O, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Font of Every Blessing”**

SHGS Stations of the Cross Portrayal



**The new
lighting
around
our
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Prayer Service
in the style of Taizé



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

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the Diocese of Wheeling-
Charleston to the Diocese,
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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.