



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

5th Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2026

Pastor: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan
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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
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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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SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings
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OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

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Sharing Our Treasure - 3/15/2026

Regular Collection: \$9208
SMILE (Sisters): \$100
Partners In Hope: \$25
Needy Student: \$20
DWC Priest Ret.: \$5774
Candles: \$107
Social Concerns: \$25
Heating: \$1483
SH Priest: \$395
Easter Flowers: \$2187

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

5th Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026

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
03/23 Mon. 8:15 am + Margaret Krupa
03/24 Tues. 12:00 pm + Gene Lavoie
03/25 Wed. 12:00 pm + Greg Higgs
03/26 Thur. 12:00 pm + David S. Sadd
03/27 Fri. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
12:00 pm + Tom Edwards Family
5:00 pm Pray the Rosary
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
03/28 Sat. 8:15 am + Rev. Lino P. Ebejer
03/28 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
03/29 Sun. 8:00 am + Phillip C. Bond
10:30 am + Teresa D. "Tess" Smith
5:00 pm + Bill Mundy

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 28/29, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Kyle Mork
8:00 AM-Mark French
10:30 AM-Jack Walsh
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Kerri Grant, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Blair Johe, Theresa Miller, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Debbie Barr, Maria Rendingell, Mike Tupta, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Jason Pizatella, Agnes Smith, 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent!

With praise and thanksgiving to God, I am happy to announce that this past week, Bishop Mark has called Michael Louis Aiello to the Sacred Order of Deacon. Michael will be ordained a deacon on May 30th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Within the same 10:00am Ordination Mass, Deacon Clifton Mastran will be ordained to the Priesthood. Please pray for them as they prepare to offer their lives in faithful service to the Lord and His Church.



Next weekend, as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Bishop Mark will preside at our 5:30pm Vigil Mass and at our 10:30am Mass. On Monday of Holy Week, Bishop Mark will gather the priests and the faithful from our Diocese to celebrate the Chrism Mass at 4:00pm, you are invited to attend this beautiful Mass.

Please check the bulletin for our Holy Week schedule. Please plan now to participate in each of the liturgies during the Sacred Triduum and invite others to join you.

Let us pray for peace in world and continue to pray for those preparing to enter our Church at the Easter Sacraments—their names are in this bulletin. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don

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.

Area Lenten Penance Services

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 29th 5:30 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Chrism Mass: March 30th 4:00 PM

Holy Week

April 2nd Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 3rd Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 4th Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20th 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, **NO 5:00 PM MASS**



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!

Volunteers Needed

We will be decorating our beautiful Church for Easter on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 am. If you would like to help just show up, and we will put you to work.



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.

If anyone feels that they need assistance with the stairs or carrying takeout, please ask at the ticket table or ask a Knight. We will do our best to help.

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.





Join us as we view the video
“The Three Temptations”
By Dr. Brant Pitre

Palm Sunday Evening – March 29, 2026
Gathering Space – 6:30 PM

Dr. Pitre connects the temptations of Adam and Eve with those of Christ, and shares the tools we can use to combat those same temptations

Everyone is Welcome!

Young Adult Night

Open to those in their 20’s and 30’s
Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 pm
St. Agnes in Charleston, WV

Featuring: Allison Hadinger, RN
A Talk on Natural Family Planning

Pizza will be provided, Please bring a side to share.

Join us at Camp Carlo 2026 to

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Camp Carlo 2026
Our Catholic Youth Adventure Camp

High School Week:
June 28th – July 4th

Week 1: July 5th – 11th
Week 2: July 12th – 18th
Week 3: July 19th – 25th
Go to: campcarlowv.org

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

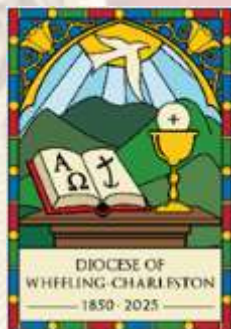
Please remember Father Dominic and his volunteers for the good work they do to help the food insecure in Clay County. As in previous years, you may bring either non-perishable food items or give a monetary donation. The most requested items are 1. Peanut Butter, 2. Canned Tuna Fish, 3. Canned Soup, 4.

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
SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL
CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF
SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOLS



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

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 or email Sr. Cheryl at 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). Questions, email Sally at sally.orcutt@wvis.org.

Sister Mary Irene Sorber, SCC, 1601 Virginia St. East, Charleston, WV 25311
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CURSILLO INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish, So. Charleston
305 E. St., Charleston, WV 25314

When: March 28, 2026 – 10:00 am – 11:15 am

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- It is an experience that can change your relationship with Christ.
- The motto of Cursillo is make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

If you are unable to attend in person, let us know, and you can join via Zoom. For the Zoom link, please email: Cursillo@dwc.org or you can leave a message at the following phone number – it is checked frequently – 304-233-0880, Ext. 480.



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*"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.