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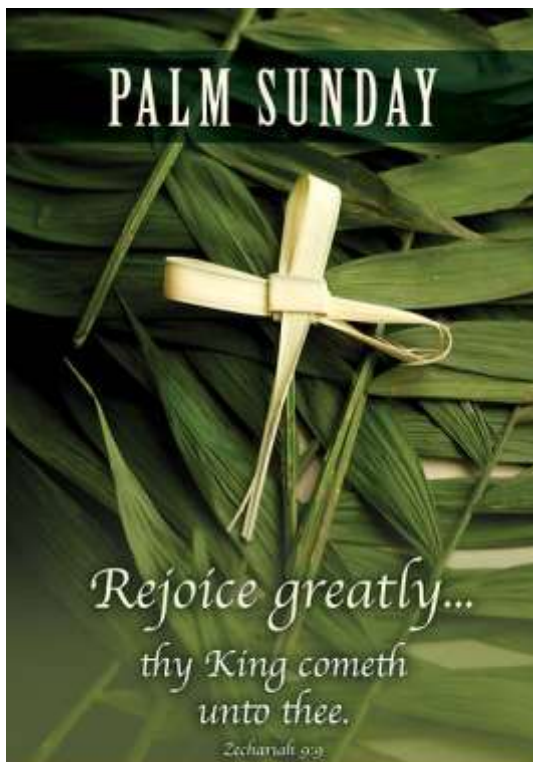
Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 29, 2026

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

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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.

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SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 29, 2026

03/28 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
03/29 Sun. 8:00 am + Philip C. Bond
10:30 am + Teresa D. "Tess" Smith
5:00 pm + Bill Mundy
03/30 Mon. 8:15 am + Fortunata Y. Lim
4:00 pm Chrism Mass (Everyone Welcome)
03/31 Tues. 12:00 pm + Pat Graney, III
04/01 Wed. 12:00 pm + Peter Higgs

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

04/02 Thur. 7:00 pm + Deceased Priests of the Diocese

Friday of the Passion of the Lord-Good Friday

04/03 Fri. 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

Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil

04/04 Sat. 8:00 pm + Msgr. Ed Sadie

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

04/05 Sun. 8:00 am + Paul C. Van Buren
10:30 am + People of the Parish
5:00 pm NO MASS

Ministry Schedule April 11/12, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Kerri Grant
8:00 AM-Ted Walker
10:30 AM-Perry Ayoob
5:00 PM-Danny Linton

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Patricia Noronha, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Rex & Mary Agnes Kern, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Bob Parker, Jack & Annabelle Walsh, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Dick Fauss, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

FYI...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated
Saturday, June 6th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Sharing Our Treasure - 3/22/2026

Regular Collection: \$10,798
SMILE (Sisters): \$115
Good Friday: \$335
DWC Priest Ret.: \$5819
Candles: \$119
Partners In Hope: \$15
SH Priest: \$435
Easter Flowers: \$2562

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

**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 Parishioners,

Greetings on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord!

Today we recall Jesus' entry into His own city of Jerusalem. As we enter into this Holy Week, I encourage you to gather on each of these Holy Days. This is the most sacred time of our faith journey, celebrating the very foundational truths of our faith. Please make this a first priority.

We welcome our Bishop this weekend. Bishop Mark will preside at our 5:30pm Saturday Mass and our 10:30am Sunday Mass. It is wonderful to have him with us as we begin this Holy Week. I invite you to join Bishop Mark and the priests of the Diocese for the Chrism Mass on Monday at 4:00pm.

Our parish will host a seminarian for the summer. Bishop Mark has assigned Bryan Tedeschi to be with us from June 2nd through July 21st. We look forward in welcoming him as he spends some of his summer with us.

Please keep in your prayers all those throughout the world who are preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Joining through our parish, our Elect: 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 make use of the prayer for Holy Week in this bulletin.

Have a Blessed and Holy Week. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don

Prayer for Holy Week

Heavenly Father, as I enter this sacred week, I ask for the grace to walk with Jesus from the joy of the palms to the victory of the resurrection. Calm my mind from anxiety and guard my heart from fear, filling me with your perfect peace.

Lord, strengthen me to live these days according to Your will. Help me to lay down my burdens, forgive those who have hurt me, and renew my commitment to follow You, even when the path is difficult.

As I reflect on the Passion, may I know the depth of Your love, and as I celebrate Easter, may I walk in the hope of new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I pray.

Amen.

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.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Chrism Mass: Monday, March 30th 4:00 PM

Holy Week

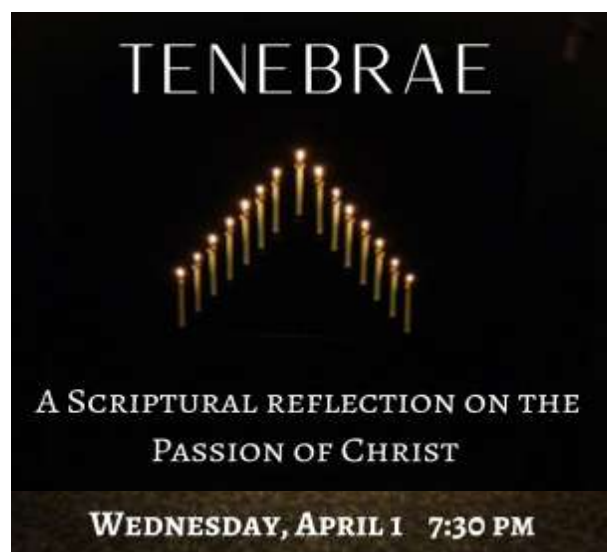
Tenebrae-Wednesday April 1st 7:30PM

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





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Pilgrimage Site for the Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño
 1114 Virginia Street East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301



Join us for the Annual Diocesan Shrine Novena of the Santo Niño
April 11 to April 19, 2026
 Celebrating a Year of Blessing from the Christ Child Jesus

DAILY MASS, NOVENA and DEVOTION

- Sat, Apr. 11 - Mass at 5:30pm** followed by Novena/Benediction (Fr Prakash Kerketta)
Sun, Apr. 12 - Mass at 5:00pm followed by Novena/Benediction (Fr Rex Marfil/Fr Luis Mite)
Mon, Apr. 13 to Fri, Apr. 17 - Mass at 6:00pm followed by Novena/Benediction
 (M-Fr Rene Gerona/Tu-Fr Roy Kurakula/W-Fr Neil Buchlein/Th-Fr Rey Landichio/F-Fr Philip Szabo)
Sat, Apr. 18 - Mass at 5:30pm followed by Novena/Benediction (Fr Binu Emmanuel)
Sun, Apr. 19 - Mass at 10:30am followed by Novena/Benediction & the procession of the Santo Niño Statue
 (Main Celebrant–Fr Donald Higgs, concelebrant-Fr Prakash Kerketta)



Reception to Follow After Each Day Msgr. P Edward Sadie Gathering Space
 *** ALL ARE WELCOME ***

Contact: Maricel Bernardo cell: (917) 363-0246/email: mzbernardo20@gmail.com



40 Cans for Lent continues through Easter. 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.

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.



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

Palm Sunday Evening – March 29, 2026
 In the 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!



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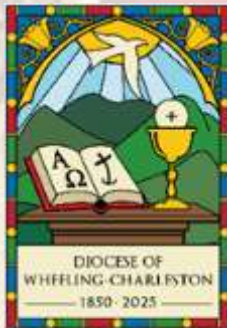
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For more information, call 304-205-5865, email info@gabrielwv.org or visit gabrielwv.org

JUNE 12, 2026
FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
HOLY MASS ▪ PARISH DINNER

JUNE 13, 2026
SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL
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**“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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The Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass comes once a year to your cathedral. If you’ve never celebrated it, you’re missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church. During the Mass, your bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the Sacred Chrism for Baptism, Confirmation, the ordination of priests and bishops, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; Chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.

Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early Church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared Chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were consecrating Chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955, we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Chrism Mass. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate Chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the Chrism that the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Chrism Mass gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.



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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.