



# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 5, 2026**

Pastor: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan  
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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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## 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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### 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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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 5, 2026

### Easter Vigil

04/04 Sat. 8:00 pm + Msgr. Ed Sadie  
04/05 Sun. **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
8:00 am + Paul C. Van Buren  
10:30 am + People of the Parish  
5:00 pm NO MASS  
04/06 Mon. 8:15 am + Jeanette Tecson  
04/07 Tues. 12:00 pm + Jessica Dunn  
04/08 Wed. 12:00 pm + Louise Kaltenecker  
04/09 Thur. 12:00 pm + Patrick Graney, III  
04/10 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. Richard J. Schaefer  
12:00 pm + Tom Edwards Family  
04/11 Sat. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family  
04/11 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish  
04/12 Sun. 8:00 am + Tom Higgs  
10:30 am + Ruth, Joe & Jay Mullen  
5:00 pm + Randy Michael

### 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 - 3/29/2026

Regular Collection: \$15,028      Candles: \$96  
SMILE (Sisters): \$115      Partners In Hope: \$75  
Social Concerns: \$60      Needy Student: \$10  
SH Priest Health: \$2523      Easter Flowers: \$2638  
DWC Priest Ret.: \$5829

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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Birthday: 4/24/1995

## A note from the Rector...

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! Alleluia!, Alleluia, Alleluia!

May this Easter and the Easter Season fill you with the joy of the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus! Please use the following prayers for your Easter dinner and celebrations and see Bishop Mark's Easter message in this bulletin.

With Great Joy and Delight, we welcome into the Church at our Easter Vigil, Dani Burgess, Michael Shane Fisher, Travis Hysell, Breanna Leslie, John Leslie, Gregory McVey, Clarence Mack Pruitt, Courtlandt Smith, Christopher Tucker, Vivian Valentin, and Kirstin Winfree.

May the Lord's loving kindness that has led you to His Church be always with you.

Peace in the Risen Lord,  
Fr. Don

### Easter Table Prayer

Creator God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead. Pause for silent reflection to remember those who have died. May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy. May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name. Amen.

-Edward Hays, "Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home"

### Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers, Glory and power are his forever and ever.

-St. Hippolytus of Rome

*THANK YOU!*

*To everyone that showed up to help decorate our beautiful Church for Easter.*



### The Pope's Monthly Intention

#### April - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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



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.



**Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**  
*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 \*\*\***

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Dear brothers and sisters in faith,

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, the author Qoheleth says: What has been, that will be; what has been done, that will be done. There is nothing new under the sun [1:9]. But Qoheleth's perspective awaited the illumination of Easter.

When a dead man rises to a new kind of life in which he can no longer suffer or die, that is something truly new. Jesus' resurrection from the dead reveals that eternal life for human beings is not an empty hope but a reality. Just as he rose by the divine power in him, so our dead bodies will rise to new life when Christ returns in glory. Joined once again to our immortal souls, our bodies, too, shall enjoy the blessings God has prepared for us in heaven. Qoheleth's faith in God was real but imperfect. Now in heaven, he knows the full truth.

Troubles abound in our world and we must endure much suffering but we should remember that a bright future awaits us. The newness of life God wills for us will finally prevail. Reflect on St. Teresa of Avila's words: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

As we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death, let's keep strong our confidence in God. He has done something absolutely new: He gave immortal life to a mortal man. That mortal man, God's own Son, died and rose to share his new life with us. We can face the struggles of life with the patience of St. Teresa because God will uphold us and, when all is accomplished, He will raise us up to the fullness of life. Christ has risen and so shall we!

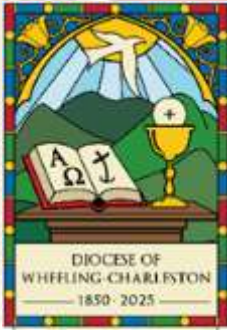
Sincerely in Christ

*Mark E. Brennan*

+Mark E. Brennan  
 Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

**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**



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**Palm Sunday-Mass with Bishop Mark**



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**April 25th**

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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:  
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For more information please contact the parish office, 304-342-8175.