



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

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

Rector: Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Assoc. V.E., V.F. - dhiggs@dwc.org
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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
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

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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 - 4/5/2026

Regular Collection: \$17,908 Candles: \$96
SMILE (Sisters): \$685 Partners In Hope: \$545
Social Concerns: \$210 Needy Student: \$335
SH Priest Health: \$3608 Easter Flowers: \$2673
DWC Priest Ret.: \$5874 Good Friday: \$1891

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica
2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12, 2026

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
04/13 Mon. 8:15 am + Thomas Kerner, Sr.
04/14 Tues. 12:00 pm + Laura Wiersteiner
04/15 Wed. 12:00 pm + Adele Bobinger
04/16 Thur. 12:00 pm + Dianne Griffith
04/17 Fri. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
12:00 pm + John Merrifield
04/18 Sat. 8:15 am + Marie & John Sadd
04/18 Sat. 5:30 pm + Pat Graney, III
04/19 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish
10:30 am + Remigio Sablot
5:00 pm + Tom Whelan

Ministry Schedule April 18/19, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Carley Weber
8:00 AM-Mark Sadd
10:30 AM-Mary Rose Nair
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Karen Gross, Blair Johe, Joel Weese, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Perry Ayoob, Chloe Flores, Cindy McGhee, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett, Jason Pizatella, 4 volunteers

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

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 Divine Mercy Sunday!

Christ is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

As we continue to glory in the Resurrection, I wish to thank all who have helped us in celebrating a beautiful Holy Week,

-All of our Liturgical Ministers. Special thanks to our parish seminarians, Michael Aiello, and Timothy Kawash who served all the Liturgies of Holy Week.

-Our Choir under the direction of Rosemary Severn, Greg Gray and our musicians.

-Fr. Prakash and the Sisters of the Infant Jesus for their faithful service.

-Julie Robinson and Lisa Dobbins and everyone that helped decorate our beautiful Church with Easter flowers

-Martina Hart for her great photos, and Mary Collins and everyone that helped with the reception after the Easter Vigil.

-A special thank you to Michael Kawash, director of our OCIA program in preparing the 11 adults for entrance into the Catholic Church and for all you do throughout the year.

Santo Nino Novena begins this weekend, we will have Priests from our Diocese assist each night during our celebration, there will be a light reception each evening after Mass, more information is in this bulletin. Please join us this week, all are welcome.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord be with you.

Easter Peace,
Fr. Don

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.



A special thank you to all who donated food or money to our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. Father Dominic and his volunteers appreciate what the parishioners of Sacred Heart have done for them over the years and what they are doing now. We will be making a trip to deliver the donated food and money to the Risen Lord Food Pantry in the near future to coincide with their next food distribution. We would like to note that all non perishable food placed in the collection boxes outside the Gathering Space eventually make its way to the Risen Lord Food Pantry at Maysell.

Prayer for Peace from Pope Leo

Lord of Life,
you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.
We believe you created us for communion, not for war,
for fraternity, not for destruction.
You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you,"
grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in
history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world,
asking that nations renounce weapons
and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.
Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,
so we may become instruments of reconciliation.
Help us understand that true security
does not come from control fueled by fear,
but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.
Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations,
so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death,
halt the arms race,
and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center.
May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.
Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace:
in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities.
May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation,
and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.
Amen.



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 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)



A light Reception to Follow Mass Each Day in the Msgr. P Edward Sadie Gathering Space
***** ALL ARE WELCOME *****

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**A Program of Support for Those Who Are
Going Through Separation or Divorce.**

Those navigating the challenges of separation or divorce are invited to attend the Olive Branch program on April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston.

Hosted by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, this faith-based initiative offers compassionate support, practical guidance, and spiritual renewal for individuals seeking to better understand their place in the Church during a difficult time. Open to both Catholics and non-Catholics, the program is not couples counseling, but rather a day of reflection, encouragement, and growth rooted in the mercy and love of Christ.

Organized by Director of Social Ministries for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Kathy Barton, the Olive Branch program reminds participants that they are not alone, and that healing and renewal are possible through faith. Drawing on the biblical symbol of the olive branch as a sign of hope after the storm, the program seeks to renew faith and restore a sense of belonging in the Church.

The day will include presentations from Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Associate V.E., V.F., on remaining active in the life of the Church, and professional counselor Donna L. Niggemeyer on understanding the path forward after separation or divorce. The program will conclude with reflections on forgiveness and trust in God's plan.

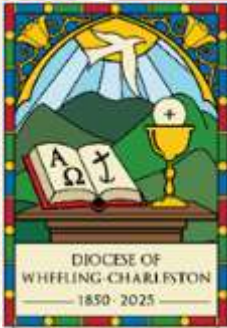
This free event is part of a growing diocesan initiative to extend compassion and support to those experiencing separation or divorce. Registration is required. To learn more or register, visit: dwc.org/the-olive-branch/

FYI - 2025 Donor Summary

2025 Donor Summary's have been mailed. If you have not received yours contact the parish office 304-342-8175. We can send them by mail or email. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

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
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**“O, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
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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 wvismaryirene@aol.com, (201) 230-2362

The Easter Vigil



Congratulations and welcome to those who were received into full Communion at the 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.



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the Diocese of Wheeling-
Charleston to the Diocese,
please contact the Diocese at
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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.