



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 Easter – April 26, 2026

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

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**The 100th Anniversary of the Dedication
of the Cathedral of St. Joseph**

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

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

4th Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026

04/25 Sat. 5:30 pm + Kevin Saldanha
04/26 Sun. 8:00 am + Dennis Coyle
10:30 am + John Ruddick
5:00 pm + People of the Parish
04/27 Mon. 8:15 am + Rev. Charles Schlipp
04/28 Tues. 12:00 pm + Lisa & Notchey Green
04/29 Wed. 12:00 pm + Lionel Nair
04/30 Thur. 12:00 pm + Patrick Graney, III
05/01 Fri. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
12:00 pm + Walter Edwards
05/02 Sat. 8:15 am + David S. Sadd
05/02 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
05/03 Sun. 8:00 am + Dottie Coyle Stopher
10:30 am + Peggy Burk
5:00 pm + Kathleen Fitzmaurice

Ministry Schedule May 2/3, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Joseph Noronha
8:00 AM-Jim Weimer
10:30 AM-Mike Tupta
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson, Patricia Noronha, 3 volunteers
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Karen Gross, Ann Knebel, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Debbie Barr, Antonetta Stevens, Bob Tyler, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett, Dick Fauss, 4 volunteers

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

Sharing Our Treasure - 4/19/2026

Regular Collection: \$9,578 Candles: \$203
SMILE (Sisters): \$200 Partners In Hope: \$100
Social Concerns: \$100 Air Conditioning: \$50
Santo Nino: \$3707

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

**Our Parish Seminarians
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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 Risen Lord,

Greetings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday!
This Sunday is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As we reflect on Jesus Christ as our Good Shepherd, we were reminded of the late Pope Francis on whose first anniversary of his entrance into eternal life was on April 21st. Please remember in your prayers our beloved Pope Francis who provided us a wonderful shepherd's care. Let us also pray for Pope Leo that he will be guided by the Good Shepherd as he cares for us and proclaims the Gospel of Peace to the world.

This past Tuesday, our Diocese gathered in Wheeling to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Our Mother Church of the Diocese is truly a beautiful House of God. The principal celebrant and homilist was Christopher Cardinal Pierre, our Apostolic Nuncio to the United States who said in his homily, about our Cathedral, "In its beauty, its order, its sacred signs is meant to draw people into communion with God, it teaches and inspires." Bishop Mark said at the beginning of the Mass, "as we begin the centennial year marking our 100 years of faith in this Cathedral, we pray that this sacred time may renew our love for Christ and His Church, deepen our unity as a diocesan family, and inspire us to carry forward the Gospel with renewed zeal and hope as pilgrims of faith for generations to come" Please check the website of our Diocese for full coverage of this incredible celebration-dwc.org. It is interesting to note that the architect of our Cathedral of St. Joseph was Edward Weber who also was the architect of our neighbor church, The First Presbyterian Church.

Please keep in your prayers those who were killed and injured in the tragic chemical leak on Wednesday. Let us also remember in prayers all those affected and be grateful for the first responders and caregivers.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us also keep in our prayers all those who are discerning a call to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. May they listen and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don



Training for Ushers

We will conduct a one-hour training session for new ushers / refresher for all existing ushers on Sunday, April 26th at 9:15am

If you have any questions, please call or text Ron Rushworth at (304) 382-7768.

HELP WANTED

Summer maintenance job for students beginning June 8th, 2026. 35-40 hours per week, general maintenance and physical work moving school furniture, lifting 50+ pounds. \$12 per hour. Call John Blake 304-342-8175.

First Communion Children's Choir

**10:30am Mass,
Sunday, May 3rd**

Meet in the Gathering Space
at 10:15am

Rehearsal in the church
Thursday 4/30 2:45-3:30pm

Contact Rosemary Severn for more information!
rsevern@shccwv.us



A Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy with Fr. Donald X. Higgs

Fr. Higgs invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 11-22, 2026. Highlights include: Florence, La Verna, Assisi, Orvieto, Naples, Isle of Ischia, Sorrento, Rome, and The Vatican with an audience with Pope Leo XIV.

The cost of \$6,499 includes flights to and from Charleston WV, breakfasts and dinners, tours, hotels, motor coach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Early bird discount for those who register before May 13th.

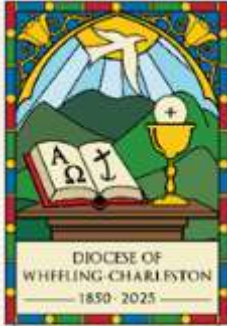
For the itinerary, more details and the option to register online, go to: <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly> or call Fr. Higgs at 304-685-2367.



This week Knights of Columbus Members Mark Schuerger and Greg White made a trip to the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay County to deliver food donated by parishioners of Sacred Heart during the Lenten Food Drive. We think this is one of the largest donations we have ever taken to the Risen Lord Food Pantry. A special thank you to all who donated food or money to our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. We will also be sending a check for \$3945 to the Food Pantry. Father Dominic, Ann Hall and all the volunteers appreciate what the parishioners of Sacred Heart have done for them over the years and what they are doing now.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026
FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
HOLY MASS ▪ PARISH DINNER
CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF
SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOLS



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

Warm greetings in Christ.

**CLOSING DAY OF THE
 NOVENA
 TO
 Santo Niño**

**AT ST. MATTHEW
 CATHOLIC CHURCH, RAVENSWOOD**

**SUNDAY
 APRIL 26, 2026**

**HOLY MASS
 11:15 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY
 a simple lunch/reception
 for all who wish to join in fellowship.**

*Let us come together in thanksgiving
 to honor Santo Niño and grow
 in faith, joy, and community.*

**ST. MATTHEW
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 — RAVENSWOOD —**

*With gratitude and prayers,
 Fr. Roy*
 St. Matthew Catholic Church, Ravenswood

Family Life Food Pantry Monthly Request

Our Family Life Food Pantry is supported by volunteers and generosity of St. Agnes, St Anthony’s, Blessed Sacrament, and Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. We are not affiliated with Catholic Charities.

We are open Wednesdays from 2 – 4pm and are located in the alley on Dunbar Street behind the Catholic Charities office.

We have been serving our community since March 2024. To date, we have served 2,666 clients. Food and housing insecurity is very real and for us who volunteer, we frequently become overwhelmed by the choices that our clients must make to provide for themselves and their families.

In March, Heartbeat of the Valley supplied us with a food donation totaling \$1800.00. What a blessing! In February, Sacred Heart Grade School’s 5th Grade Class donated over 500 cans of soup and tons of cereal! Thank you, Theresa O’Leary for organizing.

In the past two weeks, we have seen an influx of new clients needing assistance. A 45% increase from April LY. This past Wednesday, April 15, we saw 37 clients serving 181 individuals. Our shelves are bare.

To support our mission, we are requesting your help and support from each of the three parishes. The volunteers from your parish will supply monthly donation items that will help support our needed ministry. Presently our biggest need is non-perishable food and/or monetary donations so that we can continue to operate on a weekly basis. Our clients depend upon us.

Please come and visit us to see what we do. Consider being a volunteer. We would love to have you!

There are four ways to help:

- Monetary Donations – Make check payable to: Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral On memo line: Family Life Food Pantry
 Drop in collection basket or give to your parish volunteers
- Donate items monthly that we are requesting. Place them in the container at the Virginia Street entrance
- Gift Cards from Aldi or Dollar Tree – give to your parish volunteers or mail to the Cordis Center
- Volunteer/Pray for our pantry and our clients

Our parish volunteers are: Karen Gross 304.546.0598 and Leighann Hamrick

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love “ *Mother Teresa*

APRIL: PEANUT BUTTER and SALTINE CRACKERS

Santo Niño



Thank you to Maricel Bernardo and everyone who worked so hard to make Santo Niño a wonderful event for the Filipino community and Sacred Heart Parish.



The Cathedral of St. Joseph Celebrates 100 Years as a *Living Sign of God's Presence and Mission*

Bishop Earl Fernandes, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, and Bishop Mark Brennan (top, from left), clergy, and altar servers are shown after the Mass for the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.



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sexual abuse by personnel of
the Diocese of Wheeling-
Charleston to the Diocese,
please contact the Diocese at
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304.233.0880.

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Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.**
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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.