

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 Easter-April 28, 2024

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

Rector: Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, VF - Email: dhiggs@dwc.org Associate Rector: Rev. Rayappa Kurakula - Email: rayappak@dwc.org



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much bruit. for apart from me you cave do nothing. John 15.5

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 <u>https://dwc.org/home/mass/</u>

> 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

EUCHARISTIC 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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EDUCATION

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Sacred Heart Child Development Center: After School	Care
Crystal Ashcraft, Coordinator	344-1125
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Niki Kurten, Principal	346-5491
Charleston Catholic High School: 6-12	
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal	342-8415

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

MUSIC

Music Director: Mark Haas	342-8175	
Email: mhaas@shccwv.us		
Principal Organist: Gregory Gray	380-4786	

OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

Boy Scouts: Sam Wilkes	546-0614
Catholic Charities Office-Family Life Center	380-0162
For information on Catholic Charities	
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross	346-2608
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 270	6-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless 30	4-553-7021
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Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger	550-2411
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center	342-0507
SH Christian Service Committee: Ron Rushworth	382-7768
SH Finance Council: Cindy McGhee-Chair	342-8175
SH Gift Shop: Antonetta Stevens 415-8132 or Kathy Lamb	344-2011
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair	533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 4/21/2024

Regular Collection: \$12,082 Smile (Sisters): \$280 Social Concerns: \$15 Flood Relief: \$3,260 Candles: \$154 Needy Student: \$240 Partners In Hope: \$175

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 5th Sunday of Easter-April 28, 2024

04/27 Sat. 04/28 Sun.	5:30 pm + Ms. Arduinne Wazelle 8:00 am + People of the Parish 10:30 am + Joe & Jay Mullen 5:00 pm + Deceased of Tom Edwards Family
04/29 Mon.	8:15 am + Sr. Judith Ann Teufel
04/30 Tues.	12:00 pm + William Scott Campbell
05/01 Wed.	12:00 pm + Barbara Zsoldos Williams
05/02 Thur.	12:00 pm + Jennifer Taylor
05/03 Fri.	8:15 am + Ezra & Vivian Wyer 12:00 pm + Mitchel & Agnes Kawash
05/04 Sat	8:15 am + Holy Souls in Purgatory
05/04 Sat. 05/05 Sun.	5:30 pm+ People of the Parish8:00 am+ Ralph & Irene Stricker10:30 amFor the Intention of Pat & Kathy Lamb's 62nd Wedding Anniversary12:30 pm1st Eucharist 5:00 pm5:00 pm+ Roger Whittington

Ministry Schedule week of May 4/5

Lector Schedule 5:30 PM-Linda Higgs 8:00 AM-Bob Harrison 10:30 AM-Amanda Ream 5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Linda & Matt Higgs, John Willson. 3 volunteers 8:00 AM-Mary Agnes & Rex Kern, Joel Weese, 3 volunteers 10:30 AM-Bob Parker, Bob & Jeannie Tyler, 3 volunteers 5:00 PM-Agnes Smith, Angelita Zamora, 4 Volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention

April-For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sacred Heart Gift Shop

is opened after each Mass and is generally opened prior to the 10:30 Mass. We have gifts for every occasion. If you can't find what you are looking for, we can order it for you.

FYI...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, June 8th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in our Risen Lord!

Greetings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter!

Next Sunday, sixteen of our children will celebrate their First Eucharist at a special 12:30pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Lord sacramentally for the first time. Do you remember your First Eucharist? Was it many years ago on just recently? I pray that you can recall that most beautiful day. We are In our second year of our Eucharist Revival, I pray that you have made yourself available to renew or deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. May our young people be a powerful witness and reminder to all of us.

Bishop Mark has written a statement titled, "Antisemitism on College Campuses". I encourage you to read and reflect on our Bishop's statement. May we pray for peaceful dialogues and an end to the war in Palestine and Israel. Let us also pray for peace in Ukraine.

Have a Blessed week. I remain,

In Christ, Fr. Don

A Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy with Fr. Don

Fr. Don invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 14-25, 2024.

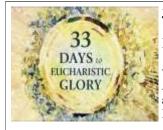
Highlights include: Florence, Siena, Assisi, the Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Rome, The Vatican and an audience with the Pope. Flight to and from Charleston, W.V. included. Early Bird Discount of \$50 for those who register before February 3rd.

The cost of \$5899 includes breakfasts and dinners, tours, r/t flights, 4-5 star hotels, motorcoach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Don't miss this once in a lifetime pilgrimage to visit and pray at the Catholic places you have heard of all your life. Plus, you will see the world-famous sites of Italy as well.

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

Blessings and Congratulations to Kees Joseph Umina, Baptized Saturday, April 20th. He is the child of Ryan & Elizabeth Umina.





33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Are you ready to make a deeper commitment to Christ? Join the 33 Day Consecration to Jesus in the Eucharist!

The program will run from May 1 until June 2, using the book "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory," and will consist of daily readings and weekly discussion groups. Weekly discussions will be held starting April 28, and will be held each week on Sundays at noon in the Gathering Space, Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Cordis Center, and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space. Consecration Day will be on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 2. Be sure to sign up in the Gathering Space.

Rosary to be Prayed before Weekend Masses in May In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In keeping with this tradition, we will pray the Rosary before each of the weekend masses in May, starting 30 minutes before each mass. Please come and join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

Hiring Director of Music Ministries

The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, WV, is looking for a pastoral musician. Responsibilities include overseeing the selection of music for liturgies, substituting for our organist, directing the choir, cantoring when necessary, preparing worship aids and expanding our current music program. Candidates should have a BA degree or higher in a music field, or other field, if musically trained, excellent organ/keyboard/choral conducting skills and vocal technique and be familiar with music notation software. A practicing Catholic is preferred but not required; candidates must be of the Christian faith with willingness to learn about and genuinely support others in their Catholic faith. Conversant with a variety of liturgical styles including contemporary, classical, and traditional. Must demonstrate a commitment to use a blended approach to liturgical music that encourages the assembly to sing. Working hours are flexible and include weekends and some evenings. Complete job description available upon request. Please send résumés to: Bernadette McMasters Kime, Office of Worship and Sacraments, PO. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 or email bkime@dwc.org



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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Office of the Bishop

Statement on Antisemitism on College Campuses

As a graduate of a major American university where pro-Palestinian protests and anti-Semitic rhetoric have taken place, I feel compelled to make known how repugnant I find the expressions of antisemitism on many college campuses. I abhor just as much expressions of anti-Moslem sentiment and violence, such as the injuries suffered by a Palestinian student, a student at my alma mater.

The Hamas-Israeli war has elicited strong feelings from many people but strong feelings are not an excuse for using hateful and stereotypical language about Jews and Moslems. While some students and faculty are trying to understand the conflict and make sober judgments, others, including non-students, indulge in intemperate chants and threatening behavior toward those who hold other views. I speak out because, with historical perspective, I know where antisemitism can lead if it goes unchecked; the same is true for Islamophobia.

College campuses are supposed to be places where young people can learn to make mature judgments about the world in which they live and which they will soon be directing. It is the role of administrators and professors to help students engage in that process. Recent events have shown that some of these university-employed adults are unwilling or unable to fulfill this role. They need to examine their consciences. If they are incapable of guiding young people toward maturity, they should resign. It is also unfair that non-students, whose occupation seems to be that of fomenting of trouble, should cause the majority of students to lose the right to go to class because of the disruption on their campus.

The current conflict between Hamas and Israel has complicated historical, political, cultural and religious aspects. I do not have answers to all of its dimensions. As a man of faith in the God who spoke to Abraham, the father in faith of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, however, I will continue to pray for a just and lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis.

But, given the present situation on the campuses of many universities in our nation, I urge you to raise your voice to say that shouting hateful slogans and intimidating those of other views contribute nothing to the resolution of the present conflict in the Middle East and only exacerbate mutual disdain and distrust in communities of higher education. Treat others the way you would want them to treat you. That saying, known to people 2000 years ago and repeated by Jesus, is one that students, faculty, administrators and professional agitators should take to heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Mark E. Brenner

+Mark E. Brennan Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events for Knights of Columbus Council 12630.

K of C corn roast and Italian sausage sale at the Vandalia Gathering, Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 on the West Virginia State Capitol Grounds. We will sell grilled Italian sausage on a bun with optional grilled onion, green pepper and marinara sauce. Our other menu offering is roasted corn on the cob with optional margarine, salt and pepper toppings. We will sell peach tea, unsweet tea and water for drinks.

Please consider attending the Vandalia Gathering, supporting the Knights and other local food and craft vendors and listen to some excellent West Virginia traditional music and storytelling.

We will hold an exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Sunday, May 12 at 12:00 Noon at the Church to welcome new Knights into our council. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Charity in Action Awards

Charity in Action Awards Luncheon

2024 Charity in Action Award Honorees

Carol Bailey | Rory Chapman | Teresa and Jim Jeffrey

St. Mary's Center for Education May 6, 2024 2853 5th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25702 at 12 pm

Tickets: www.ccwva.org/event/ciahuntington

M 25...Whatsoever we do for the least, we do for HIM

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The "Family Life Center Food and Personal Care Pantry" at 1024 Quarriers Street in Charleston has been set up to benefit all parishioners in need within the greater Charleston area. This pantry is for you ...and...yours. Access to the pantry is through the "double doors" on Dunbar Street.

We all know that the aftermath of the pandemic as well as other economic challenges have exacerbated the need to reach out to meet the emergency needs of members of our parishes. This pantry can have a profound impact on the lives of many in our area.

The pantry will consist of the following:

- Emergency food
- Emergency Home Care Items
- Personal Care Items

The pantry will be open as follows:

- Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon
- Wednesdays from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm
- Thursdays from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Catholic Charities West Virginia has been instrumental in caring for the basic necessities of those served and will continue to do so.

This pantry, however, is geared at those considered "low income" in our parish communities, who, from time to time simply need assistance to get through month by month. It is not affiliated with any other pantry in the area and solely sustained by a collective effort of the local parishes.

Parishioners can be referred to the pantry through local priests or parish administrative offices... or...members of any parish. They need only to come during the designated times and our volunteers will assist. If anonymity is an issue, arrangements will be made to provide such.

We ask that you help us to sustain the pantry by weekly/monthly collection of items that we provide. If you prefer, a gift card or monetary donation is acceptable (no checks, please); all proceeds will help us restock and keep our shelves full. One of our volunteers, all representative of local parishes, can assist with parish solicitations.

Together, we can make a positive impact and ensure that no one in our parish community goes to bed hungry or is unable to meet basic needs of life. Collectively, we can be a beacon of hope for those who need us most.

In Christ, we are volunteers from:

The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Anthony's Parish, St Francis of Assisi Parish, Christ the King Parish, St. Agnes Parish, St. John's Episcopal Church.

Basic Pantry Options for "Working Poor"

Food Items

• Box Cereal	Qty
Shelf Stable Milk	Qty.
Pop-Top Soups	Qty
• Pop Top Entrees such as chili, beef stew, spaghetti	Qty
1# Dry Beans/Rice/Pasta	Qty
• Mac & Cheese	Qty
 Assorted Canned Vegetables, Beans, Fruits 	Qty
 Canned or Pouch Chicken or Tuna 	Qty
 "Healthy" Snack Bars 	Qty
• Bottled Water	Qty
• Other:	Qty
• Other:	Qty
• Other:	Qty.

Non-Food Items

• Family size toothpaste & brushes as required	Qty
Bar Soap & Shampoo	Qty
 Women's Personal Hygiene Products 	Qty
• Diapers (Adult & Children)	Qty
Disposable Razors	Qty
Glass Cleaner	Qty
• Dish Liquid	Qty
Laundry Detergent	Qty
• Sanitizing Cleaner (i.e. Lysol, etc.)	Qty
Bleach Wipes	Qty
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Qty
Toilet Paper	Qty
Paper Towels	Qty
• Other:	Qty

NOTE: NO GLASS CONTAINERS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vine of Life

Lord Jesus, you are the vine of life, we are but branches yearning to give fruit. Grant that the Holy Spirit may nurture your people to remain in you so that we may give the life that you have shared with us to those we meet, allowing them to be transformed. You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday, April 28, 2024-Bearing Fruit

Today's readings: Acts 9:26–31; Psalm 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–31; 1 John 3:18–24; John 15:1–8. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life. When Paul turned from his former way



of life, he "spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus." After Paul's conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and remain in Jesus' love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?

This Week at Home

Monday, April 29-Surrender

"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him," Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper. From her youth, St. Catherine of Siena, whose memorial the Church celebrates today, portrayed her love for God through service. Not only did she minister to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, but she also confronted bishops and the pope and called for reforms in the Church. Today we ask St. Catherine of Siena to be our companion as we show our love for God through our work in the world. Today's readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.

Tuesday, April 30-True Peace

Not long before inviting the faithful at Mass to offer one another a sign of peace, the priest says, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church." When the faithful offer one another a sign of peace, it is Christ's peace, not their individual peace. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights the difference in the offerings of peace, saying, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Discussing your spiritual struggles during the sacrament of penance can bring one Christ's peace. Check your parish's schedule for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. Today's readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.

Wednesday, May 1-Faithful

Today we celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Little is known about St. Joseph, but the few verses of Scripture that mention him show his obedience to God and the care he gave to Mary and Jesus. Pray that, like St. Joseph, you "bear much fruit" so that God is glorified. Today's readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 2, 2024-A Universal Message

After telling the disciples to keep his commandments, Jesus explains, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." For many, obeying the commandments may seem burdensome, but Jesus reveals that doing so is the way to remain in Jesus' love and so is the path to joy. What does it mean for the Lord's joy to be in you? Have you ever considered that God finds joy in you? Today's readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10; John 15:9–11.

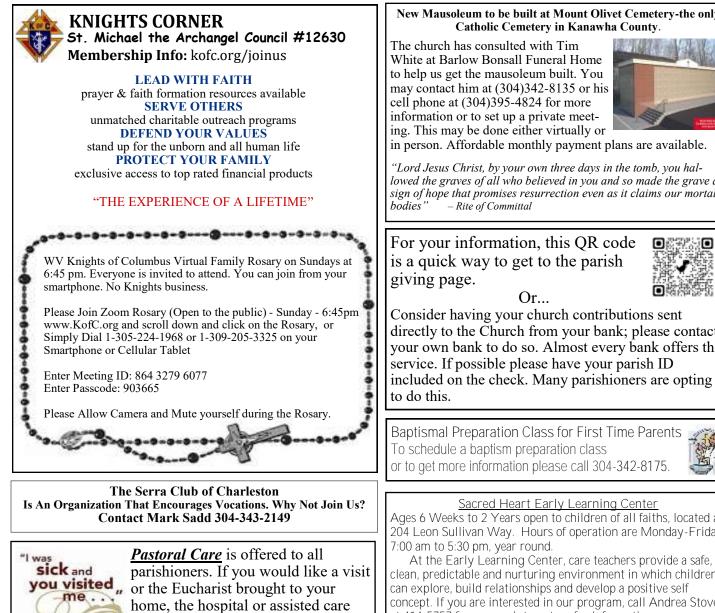
Friday, May 3-Feast of Sts. Philip and James

Today, on the Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, the Church honors two of the earliest followers of Jesus. At the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus finds Philip and instructs him, "Follow me" (1:45). Philip wastes no time spreading the news of the messiah and encourages Nathanael to "come and see." May we take to heart the example of these apostles and invite others to come to know Christ. Today's readings: Acts 1 Corinthians 15: 1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.

Saturday, May 4-Do You Accept?

The words "serve the Lord with gladness," in today's psalm shows the disposition one should have even when rejected and persecuted for living as Christians. As Jesus sets before the disciples the work of spreading the Gospel, he tells them that they will be treated as he has been: "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." Are you able to live in gratitude to God even when others revile you? Pray to the Holy Spirit for such courage. Today's readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.

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facility, you can contact Sr. Ida at 1-304-709-0026.

Now Hiring-Our Parish has full-time and part-time teacher positions for the Early Learning Center and After-school care programs. Diocesan benefits and salaries commensurate with experience and education. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and clear a background check. WVIT and ACDS helpful but not required. Please contact Sheila Kerekes at 304-414-5757 or mail your resume to 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only



lowed 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



directly to the Church from your bank: please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this



Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday

At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a safe, clean, predictable and nurturing environment in which children concept. If you are interested in our program, call Andrea Stover at 414-5757 for an appointment, or for information.

