



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 – May 3, 2026

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan
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*Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala
Bishop Designate of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*

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.

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
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OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

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SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 4/26/2026

Regular Collection: \$11,249 Candles: \$393
SMILE (Sisters): \$155 Partners In Hope: \$50
Social Concerns: \$10 Needy Student: \$250
Santo Nino: \$4238 Catholic Relief: \$200

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

5th Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2026

05/02 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
05/03 Sun. 8:00 am + Dottie Coyle Stopher
10:30 am + Peggy Burk (1st Eucharist)
5:00 pm + Kathleen Fitzmaurice
05/04 Mon. 8:15 am + Rev. Jim Lewis
05/05 Tues. 12:00 pm For the Intention of Parick & Kathleen
Lamb's 64th Wedding Anniversary
05/06 Wed. 12:00 pm Communion Service
05/07 Thur. 12:00 pm Communion Service
05/08 Fri. 8:15 am + David S. Sadd
12:00 pm + John J. Coyle
05/09 Sat. 8:15 am + Rev. Anthony J. Conlon
05/09 Sat. 5:30 pm + Patrick Graney, III
05/10 Sun. 8:00 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
10:30 am + People of the Parish
5:00 pm + Tom Bossie

Ministry Schedule May 9/10, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Maricel Bernardo
8:00 AM-Karen Gross
10:30 AM-LaDonna Mason
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Kerri Grant, Matt & Linda Higgs, 3 volunteers
8:00 AM-Janice Prince, Sarah Stricker, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Perry Ayoob, Chloe Flores, Steve Naylor, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella, Agnes Smith, 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 Risen Lord,

Greetings on this Fifth Sunday of Easter!

We have a new Bishop, on May 1, 2026 Pope Leo XIV has appointed Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala as the tenth Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. Bishop Menjivar was the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Bishop Menjivar-Ayala will be installed on July 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. We are very grateful for Bishop Mark Brennan's wonderful pastoral care and leadership for the past six and half years. In time, Bishop Mark plans to live in Charleston.

Please keep our bishops and our Diocese in your prayers during this transition. More information in the weeks ahead.

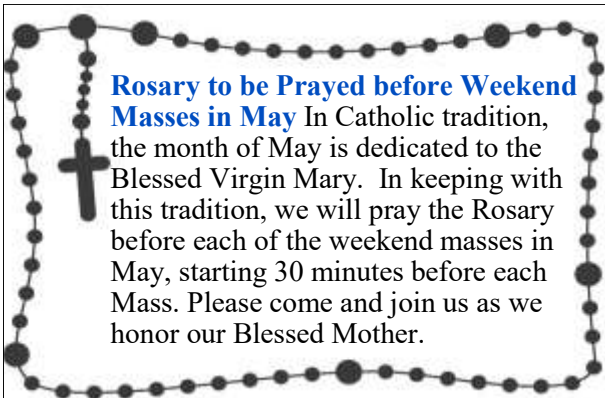
This Sunday at our 10:30am Mass, we have ten young people celebrating their First Eucharist. Please prayer for them as they receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Our priests will be attending our Annual Priests Convocations. A few days of prayers and conferences. We will have a Jubilee Mass at the Basilica at 5pm on Wednesday. You are invited to join Bishop Emeritus Mark Brennan and the priests of our Diocese.

Please take a look at our financial report in this bulletin for fiscal year 2024 to 2025. Thank you for supporting our Parish and School.

Have a blessed week. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don



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.



Please keep in your prayers John "Jack" Burke who died April 27, 2026. Our prayers and condolences for his wife Kathy and sons, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.



Blessings and Congratulations to Leah Dorothy Tupta, child of John P. and Allyson Tupta, Baptized Saturday, April 25th.

Please keep in your prayers Barbara McCallum who died this past April. Our prayers and condolences for her family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.



Blessings and Congratulations to Titus Robert Coon child of Jessica Fittro and Jeremiah Coon Baptized Sunday, April 19th.

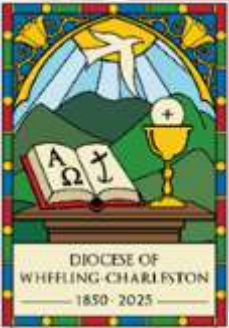


Please keep in your prayers Mary Rita DuBois Caldwell who died April 24, 2026. Our prayers and condolences for her sister Kelly Sadd, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.



Everyone is Invited to attend the Jubilee Mass with Bishop Emeritus Mark Brennan and the Priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, here at Sacred Heart Basilica, Wednesday, May 6th at 5:00 PM

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”**

Young Adult Night

Open to those in their 20s to 30s
Friday, May 8th 6:30PM
 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
 St Albans, WV



Guest Speaker- Msgr Dean Borgmeyer
**“What Christians Believe and
 What Catholics do”**
 Main entree provided please bring a side!



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of
Reverend Mr. Clifton Mastran
 and
 Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate of
Mr. Michael Aiello
 Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am
 Cathedral of St. Joseph
 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

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 PANTRY**

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MONTHLY DONATION REQUEST
 Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce,
 Saltine Crackers



Open Wednesday-2:00 to 4:00pm

The Pope’s Monthly Intention

May-That everyone might have food
 Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026—One Mission One Day
Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese’s annual Catholic Schools’ giving day, One Mission One Day, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to replace flooring and upgrade the lighting to LED in the Commons. The current carpet was put in 12 years ago and it has weathered many adventures (and a few lunch spills!). It’s time for a refresh! Please mark your calendars now and consider how you may be able to support our One Mission One Day project.



Use the
QR Code to donate



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.

Sacred Heart Financial Summary

	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025		July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024	
	Church	SHGS/ELC	Parish	SHGS/ELC
Revenues				
Tuition and fees	\$	\$3,777,820	\$	\$3,220,397
Offerings, contributions, and other support	1,036,929	46,040	849,620	36,532
Fundraising income		74,786	-	164,287
Parking income	97,211	-	93,521	-
Investment income	12,864	12,087	16,214	7,016
Rental income	399,788	-	376,276	-
Cemetery income	27,110	-	12,850	-
Other income	142,884	9,150	82,164	38,485
Total Revenues	1,716,786	3,919,883	1,430,645	3,466,717
Expenses				
Salaries, wages, and benefits	425,247	2,314,521	442,688	2,171,233
Supplies and minor equipment	66,500	42,189	60,147	32,642
Utilities	194,620	211,449	186,058	190,899
Insurance	146,165	76,676	131,040	67,693
Repairs and maintenance	151,387	188,170	160,585	194,898
Interest	37,240	69,587	34,524	72,214
Information technology	40,262	130,049	41,756	124,635
Taxes and assessments	90,910	-	98,416	-
School-related expense	6,013	244,147	10,763	187,030
Depreciation expense	438,278	316,208	472,760	310,326
All other expenses	102,225	128,124	75,974	146,204
Total Cash Expenses	\$1,698,847	\$3,721,120	\$1,714,711	\$3,497,774
Revenues over expenses	\$17,939	\$198,763	\$(284,066)	\$(31,057)

FYE 6-30-2025 Notes

1. Depreciation is a non-cash expense.
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2025 was \$161,640 for the Church and \$2,118,569 for Sacred Heart Grade School.
3. Principal remaining on long-term debt at June 30, 2025 was \$1,002,311 for the Church and \$2,486,023 for Sacred Heart Grade School.

FYE 6-30-2024 Notes

1. Depreciation is a non-cash expense.
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2024 was \$67,667 for the Church and \$1,640,677 for Sacred Heart Grade School.
3. Principal remaining on long-term debt at June 30, 2024 was \$1,105,246 for the Church and \$2,575,400 for Sacred Heart Grade School.

Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Grade School Update on Capital Campaign Endowment Funds

As part of our Renewing our Present, Securing our Future Campaign three endowed funds were established at the West Virginia Catholic Foundation for the benefit of Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Grade School to provide a stream of income to support the needs of the parish and the school in the future.

As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Parish General Endowment Fund had a balance of \$929,033.19. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$41,806.48.

As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Fund for Catechesis and Evangelization Fund had a balance of \$88,092.09. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$3,964.16.

As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Grade School General Endowment Fund had a balance of \$793,944.18. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$35,727.49.

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At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a
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The New Mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery is the only Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.
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:
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.