



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

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



3rd Sunday of Easter –May 4, 2025

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Sede Vacante

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.

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Sharing Our Treasure - 4/27/2025

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Easter Flowers: \$100 (\$2660)
Candles: \$94
Partners in Hope: \$100
Good Friday: \$2419
Cath. Relief Serv. : \$100

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

3rd Sunday of Easter-May 4, 2025

05/03 Sat. 5:30 pm + Rev. Robert G. Park (Santo Nino)
05/04 Sun. 8:00 am For the Intention of Jack & Kathy Burke
10:30 am + John Ruddick
1:00 pm + Pope Francis
Santo Nino Celebration
(Celebrant Bishop Brennan)
5:00 pm + People of the Parish

05/05 Mon. 8:15 am + Webster J. Arceneaux, Jr.

05/06 Tues. 12:00 pm + Frances Ciccarello

05/07 Wed. 12:00 pm + Stella Fazio Quigley

05/08 Thur. 12:00 pm COMMUNION SERVICE

05/09 Fri. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie
12:00 pm + Fr. Richard Klug

05/10 Sat. 8:15 am + Rev. Howard Bich, O.F.M, Cap.

05/10 Sat. 5:30 pm + Keith Smith
05/11 Sun. 8:00 am + Apolinaria "Naring" Amores
10:30 am + Adolf Wöste
5:00 pm + People of the Parish

Ministry Schedule week of May 10/11

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-John Willson
8:00 AM-Megan Harris
10:30 AM-Matthew Bowles
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Ann Knebel, Janice Prince, Theresa Miller, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Perry Ayoob, Kerri Linton, Steve Naylor, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Dick Fauss, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention

May-For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Sacred Heart Gift Shop is open after each Mass and is generally opened prior to the 10:30 Mass. We have gifts for every occasion. In addition to gifts, we keep in stock a variety of rosaries, medals, automobile visor medals as well as bike medals and holy cards. Children's books and coloring books are also available. If you can't find what you are looking for, we can order it for you.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Third Sunday of Easter!

It is a most beautiful time in the life of our parish and Universal Church.

This Sunday we conclude our nine days of mourning for Pope Francis. Let us continue to pray for the soul of our beloved Holy Father. This Sunday we also will conclude the Santo Nino Novena during the 1:00pm Mass with Bishop Brennan. It is an honor for our parish to have the Diocesan Shrine of Santo Nino. May the Lord's rich blessings be among the people of the Philippines and our parishioners who trace their roots back to the Philippines.

This Sunday we also will celebrate the First Eucharist of sixteen children at our 10:30am Mass. Please pray for our children as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ, Marcie Bowles, Parker Chapman, Charlie Haden, Katie Jane Hoyer, Jacob Humphrey, Colin Knechtly, Miles Moody, Gigi Mork, Caroline Orphanos, Brodan Pinney, Dominic Paternostro, Conner Reehling, Luca Signorelli, Donovan Stencel, Olaedo Ukwuaba, Brigid Whelan. May their first reception serve as an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist in our lives and may that reflection bring the same joy experienced by our children.

On May 7th, the College of Cardinals will enter Conclave. Please pray for them as they elect, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Pope to serve us. Please use the prayer in this bulletin and make it part your daily prayers with family. I suggest that you use this prayer before meals or as a night prayer. Perhaps by next Sunday, our prayers will have been answered.

May you have a blessed week. I remain,

In Our Risen Christ,
Fr. Don

Prayer for the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect Pope Francis' successor.

Father Most Holy,
Our God and King,
Protect Your Church in this time of transition.
Guide the Cardinals in their sacred duty.
Grant them Wisdom and Courage, Hope and Charity,
and the Faith they need to discern Your Holy Will.
Creator of all that was, is, and is to come
You alone know the heart of the one You have chosen
as the next successor to Saint Peter.
Reveal Your will to the College of Cardinals.
Open their hearts to Your inspirations.
Open our hearts to receive, with faith and obedience,
the one whom You will raise up to sit on the Chair of
Saint Peter.
May he be a man of deepest compassion,
a man of profound faith and hope,
a man whose charity shines forth,
permeating the darkness of this world with the light of
Christ.
You are God Most High,
the God of the living and the dead,
the Great I AM,
the Alpha and the Omega,
Eternal Being and Source of all that is.
May Your holy will be done,
now and forever.

Amen. Alleluia.

Rosary to be Prayed before Weekend Masses in May

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting May 10, in keeping with this tradition, we will pray the Rosary before weekend Masses in May, starting 30 minutes before each Mass. Please come and join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

Summer Faith Formation Series

- * Join us this summer as we study Bishop Robert Barron's 10-week "Catholicism" Video Series.
- * Sessions will be held every Wednesday from June 4 through August 6 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.
- * We will meet in the Cordis Center on June 4 – All other sessions will be in the Gathering Space.
- * Come to any session that you can. Please sign up using the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

CORDIAL INVITATION
SANTO NIÑO FEAST DAY
Sunday, May 4, 2025, 1:00pm Mass
Novena, Benediction and Procession
Main Celebrant-Bishop Mark Brennan
Reception to follow at the
Sacred Heart Grade School

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“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

April 2025 marked the one year anniversary of our **Family Life Pantry** at 1024 Quarrier St at the side door on Dunbar St. This is a joint effort among Blessed Sacrament, St Anthony’s, and Sacred Heart communities and volunteers. Anyone who is in need is welcome and there are no requirements to receive the limited supplies we have. We are grateful to Charleston Catholic and Sacred Heart Grade School for their generous support.

Since opening, we have served 843 in need. To date in 2025, we have served 368 clients.

Ongoing support is needed. Please consider supporting this ministry by mailing a check or gift cards (Walmart, Aldi, Kroger) to: The Regional Family Resource Network, PO Box 450, Hurricane WV 25526 (NOTE - FAMILY LIFE PANTRY IN THE MEMO SECTION OF CHECK OR ON GIFT CARD)

If you would like to visit us our hours are Tuesday 10:00-12:00, Wednesday 2:00-4:00, Thursday 4:00-5:30.

Religious Education News...


Final Class is May 4, 2025

Congratulations to students for completing Religious Education at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for 2024-2025! We will hold our final class on the playground with a rosary activity (students should dress accordingly).

Thank you to Sr. Ida and the catechists for your dedication to the youth of SHCC.

SHCC plans to host a youth outing over the summer - additional information will be emailed in a few weeks.



 Meals on wheels is in desperate need of drivers out of Thomas formerly St. Francis Hospital Contact Helen Scragg to volunteer 304-346-5104.

“What exactly IS the Bible?”
“What does it have to do with our life today?”
“Why should we study it?”
“How can we understand it today?”

Those are just a few of the questions that many people ask – and are well worthy of exploration. As a result of a request, Father John Finnell will host a new Bible study group, by ZOOM ONLY, on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm EDT beginning May 6.

This group is primarily (but not necessarily exclusively) for younger adults in the 20 – 40 age range. Anyone interested, email Father John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com to get more information, to state your particular questions or interests and to receive the zoom link.

Third Sunday of Easter



Responding to the Lord

God our Helper, you appear to us in average moments, in our daily routines. Grant us the courage to open our eyes, for the wisdom to see you. Guide us to show our love for you by singing your praises and caring for your people. You have rescued us! We give thanks to your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 4, 2025-Do You Love Him?

Today's readings: Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19 or John 21:1–14. Today, we hear about Jesus revealing himself to his disciples for a third time after the resurrection. He shows up on an average day, as the disciples do their work. They are struggling to catch fish, and he directs them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. After they do so, they are unable to pull the net because of the number of fish they have caught. So Jesus is recognized: "It is the Lord." He invites them to break bread with him.

When they finish their breakfast, Jesus asks Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter replies with a resounding "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus asks the same question twice more, perhaps because Peter denied him three times during the passion. Each time Peter replies yes, Jesus instructs the disciple to feed or tend the Lord's sheep.

It is a blessing to reflect on the many ways Jesus appears to us. We know he is present in the Word and in the Eucharist, but today we are reminded that he also appears to us in ordinary ways. When he appears to you in your day-to-day routines and asks you if you love him, what do you say to him? Is your response timid or resounding? How do you feed his lambs or tend his sheep?

This Week at Home

Monday, May 5-Food for Eternal Life

Jesus tells the crowd searching for him in Capernaum that they should "not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." Consider what you dedicate yourself to throughout the day. Do you spend your time focusing on earthly desires? What inspires you to say yes to the Lord? Why do you choose to follow him? This evening, spend time praying about your relationship with God. Ask for the strength to set your focus on "the food that endures for eternal life." Today's readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.

Tuesday, May 6-When Preaching Is Challenging

Stephen concludes his discourse angrily, calling out those around him as "stiff-necked" and opposing the Spirit. The people Stephen addresses are infuriated and begin to stone him. Stephen, "filled with the Holy Spirit," is given the strength he needs to face his martyrdom. Reflect on times you have struggled to preach the Gospel. What has been challenging for you? Ask for the strength to wholeheartedly follow the Lord. Today's readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.

Wednesday, May 7-There Was Great Joy

After Stephen is martyred, "a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem" broke out. Those who followed Jesus were "scattered throughout the countryside" and "went about preaching the word." We are told that Philip goes to Samaria to preach the Word. Despite being persecuted, the crowds experience great joy because of Philip's ministry. When you are persecuted or put down by life's struggles, to whom or to what do you turn for "great joy"? Today's readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.

Thursday, May 8-Called to Serve

In today's first reading, from Acts, an angel of the Lord and the Spirit guide Philip to minister to an Ethiopian court official. Philip proclaims Jesus to him by explaining Scripture and baptizing him. When have you felt called to serve someone else? Ask God for the wisdom to hear and the courage to respond when you are being called to serve another. Today's readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.

Friday, May 9-Instruments

Today's first reading begins with Saul "still breathing murderous threats" against the disciples. Despite the atrocities Saul has committed, the Lord describes him to Ananias as "a chosen instrument." Saul is eventually baptized and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God in the synagogues. We believe in a God who can do all things! Today, say a prayer for someone who is working against God. Kindly lift them up and ask God to be with them. Today's readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.

Saturday, May 10-St. John of Avila

St. John of Avila was born in the Castile region of Spain. He studied law, philosophy, and theology before he was ordained a diocesan priest. He inherited his parents' fortune and chose to distribute the inheritance to the poor. John came to be known as a great preacher and spiritual director, unafraid of denouncing evil. To celebrate his feast day, say a prayer in gratitude for the gifts (spiritual, financial, professional, and practical) that you have inherited from previous generations. How can you share your inheritance? Today's readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.

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– George Weigel
Biographer of Pope John Paul II



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Wednesday, June 4th

7:00 to 8:30 PM

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7:00 to 8:30 PM

Sacred Heart Basilica Gathering Space

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Gathering Space.



The Knights of Columbus #771

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WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL COMPLEX.**

As has been the practice for many years the Knights of Columbus will sell roasted corn on the cob and Italian Sausage Sandwiches with optional sauce, green peppers and onions. This year's Vandalia Gathering will take place on Saturday, May 24 & Sunday, May 25, 2025. Please pass the word on to your friends and relatives that this long standing traditional music festival on the state capitol grounds is alive and well. Please be aware that this year there is a bicycle race and the state track meet that will impact traffic flow in the Capitol Complex area, so pre-planning your route would be a really good idea.



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