



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 – May 11, 2025

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Pope Leo XIV

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.

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Regular Collection: \$12,538 Candles: \$174
Smile (Sisters): \$431 Partners in Hope: \$376
Needy Student: \$1112 Social Concerns: \$245
Cath. Relief Serv. :\$300 (\$400) Santo Nino: \$4605

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 4th Sunday of Easter-May 11, 2025

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
05/12 Mon. 8:15 am + Michael J. Tupta, Sr.
05/13 Tues. 12:00 pm + Nancy Ward
05/14 Wed. 12:00 pm + Joannette Gould
05/15 Thur. 12:00 pm For the Intention of Joyce Nicksick
05/16 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. Eugene F. Klug
12:00 pm + Adele Bobinger
05/17 Sat. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
05/17 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
05/18 Sun. 8:00 am + Phyllis Sadd
10:30 am For the Intention of Joyce Nicksick
5:00 pm + Rev. Joseph Dene

Ministry Schedule week of May 17/18

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Maricel Bernardo
8:00 AM-Jim Olson
10:30 AM-LaDonna Mason
5:00 PM-Lisa Wood

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Patricia Noronha, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Karen Gross, Blair Johe, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Greg Hoyer, Maria Rendinell & Mike Tupta, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Jason Pizatella, Angelita Zamora, 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 Risen Lord,

Greetings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter and Good Shepherd Sunday

“Habemus Papam”. We have a Pope!

With Great Joy, Pope Leo XIV has been elected to serve as the Shepherd of the Catholic Church. Our prayers for him as he serves us modeled by the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Let us pray for him as he begins his Petrine Ministry for us. Please make use of the following prayer,

A Prayer for Our New Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

This Sunday is also Mother’s Day! We pray for all Mothers, may Mary, the Mother of God intercede for them. The month of May is the dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be praying the Rosary a half hour before each Sunday Mass during May. Please come early and join us. May you have a Blessed and Joyous Week. I remain,

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Fr. Don



STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH!



Our website and Facebook page are updated regularly, and Flocknote is a great tool that we use to keep you informed of the latest parish news and events, diocesan updates, and it's a great way to get our weekly parish bulletin.

Get connected on Flocknote!

Go to our website: www.sacredheartcathedral.com
Click on the ABOUT tab at the top of the page, then go down to FLOCKNOTE, fill in your name, email address and cell phone number if you want to receive texts.
You can also download the mobile app.

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.

Want to be a Volunteer?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. The Safe Environment Program by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston consists of the following components:

- Background Checks (Conducted every 3 years)
- Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children (2022)
- Awareness training for adults (VIRTUS online or live training)

All three components (Background Checks, Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children, and Awareness Training for Adults – VIRTUS) are mandated by the Diocese for persons seeking employment or seeking to volunteer, directly or indirectly with children, within the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

If you would like to volunteer or are a current volunteer and have not completed your annual training, please log on to www.virtusonline.org to complete your 2024 annual Safe Environment training.

New Mausoleum under construction near the current mausoleum at Mount Olivet Cemetery

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.

Preconstruction pricing and affordable monthly payment plans are available.

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

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.

“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.



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



Thank you for representing Sacred Heart parishioners and the Knights of Columbus and joining us yesterday at St. Thomas.

It was an honor to have you with us, and we were grateful for the opportunity to present the Matthew 25 Award to the Knights of Columbus.

This small recognition is nothing compared to all that you do for us and for the people of Clay and Braxton Counties.

May God continue to bless you all. Fr. Thien



The Knights of Columbus #771

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT THE VANDALIA GATHERING, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE 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.

If you want to see a stronger parish with a greater sense of community please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. To qualify you must be a male, at least 18 years old and a practicing Catholic. Search www.kofc.org for more information. We will be offering more information soon on a local level.

Santo Nino

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





Congratulations!

To our 2nd graders: Marcie Bowles, Parker Chapman, Charlie Haden, Katherine Hoyer, Jacob Humphrey, Colin Knechtly, Miles Moody, Gigi Mork, Caroline Orphanos, Brodan Pinney, Dominic Paternostro, Conner Reehling, Luca Signorelli, Donovan Stencel, Olaedo Ukwuaba, and Brigid Whelan for making their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 4th. May you be blessed with His holy joy and peace. Thank you Sr. Ida, teachers and parents for preparing our children for this special sacrament.

Sacred Heart Grade School-May Crowning



Hail Mary,

full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

A men.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Instruments of Salvation

God our Light, your kindness endures forever. You know us and grant us eternal life. Help us remain faithful to you. When our sights waver from being set on you, guide us back to serve you with gladness. When we are persecuted, help us respond as instruments of salvation: give us strength to shake the dust from our feet and continue spreading your Word. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 11, 2025-Shake the Dust from Your Feet

Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30. Today, we hear that Paul and Barnabas reach Antioch. They proclaimed the Word of the Lord and exhorted many Jews and worshippers who were converts to Judaism “to remain faithful to the grace of God.” A week later, the city gathers to hear the word of the Lord. Upon seeing the massive crowds gathered to listen to Paul and Barnabas, the Jews are “filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.”

But Paul and Barnabas continue to speak out boldly. They turn to the Gentiles, who are delighted to know that they, too, are worthy of eternal life. The Jews continue to persecute Paul and Barnabas “and expelled them from their territory.” Paul and Barnabas shake the dust from their feet and resume their journey: filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, their mission to take the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth continues.

Paul and Barnabas teach an important lesson: despite being persecuted, they remain faithful to their call to share the new life that can be found in Christ's resurrection. They are filled with the Spirit and, thus, are strengthened to continue their mission. Where do you get your strength when you are feeling discouraged? How can you embrace the resurrection of our Lord and share that Good News with others?



This Week at Home

Monday, May 12-Athirst Is My Soul

We yearn to be in relationship with God. In today's responsorial psalm, words are put to our desire: “As the hind longs for the running waters, / so my soul longs for you, O God. / Athirst is my soul for God.” As you enter this week, consider how you search for God in your day-to-day life. When and how shall you go and behold the face of God? When the shepherd calls you by name and leads you, how do you respond? Today's readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3, 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.

Tuesday, May 13-Our Lady of Fatima

On the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, we remember that the Virgin Mary appeared to three impoverished shepherd children in Portugal in 1917, toward the end of the First World War. She asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and for the end to the war. She appeared several other times, calling for penitence and prayers for peace. Today, pray the Rosary and say a prayer for peace in our world. Today's readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.

Wednesday, May 14-Feast of St. Matthias

After the ascension of Jesus, the first act of the apostles was to replace Judas as one of the twelve. Two men were suggested, and after praying about it in community, Matthias was chosen (Acts 1:21–26). Much like the other apostles (and like us, too), Matthias was chosen for what he would become as a follower of Christ. How can you enter into being a witness to the resurrection of the Lord? How has your community invited you to embrace your God-given gifts? Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm; John 15:9–17.

Thursday, May 15-St. Isidore the Farmer

When St. Isidore was young, he was destined to work on a wealthy landowner's farm. He was known to pray before and while he worked. To celebrate his feast today, say a prayer on your way to work: pray in gratitude for those who work on farms and cultivate the crops required to sustain us. Consider starting a new habit of praying before work every day, just as St. Isidore did. Today's readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.

Friday, May 16-The Way, the Truth, the Life

Jesus tells the disciples that he is “the way and the truth and the life.” Look for opportunities for Eucharistic adoration at a parish near you. Commit to praying before the Eucharist at least once in the coming week. While you are at Eucharistic adoration, look back on this Easter season. How have you responded to the joy of the resurrection? Say a prayer reflecting on the ways you and the resurrected Lord have encountered one another. Today's readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.

Saturday, May 17-Doing the Lord's Work

Jesus says that whoever believes in him will do the works that he does. How have you dedicated yourself to healing and serving others this Easter season? Do you realize your baptismal call is to continue the Lord's work in the world? When you have fallen short on healing and serving others during Easter Time, make a commitment to visit the infirmed, the elderly, or someone who is homebound next week. Today's readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.

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