



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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Pentecost Sunday– May 24, 2026

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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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Sharing Our Treasure - 5/17/2026

Regular Collection: \$13,315 Candles: \$65
SMILE (Sisters): \$155 Partners In Hope: \$130
Needy Student: \$40 Air Conditioning: \$25

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026

05/23 Sat. 5:30 pm + Ron Cretin
05/24 Sun. 8:00 am + Linda Geronilla
10:30 am + Ruth, Joe & Jay Mullen
5:00 pm + People of the Parish
05/25 Mon. 8:15 am + Thomas Rushworth
05/26 Tues. 12:00 pm + Dotti Coyle Stopher
05/27 Wed. 12:00 pm + Anna Abramowicz
05/28 Thur. 12:00 pm + COMMUNION SERVICE
05/29 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. Hyacinth Rosinke, OFM, Conv.
12:00 pm + Don & Phylis Hammond
05/30 Sat. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
05/30 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
05/31 Sun. 8:00 am + Jack Burke
10:30 am + Lionel Nair
5:00 pm + Patrick Graney, III

Ministry Schedule May 30/31, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Kyle Mork
8:00 AM-Megan Harris
10:30 AM-Amanda Ream
5:00 PM-Danny Linton

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Linda & Matt Higgs, 3 volunteers
8:00 AM-Ann Knebel, Sarah Stricker, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Cindy McGhee, Maria Rendinell & Mike Tupta, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Dick Fauss, Kerri Linton, 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 our Risen Lord,
Happy Birthday!

Today on this Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrate the beginning of the Church with the descent of the Holy Spirit. May we be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us. With this Solemnity, we conclude our wonderful season of Easter.

We have returned the Flags of many nations, a passionate project of Msgr. Sadie, reminding us of the Universality of the Church (Catholic) and of our call to "Teach All Nations", and that our Nation was formed by many immigrants. May God bless our country as we prepare to celebrate our 250th Anniversary.

A week ago this past Friday, our Diocese gathered at St. Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of our Bishop Mark. It was truly a beautiful celebration to give praise to God for calling Bishop Mark to the priesthood and then to provide us with a wonderful Shepherd's care, Ad Multos Annos.

I was able to meet for the first time our new Bishop, Bishop Evelio Menjivar. We had a nice discussion and Bishop Evelio looks forward to visiting his Co-Cathedral sometime in July. Please make use of the, "Prayer during Transition" in this bulletin". Let us keep our Bishops and our Diocese in our prayers.

Please also keep in your daily prayers our parishioner, Michael Aiello and Deacon Clifton Mastran as they prepare to be ordained this coming Saturday at St. Joseph Cathedral. Deacon Clifton to the Priesthood and Michael to the Transitional Diaconate. We have an article about them in this bulletin. Michael will be with us next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass to serve as a deacon and homilist. We will have a reception in his honor after Mass.

Congratulations to the Charleston Catholic High School Class of 2026 who graduated this past Friday. Bishop Mark celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday. May they be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Their names and a pictures will be in next week's bulletin.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

May you have a blessed week. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don



Congratulations to our Rector

Fr. Don Higgs on this 37th anniversary of his
Priestly Ordination-May 28th, 1988

Thank you for your faithful
service to the people of God!

From the parish staff,
Fr. Prakash and
Sacred Heart Basilica Parishioners.



Please keep in your prayers James
Lew Clendenin who died May 20,
2026. Our prayers and condolences
for his wife Toni, his children, family
and friends. Eternal rest grant to
him, O Lord.



Please keep in your prayers Evelyn
May Ciccarello, who died May 14th,
2026. Our prayers and condolences for
her niece Valerie Rist, family and
friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O
Lord.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who
courageously laid down their lives for the cause
of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice
inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops,
and fill their homes and their lives with
your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work
for peace and justice, and thus, seek
an end to violence and conflict
around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen

CATHEDRAL
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT



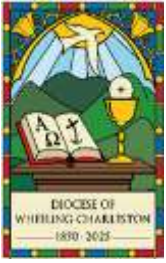
DON'T FORGET!! THE VANDALIA GATHERING IS THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 23 & 24 AT THE WV CAPITOL COMPLEX.

The Knights of Columbus will sell roasted corn on the cob and
Italian Sausage Sandwiches. Come to Vandalia to enjoy the
traditional music and crafts and support the Knights. 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.



We are pleased to reactivate the St. Monica Prayer group. Our new administrators are Mary Williams and Ann Knebel. Whenever you have a prayer request, send an email to both email addresses, and they will distribute the request to the rest of the St. Monica's prayer group. Their email addresses are: mewills15@gmail.com and annmknebel@gmail.com.

If you would like to receive notices of prayer intentions and pray as part of the prayer group, you can email Mary and Ann and they can add you to the list.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

Novena to the Sacred Heart June 3rd to June 12th

Thursday, June 11, 2026 - Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Discussion on the history, meaning, and graces of the Sacred Heart devotion.

Gathering Space 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, June 12, 2026 -- Feast of the Sacred Heart

Noon Mass

12:30 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Adoration until 5:20 pm

3:00 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00 pm - Scripture Readings, Reflections, Intercessions

5:00 pm - Litany of the Sacred Heart and Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

5:20 pm - Benediction

6:00 pm - Holy Mass

Reception to Follow

EVERYONE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



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

This week on Formed



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome. To watch the video go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582316/>



The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. To watch the video go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/586226/>



The Victory of Joan of Arc

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways. To watch the video go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2734614/>

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.

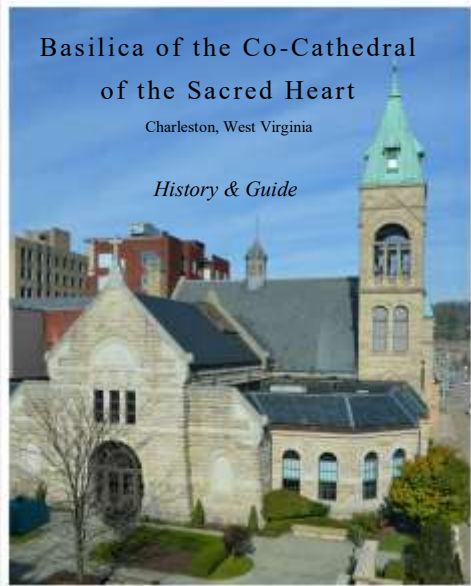
Highlights include: Florence, La Verna, Assisi, Orvieto, Naples, Isle of Ischia, Sorrento, Rome, and The Vatican with an audience with Pope Leo XIV.

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.

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.

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.



Please pick up your copy of *Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart* book in the Gathering Space. If you cannot find a copy with your name please call the parish office 304-342-8175.



Family Life Food Pantry Monthly Request

Our Family Life Food Pantry is supported by volunteers and the generosity of St Agnes, St Anthony's, Blessed Sacrament, and Sacred Heart Basilica 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 4,803 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. On Wednesday, April 22 we saw 36 clients serving 100 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 blue container at the Virginia St entrance
- * **Gift Cards from Aldi or Dollar Tree** – give to your parish volunteers or mail to Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral 1114 Virginia St E Charleston WV 25301-2407
- * **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*

Thank you for your donations for last week! Through your generosity, we saw 62 clients serving 160 individuals !!!

MAY ITEMS: SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE & SALTINE CRACKERS

RE NEWS-Religious Education Registration forms for the 2026-27 school year are available in the vestibule of the Church and on our website: sacredheartcathedral.com. Get yours filled out early and email it to Sr. Ida Chikara: idachikara@gmail.com

We are asking for volunteers who can teach kindergarten and first grade beginning in September with the new school year and someone that can pick up donuts every Sunday for our RE class. If you are interested in helping with RE in the fall email Sr. Ida Chikara: idachikara@gmail.com



Prayer during Transition

O God most high

We praise you and thank you for sending us Your only Son, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Him You have established Your Church, scattered throughout the world, yet one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

In Your mercy, You have blessed this Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston with good shepherds throughout its history. You chose Mark E. Brennan as our Bishop, to lead us with kindness, humility, and pastoral care, to teach us stewardship and a spirit of discernment, and to call us to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. His ministry among us has been a sign of Your favor. Pour out Your abundant blessings on him as he continues his ministry as our Bishop Emeritus.

You have chosen Evelio Menjivar-Ayala to be the tenth shepherd of Your faithful people in Wheeling-Charleston. May he be a true shepherd of Your holy flock, a high priest blameless in Your sight, and a faithful preacher of Your Kingdom. Grant him a spirit of courage, right judgment, knowledge, and love. May he be pleasing to You by his gentleness and purity of heart.

Through the Spirit Who gives the grace of high priesthood, may he become ever more conformed to Christ, seeking always to guide, to teach and to bless, so that Your Church in Wheeling-Charleston may be a light of salvation to those in darkness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever, Amen.



Two Ordinations on One Special Day May 30, the Eve of the Visitation

On Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will celebrate a joyful moment in our diocese. Bishop Mark E. Brennan will ordain Deacon Clifton Mastran as a holy priest. During the same Mass seminarian Michael Aiello will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

These ordinations call upon the faithful in our local Church to unite in prayer. Holy Orders are vital in the life of the Church, and as many of the faithful as possible are to take part in this Eucharistic liturgy. Those unable to be in Wheeling for the Mass will be able to watch it livestreamed from our diocesan website (dwc.org) and our Facebook page.



"(I ask) the people of God to pray that I always stay close to Our Lady – because if I do, she always will keep me close to the will of her Son!"
Michael Aiello

This week, keep Deacon Clifton and seminarian Michael Aiello in your prayers as they begin a mission entrusted to them for the good of God's people.

Because this celebration comes on the eve of the Visitation, it is fitting to ask for the grace that moved Mary to bring Christ to others. Just as Christ visited his people in joy and mercy, so too will God send these newly ordained men forth to serve with humility and charity.

Deacon Clifton is 47. He entered seminary at the age of 40 after an 18-year career in the Department of Defense as a Federal Civilian. He was born and raised Catholic. He is the son of David and Martha Mastran. He was born in Youngstown and grew up in Clearwater, FL.

Mastran will be vested during the Mass by a trio of priests: Fr. Andy Gonzalo (Archdiocese of Washington), Msgr. William Fay (Pope St. John XXIII Seminary), and Fr. Sebastian Devasya our Co-Vicar of Clergy and pastor of St. Margaret Mary, Parkersburg.



"Please pray that I will always be a happy, humble, and holy priest, a Good Shepherd, a Good Steward of Souls, His Good Instrument, and a loving Spiritual Father, always loving and serving the will of God the way He wants, when He wants, and how He wants, with all my heart, all my soul, and all my strength!"

Deacon Clifton Mastran

His first assignment will be announced at the ordination. He will celebrate his first Mass as a diocesan priest at 11 am, Sunday, May 31, at St. Joseph the Worker in Weirton.

Aiello, 35, is a member of the Basilica of the Co-cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. He is the son of Susan Aiello and the late Louis Aiello.

Aiello will be vested with a stole and dalmatic worn by deacons at liturgies by his uncle and godfather, Deacon Michael Kawash.

Aiello will be presented with the Book of the Gospels by Bishop Mark, and vow to proclaim the Good News and model his life after Christ. Bishop Mark will recite, "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."

His summer assignment will be at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling.

May God bless the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, strengthen both Mastran and Aiello as they serve the faithful of WV.

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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.