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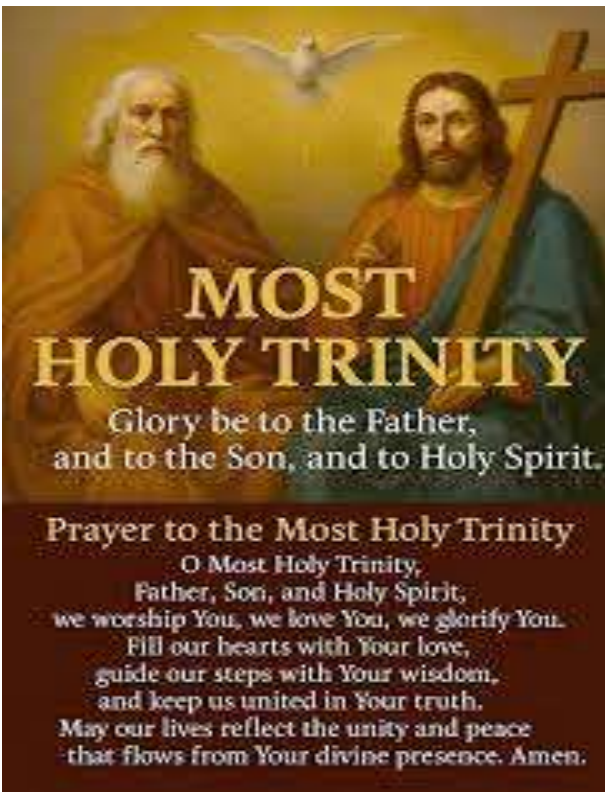
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“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

The Most Holy Trinity– May 31, 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.

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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SACRAMENTS

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For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

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Sharing Our Treasure - 5/24/2026

Regular Collection: \$12,070 Candles: \$92
SMILE (Sisters): \$120 Needy Student: \$220
Air Conditioning: \$125 Peters Pence: \$200
Social Concerns: \$20 Catholic Relief: \$1,323

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

The Most Holy Trinity - May 31, 2026

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
06/01 Mon. 8:15 am + Fortunata Y. Lim
06/02 Tues. 12:00 pm + Lim Eng Chuan
06/03 Wed. 12:00 pm + Dennis Coyle
06/04 Thur. 12:00 pm + Jessica Dunn
06/05 Fri. 12:00 pm + Alex Paolini
06/06 Sat. 8:15 am + Sr. Elizabeth Heptner, SAC
06/06 Sat. 5:30 pm + Patrick Graney, III
06/07 Sun. 8:00 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family
10:30 am + People of the Parish
5:00 pm + Margaret Jane Plott

FYI...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, June 6th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Ministry Schedule June 6/7, 2026

Lector Schedule
5:30 PM-Kerri Grant
8:00 AM-Mark French
10:30 AM-Perry Ayooob
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Kerri Grant, John Willson, 3 volunteers
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Karen Gross, Jim Weimer, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Debbie Barr, Steve Naylor, Antonetta Stevens, 3 volunteers
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett, Jason Pizatella, 4 volunteers

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.

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, 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. 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 Feast of the Holy Trinity!

With great joy, we celebrated the Diaconate Ordination of Rev. Mr. Michael Aiello on Saturday. Deacon Aiello, hearing the call from the Lord, has offered his life in service to the Lord and His Church. Deacon Aiello has been ordained as a transitional deacon in preparation for his priesthood ordination, God willing, next year. We join with his family and friends in thanking the Lord for calling him and we give thanks to Deacon Michael for saying, "Yes". Deacon Michael will assist at our 10:30am Mass this Sunday and he will be the homilist. Let us keep him and all our seminarians in our prayers as they discern the Lord's will for them.

On Wednesday, June 3rd we will begin a Novena to the Sacred Heart and conclude with a parish celebration on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In celebration of our 250th Anniversary of the founding of our nation, the US Bishops will consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12th. Our parish is preparing for this celebration in several ways and I encourage you and your family to take part. We will begin our novena on June 3rd with a devotion after each weekday Mass. A daily devotion will be posted on our Facebook and will be sent to you by Flocknote so that you can pray the Novena with your family and friends at a time of your choosing. On Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space, there will be a discussion on the history, meaning, and graces of the Sacred Heart devotion. On the Feast Day, Friday, June 12th, we have the 12:00 noon Mass followed by Adoration of the Eucharist until 5:30pm. Our Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass will be at 6:00pm followed by a substantial reception. Please plan to join the Novena and Afternoon Adoration and Mass.

This coming Saturday, June 6th at the 5:30pm Mass, Bishop Mark will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for eighteen of our young people. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, Bishop Mark will install our permanent deacon candidates into the order of lector. At the end of the Mass, Bishop Mark will lead us with a Eucharistic Procession around the Basilica as we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Please join us even if you are attending another Mass.

Blessings on this week. I remain,
Fr. Don

Congratulations Charleston Catholic High School Graduating Class of 2026



Wilkes Franklin Aliff, Xander Lee Allara, Aidan Lee Anton, Mira Bali, Adele Brooke Ball, Charles Engelfried Barton
William Noakes Barton, Arabella Ann Boggs, Colin Michael Bown, Barrett Christopher Brown, Jacob Tim Brown
Callie Anne Bumgarner, Elaina Keelan Caldwell, Benjamin David Carew, Jackson Allen Chandler, Marissa Mae Cormany
Luca Brooks DiCocco, Abigail Michelle Dotson, Ilyauna Lynnsay Evans, Katherine Elizabeth Fox, Dickinson Meneely Gould IV
William Joseph Gruse, Joseph Alexander Haynes, Hudson Allen Hayslip, Eleanor Suzanne Hoblitzell, Lillian Marriner Jackson
Connor Wesley Jarvis, Jaxon Clayton Kimble, Mateo Francis Lao, Christian Joshua Lohri, Cameron Maxwell Lusk
Sawyer Lee McIlwain, Kieran Cato Moran, Reagan Elizabeth Nichols, Annaleigh Grace O'Neal, Mary Elizabeth Rushworth
Thomas James Ryan, Garrett Edward Saville, Katie Renee Sparkman, Reagan Paige Stapleton, Olivia Rose Staun
Mateen Thomas Summers, Madison Brooke Villers, Hannah Shae Vriendt, Molly Elizabeth Weber, Haley Ann Welder
Jonah Forrest Whiteaker, Bryce Anthony Santiago Wilkes, Alec Jeffrey Wright, Vance Ozias Wriston, Cate Alexandra Yianne



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF SACRED HEART PARISH AND SCHOOLS

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

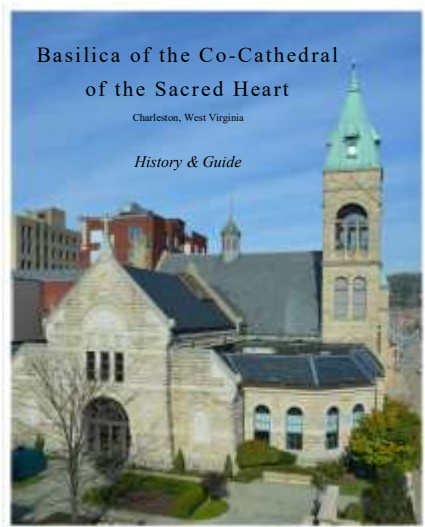
Novena to the Sacred Heart -June 3rd to June 12th-A daily devotion will be posted on our Facebook and will be sent to you by Flocknote so you can pray the Novena with your family and friends at a time of your choosing. There is a booklet available in the Narthex with daily prayers and reflections. Take one home to pray with your family.

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.



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.

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.

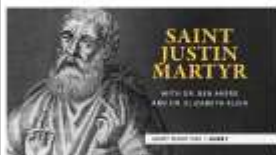
The cost of \$6,499 includes flights to and from Charleston WV, breakfasts and dinners, tours, hotels, motor coach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Early bird discount for those who register before May 13th.

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.

This week on Formed



Lectio: God Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is. To watch go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962359/>



Saint Justin Martyr | Catholic Saints Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss St. Justin Martyr, an early Church martyr who wrote several significant Christian apologetic works. He sought the truth in other philosophies, drawing out what was true and good and relating it to Jesus Christ. To watch Go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2149120/>



St. Boniface | Catholic Saints Known as the "Apostle to Germany," the bishop and martyr St. Boniface worked tirelessly to renew the Church in Germany. Although his efforts ultimately bore great fruit and helped to recenter the faith of the Germans, St. Boniface often felt like a failure in his missionary work. To watch go to: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2689421/>

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.

RE NEWS-Religious Education Registration forms for the 2026-27 school year are available in the vestibule of the Church and on our website: sacredheartcocathedral.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.



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the Diocese of Wheeling-
Charleston to the Diocese,
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888.434.6237 or
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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.