



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time-October 8, 2023

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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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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time-October 8, 2023

10/07 Sat. 5:30 pm + Helen Lanham
10/08 Sun. 8:00 am + Karen Noel
10:30 am + People of the Parish
5:00 pm + Gene & Sarah Edwards
10/09 Mon. 8:15 am + Charles "Ken" Surber
10/10 Tues. 12:00 pm + Dreamma Guinn
10/11 Wed. 12:00 pm + Grace Seggi
10/12 Thu. 12:00 pm + Walter Edwards
10/13 Fri. 8:15 am + John Ruddick
12:00 pm + Tom Whelan
10/14 Sat. 8:15 am + Pennie V. Stafford
10/14 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
10/15 Sun. 8:00 am + Fred Barata
10:30 am + The Hon. Joanna Tabit
5:00 pm + Adele Bobinger

Ministry Schedule-Week of October 14/15

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-John Willson
8:00 AM-Jim Weimer
10:30 AM-Mark Carter
5:00 PM-Debra Basham

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM- Linda & Matt Higgs, Kerri Grant, 3 volunteers
8:00 AM- Karen & Sam Gross, Jack Burke, 3 Volunteers
10:30 AM- Maria Rendinell, Mike Tupta, Annabelle & Jack Walsh, 2 Volunteers
5:00 PM-Agnes Smith, Angelita Zamora, 4 Volunteers

Altar Server Training

For anyone from the 3rd grade up who would like to become an Altar Server or take a refresher course, Fr. Roy is offering training.

To make arrangements contact Fr. Roy at rayappak@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-342-8175.

Sharing Our Treasure - 9/24/2023

Regular Collection: \$11,505	Candles: \$55
Smile (Sisters): \$345	Needy Student: \$130
Partners in Hope: \$190	Social Concerns \$135
Catholic Univ.\$25	All Saints: \$75
World Mission: \$125	All Souls: \$150

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Pope's Monthly Intention October-For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



Please keep in your prayers **The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit**, who died September 29th. Our prayers and condolences for her sisters Annette Reynolds and Diana White, family and friends. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.



The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurs on October 7, and October has traditionally been a month when Catholics perform special devotions to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. In keeping with this tradition, we will pray the Rosary before each of the weekend masses in October, starting 30 minutes before each mass. Plan to come early for mass and pray the Rosary with us!

Rosary

The Rosary is a prayer based on the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. During its recitation, the believer reflects upon the birth, life, death, and glory of Jesus Christ and the role of Mary. A chain of beads resembling a garland of roses gave the Rosary its name. The beads are not essential to the prayer, but they help count through fifty Hail Marys (five decades). The recitation of the traditional fifteen decades permitted unlettered Christians to imitate more simply the monastic practice of reciting all 150 psalms in weekly prayer.

In addition to meditation, the Rosary leads to petition. It implores Mary's intercession in bringing our prayers to God. As she won the cooperation of Jesus at the wedding feast at Cana, so we ask her to bring our needs to the Holy One of God.

The precise origins of the Rosary are obscure, but it probably formed in imitation of meditative practices of Islam and after the Christian desire for prayer in a language more easily understood than the Latin of the Mass. Its popularity increased after the fifteenth century due to the zealous encouragement of the followers of St. Dominic, who believed the Blessed Virgin had miraculously given the Rosary to him. Because believers who attended Mass at that time had less to say, do, or see compared with today, the recitation of the Rosary during Mass became a popular Catholic devotion much encouraged by religious educators. This was an honored custom for many centuries. The popes of the Church have continually cultivated the Rosary as part of the faithful's private devotion and especially in family prayer. Many Catholics recite it privately or in groups before Mass. The liturgy for the dead calls for a vigil service of Scripture readings on the night before the funeral, but many parishes replace it with the Rosary, even though the rubrics make no such provision.

Today we are encouraged to participate in the Mass and to pray the Rosary apart from the Eucharist.

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Parents of 9th through 12th grade students, Confirmation class will begin in October. Registration forms are available on the parish website sacredheartcocathedral.com, under the Sacrament & Faith Formation tab click Confirmation. You can email completed forms to Linda Bobinger at: linda@thrushclark.com.

PARENT MEETING THIS SUNDAY, October 8th following Mass at 6:15 PM in the Gathering Space.

Classes will begin Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 PM in Sacred Heart Cordis Center. You will receive the schedule then.

Mission Appeal Next Sunday BUILDING THE CHURCH IN MISSION LAND, USA

Father Steve Pawelk of the **GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS** will speak at our Masses on **October 14th/15th**, sharing about Glenmary's missionary efforts, which focus on serving the spiritual and material needs of people right here in the United States!

Hundreds of counties in the United States do not have a Catholic church or resident priest. This means no celebration of the Eucharist, no sacraments, or a parish community in which to find fellowship and support. Glenmary Home Missioners is working hard to fill that void—to bring the love of Jesus and His Church to the small towns and rural areas of our nation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about Glenmary's missionary outreach in Appalachia and the rural South. We invite you to share your prayers and financial support for this important ministry. Thank you for your generosity.



Are you interested in learning how to collaborate with God to create Holy Moments and discovering the life of extraordinary meaning and divine purpose God made for you? If so, please join us as we pray through Matthew Kelly's book "Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life." We will be meeting in the Cordis Center every

Tuesday, starting on October 17, 10:15-11:30 AM. If you are interested, please contact Megan Harris at meganharris551@gmail.com or 304-382-6417 no later than October 10th so we can reserve a book for you!

Fr. Sadie's "Cogitationes"

If you wish to contact Msgr. Sadie with questions concerning any of his "cogitations" call 304-546-4330.

Bulletin Readers have asked me to share some highlights of my years as a priest.

The study of theology was exciting: dogmatic theology, moral theology, ecclesiology, scripture, canon law, theology of marriage, Church history, liturgy, heresies, ecumenical councils, ecumenism, theology of Mary and of the saints.

There was a "St. Camillus Society" which sponsored various ministries in the Baltimore area. My first year I joined the group that visited Spring Grove Psychiatric Hospital, which the movie "Snake Pit" starring Olivia de Havilland depicted. Visits there were difficult, disturbing and depressing.

From our music director...

"A Joyful Psalm" #105: Psalm 80

This past summer, our children were given a small pot with soil and seeds to grow their own plants. They were excited to watch their plants grow, and they enthusiastically planted the seeds and watered their soil – *the first day*. Every day after that, I was the only one who watered their plants. Without their help and cooperation, the plants eventually died.

Such it is with God, who asks us to cooperate with His grace. We are like a vine that has been planted by God. We ask Him, "Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted." (Ps.80:15) If our relationship with God is one-sided, the vines will die. If we cooperate with the Lord, then He will "not withdraw from us; He will give us new life; He will save us." (Ps.80:19-20)

Mark Haas, Director of Music

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Want to gain greater appreciation for the Holy Mass? The remaining classes are October 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 12 noon in the Gathering Space, a Bible Study to explore the biblical significance of the words and gestures we experience at Holy Mass. This tour of the Holy Mass will increase our understanding and love for the Holy Eucharist. We will generally use Dr. Edward Sri's video-based study, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass and an additional insight through scripture reading and discussion.

Please sign up by email to Sam Willson at samwillson2@gmail.com or John Willson at johnhwillson@me.com. Each session will last approximately 1 hour. We will skip October 1st because of the Parish Picnic that day. All are welcome!

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time (late August to Easter) suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

Are you or do you know someone who would like to take this journey? If so, please contact Father Don (dhiggs@dwc.org) or RCIA Director Michael Kawash (mak@ramlaw.com or 304-549-6453).

LÆTARE

"To Rejoice"

The Young Adult Catholic Group for the Charleston Vicariate



Formed according to the needs of the parishes for formation, fellowship, and service by young adults. Our membership is composed of young Catholics in their 20's and 30's, from a number of different parishes across the Charleston vicariate. Included is a QR code for our chat on GroupMe, where most of our coordination and communication takes place. Laetare is young, and will grow with your participation and membership. More news and events forthcoming.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help with parish social events, and the funeral Mercy Meal ministry. For information or to volunteer contact Mary Collins at mcollins28@hotmail.com.

SOCKTOBER

October 1 - October 31

Donate NEW Kid & Adult Sized Socks

Donate brand-new socks in various sizes throughout October to help individuals in Kanawha, Putnam, Braxton, Boone, Clay, and Logan counties.

United Way of Central West Virginia ensures year-round distribution of socks. Consider initiating a sock drive at your workplace! Connect with Kerri Cooper, also known as Kerri the Shoe Fairy, at 304-340-3502 for inquiries or assistance.

Scan the QR Code to make a monetary donation towards the Equal Footing Shoe Fund or text 4SHOES to 41444!

Parish sponsor, Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188.

Receptacles are in the Gathering Space to drop off donated socks.



Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out Boxes of Joy after all Masses for the next two weeks. These shoe box sized boxes can be filled with small items of clothing, pencils, paper, or recreational items. Each box will have a flyer which will include a list of suggested items. These boxes are packed by the donors to be dropped off in late October and are sent to children in Latin American countries so they can be received around Christmas. Each donor is asked to send a check for \$9.00 to cover overseas shipping.

The Knights will be partnering with the Serra Club to host Father Thien for a visit to speak on his work with the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay County on the second Monday in November or December.



FAMILY FULLY ALIVE – October – Together On Mission

By understanding its mission, the family can more fully embrace God's plan for the fullness of divine life and love that he wishes to share with the family.

Breaking Open the Theme: When we think of being missionary, we often assume that this means we must travel to a faraway place and share our gifts and our faith. But being on mission is actually part of our everyday existence as baptized sons and daughters of God. Just as Jesus was sent into the world to save humanity, Jesus sends the family into the world with a specific mission. The Christian family, as a domestic church, is entrusted with the mission "to guard, reveal, and to communicate love."⁸² What makes its task unique is that the family does this mission together.

Meditation: Jesus said to the disciples: "You are the light of the world" (Matt 5:14). The Lord's words apply in a special way to the family. Light, after all, fulfills its "mission" of bestowing warmth and visibility not by some extra activity added to its nature, but simply by being what it is. Similarly, just as the mission of the sun is nothing other than to shine, the mission of the family is just to be itself. John Paul II was calling the family to this essential mission when he exclaimed: "Family, become what you are!"

1. How do we as a family allow our light to shine before others in the world? How do we think of and care for others outside of our family?
2. What can we do to allow ourselves to be God's missionaries and to radiate his love into the world?
3. Do we live our family life as missionary disciples? Do we allow Jesus' word to dwell in our family and to teach us what it means to love? How can we do more to build up one another for the mission of love?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 144:1-3; 9-15 A prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness

Family Project: Set aside a Sunday afternoon this month to pray the rosary together as a family. Consider having a family brunch before praying and talk to your children about the rosary and how it is prayed. Pray especially for peace in your family and for the healing of family wounds.

Our Parish Picnic 2023

A sincere thank you to all of our volunteers including the Knights of Columbus, Dick Fauss, Mary & Steve Collins, Fr. Don & Mark Haas



Pet Blessing at the Basilica in honor of St. Francis of Assisi





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October 6, 2023

Pastoral Letter on Pro-life Matters

My fellow Catholics and men and women of good will, the Catholic Church in the United States has for many years observed October as Respect Life Month. Our faith challenges us to revere the human being from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, so we recall more intensely this month what is always true: that every human being has been created by God and, for that reason alone, deserves respect for his or her physical life and the opportunity to experience conditions that allow for human flourishing.

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago seized on the image of Jesus' seamless garment (see John 19:23-24) to speak of the inter-connectedness of the various dimensions of human life that should be protected and cherished. The image unites concerns for humanity around key protections for life and the promotion of human flourishing in matters such as people's access to food and clean water, the right to an authentic ethnic or regional culture, respect for freedom of conscience, renunciation of torture, providing all adults with meaningful work and fostering peace among nations and groups.

A garment, however, needs a hem to keep it from fraying at the edges and coming apart. That hem for the seamless garment that unites the many life issues is respect for the physical life of the human being. Whether it is capital punishment, assisted suicide, euthanasia, abortion or infanticide, these assaults on a human being's physical life disrespect the person and make irrelevant any other rights or needs. These evils demand our vigorous opposition and positive efforts to find remedies for the problems they pretend to solve.

With respect to the taking of human life, abortion stands out for its cruelty, not only because the unborn child lacks the possibility of self-defense and the ability to advocate for his or herself but also because the child has committed no evil that could justify the taking of his or her life. The unborn child's offense is simply that he or she exists. His or her humanity is accorded no value. As Pope Francis has said, abortion is an extreme example of the throw-away culture that masquerades as wisdom in contemporary society.

Pope St. John XXIII used the phrase the signs of the times in 1961, when he convoked the Second Vatican Council. It reflects Jesus' comment to the Pharisees and Sadducees that you know how to judge the appearance of the sky but you cannot judge the signs of the times – they did not understand that in Jesus the long-awaited Messiah had appeared (Matthew 16:3). If we judge rightly the signs of the times in our country, we understand why the American bishops have called abortion "the pre-eminent issue."

All the life issues contained in the seamless garment matter, but some are more urgent at a certain time and place than others. The people of the United States in the first half of the

nineteenth century read the signs of the times and understood that slavery was the pre-eminent issue of their time, even though there was considerable agitation over immigration, public education, labor and capital relations and religious freedom for Catholics. Slavery was the issue that most deeply divided the country, as abortion does now, and it was over slavery that the Civil War was fought. As Abraham Lincoln put it, citing Jesus Christ: "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free." A country that claims to honor "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for its citizens cannot remain permanently divided over how it will treat the unborn child.

Those who support abortion access have read the signs of the times and have concluded that abortion is the pre-eminent issue. They have encouraged leaders across America to put their eggs in that basket in the pursuit of political power. That is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. We who support the value of every human being should be just as astute in recognizing the importance of the abortion issue as are its proponents. All of the life issues depend on preserving the physical life of the human being, which is precisely what abortion attacks.

We West Virginians live in a state that has recently passed legislation that restricts abortion more sharply than in many other states. This law is actually saving lives. But it is not enough to simply let the child be born. We have to create positive conditions for the child and help pregnant women whose circumstances of life may push them toward abortion. We must be pro-woman as well as pro-child. As Pope St. John Paul II urged, we must show a "radical solidarity" with pregnant women who need our support.

How do we serve both mother and child? The US Bishops' Conference initiated a program called "Walking with Moms in Need." It connects parishes with pregnancy resource centers in their area so that the parishes can offer tangible support such as volunteers, diapers, formula and other baby needs, and financial help. Some parishes have taken advantage of that program while others have shown initiative on their own. St. Francis of Assisi Parish in St. Albans, with the help of the local Knights of Columbus, started a baby pantry called "Little Blessings" to provide clothing and other things babies need. St. Joseph's Parish in Martinsburg opened Mary's Refuge earlier this year for pregnant women with nowhere to live. Up to nine women can live there for a year after the birth of their child, receiving various services before and after they give birth. St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown has planted a garden to grow fresh vegetables for families in need. Is your parish partnered with a local pregnancy resource center in Walking with Moms in Need or engaged in some other outreach to pregnant women, new mothers and young children?

On a diocesan level, on October 5 of this year the Office of Social Ministries, directed by Kathy Barton, sponsored the first-ever Life Expo in Wheeling, bringing together more than 20 organizations dedicated to serving women and children in need. The goal was to show our parish communities that wrap-around services exist in this region to care for pregnant mothers and their born and unborn children who may be at risk. Did anyone from your parish attend Life Expo?

I should not neglect to mention Catholic Charities of West Virginia's "Birth to Three" program, which tracks young children for developmental deficiencies, such as hearing or vision

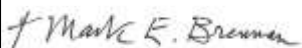
impairments, and finds appropriate help. This is a true service to poorer families and is in addition to the counseling services, financial assistance and disaster relief efforts that Catholic Charities already offers. Our Church, as you can see, is already engaged around the state in efforts to support pregnant women and young children, even as we strive to do more.

The state of West Virginia has stepped up with some support for pregnant women and families, including creating a fund to assist organizations working to provide material support and other assistance to pregnant women and new babies, expanding the adoption tax credit and enhancing eligibility for early intervention services for adopted children. The state could do more by helping to pay attorneys' fees that are a hardship for some adoptive parents and by expanding support for kinship families. It could provide an enhanced child tax credit against state income tax obligations and make credit payments to families monthly rather than waiting until after taxes are filed (a happy feature of the now-abandoned federal child tax credit expansion during the pandemic). Paid parental leave for government employees would help young families, as would funding tax incentives for private businesses to provide paid parental leave or to make childcare available and affordable for their employees. Our Mountain State is already a leader in curtailing the practice of abortion, but we could also be a leader in supporting mothers, children and families that call West Virginia home.

In discussing abortion and the help we should offer pregnant women and their families, I do not discount the importance of other issues. Some of our political leaders want to restore the death penalty, which West Virginia abolished in 1965. Violence begets violence, not social peace. Our state can do better than to revert to using the same violence that criminals have employed. Respect for human life also means recognizing the humanity of immigrants and racial and sexual minorities and challenging those who demonize them. All of God's children deserve respect and fair treatment. These are only some of the concerns we must have as disciples of Jesus Christ. His seamless garment holds them all together.

The Lord Jesus teaches us love one another as I have loved you. But our concerns and the rights of the living are irrelevant if a person is dead. I have focused on abortion as the pre-eminent issue dividing our people because that is what my reading of the signs of the times tells me. I judge that passively allowing the killing of unborn children has already made other forms of violence against persons easier to accept. The hem of the seamless garment, already ripped, must be repaired, lest the garment itself disintegrate. You shall not kill, says God. We must first respect the physical life of the unborn child and then apply our energies and talents to provide a more just society for that child and the child's family so that, striving to reach our full stature in Christ, we may be, as St. Irenaeus taught eighteen centuries ago, "the glory of God: the human being fully alive."

Sincerely in Christ,



+Mark E. Brennan

Autumn Blessing



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with
the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the
breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us
of the abundance we have been given and
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind
us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever
and ever. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE!

* The Eucharist in Song, St. John
XXIII Pastoral Center, October 20th

* How to Live & Be a Eucharistic
People, Sacred Heart Basilica,
October 21st.

Watch the bulletin for more
information.

Ministry of Communion to the Sick & Homebound

If you are taking Communion on
a regular basis to someone, or
you want to become part of this
Lay Ministry, visiting the sick &
elderly or homebound, please
contact Sr. Ida at
idachikara@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart Gift Shop is
opened after each Mass and is
generally opened prior to the 10:30
Mass. We have gifts for every
occasion. In addition to gifts, we also
now have hand-made greeting cards
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The Serra Club of Charleston

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Contact Mark Sadd 304-343-2149



Pastoral Care is offered to all parishioners. If you would like a visit or the Eucharist brought to your home, the hospital or assisted care facility, you can contact Sr. Ida at 1-304-709-0026.

Now Hiring-Our Parish has full-time and part-time teacher positions for the Early Learning Center and After-school care programs. Diocesan benefits and salaries commensurate with experience and education. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and clear a background check. WVIT and ACDS helpful but not required. Please contact Sheila Kerekes at 304-414-5757 or mail your resume to 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

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The church has consulted with Tim White at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home to help us get the mausoleum built. You may contact him at (304)342-8135 or his cell phone at (304)395-4824 for more information or to set up a private meeting. This may be done either virtually or in person. Affordable monthly payment plans are available.



"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

For your information, this QR code is a quick way to get to the parish giving page.



Or...

Consider having your church contributions sent directly to the Church from your bank; please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this service. If possible please have your parish ID included on the check. Many parishioners are opting to do this.

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To schedule a baptism preparation class or to get more information please call 304-342-8175.



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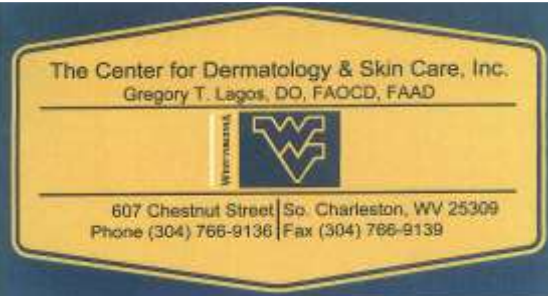
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