

BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe-November 26, 2023

Pastor: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Rector: Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, VF Email: dhiggs@dwc.org Associate Rector: Rev. Rayappa Kurakula Email: rayappak@dwc.org In Residence: Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L.



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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 <u>https://dwc.org/home/mass/</u>

> 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

EUCHARISTIC 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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EDUCATION

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Andrea Stover, Director	414-5757
Sacred Heart Child Development Center: After School	Care
Crystal Ashcraft, Coordinator	344-1125
Sacred Heart Grade School: K-5/Pre-School (ages 3-4)	
Niki Kurten, Principal	346-5491
Charleston Catholic High School: 6-12	
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal	342-8415

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

MUSIC

Music Director: Mark Haas	342-8175
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Principal Organist: Gregory Gray	380-4786

OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

Boy Scouts: Sam Wilkes	546-0614
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For information on Catholic Charities	
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross	346-2608
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 2	76-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless 3	304-553-7021
Knights of Columbus -St. Michael the Archangel #12630	
Dick Fauss, Grand Knight	965-6872
Sam Gross-Faithful Navigator-Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188	346-2608
Ministry to Sick/Elderly	
Sr. Ida Chikara, SJI 1-3	04-709-0026
Mount Olivet Cemetery/Mausoleum	342-8135
Wayne Johnson or Sacred Heart Parish	
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger	344-1181
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center	342-0507
SH Christian Service Committee: Ron Rushworth	382-7768
SH Finance Council: Cindy McGhee-Chair	342-8175
SH Gift Shop: Antonetta Stevens 415-8132 or Kathy Laml	b 344-2011
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair	533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 11/19/2023

 Regular Collection: \$11,206.61
 Candles: \$136

 Smile (Sisters): \$110
 All Souls: \$10 (\$1,581)

 Partners in Hope: \$25
 Archdiocese –Military: \$10.10 (\$1,695.10)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica Our Lord Jesus Christ King, of the Universe-November 26, 2023

11/25 Sat. 11/26 Sun.	5:30 pm For the Intention of Diane Steltz 8:00 am + Doug & Ginny Chambliss 10:30 am + Lim Eng Chuan 5:00 pm + People of the Parish
11/27 Mon.	8:15 am + Don Basilio David
11/28 Tues.	12:00 pm + Roger Anderson
11/29 Wed.	12:00 pm For the Intention of Sr. Placxedece Mugore
11/30 Thu.	10:00 am + Robert "Bob" Holstein
11/30 Thu. 12/01 Fri.	10:00 am + Robert "Bob" Holstein 8:15 am + Terry Barrett 12:00 pm + Dreamma Guinn
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Ministry Schedule-Week of December 2/3

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Patricia Noronha 8:00 AM-Jack Burke 10:30 AM-LaDonna Mason 5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

- 5:30 PM– Sr. Ida, Debra Murphy, John Willson, 3 volunteers
- 8:00 AM– Joel Weese, Janice Prince, Jim Weimer, 3 Volunteers
- 10:30 AM– Kerri Linton, Andrew & Heather Workman, 3 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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention November-For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Feast of Christ the King!

This Sunday marks the end of our Church Liturgical year with this beautiful feast, recognizing and celebrating Christ's love and dominion over us. May our lives be completely devoted to Jesus.

Next Sunday, we will begin our Advent season, a great time of grace as we prepare for the Way of the Lord deeper into our lives. I pray that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. May you have a blessed week. I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Don



Blessings and Congratulations to Grace Elizabeth Haas, she was Baptized last Saturday, November 18th. She is the child of Mark and Renae Haas.

We welcome our newest choir member, Hanh Min! Hanh is an international student from Vietnam. She is currently in her fourth year of pharmacy school at the University of Charleston. Hanh says, "St. Augustine said, 'To sing is to pray twice.' I love coming together in the choir to praise and worship God through music. The

harmonious blend of different voices in the choir is something I particularly appreciate, and I feel grateful to be a part of this beautiful choir." Thank you, Hanh, for your time and talent! If you would like to join the choir, contact Mark Haas



Feast

A feast is a day of special significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar. Precisely, a feast does not rank as high as a *solemnity*, but it does rank above a *memorial*. In everyday speech, we use the word to cover almost any special day, such as "the feast of St. Valentine" or "the feast of St. Patrick." However, the official calendar does not include these in its special category of "feasts." Feasts include some special events in the lives of Jesus and Mary (Birth of Mary, Visitation, Holy Innocents, Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, and Transfiguration); days associated with apostles, evangelists, and archangels; and days of historical significance honoring the deacon and martyr Lawrence, the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome (John Lateran), and the first display of the relics of the Cross (Exaltation of the Holy Cross). In the United States, the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed as a feast. Locally, feasts are observed for the principal patron of the diocese, the anniversary of the cathedral's dedication, the patron of a region or wider territory, and other days proper to an individual Church or religious order. So, for example, if your cathedral is named for St. Patrick, March 17 is observed as a solemnity there and as a feast in the parish churches of the diocese. But it is an optional memorial in other dioceses. Mass on a feast day includes the Glory to God and special readings from the lectionary. When certain feasts fall on a Sunday (Presentation, Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, John Lateran, and Exaltation of the Cross), they replace the Sunday liturgy. Otherwise, feasts are never anticipated at Mass the night before.

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Blessings and Congratulations to Anthony Luke Willems, he was Baptized last Saturday, November 18th. He is the child of John and Rachel Willems.

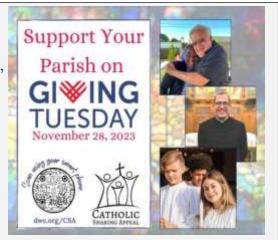
We are Sponsoring Christ's Shining Stars Tree



again this year! Be sure to pick up a Shining Star from the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space after any mass between 11/18 and 11/26. Your generosity will enable area children and elderly in need to receive gifts for Christmas.

Please return all gift donations to the Gathering Space by Sunday, 12/3; gifts should be placed in a bag unwrapped with the star attached. More than 35 million people are expected to participate in Giving Tuesday on November 28, by donating their time, talents, and treasure to their favorite nonprofits and religious organizations. How will YOU Celebrate?

Consider supporting our parish with a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.



dwc.org/CSA #CatholicSharingAppeal #GivingTuesday



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers, Teachers, and Staff of Sacred Heart parish and school,

On behalf of St. John's and the Episcopal Diocese West Virginia, we want to express our shared distress and equally shared concerns over this last Wednesday's disturbing event while children were lining up to begin their school day. The protection and safety of the children at Sacred Heart, and of all our children, comes first.

We are grateful that the board of Manna Meal has chosen to put a "pause" on in-house service at St. John's. This should provide immediate relief for many of our fears and concerns. As the interim priest and as the new bishop, we have been in active conversation with Manna Meal for over a year to address the increasing reports of violence, drug use, and unmanaged mental illness on the properties and in the neighborhood of both of our congregations. Manna Meal began as a ministry of the church over 45 years ago but has since become an independent ministry, though still operating at St. John's. Even as late as this last week, we were actively renegotiating our relationship and the Memorandum of Understanding between St. John's and Manna Meal, knowing a transition was most necessary. Now we are called to completely reimagine what this ministry will look like for those who need this service in Charleston.

Jesus in Matthew's Gospel said, "I was hungry and you fed me," calling on us to ever care for the least and the lost among us. When the Manna Meal ministry began over a generation ago, the population it served was quite different. Today a largely different approach needs to be taken to feed and to properly care for those unhoused, addicted, and hungry in our midst. As faithful followers of Jesus Christ we are committed to fulfilling our Lord's command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those who are bound, and to respect the dignity of every human being. It will, however, look different than it has in the previous generation.

On Wednesday afternoon we met with Fr. Higgs and Principal Kurtan. We offered our equally shared concerns and any support that we may provide to the Sacred Heart community. We are grateful for our common life together as members of the Charleston community and as people of faith. St. John's and the diocesan office are open for any dialogue or conversations that you may wish to have as we move forward.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Chris Thompson Interim Rector, St John's

The Right Reverend Matthew Cowden VIII Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

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.

I have told this story before. One night I got a phone call at 2:00 am. A student with a loaded gun wanted me to visit him in a trailer park in the nearby town of Christiansburg. I told him, "You're crazy if you think I'm going to drive to a trailer park in Christiansburg at 2:00 in the morning to visit you sitting there with a loaded gun." After he promised to put aside the gun, I probably foolishly, agreed to go. First, I called two linemen from the VPI football team to accompany me. When we got there, I told the linemen to take a nap in the car while I visited the young man. After emptying the gun of the bullets, we talked for over an hour. I finally drove my two bodyguards back to their dorm and returned to the rectory. After Mass, I called the troubled young man. He slept better than I did.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus Christ is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). The Book of Revelation calls him, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (John 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts.

The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the Church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him.

The Solemnity of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that

Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions.

Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the Church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.

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From our music director...

"A Joyful Psalm" #112: Psalm 23

At the end of each school year, our kids have an awards ceremony at their school. Students are recognized for their various academic achievements, which they have earned during the year. As the students file into the room, the first thing they do is locate their parents and family members in the audience. Many of them joyfully wave to mom and dad, who in turn are taking pictures and smiling. And the principal awards some of students with accolades, based upon their work within the classroom.

This is very much like our relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the Good Shepherd, Who eagerly searches for us, and calls us each by name. He "tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep; He tends His sheep." (Ez. 34:12) This relationship needs to go both ways. The Lord constantly searches for His sheep, and we *must* respond to Him. For those who *do* the Father's will, He will designate as *sheep*: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom." (Mt. 25:34) For those who *fail* to do the Father's will, He will separate as *goats:* "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...these will go off to eternal punishment." (Mt. 25:41)

We respond to the Good Shepherd by *doing* His will through our good works. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works." (Eph. 2:10) It is through this *call-and-response* relationship that we can say, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Ps. 23:1) We can go forward, in peace, knowing, "Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come." (Ps. 23:5-6)

Mark Haas, Director of Music



The Annual CCHS Baseball Spaghetti Dinner

December 3rd from 4-7pm in the CCHS Commons. Tickets are 15\$ for dine in or take out. They can be purchased from any CCHS Baseball player candidate or even at the door that evening. Hope to see you there !



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Risen Lord Food Pantry is underway and will continue through Christmas. Father Thien passes along that most months he helps around 230 families with food, now that Clay County is again without a commercial grocery store. Most of you already know that Father's most requested food items are 1. Peanut Butter, 2. Canned Tuna Fish, 3. Canned Soup, 4. Any Canned Vegetable, 5. Canned Fruit. Crackers would also be appreciated. We are again suggesting a donation in the form of a check made out to K of C 12630 for \$30.00 to cover a basic Thanksgiving meal. You may place a monetary gift in the collection basket in an envelope addressed to K of C 121630. Again, the Knights of Council 12630 thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their generosity.

We feel that the Fish Fry went well enough that we will continue to have them and try to modify the operation, perhaps adding sour cream for the baked potatoes and coleslaw, as well as working on the hush puppy recipe. The fish we served Monday was Pollock. We would like to try a different fish for the next Fish Fry. The rest of the menu will be similar: Fried or Baked Fish, Baked Potatoes, French Fries, Green Beans, Hush Puppies, beverage and dessert. More details to follow. We again thank Father Don and the Staff of Sacred Heart Grade School for the use of the cafeteria. If you have suggestions, please talk to a Knight.

We are looking to have a second Fish Fry on Thursday December 14, 2023, again at 6:00 p.m. Jack Walsh will be the featured speaker following the meal at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Sacred Heart Grade School Cafeteria.

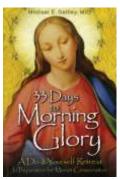
sacred Heart Gift Shop



is open after each Mass and is generally open prior to the 10:30 Mass. We currently have in stock, Advent wreath supplies and candles, as well as gifts for other occasions. If you can't find what you're looking for, we can order it for you.

Interested in making the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

The Marian Consecration group will be meeting for discussion through Sunday, December 3rd. The discussion will begin at 12 noon for around one hour at the conference table in the Sacristy. The Consecration will be Friday, December 8th on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The



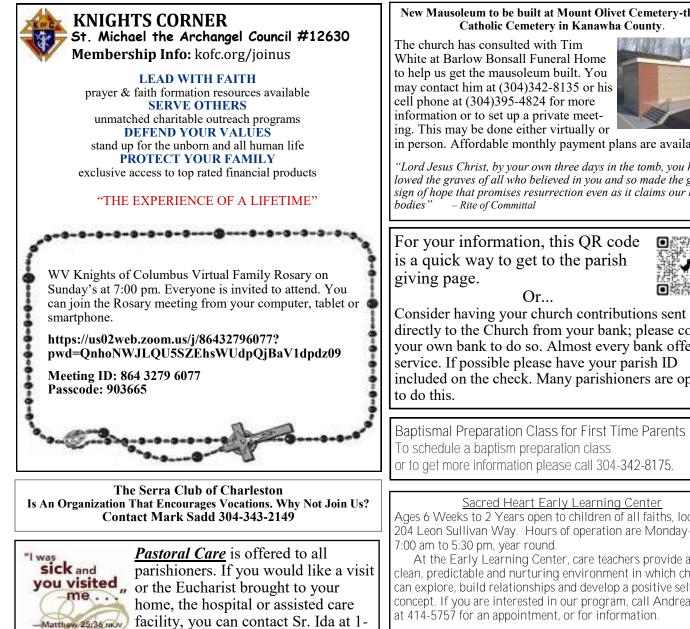
Consecration includes a 33-day preparation period (around 10 minutes a day) which is mostly do-it-yourself but the weekly discussions will enhance the preparation. The group will use and discuss Fr. Michael Gaitley's book "33 Days to Morning Glory," following "True Devotion" by St. Louis de Montfort.

Please contact Sam Willson at samwillson2@gmail.com to rsvp or for more information. All are welcome to attend.

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Almost Heaven Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Almost Heaven Retreats throughout the year. These retreats can be made via Zoom or in person. During your retreat, you will engage in meditation rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition. Following the CDC Guidelines, we are respecting limits for in-house registrations. Questions/Schedule: Email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com - Donation: \$90/night (includes retreat, retreat house accommodation, and all meals).

An Advent Retreat to lower my holiday stress - say WHAT? (Zoom Retreat) Friday and Saturday (December 8-9) - Friday: 5:45 -8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Questions: email Jerry Rutledge at glr1@aol.com. It's supposed to be a joyful and stress-free holiday with the Wise Men, Angels, Shepherds, and the Holy Family. However, for many, the holiday offers many reasons to be stressed out and anxious. We become overwhelmed with planning for a happy holiday, and our families and relatives seem to want to argue about ... ANYTHING ... which is hardly peace on earth! You're invited to leave your stress at the door and relax at WVIS' 2023 Advent Retreat. Bring your sense of humor and childlike wonder to reflect creatively about the holiday with nativity-themed stories from around the world and humorous holy reflections. Donation: \$50 scholarships available by emailing WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com. Register: You can register by visiting our website at Registration - WVIS or call 304.345.0926.



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.

304-709-0026.

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.

New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only



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



directly to the Church from your bank: please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this included on the check. Many parishioners are opting



Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday

At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a safe, clean, predictable and nurturing environment in which children can explore, build relationships and develop a positive self concept. If you are interested in our program, call Andrea Stover at 414-5757 for an appointment, or for information.

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