



BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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

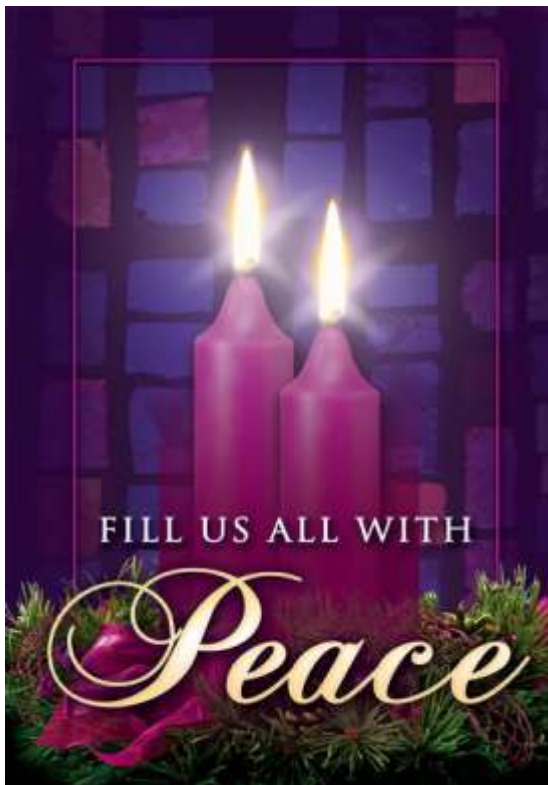
Second Sunday of Advent-December 8, 2024

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

Rector: Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Assoc. V.E., V.F. - dhiggs@dwc.org
Associate Rector: Rev. Prakash Kerketta - pkerketta@dwc.org
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Michael A. Kawash



1114 Virginia St., East, Charleston, WV 25301, Telephone: (304) 342-8175/Fax: (304) 344-3907
E-Mail: sacredheartwv@gmail.com - Website: www.sacredheartcocathedral.com



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

TELEPHONE 304-342-8175

FAX 304-344-3907

ADMINISTRATION

Bookkeeper: Pam Acevedo 342-8175
email: pacevedo@shccwv.us
Office Assistant: Angela Hodges 342-8175
email: ahodges@shccwv.us
Property Manager: John Blake 342-8175
email: jblake@shccwv.us
Secretary: Sheila Kerekes 342-8175
email: skerekes@shccwv.us

EDUCATION

Director of OCIA: Rev. Mr. Michael Kawash 549-6453
Email: mak@ramlaw.com
Coordinator of Religious Education: Sr. Ida Chikara 1-304-709-0026
Email: idachikara@gmail.com
Sacred Heart Early Learning Center: 6 weeks-2 years
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: James Sparks 342-8175
Email: jsparks@shccwv.us
Principal Organist: Gregory Gray 380-4786

OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

Boy Scouts: Sam Wilkes 546-0614
Catholic Charities Office-Family Life Center 380-0162
For information on Catholic Charities
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross 346-2608
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 276-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless 304-553-7021
Knights of Columbus -St. Michael the Archangel #771
Dick Fauss, Grand Knight 965-6872
Sam Gross-Faithful Navigator-Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188 346-2608
Ministry to Sick/Elderly
Sr. Ida Chikara, SJI 1-304-709-0026
Mount Olivet Cemetery/Mausoleum 342-8135
Wayne Johnson or Sacred Heart Parish
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger 550-2411
St. John XXIII Pastoral Center 342-0507
St. Joseph Men's Group: Mike Tupta 541-5177
Sean Whelan 859-457-2861
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 Lamb 344-2011
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair 533-2298

Sharing Our Treasure - 12/1/2024

Regular Collection: \$16,957.59 Candles: \$126
Smile (Sisters): \$865 Needy Student: \$160.25
Local Needy: \$250 Partners in Hope: \$250
Religious Ret.: \$125 Christmas: \$125 (\$405)
Catholic Charities: \$125 (\$375) Thanksgiving: \$247
Christmas Flowers: \$110 (\$2600)

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

Second Sunday of Advent-December 8, 2024

12/07 Sat. 5:30 pm + Bill Florek
12/08 Sun. 8:00 am + Eugene M. Sadd
10:30 am + Jo Lenora Hamrick
5:00 pm + People of the Parish

12/09 Mon. **Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:15 am + David S. Sadd
12:00 pm For the Intention of Sr. Placedece Mugore
5:30 pm + People of the Parish

12/10 Tues. 12:00 pm For the Intention of the Mullins-Konokas Family

12/11 Wed. **12:00 pm + Charles "Ken" Surber**

12/12 Thur. 12:00 pm John Ruddick

12/13 Fri. 8:15 am + Fr. Ed Sadie
12:00 pm For the Intention of Ukrainian Aid Workers

12/14 Sat 8:15 am + Rev. Michael J. Hannon

12/14 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish
12/15 Sun. 8:00 am + Jason Brennan
10:30 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie
5:00 pm + Dcn. George Doerr

Ministry Schedule week of December 12/15

Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Kerry Grant
8:00 AM-Jack Burke
10:30 AM-Amanda Ream
5:00 PM-Jason Pizatella

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Kerri Grant, Matt Higgs, 4 volunteers
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Karen Gross, Ann Knebel, 3 volunteers
10:30 AM-Chloe Flores, Jack & Annabelle Walsh, 4 volunteers
5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Dick Fauss, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

The Pope's Monthly Intention

December-For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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. The Gift Shop has **Advent candles and rings** available now. It seems early, but the season of Advent will be upon us very soon.



A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

Greetings on this Second Sunday of Advent!

Last weekend, with joy we welcomed our New Associate Rector Fr. Prakash Kerketta. Please find an opportunity to personally welcome him. Check out his note in this bulletin.

I believe that Bishop Mark recent pastoral letter, "Bringing others to Christ" on Evangelization is his most important. Please take a copy and prayerfully reflect on his words. Copies are available in the vestibule and our gathering space.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday the 9th of December. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is 8:15am-with the grade school, 12 Noon and 5:30pm.

Our Advent Reconciliation Service is set for December 18th at 7pm. We will have additional priests to assist.

Have a blessed Advent. I remain,

In Christ,
Fr. Don



I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Music for the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. My name is James Sparks, and I was born and raised near Ashland, Kentucky, a place that deeply shaped my love for music and community. I hold a Bachelor of Music degree from Morehead State University and a Master of Music from Westminster

Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where I had the privilege of immersing myself in the rich traditions of sacred and choral music.

As a passionate convert to the Catholic faith, my journey into the Church has been one of profound joy and discovery. I am eager to bring that same enthusiasm and reverence into our shared ministry here. I look forward to collaborating with all of you, fostering meaningful worship through music, and growing together as a parish family.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already experienced!

God Bless,
James Sparks

If you wish to send Fr. Roy a note his new address is:

Fr. Rayappa "Roy" Kurakula
St. Matthew Catholic Church
600 Crooks Avenue
Ravenswood, WV 26164



Knights of Columbus 771

The Knights Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Drive to benefit the Risen Lord Food Pantry of Clay County, WV will continue for several more weeks.. Father Thien says that most months he helps around 230 families with food. You can help with a donation of non perishable food or if you prefer a monetary donation. Father's most requested food items are 1. Peanut Butter 2. Canned Tuna 3. Canned Soup 4. Canned Vegetables 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 for \$30.00 to cover a basic Christmas meal. The Knights thank the parishioners of Sacred Heart for their ongoing generosity.

Shining Stars Christmas Tree

Please return gift donations to the Gathering Space, unwrapped and with the Shining Star attached, by Sunday, 12/15. Thank you for your generosity!

Please keep in your prayers Elma Bernardo, who died December 4th. Our prayers and condolences for her family; Maricel Bernardo, Elena Moffatt (Kevin), Jack Bernardo (Laurie), Rita Bernardo, Ray Bernardo (Cherry), Elsa Lewis (Michael), her grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.



Happy Belated Birthday Sr. Placexedece Mugore

Friday, November 29th

From Fr. Don, Fr. Prakash, Staff, the Sisters and Parishioners. We thank God for the gift of your life.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



December 9th-A Holy Day of Obligation
The Sunday, December 8th 5:00 PM Mass will be for the 1st Sunday of Advent, not a Vigil Mass for the Holy Day.



I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Associate Rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. My name is Fr. Prakash Kerketta, and I hail from India, specifically from the state of Maharashtra.

I was ordained as a priest on December 28, 2004, and have served as a Diocesan Priest for the Diocese of Chanda in central India. My family, including my parents and five siblings - two older sisters and three younger brothers - have been a constant source of love and support throughout my journey. Throughout my twenty years of priestly ministry, I have been blessed with incredible experiences, mentors, and friends who have shaped me into the priest I am today.

As I begin my ministry here, I am eager to get to know each of you, listen to your stories, and share in your joys and struggles. I am committed to serving you with love, compassion, and humility, and to working closely with our Rector, Fr. Don Higgs, to build a vibrant and faith-filled community. In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting many of you personally, visiting your homes, and joining you in your ministries and activities.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything or if you'd like to chat. Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I am excited to be here and to serve alongside you.

May God bless us all as we journey together in faith.

With love and gratitude,

Fr. Prakash Kerketta
Associate Rector



Maddox Potter was welcomed into the Catholic Church on November 30, 2024



WVIS 2024 Advent Retreat via Zoom

Saturday, December 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Our retreat theme is “Giving Birth to God.” The incarnation offers us a blueprint that invites imitation, not admiration. Mary is the model of faith. What she did, each of us is also called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. As St. Francis of Assisi wrote long ago, “We are all mothers of Christ.” Christmas is for marveling at what once took place when the Word of God became a human baby, but it’s also for remembering the Gospel call to *become* Christ, remembering that Christians are to continue to give God flesh in the world. You can visit our website to learn more at <https://www.wvis.org/retreats/advent-retreat-2024>

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$50. Scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at exec.director@wvis.org.

Register: Visit our website at www.wvis.org/register or call [304.345.0926](tel:304.345.0926). Questions: email Associate Spiritual Director, Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU. at cheryl.clemons@maplemount.org

RE Update

Please join us in Seton Hall on Sundays from 9:15am - 10:15am. Classes for kindergarten through eighth grade students (after 8:00 am Mass and before 10:30 am Mass). Contact Sr. Ida or the Parish office with questions or to register.

Schedule:

- 12/8/2024 - regular class
- 12/15/2024 - group Christmas activity
- 12/22/24, 12/29/24 - NO CLASS - Merry Christmas!

1/5/2025 - regular weekly classes resume through 4/27/2025

Note: 3/23/2025 - NO CLASS - KCS Spring Break
4/20/2025 - NO CLASS - Happy Easter!

THANK YOU to our volunteer-teachers who make it possible to have class each week!

Adults have tremendous power when it comes to protecting children. Of course, we have surely heard of cases where adults have lifted vehicles to protect children or seemed to have inhuman speed to move children out of the path of a disaster. But then there are the less obvious superhero qualities... For example, when adults work together as a community, studies show that we have the superpower of being able to collectively prevent abuse from happening in the first place. But our superpowers shine more brilliantly when we recognize that we individually have great power in positively influencing a child's ability to disclose abuse. This gives us opportunities to stop abuse and influence a child's rate and pace of healing and resilience. What we do as safe adults can actually change the trajectory of a child's wellbeing over their entire lifetime. Here is how that works:

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, they're more willing to come to adults with their problems. When children are more willing to come to us with their problems, they are much more likely to disclose abuse. Here are the facts: Children do not actually talk about the abuse that happens to them right away, in the surrounding years or later—in fact, most children do not disclose at all.¹ If a child is able to disclose, there is typically a delay until adulthood,² and even then, the average age of someone who ultimately discloses is 52, (if ever).³ When there is a disclosure in childhood, most people believe that children will go to their parents about abuse or potential abuse. However, studies show that children will first go to their peers with disclosures,⁴ but they will also go to other adults more frequently than they do their parents (though sometimes they attempt with their parents and don't get far).⁵ This shows us that safe adults in the community are extremely important in giving children a conduit to talk about their problems, and to help them when they are experiencing abuse.

Certain factors influence whether or not children are more likely to disclose, which include:

having access to an adult whom they feel they can trust,

recognizing what is happening to them is not normal,

having an inability to cope with the emotional distress they're experiencing,

wanting to do something about it,

having the knowledge that they are going to be believed by the adult, and

being directly asked by the adult about whether or not abuse is happening.⁶

When children come to us and tell us that they are being abused or that their boundaries are being violated, this allows us to put measures into place to help stop the abuse from continuing, or to help recognize signs that abuse is imminent, and we can stop it before it can start. This is one of the ways that we can actually prevent abuse or address it quickly.

We really want to address suspicions of abuse, or knowledge that comes from a child's disclosure, quickly, because there is a robust body of research that has shown that when a person has been sexually abused in their childhood, the risk of negative associated outcomes of the trauma increases over their lifetime.⁷ Child sexual abuse has been linked to poor mental health outcomes, more attempts at suicide, more likelihood of future sexual abuse and revictimization, greater likelihood of sexual assault and partner violence even into adulthood, more cognitive deficits, lower educational attainment, more negative physiological outcomes such as earlier onset of puberty, higher rates of eating disorders and obesity, and ultimately, a reduced life expectancy, just to name a few.⁸

Moreover, the effects of abuse for even one child can have generational impact, to the extent that the abused child's future child and future grandchild will be more likely to experience sexual abuse.⁹ Child sexual abuse is a public health issue for each and every one of us,¹⁰ and all adults are involved in the safety of children in our communities, because this issue of at least one out of every 10 children being sexually abused¹¹ affects us in our day to day lives and it affects all of our future generations.

There is hope for healing, but this can depend on a lot of factors. Our healthy and positive interactions with child survivors, even when we don't know they're survivors, is a major factor in a child's wellness, recovery, healing and resilience. Intervention from a safe adult can reduce the risk of many or all of the negative outcomes of abuse.

Many of us might feel uncomfortable with potentially intervening or communicating with a child about abuse or online exploitation, and then reporting it. None of us are alone in these feelings. Feeling uncomfortable with this concept is actually common. One of the important things to remember when we consider our role as protectors is that we often need to consider the most vulnerable person (the child) and their potential needs. Knowing the increased risk of all those outcomes outlined above is a factor that compels us to act in the interest of children's current and future welfare. Sometimes, this needs to be prioritized over our own possible discomfort or cultural barriers that may make it more challenging for us to respond or report.

When safe adults are willing to place the welfare of children in the center of every decision regarding safety, rather than our own worries or fears, it increases opportunities for children to talk about it, reduces those negative outcomes and increases opportunities for healing and wellness. This means that we have great power in our role as employees and volunteers. We never really know when a child is going to see us as a safe person they trust. Thank you for everything that you do as a safe adult, who is willing to put those superpowers to use in protecting children, safeguarding childhoods, and promoting healthy relationships.

References

- 1 Kilpatrick, D., Saunders, B., & Smith, D. (2003). Youth Victimization: Prevalence and Implications. National Institute of Justice.
- 2 Reitsema, A., & Grietens, H. (2016). Is Anybody Listening? The Literature on the Dialogical Process of Child Sexual Abuse Disclosure Reviewed. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*. Vol. 17(3), 330-340.
- 3 Spröber, N., Schneider, T., Rassenhofer, M., Seitz, A., Liebhardt, H., & König, L. (2014). Child sexual abuse in religiously affiliated and secular institutions: a retrospective descriptive analysis of data provided by victims in a government-sponsored reappraisal program in Germany. *JM - BMC Public Health - March 27, 2014*; 14 ; 282.
- 4 Many, N., & Collin-Vézina, D. (2021). Recipients of Children's and Adolescents' Disclosures of Childhood Sexual Abuse: A Systematic Review. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. Vol. 116.
- 5 Broman-Fulks, J. J., Ruggiero, K. J., Hanson, R. F., Smith, D. W., Resnick, H. S., Kilpatrick, D. G., & Saunders, B. E. (2007). Brief report: Sexual assault disclosure in relation to adolescent mental health: Results from the National Survey of Adolescents. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 36(2), 260-266.
- 6 Brennan, E., & McElvaney, R. (2020). What Helps Children Tell? A Qualitative Meta-Analysis of Child Sexual Abuse Disclosure. *Child Abuse Review*. Vol. 29(2), pg. 97-113.
- 7 Merrick, M.T., Ford, D.C., Ports, K.A., & Guinn, A.S. (2018). Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences from 2011-2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 23 states. *JAMA Pediatrics*, 172, 1038-1044.
- 8 Felitti, V. J., Anda, R. F., Nordenberg, D., Williamson, D. F., Spitz, A. M., Edwards, V., . . . Marks, J. S. (1998). Relationship of childhood abuse and household dysfunction to many of the leading causes of death in adults: The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 14(4), 245-258.
- 9 McCloskey, L. & Bailey, J. (2000). The Intergenerational Transmission of Risk for Child Sexual Abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal* 15. 1019-1035. DOI: 10.1177/088626000015010001.
- 10 Cant, R., Harries, M. & Chamarette, C. (2022). Using a Public Health Approach to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse by Targeting Those at Risk of Harming Children. *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice*. Vol. 5, pg. 573-592.
- 11 Downing, N., Akinlotan, M. & Thornhill, C., (2021). The Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse and Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adult Health Related Quality of Life. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. Vol 120, Oct 2021, 105181

Keeping the Seasons Second Sunday of Advent



Moving from Mourning and Misery

Loving God, you restore what we have broken. Amidst our struggles with sin, guide us in preparing the way; help us to see your salvation. Give us courage to move on from mourning and misery. We rejoice, for you have done great things for us. As you directed the Israelites, lead us in joy by the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 8, 2024-Led by God in Joy

Today's readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6. The first reading comes from the end of the prophet Baruch's poem of consolation to the Israelites. Though the Israelites have sinned and are in exile, the prophet shares encouraging words, referencing the Israelites' eventual return to Jerusalem. Baruch's words paint a beautiful

image of hopefulness and trust in God. Encouraging the Israelites, he tells them to shed their "mourning and misery; / put on the splendor of glory from God forever." He reminds them that they are "wrapped in the cloak of justice from God," and tells them to confidently display "the glory of the eternal name." Indeed, just like the Israelites, we are led by God in joy.

In Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist's call to "prepare the way of the Lord" echoes Isaiah words "that every lofty mountain be made low / and that age-old depths and gorges / be filled to level ground." The text encourages us to meditate on the universality of salvation. How can you take on John the Baptist's challenge to repent for forgiveness with joy? Our reason to rejoice is evident, for as the psalmist sings, "The Lord has done great things for us."

Make an intentional effort this week to join in St. Paul's prayer: may our love increase ever more and more in every way so that we can be ready for the day of Christ.

This Week at Home

Monday, December 9-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Luke's Gospel relates that Mary is "greatly troubled" at the angel Gabriel's greeting. The angel attempts to comfort her, telling her not to be afraid and reminding her that "nothing will be impossible for God." Celebrate Mary's courageous response to God's call by spending time in silence, listening to how God may be calling you. Reach out to a conversation partner and share your prayer experience. Today's readings: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

Tuesday, December 10-Comfort

Speaking to the Judeans exiled in Babylon, Isaiah tells of the deliverance that is to come. He assures them that flesh might wither and wilt as grass and flowers do, but the word of our God stands forever." In the Gospel, we hear that the Lord values each one of his followers, and just as a shepherd goes after his sheep, the Father does not want one of his to be lost. Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Matthew 18:12-14.

Wednesday, December 11-Mercy and Grace

As you light two candles on your Advent wreath, say a prayer in gratitude for the Lord's mercy and graciousness. As the psalm proclaims, he is "slow to anger, abounding in mercy" despite our turning from him. The Lord is always welcoming, for as the Gospel states, he calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened." Today's readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, and 10; Matthew 11:28-30.

Thursday, December 12-Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego, an indigenous peasant, at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. Today we celebrate Mary's presence, especially her making herself known to those who are marginalized. On this feast day, pray with Mary's canticle (Luke 1:46-55) and ask for her intercession to help you proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Today's readings: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47.

Friday, December 13-St. Lucy

St. Lucy, whose name means "light," is the patron saint of the blind. She was tortured and martyred for her dedication to her faith. St. Lucy is often depicted holding a platter with gouged eyeballs. Pray for St. Lucy's intercession today, that you may give sight to those who are hopeless and bring light in the darkness of persecution. Today's readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6; Matthew 11:16-19.

Saturday, December 14-St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross is the patron saint of contemplatives, mystics, and Spanish poets. After being educated by the Augustinians and Jesuits, he joined the Carmelites. St. John of the Cross encountered Teresa of Avila and was attracted to her devotion to prayer and simplicity. After being influenced by her regimented spirituality, he was punished for seeking to restore the Carmelite order. To celebrate St. John of the Cross, learn about the Catholic Church's diverse spiritual traditions. Pray with one that may be unfamiliar to you. Today's readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.

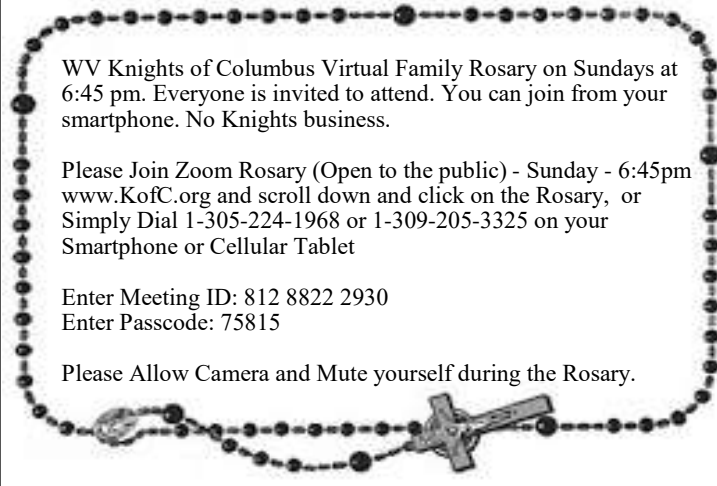
© 2024 Liturgy Training Publications. 800-933-1800. Text by Krista Chinchilla-Patzke. Permission to publish granted by the Archdiocese of Chicago.



KNIGHTS CORNER
St. Michael the Archangel Council #771
Membership Info: kofc.org/joinus

LEAD WITH FAITH
 prayer & faith formation resources available
SERVE OTHERS
 unmatched charitable outreach programs
DEFEND YOUR VALUES
 stand up for the unborn and all human life
PROTECT YOUR FAMILY
 exclusive access to top rated financial products

“THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME”




WV Knights of Columbus Virtual Family Rosary on Sundays at 6:45 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. You can join from your smartphone. No Knights business.

Please Join Zoom Rosary (Open to the public) - Sunday - 6:45pm
www.KofC.org and scroll down and click on the Rosary, or
 Simply Dial 1-305-224-1968 or 1-309-205-3325 on your
 Smartphone or Cellular Tablet

Enter Meeting ID: 812 8822 2930
 Enter Passcode: 75815

Please Allow Camera and Mute yourself during the Rosary.

The Serra Club of Charleston
Is An Organization That Encourages Vocations. Why Not Join Us?
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.


New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only Catholic Cemetery in Kanawha County.

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 hal-
 lowed 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.


Baptismal Preparation Class for First Time Parents
 To schedule a baptism preparation class or to get more information please call 304-342-8175.



Sacred Heart Early Learning Center
 Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, year round.
 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.

SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL
A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Applications may be downloaded from our website www.shgs.us.
For information, or to schedule a tour, call 304-346-5491.

- * Tiny Hearts-2 Year Old-Half or Full Day Program
- * ECE-3 Year Old-Full Day Program
- * PRE-K-4 Year Old-Full Day Program
- * Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
- * After School Care



Integrated Technology, Library, Music, Physical Education, Art & French, Emphasis on Academics, Spirituality, Personal Development and Community Service. All faiths welcome!

CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
EDUCATING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF WEST VIRGINIA’S YOUTH FOR OVER 90 YEARS
 Applications may be downloaded from our website www.charlestoncatholic-crw.org.
 For more information, or to schedule a tour, call 342-8415 or email admissions@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

**Barlow Bonsall
Funeral Home**
Serving Sacred Heart Parish
Since 1875
Wayne Johnson, Director
304-342-8135




MICHAEL J. TUPTA, D.D.S.
Dentistry That Makes You Smile
1701 Oakhurst Drive
Charleston, WV 25314
(304)744-4150
Email: mjtds@comcast.net
www.MyDentistInCharleston.com

**PICTURE
YOUR
AD
HERE**

Anthony J. Majestro
Attorneys At Law
304-346-2889

**Philip M. Majestro,
DDS
Family Dentist
304-344-4003**

**Picture Your
Ad Here**



1217 VIRGINIA STREET E.
CHARLESTON, WV 25301
304-345-4960
APERFECTSMILE.COM
kalaskeyorthodontics@gmail.com
738 Old Airport Rd.
Chapmanville, WV 25508
304-855-7092
**Larry J. Kalaskey III,
D.D.S., M.S.**

**Literacy Volunteers of
Kanawha County** teaches
reading and writing as well
as English as a Second
Language (ESL) to
ADULTS for FREE.
Tutoring is one-on-one with
flexible hours. To Register
304-989-9481 or
brperrone@aol.com


TRUIST 

Listen to WV Catholic Radio
WLUX 1450 AM Dunbar / Charleston
WNUX 89.7 FM Montgomery / Beckley
WOUX 105.3 FM St. Mary / Parkersburg
WSJE 91.3 FM Summersville
WVUS 1190 AM Grafton/North Central WV
WLOL 8937 FM Morgantown
WDWC 9030 FM Wheeling
Listen to EWTN on WV's Catholic radio
stations.
St Paul Radio is entirely donor and listener
supported
P. O. Box 3744 • Charleston, W. Va.
25337

*Have you considered
advertising with us?
It benefits you
and helps needy
students in
our schools.
Call 304-342-8175 for
information.*



Our business is GROWING
**Contact: Cary Levenson
304-342-2255**

The Center for Dermatology & Skin Care, Inc.
Gregory T. Lagos, DO, FAOCD, FAAD

607 Chestnut Street So. Charleston, WV 25309
Phone (304) 766-9136 Fax (304) 766-9139

**Tom's Plumbing, Inc.
Mullen**
Plumbing * Heating * Cooling
Tom Orcutt * Owner
304-744-3221 Call 304-768-8983
24 Hours.

Renal Consultants, PLLC
Julian Espiritu, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.P., FASN
Kelly Hughart, C-NP
Board Certified Nephrologists
24 MacCorkle Ave. SW, So. Chas.
Phone: 304-720-5000

Morgan Stanley
Jack Burke
Financial Advisor
500 Lee Street, Suite 300
Charleston, WV, 25301
+1 304 353-9028
john.t.burke@morganstanley.com
NMLS# 1295678
© 2018 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Member SIPC. 01232802 06/18



Hunter
Insurance & Financial
Barry Hunter barry@hifwv.com
Charleston 304-343-5419
Spencer 304-519-5959
Independent. Consultative.

**PICTURE
YOUR
AD
HERE**

A word of Thanks:
This bulletin is subsidized by the companies
whose advertisement appears in it. If you
have the opportunity, thank them in the name
of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the
Sacred Heart by using their products or
services.
*Let Our Advertisers know
you saw their Ad.*



Chapman Puderbaugh
FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY
www.chapmandentistry.com
308 C Street
South Charleston,
WV 25303
304.744.1251
Sleep Solutions
A Dental Solution for Restful Sleep
www.wvsleepsolutions.com

1507 Washington Street, East
**Leonoro's
Spaghetti
House**
Since 1915


Let your Awesomeness
be known!
**Advertise
with us!**