

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, WV 25901

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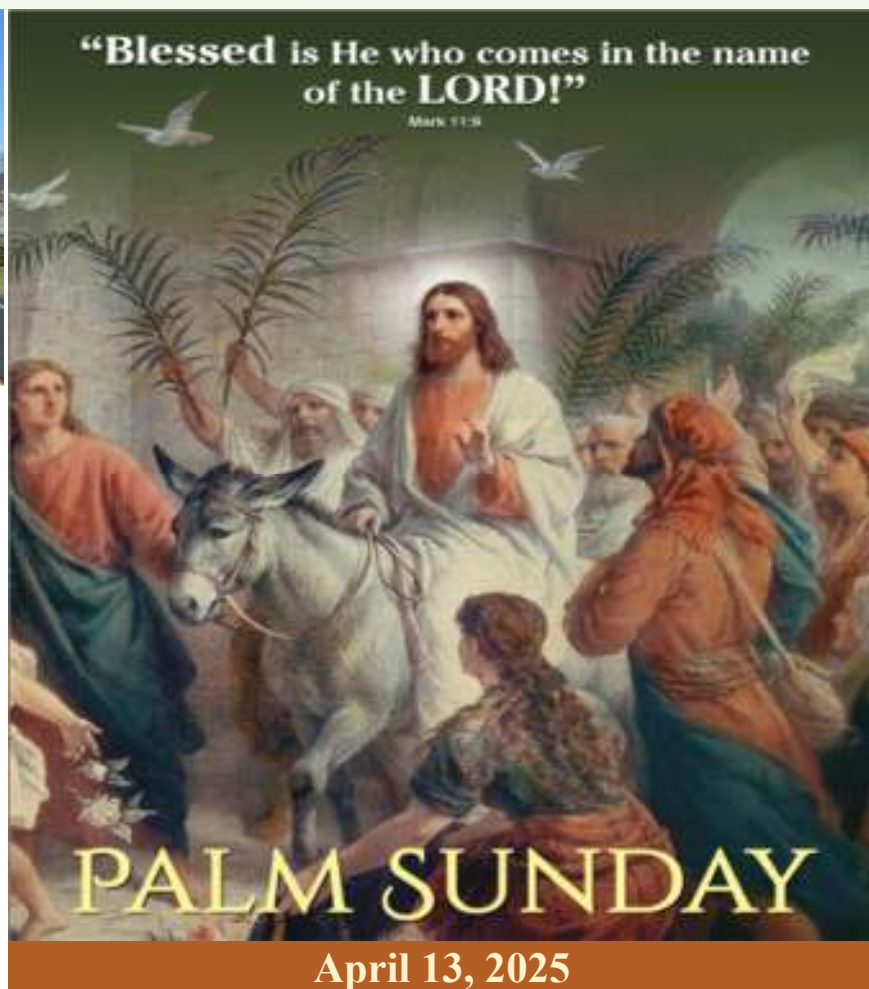
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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan to schedule the Baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

First Holy Communion

First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School, or the Faith Formation Program of our Parish.

Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:15pm, and before or after weekday Masses.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 8th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office to be included in the celebration.

Marriage Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan Joseph **6 months in advance** of the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick & Visiting of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify Fr. Jojan Joseph at 304-281-0086

WELCOME TO SSPP PARISH!

NEW MEMBERS - Catholics over the age of 18 (unless they are in school) are invited to become registered members of our parish! This is a great way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the Church.

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Sat. Apr. 12 Vigil - Palm Sunday
 5:30p.m. †Ernest Treadway req. Violet Treadway

Sun. Apr. 13 Palm Sunday
 8:00a.m. †Vento Family req. by Judy Learmonth
 10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family

Mon Apr. 14 Chrism Mass at Charleston 4:00pm

Tue. Apr. 15
5:00p.m. Adoration
 5:30p.m. †Carmela Demasi req. by Dena Turner

Wed. Apr. 16
5:00p.m. Adoration
 5:30p.m. †Deceased Family of Wanda & Stanley Rosiek
 req. by Paula Prostrollo

Thu. Apr. 17 Holy Thursday
 5:30p.m. For Our Parish Family
 Washing of the Feet
 Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri. Apr. 18 Good Friday
10:00a.m. Stations of the Cross
 5:30p.m. Service & Veneration of the Cross

Sat. Apr. 19 Easter Vigil
 8:00p.m. †Hobart Booth req. by Booth Family

Sun. Apr. 20 Easter Sunday
 8:00a.m. For Our Parish Family
 10:30a.m. †Erin Allen
 req. by Gene & Kathy Glover

Adult Bible Study - Easter Sunday no class

The Living Stations of the Cross In Silhouette
 presented by SSPP Catholic Youth Group

Palm Sunday April 13th 7:00 pm



Saint's Peter & Paul Church
 All are welcome!

Easter Flower Offering

It's time to offer Easter flowers in loving memory of your beloved deceased family members.

Arrangements available for your memorial donations are:



25 Triple Bloom Easter Lilies - \$50 each

20 Hydrangeas - \$50 each

20 Hyacinth / Tulip arrangement - \$20 each

Envelopes are in the back of the church.

Drop in collection basket or turn in to Parish office.

All donations are welcome and appreciated.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 19/20

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Easter Vigil Sat. 19, 8:00p.m.</u>			
Abel & Maryanne Pritt Magnolia & Emmeline Campbell Ivy Keffer, Steve Morel	Scott Vargo Brenda Vargo	Anthony Gerard Rebecca Stinnett	Paula Lagos Gemma White
<u>Easter Sunday 20, 8:00a.m.</u>			
Brandt Kemlock Blake Kemlock	Jordanne McVey	Randy Rosiek Kathryn Wickline	Dianne Murphy Aaron Kemlock
<u>Easter Sunday 20, 10:30a.m.</u>			
Natalie Craddock Magnolia Campbell	Herman Hundley	Fred Neudek Ron Sheehan	Gemma White Herman Hundley

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute

Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday is known as the Sacred Triduum

Triduum Customs: The Triduum is marked by a variety of customs and rituals observed worldwide such as washing of the feet, empty tabernacle, stripping of the altar, altar of the repose, Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal candle, etc.

Holy Thursday: It is the day that Jesus gave us the gift of the priesthood, the model of selfless love, and the institution of the Eucharist the source and summit of our life as Christians. At the washing of the feet, Jesus said; “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand later” John 13:7.

Good Friday: On Good Friday the faithful venerate the Cross, either by kissing or genuflecting. This act of reverence serves as a powerful reminder of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross.

Holy Saturday: This day is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection. The Easter Vigil is celebrated on this night, marking the transition to Easter Sunday.

Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal candle
The Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of a new fire, symbolizing the light of Christ overcoming darkness. From this fire, the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing the risen Christ. Then processed into the church and individual candles are lit from it.

The Easter Candle is not just a decoration, it’s a living part of our worship. When you see it glowing in the Church, it’s an invitation – to remember Christ’s victory, to embrace His light in our own life, and to carry that light into the world.

Last Week’s Attendance & Giving

Attendance: 239	Apr. 5/6, 2025
Regular Collection Combined Masses	
Weekly Offering	\$ 4,465.36
Online	\$ 400.00
School	\$ 120.00
School Maintenance	\$ 180.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Votives	\$ 46.00
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 75.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 20.00
Second Collections -	
DWC Priest Holy Land	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Give Love 2025	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generous support !

Second Collection April 18, 2025

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2025

Parish Goal \$17,200.00
(50%= \$8,600.00)

22 gifts received \$3,430 (20%)

Goal Balance \$13,770.00



This year our purpose of CSA is for lighting up school & parish campus and for digital sign posts.

Thank you for your generous giving.

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Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Holy Thursday 17, 5:30p.m.</u>			
CJ Wickline, Maddox Gerencer Giana Tonelli, Adriana Ibarra Emmeline Campbell, Natalia Ibarra Magnolia Campbell	Scott Vargo	Kathryn Wickline Anthony Gerard	Emma Davis Dianne Murphy
<u>Good Friday 18, 5:30p.m.</u>			
CJ Wickline, Ivy Keffer Natalie Craddock, Lily Pino Giana Tonelli, Magnolia Campbell Emmeline Campbell	Brenda Vargo	Scott Vargo Anthony Gerard	Emma Davis Herman Hundley

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PASTORAL COUNCIL : Anthony Gerard (Chairperson), Herman Hundley, Dianne Murphy, John Woods, Robert Littreal, Susan Woods, Andre Re, Rob Rosiek and Marty Mrozek.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Jim Lively (Chairperson), Mike Malay, Denise Light, Bill Klenk, Debbie Hatcher, Scott Vargo and Elizabeth Campbell, Natasha Mucho-Seay (Ex-officio)

If you have any concerns, please let our Council know



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. In addition to civil authorities, 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. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Saints Peter & Paul Church has named Cynthia Everly the Coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

School News

A HUGE thank you to all those who supported our Annual Lenten Fish Fry! We couldn't have done it without you baking, volunteering, patronizing, delivering dinners, and donating money. It was a great success, and we look forward to it again next year!



~Natasha Mucho-Seay, Principal

We are accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year for new preschool students. To apply, please visit our website www.ssppcatholic.org. The cost is \$3,575/year, and we offer a 10-month payment plan. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know.



Open enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now in progress. If you know of anyone who may be interested, they may apply online at our website. Any incoming school kindergarten student or WV public transfer student is eligible for the Hope Scholarship which is projected to be a little over \$5,200. Please note that this is NOT based on income. If anyone has any questions, please send them our way.

~Natasha Mucho-Seay, Principal

The Paschal Candle



A Cross: At the center, representing Christ's sacrifice and victory on the cross.
Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω): The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, placed above and below the cross, signifying that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things.

The Current Year: Written in the four corners of the cross, reminding us that Christ's presence is with us here and now.

Five Incense Grains: Inserted into the cross in the shape of a cross, symbolizing the five wounds of Christ (hands, feet, and side) and the fragrance of His sacrifice rising to God.

As these symbols are traced, the priest prays, consecrating the candle.

Christ's Resurrection: The flame represents Jesus rising from the dead, bringing light and life to humanity. Just as the candle burns brightly, Christ shines as our hope.

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White

1-405-812-5448 Rickyd.white@gmail.com

Again I would like to thank all the Knights that helped with the Fish Fry this year.

Food & Hygiene Pantry

For the first quarter we gave out 44 food bags and distributed 428 items from the Blessing Box.

Pantry Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00am - 3:00pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday April 17 - 5:30p.m.

Washing of the Feet

Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

Repository open until 8:00p.m.

Good Friday April 18

10:00a.m. Stations of the Cross

5:30p.m. Service & Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil - 8:00p.m. Saturday Evening

Easter Sunday - 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Dear Parish Family,

I request all the Parishioners to contemplate the Pascal Mystery of our Lord during this Holy Week by participating in the Holy Week services.

I wish you all a fruitful Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Fr. Jojan Joseph

Parish Mission

May 10 - 13: Rev. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap.

Rev. Joseph Tuscan will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, May 10 & Sunday, May 11.

Sunday: May 11, 6:30pm Rosary; 7:00pm Preaching.

Monday: May 12, 6:30pm Mass; 7:00pm Preaching.

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THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Easter candle, also known as the Paschal candle, holds a central place in the liturgical life of the Catholic Church, particularly during the Easter season. Let me walk you through its meaning, symbolism, and use in a clear and straightforward way.

What Is the Easter Candle?

The Paschal candle is a large, decorated candle made of beeswax that is blessed and lit during the Easter Vigil, the night before Easter Sunday, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a powerful symbol of Christ Himself—the Light of the World—who overcame the darkness of sin and death. This candle remains lit throughout the Easter season (the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost) and is used in other significant moments, like baptisms and funerals, to signify Christ's presence.

How It's Prepared and Blessed

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness, often outside the church, where a fire is lit—called the “new fire” - symbolizing the light of Christ breaking into the world. From this fire, the Paschal candle is ignited. Before it's lit, the priest prepares the candle with specific symbols, tracing them into the wax:

1. **A Cross:** At the center, representing Christ's sacrifice and victory on the cross.
2. **Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω):** The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, placed above and below the cross, signifying that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things (Revelation 22:13).
3. **The Current Year:** Written in the four corners of the cross, reminding us that Christ's presence is with us here and now.
4. **Five Incense Grains:** Inserted into the cross in the shape of a cross, symbolizing the five wounds of Christ (hands, feet, and side) and the fragrance of His sacrifice rising to God.

As these symbols are traced, the priest prays, consecrating the candle. Then, it's lit from the new fire, and the deacon (or priest) carries it into the darkened church, proclaiming, “The Light of Christ!” three times, with the congregation responding, “Thanks be to God!” The light spreads as people light their own candles from the Paschal candle, filling the church with a warm glow—a vivid image of Christ's Resurrection dispelling darkness.

What It Symbolizes

The Paschal candle is rich with meaning:

- **Christ's Resurrection:** The flame represents Jesus rising from the dead, bringing light and life to humanity. Just as the candle burns brightly, Christ shines as our hope.
- **New Life in Baptism:** During the Easter Vigil, new members are often baptized, and the Paschal candle is present as a sign of the new life they receive in Christ. In fact, every time a baptism happens throughout the year, a smaller candle is lit from the Paschal candle for the baptized person.
- **Eternal Presence:** Even after Easter, the candle stays near the altar or baptismal font, a reminder that Christ is with us always.

Its Use Throughout the Year

After the Easter season ends at Pentecost, the Paschal candle isn't just put away. It's brought out for baptisms, linking each new Christian to the Resurrection, and for funerals, where it stands near the casket as a sign of hope in eternal life with Christ.

Why Beeswax?

Traditionally, the candle is made of beeswax, which has its own symbolism. Bees were seen as pure creatures in ancient thought, producing wax without blemish—just as Christ is pure and sinless. The wax also melts away as it burns, mirroring Christ's self-giving love on the cross.

A Living Symbol

The Easter candle isn't just a decoration; it's a living part of our worship. When you see it glowing in the church, it's an invitation—to remember Christ's victory, to embrace His light in your own life, and to carry that light into the world. It's a quiet but powerful witness to the heart of our faith: that the darkness doesn't win, because Christ is risen.

So, next time you're at Mass and spot that tall candle with its cross and symbols, let it remind you of the One who said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). That's what the Easter candle is all about—Christ's light, burning bright for us all.

The Catholic Youth Group of
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Presents

**The Living Stations of the Cross
In Silhouette**

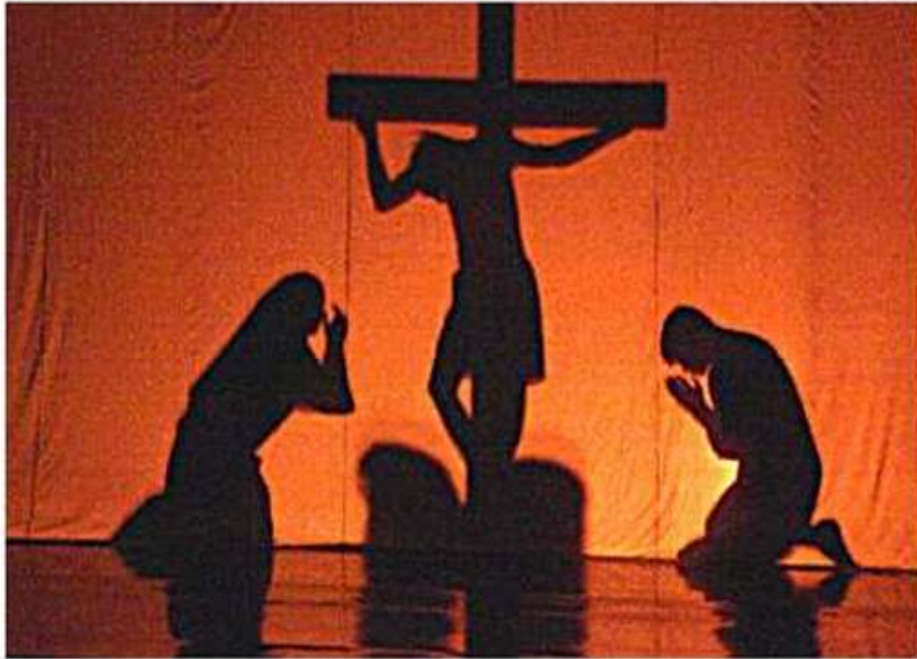


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Palm Sunday, April 13

7:00 pm

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We adore you, O Christ and we praise you.

Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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SAVE THE DATE:
May 6, 2025
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Preparing for Christian Marriage Retreat

REGISTER Online for Wheeling-Charleston RETREATS:
johnxxiiipc.org

Preparing for Christian Marriage Retreats will be offered several weekends per year. They are held in collaboration with local parish leadership. In order to register, an engaged couple must be referred by their pastor, associate pastor or deacon who is assisting them in preparation for their marriage. It is recommended that Marriage preparation retreats be scheduled early during your engagement and completed at least one month prior to your wedding date.

Registration for a retreat in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is done by clicking the REGISTER link on the diocese website page.

UPCOMING DATES:

April 26-27, 2025 at John XXIII

August 16-17, 2025 at John XXIII

November 7-8, 2025 at John XXIII

Please register early, as spaces fill quickly.

As long as space allows, the registration deadline is 1 month prior to the start of the chosen weekend. In the event a diocesan retreat is canceled, registrants will be notified in advance.

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center

100 Hodges Road

Charleston, WV 25314

LARCUM 2025 will gather 12-14 May 2025 at [Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center](#), Charleston, WV, under the theme ***Nicaea at 1700***. Attendees from all four traditions (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist) will explore matters related to the Council of Nicaea of 325, 1700 years being a rather impressive anniversary. As we delve into events from so long ago, we will ask: what does this mean for us today and how does it inform our on-going ecumenical conversations?



Lutheran — Anglican — Roman Catholic — United Methodist Tetralogue

Nicaea at 1700

LARCUM 2025

12-14 May 2025

St. John XXIII, Charleston, WV

Register Now!

Registration Deadline: May 1

wv-wmd.org/LARCUM





**Camp
Carlo
2025**



**June 29 - July 5
July 6 - July 12
July 13 - July 19
July 20- July 26**

**Register
online at
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Saints Peter & Paul Parish Oak Hill, WV First Saturday/Sunday Rosary

All are welcome to join Saints Peter & Paul parishioners at 5:00p.m. every first Saturday, Sunday 7:30a.m. & 10:00a.m. to recite The Holy Rosary. This is an opportunity for you to participate in the mysteries of the Rosary as we get to know Jesus better through the eyes of His Most Blessed Mother.



**Monica prayed for Augustine.
Ambrose accompanied him.
Who will you walk with?**

YOU!
*Yes, you!
Who is your Augustine?*



“TEACH US TO PRAY”

Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscans

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