

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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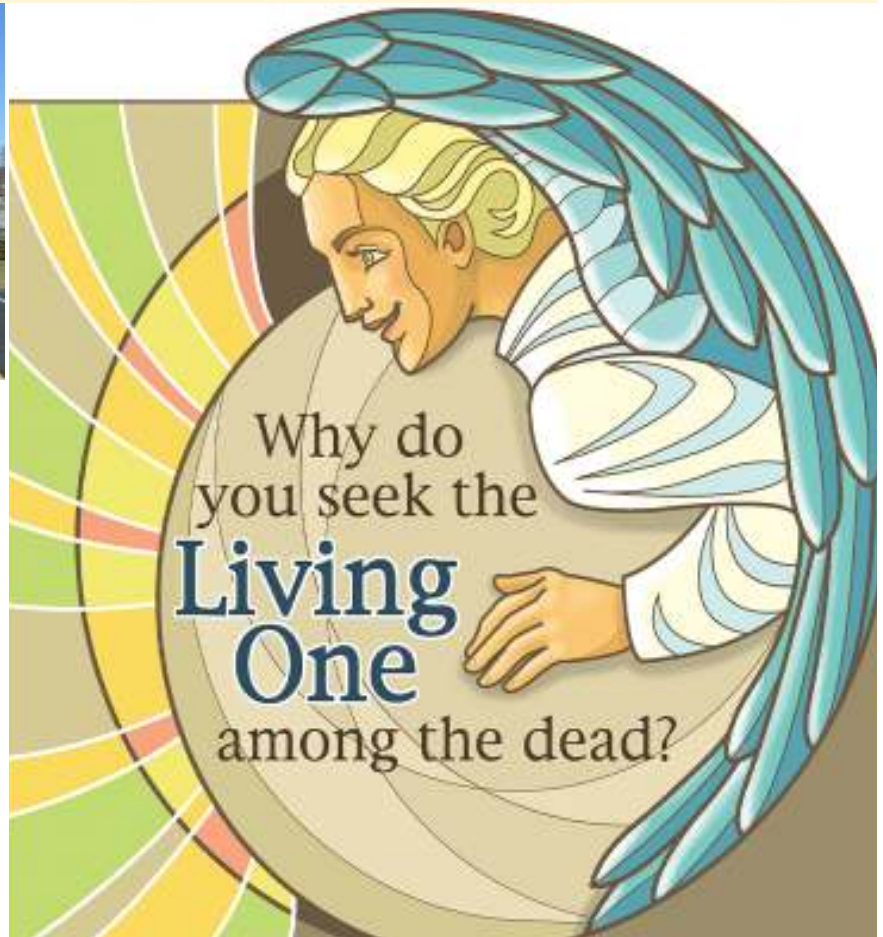
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SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.ssppccatholic.org>

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Easter Sunday April 20 2025

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

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

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

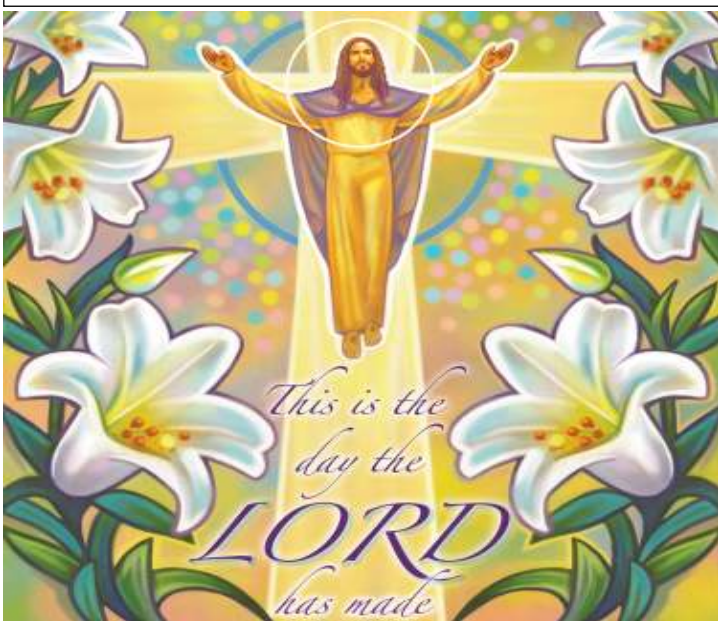
Sun. Apr. 20 Easter Sunday
 8:00a.m. For Our Parish Family
 10:30a.m. †Erin Allen
 req. by Gene & Kathy Glover

Mon Apr. 21 - Apr. 24 No Mass

Fri. Apr. 25
 5:30p..m. †Pete Lokant
 req. by Gene & Kathy Glover

Sat. Apr. 26 Vigil - Divine Mercy Sunday
 5:30p.m. †Deceased Zamiela & Jarvis Families
 req. by Peg Foster Lewis

Sun. Apr. 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
 8:00a.m. †Agnes Williams
 req. by Williams Family
 10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family



Easter message from your Pastor

Dear Family Members,
 Christ is risen! Happy Easter! We have completed our 40 Lenten days of prayer, service, fasting, and almsgiving.

We spent time in Lent examining our conscience to see where we are missing the best version of ourselves; where we need to improve in our relationship with God, others, ourselves and nature.

2025 Lent has also been a time to recognize that in addition to our personal struggles of life, there are still worries such as wars, economy and job security.

Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday and that Jesus will let us share the power of His resurrection.

By ourselves, we cannot achieve the best person God created us to be and improve our relationship with God, others, ourselves and nature, but with Christ we can.

Our awareness of the presence of the Risen Lord in and around us, and the strong conviction of our own resurrection in the future, help us control our thoughts, desires, words, behavior and can make us the best version of our selves.

Easter is when we renew our own baptism that grafted us onto Christ and walk in his footsteps.

My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as Easter people deeply touched by the resurrection and be the person of your best version.

Fr. Jojan Joseph

Happy Easter!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 26/27

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
Saturday 26, 5:30p.m. Steve Morel, Stephen Zagata Paula Lagos	Scott Vargo	Tom Gerencer Brenda Vargo	Paula Lagos Steve Morel
Sunday 27, 8:00a.m. Brandt & Blake Kemlock Trace Rosiek	Robert Littreal	Randy Rosiek Kathryn Wickline	Dianne Murphy Aaron Kemlock
Sunday 27, 10:30a.m. Adriana & Natalia Ibarra Giana Tonelli, CJ Wickline	Alison Ibarra	Jose Ibarra Judy Conner	Gemma White Kathy Alexander

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute

Thank you

We thank our CYO youth and leaders for their performance of the Living Stations of the Cross. We are truly blessed.

Special thanks to Laura Kiliiany and Megan Gilkerson.



Fact checking on Jesus' Resurrection

Here are five historical proofs often cited for the credibility of Jesus' resurrection.

1. The Gospel Accounts – The Gospels provide multiple independent testimonies of Jesus' resurrection, with common elements in His post-resurrection appearances to His disciples.
2. The Writings of St. Paul – Paul's letters, particularly 1 Corinthians 15, reference eyewitnesses to the resurrection, including himself, and challenge readers to verify these claims.
3. The Empty Tomb – The discovery of Jesus' empty tomb is widely accepted by historians, as it was reported by multiple sources and was not disputed by early opponents of Christianity.
4. The Rise of Christian Messianism – N.T. Wright argues that the sudden and dramatic rise of Christianity, centered on the belief in Jesus' resurrection, is historically significant and difficult to explain without a real event.
5. Transformation of the Disciples – Jesus' followers, who were initially fearful and in hiding, became bold preachers of His resurrection, even facing persecution and death for their beliefs.

OCIA Class of 2025: We would like to thank Deacon Rick Allen for heading the instruction of the O.C.I.A. class and facilitators, Dr. Ricky White and Anthony Gerard. We would also like to thank the Ladies Guild for providing snacks for the classes. Let us keep them in our prayers as they join Saints Peter & Paul Parish; Erica Hypes, Kevin Cline, Jerry Hypes, Kimberly Thomas & Ashton Pritt.



Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Attendance: 258

Apr. 12/13, 2025

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,366.00
Online	\$ 508.00
School	\$ 95.00
School Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Votives	\$ 19.00
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 390.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 0.00
Second Collections -	
DWC Priest Holy Land	\$ 0.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 41.00
Give Love 2025	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generous support !

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2025

Parish Goal \$17,200.00

(50%= \$8,600.00)

25 gifts received \$4,080 (24%)

Goal Balance \$13,120.00



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

Thank you for your generous giving.

Celebrating the Life of Agnes Hudson Williams

6/8/1929 - 9/17/2024



The Williams Family would like to extend an invitation to Saints Peter & Paul parishioners and friends of Agnes Williams in celebrating her life. Saturday April 26th Noon to 2 p.m. at the Lewis Center 469 Central Ave. Oak Hill, WV.

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.

Tuesday: May 13, 6:30pm Mass; 7:00pm Preaching.

Fr. Tuscan will be available everyday for reconciliation and personal meeting.

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.

One Mission One Day to Make a Difference

Tuesday, May 6, 2025



On Tuesday, May 6th, all 24 Catholic schools across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will join together for One Mission One Day to Make a Difference – our

diocesan-wide Catholic Schools Giving Day.

This special day is an opportunity to support Catholic education right here in our **diocese**. Funds raised go directly to the school of your choice and help provide tuition assistance, faculty support, classroom improvements, and curriculum enhancements.

Donations can be made online at onemissiononeday.org or given directly to Saints Peter & Paul School or by dropping your donation into the offering basket. We invite you to visit the website or connect with your local school to see the fun and meaningful ways they're celebrating this day.

We are accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year for new preschool students. To apply, please visit our website www.sppcatholic.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.

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White

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

Food & Hygiene Pantry

The Food and Hygiene Pantries are available to everyone. Stop by and see what the hygiene pantry has to offer. Pantries are open Monday - Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm.

He Lives! Celebrate Easter Season for 50 Days



Happy Easter! He Lives! Let Him reign fully alive within us. Let us cling to our Easter joy and Christ's call to unite, serve, and love one another; turning away from division, selfishness, and casting stones. The entire Easter Season in the Catholic Church stretches 50

days – the longest celebration outside Ordinary Time. We are an Easter people. Let us be fully alive. For the next 50 days that culminate at Pentecost – the birthday of the Church - let us be mindful of our words and deeds emphasized in a prayer written by the beloved St. Teresa of Avila:

"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ's compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now. Amen."

Let our good works we completed during Lent continue throughout Easter and the rest of the calendar year. Let us remain focused on Jesus, His sacrifice, and the glorious Resurrection, and with that be a beacon of hope and joy for others.

++ R.I.P. ++

May we give our sincere condolences to the family members and friends of Rose Ann Beavers who passed away on April 9, 2025.

++ R.I.P. ++

Also, we give our sincere condolences to the family members and friends of Mary Frances D'Angelo who passed away on April 13, 2025.

May they experience perfect peace and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them! Amen

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.



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May 6, 2025

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Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



ONE MISSION
ONE DAY TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE





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.

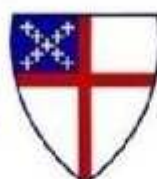
As long as space allows, the registration deadline is 1 month prior to the start of the chosen weekend. In the event a diocesan retreat is canceled, registrants will be notified in advance.

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
campcarlowv.org**





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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?*



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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

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.

