Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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SCHOOL STAFF:

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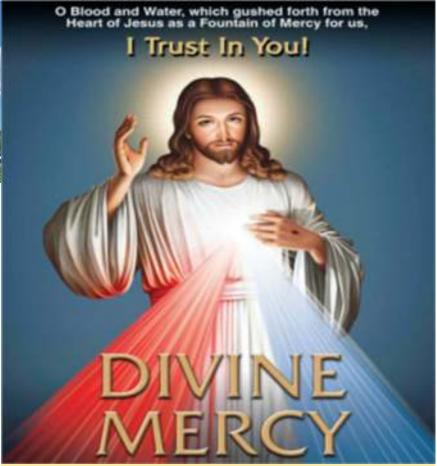
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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

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.

<u>Marriage</u> Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan Joseph <u>6 months in</u> <u>advance</u> 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. 6 Vigil - Divine Mercy Sunday

5:30p.m. †Carmella & Larry Demasi

req. by Dena Turner

Sun. Apr. 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00a.m. †Erin Tonelli Allen

req. by Bracken Family

10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family

Mon. Apr. 8 No Mass

Tue. Apr. 9

5:30p.m. †Franklin Lon Jones

req. by Alan & Kathryn Wickline

Wed. Apr. 10 School Mass

8:30a.m. †James Lagos req. by Regina O'Neal

Thur. Apr. 11

5:30p.m. †Rebecca Kerby Coleman

req. by Leon Jarosz

6:00p.m. **Adoration**

Fri. Apr. 12

8:30a.m. †Virginia Mae Loomodl

reg. by Rachel Roush & Brad Deflumeri

Sat. Apr. 13 Vigil

5:30p.m. †Thomas Anderson

reg. by Terry & Sally Shay

Sun. Apr. 14 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †Florencia Quito

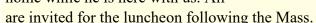
req. by Sabrina & Rocky Souz

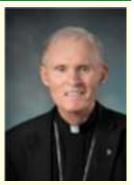
10:30a.m. **Confirmation** - For Our Parish Family



Bishop Mark E. Brennan will

be with us April 14, at our 10:30 a.m. Mass for the confirmation of our 8 confirmands. Let's show our appreciation and make him feel at home while he is here with us. All





Presentation on Priesthood Sunday April 7, 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m.

Rev. Jojan Joseph will be leading a power point presentation on priesthood in the Bible and why women are not ordained to priesthood in the Catholic church. We will meet in the school cafeteria. If you have questions bring them. All are welcome.

Reach Out Group

We are looking for volunteers consisting of 8 -10 people who are willing to "Reach Out" to parishioners who have not returned since covid. We would like to reach out with hand written miss you letters & follow up with a door to door check in. There are approximately 371 families in the register but only about half attending Mass. Let's get out there, check in & help bring our brothers & sisters back to the Eucharist.

~Rev. Jojan Joseph

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 13/14				
Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.	
Saturday 13, 5:30p.m.		•	_	
Maddox Gerencer		Scott & Brenda Vargo	Emma Davis	
Adalynn Ince	Thomas Gerencer	Kathryn Wickline	Anthony Gerard	
Sunday 14, 8:00a.m.				
Tripton Kiliany		Anthony Gerard	Debbie Hatcher	
Blake & Brandt Kemlock	Bill Klenk	Debbie Garvin	Aaron Kemlock	
Sunday 14, 10:30a.m.				
Tripton Kiliany, Jackson &				
Lilly Pino, Trace Rosiek,		Fred Neudek		
Magnolia Campbell	Tyler Gilkerson,	Eddie Chornobay	Kathy Alexander	
CJ Wickline	Adriana Ibarra	Ron Sheehan, Judy Conner	Keylie Alexander	
If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute				

Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Lent and Easter!! The decorations were beautiful and well appreciated! Special thanks to Debbie Garvin, Kathryn Wickline, Leon Jarosz, Lola & Bill Rosensteel and to all of the members who helped.

A sincere thanks to Dominic Re who helped with the Easter Lilies and Altar decorations as well as training our Altar Servers. Special thanks to our Altar Servers who did a great job serving Holy Week and Easter.

Huge thanks also to the Music Ministry - Caitlin Watkins and Cathy Broughman, and their cantors, Ashley & Mary.

We thank our CYO youth and leaders for their performance of the Living Stations of the Cross. We are truly blessed. We also thank our ministry group for leading Thursdays' Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped make this year's Fish Fry dinner a great success, and all who supported our school by purchasing the delicious meals. With all your generous support Fish Fry Fridays' brought our school \$30,929.07. Thank you!

Lenten sacrificial donations by fasting & abstaining from meat were supportive to our Lenten spirit. Thanks to all who fasted & abstained from meat in support to repair our school roof and build church portico. We could raise approximately \$11,000 with 48 donors.

Rev. Jojan Joseph



Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Mar. 28/29/30/31, 2024

Attendance: 647

Regular Collection Combined Masses

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Weekly Offering	\$4,984.00
Online	\$ 385.00
School	\$ 245.00
School Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Votives	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 672.00
Second Collection -	
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$ 767.92
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 800.00
Give Love ~ Live Love	\$ 5,170.23

Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family

We welcome our 3 new members who through O.C.I.A. became our family. Rebecca Stinnett, Stephen Zagata & Todd Nathan Ward. Please pray for them and their families. Thank you to the



O.C.I.A. team leaders; Debbie Garvin, Anthony Gerard, Debbie Hatcher, Randy Rosiek & Dr. Ricky White, who helped them in their journey to the Catholic faith.



This Week - 6 New Donations \$5,170.23

GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign Our Parish will receive 100% of your donation.

This year our GIVE LOVE~LIVE LOVE campaign and Catholic Sharing Appeal goal is for the repair of the school roof and a new Church portico. The goal is to raise \$300,000.



In the first phase our purpose is to raise \$50,000.

Thank you to all who donated this Lenten season for the fundraising of school roof and church portico. We are still looking for generous donors. Please write in the memo line GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE or school roof.

Though it seems an impossible task, it can be done. Thank you to all who have donated!

If we reach \$50,000, the donor will match \$50,000. We need \$25,000 more.

All donations will remain in our parish and will be closely monitored by the parish finance council for the expenses of school roof replacing, parish office building & Church portico. ~Parish Finance Council

Our goal: \$300,000 Donations received: 60 Total raised to date: \$24,764.94



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, please contact 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Sts. Peter & Paul Church has named Amy Inghram the Coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

Eucharistic Revival



Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the Bread of Life, whose sacramental Body we receive in the Eucharist,

so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit

lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

School News

<u>New Enrollment:</u> We are accepting new students for the 2024-25 school year, and we accept the Hope Scholarship. To apply for our school, please visit www.ssppcatholic.org.

The WV Hope Scholarship is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. The amount of the scholarship is \$4,921.39 which will cover the tuition with money left over for supplies.

All incoming kindergarten students and transfer students who have been in a WV public school for at least 45 days are eligible. To apply, please visit www.hopescholarshipwy.com.

Food & Hygiene Pantry: Food pantry gave out 18 bags of food in March. Hygiene pantry assisted 4 persons in March. Our blessing box is blessing numerous persons and families. Thank you to all who donate items for those in need. Hours are 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Contact: Anthony Gerard at 304-673-1054.

Eucharistic Who is our parish sending?

Revival Week Extension for sign-up!

If you wish to participate in the **National Eucharistic Congress** on July 17 - 21, 2024 at Indianapolis, it's not too late, but you must register by April 17 with our diocese and notify us. SSPP Parish will sponsor one representative. **It could be you!**

Sponsorship will be 100%

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White 1-405-812-5448 Rickyd.white@gmail.com

<u>Jack Walsh</u>, asset advisor from the Abbate Agency will be holding a workshop to assist & answer questions on April 17th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Corn Hole: Every Sunday after the 10:30 Mass, stop by the rectory yard for a fun game of cornhole. Starting in May, friendly competitions will start. Get your teams set to play.

Diocese of Wheeling - Charleston Will Host America's First Ever LOUDFence Event

WHO: Anyone affected by abuse from anywhere and all who wish to offer support and promote healing

WHAT: LOUDFence event to promote healing

WHEN: Sunday, April 7, 2024, starting at 10:30 am

WHERE: Cathedral of St. Joseph, 13th and Eoff Streets, Wheeling, WV





PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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

<u>FINANCE COUNCIL</u>: Jim Lively (Chairperson), Mike Malay. Denise Light, Bill Klenk, Debbie Hatcher, Scott Vargo and Elizabeth Campbell.

If you have any concerns, please let our Council know



St. George Camporee

hosted by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Catholic Committee on Scouting

The St. George Camporee will be held at Camp Mountaineer located outside of Morgantown, WV. All Troops and Crews in Scouts BSA are welcome and

encouraged to attend. The camporee will feature the following activities: climbing, shooting sports, service, and Mass.

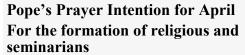
When: Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2024 Where: Camp Mountaineer, Morgantown, WV

Cost: \$12 | \$25 after April 5

Includes: Saturday dinner, patch, and materials. All early-bird registrants will also receive a t-shirt, while supplies

last.

Register at https://scoutingevent.com/615-71430



We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



In order to register, an SSPP Prayer Chain or deacon who is as- 304-574-3310. sisting them in preparation for their marriage.

Register online at Wheeling-**Charleston Retreats** or Go to https:// dwc.org

UPCOMING DATES

April 13-14, 2024 at John XXIII July 13-14, 2024 at John XXIII Nov. 16-17, 2024 at John XXIII

Faith in Action: The Eucharist

Twice In a Day – It sometimes happens that the faithful wish to receive the Eucharist more than once in a day. The Church allows a person who has already received the Eucharist to receive a second time on the same day, but it must be within a Mass (Canon 917).

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'

MOUNTAINEER AREA COUNCIL

engaged couple must Contact: If anyone is sick, hospitalized be referred by their or just needs prayers, please call or text pastor, associate pastor Paula Lagos @ 304-731-8889 (cell) or



Adult Bible Study Sundays 9:15am-10:15am

Come join us!



Saints are not 'exceptions,' but examples of humanity's virtue, pope says Pope Francis said the path to virtue is achieved by fully living out one's own vocation.





Who is your parish sending?



APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

"Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice."

-Pope Francis, Dec. 21, 2018





Saturday, April 13th- Priest Field- 9:15 AM- 3:15 PM
Presenter- Sr. Faustia Szaboova, ISMM(St. Faustina's Order)
Mass, Talks, Confession, Adoration, Time for Personal Prayer and
Spiritual Conversations with the Sisters

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 392

\$10- CDA Members \$15- Nonmembers. Lunch is included. Tickets will be available starting the weekend of March 16th . Please call

the St. Joseph Parish Office (304)267-4893

Space is Limited



WE NEED A NEW ROOF!





GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign Our Parish will receive 100% of your donation.

In this year of 2024 our GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign and Catholic Sharing Appeal are for a new roof for our school and for a portico for the parish church building & renovations of the parish office building. Our goal is to raise \$300,000.

If we raise, \$50,000, an anonymous donor will match \$50,000.

All donations will remain in our parish and will be closely monitored by the parish finance council for the expenses of school roof replacing, portico and renovation of parish office building

Our goal: \$300,000 Donations received: 60 Total raised to date: \$24,764.94



Goal of GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE: \$300,000



Our Parish Goal of CSA: \$16,335



Show up for Jesus! National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21, 2024

Register now for the last spots available!

dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist



FILL OUR LAST SPOTS FOR OUR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TRIP

We got a four-week extension which means it's not too late to join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at the National Eucharistic Congress (NEC), July 17 - July 21, 2024, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

We are able to accommodate an additional 25 spots. So, make sure someone from your parish will show up for Jesus for the NEC in Indy!

Bishop Mark Brennan wants a large delegation there with him from the diocese. Sending a member(s) from your parish/mission is an investment for the. Each person sent to the national congress will return to with revival energy, items to display and share, and ideas for all the faithful to grow in the local church.

We had a deadline of March 15 to get our last spots for our travel package filled, but were able to extend that to April 17 (paid in full date).

Space is limited! We can accommodate and additional 25 seats/rooms for our WV delegation.

Our travel package includes motorcoaches from regional points in WV, priority hotel, shuttles to and from the events, special diocese event(s) in Indy, and more.

Advantages to consider that you may not think about:

- The NEC isn't the only event going on in Indy that week.
- · Hotels are being booked an hour out,
- The USCCB/NEC are not coordinating any shuttle service.
- Parking in the city will average \$25 a day or more.
- Parking lots considered close are as far as six city blocks away.

NOTE: These details have been shared as alerts with the bishops around the country by national congress organizers.

The diocesan NEC team emphasizes that our travel package through the Corporate Travel not only eliminates the burden of having to juggle all the logistics of planning the trip and details once in the city, but also lets our faithful enjoy fellowship with WV Catholics during this significant moment in the Church. Additionally, each person in our travel group will receive swag specially packaged for them, including items that can be shared with their local church.

Dollars & Sense!

The package price may seem pricy, but break the cost down for transportation, hotel, hotel fees, hotel taxes, daily shuttle costs, driver gratuity, daily/weekly parking (lots as far as six blocks away), etc.

Want examples of packages for pilgrims from other dioceses? Comparison price per person based on double room occupancy – ours is \$1,119: Archdiocese of Milwaukee double occupancy costs \$1,150, Diocese of Grand Rapids Michigan \$1,299; and Diocese of Saginaw \$1,299.

Note: all three of these examples are not even traveling as far as our diocese!

Your diocesan team vetted the best package on your behalf.

To echo the importance for the faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to attend and support those in your parish/mission attending, Bishop Mark Brennan said, "Your support makes a difference. Your parish could help (with package cost) by holding fundraisers, such as spaghetti dinners or fish fries, a special collection or seeking private donors. A parishioner attending the Congress is your parish's representative. I ask you to take this matter seriously. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A STRONG CONTINGENT OF WEST VIRGINIA CATHOLICS WITH ME IN INDIANAPOLIS. May our love for the Lord in the Eucharist grow more fervent and may this year's National Eucharistic Congress stimulate that love."

Register now at: DWC,ORG/YEAR-OF-THE-EUCHARIST/



MAKE HISTORY, WALK IN THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE INCLUDES EVENTS IN WV

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Porcession is just three months away!

Organizers emphasize that America has never seen anything like this. From May 17 to July 16, Jesus will be carried along four unique routes on foot, by motorcade, and by boat across more than 6,000 miles of our nation. These routes form the shape of a cross, marking our nation with this holy sign of our salvation on Our Lord's way to the National Eucharistic Congress.

Thousands of Catholics will join Christ for portions of his journey across the nation all are invited to take part.

Today, we are happy to share the dates, details, and locations of events open to the public along the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route that runs through WV.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first American-born saint to be canonized by the Catholic Church. A lifelong protestant, the young mother was drawn to the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Elizabeth Ann opened the first free Catholic school for girls in America in 1810. Her work laid the foundation for what is now the parochial school system.

The Seton Route begins on May
18 with Pentecost Vigil at the
tomb of Blessed Fr. Michael
McGivney in New Haven,
Connecticut. From there,
this route will journey
through our nation's
oldest diocese and
across the Appalachian
Mountains, Pilgrims will

visit holy sites, embrace the sacraments daily, and publicly proclaim Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist as they accompany him on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.

Highlights for events in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (for a full list CLICK HERE):

 June 20 - 8 am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration pilgrims will gather at St. Joseph the Worker Church, in Weirton, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to nearby Sacred Heart of Mary Church for Benediction, Adoration, and Reflection.

- June 20 7 pm Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Catholic Church, 140 Walnut Street, Weirton.
- June 21 8:30 am Mass Sacred Heart of Mary Church, Weirton, followed by breakfast.
- June 23 noon to 4 pm Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley of the Diocese of Steubenville will gather pilgrims at the Steubenville Marina, along the Ohio River in Steubenville, while the Eucharistic Procession continues by sternwheeler! The bishops will bless pilgrims awaiting on the banks of the Ohio River at four sites between Steubenville and Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio.
- June 23 7:30 pm Bishop Mark Brennan and the faithful around Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the Cathedral of St. Joseph for an all-night prayer vigil.
- June 24 8:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph followed by a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of downtown Wheeling to the historic St. Alphonsus Church (0.6 miles) where breakfast will be provided to all participants.

To Explore all the specifics about the Seton route, including events in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania for faithful in the Eastern Panhandle; and any of the other three routes across the country go to the <u>NEW INTERACTIVE MAP</u>. Click on any of the routes to see exactly where and when this once-in-a-lifetime Eucharistic procession will be.

