

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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Parish Mailing Address:
129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, WV 25901

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.ssppccatholic.org>

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123 Elmore St., Oak Hill, WV 25901

Laetare Sunday March 30, 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

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. Mar. 29 Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:25p.m. - 5:25p.m. Adoration

5:30p.m. †Walter Stanley Zamiela
req. by Peg Foster Lewis

Sun. Mar. 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00a.m. For Our Parish Family
10:30a.m. †Kenneth & Margaret Woodward
req. by Herman & Bev Hundley

Mon Mar. 31 No Mass

Tue. Apr. 1

5:00p.m. Adoration
5:30p.m. †Mary Kerby req. by Booth Family

Wed. Apr. 2 School Mass

8:30a.m. †Deceased Burgess Family Members
req. by Barbara Burgess

Thu. Apr. 3

5:00p.m. Adoration
5:30p.m. †Agnes Bernath req. by John Voloski

6:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Fri. Apr. 4

8:00a.m. Adoration
8:30a.m. †Anna Sheehan req. by Leon Jarosz

2:30p.m. Stations of the Cross (students)

Sat. Apr. 5 Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:25p.m. - 5:25p.m. Adoration
5:30p.m. For Our Parish Family

Sun. Apr. 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00a.m. †Florence Bias req. by Tom Bias
10:30a.m. †Pete Lokant
req. by Reggie & Terri Dodd

LENTEN ACTIVITIES 2025

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays at 6:00pm following 5:30pm Mass
Fridays by SSPP Students at 2:30pm

Facilitators of Thursdays Stations of the Cross

April 3 - Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Ushers
April 10 - Music Ministry

Living Stations

Palm Sunday, April 13 7:00pm

Adoration

Half an hour before weekday Mass
Saturday 4:25p.m. - 5:25p.m

Lenten Penance Service

Sunday April 6 at 3:00pm

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

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

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

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

We wish you all a fruitful Lenten Journey!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Apr. 5/6

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Saturday 5, 5:30p.m.</u> Maddox Gerencer Alison Light Steve Morel Stephen Zagata	Tom Gerencer	Curtis Richards Andy Wickline	Emma Davis Steve Morel
<u>Sunday 6, 8:00a.m.</u> Brandt Kemlock Blake Kemlock	Aaron Kemlock	Randy Rosiek Kathryn Wickline	Kathy Alexander Debbie Hatcher
<u>Sunday 6, 10:30a.m.</u> Trace Rosiek Tipton Kiliany Emmeline Campbell Magnolia Campbell	Anthony Gerard	Judy Conner Eddie Chornobay	Gemma White Herman Hundley

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute

Covering the Statues

During Lent, the Catholic Church covers statues and images as part of a rich tradition with liturgical and theological significance. The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church begins on the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Roman Missal instructs that in the Dioceses of the United States, Crosses remain covered until the end of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, while images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

1. It serves as a visual reminder of the Penitential Nature of Lent: Veiling statues directs our attention away from external distractions and encourages internal reflection. By it Church invites us to contemplate our own spiritual journey and prepare for the celebration of Easter.
 2. To focus on Christ's Passion: The veils heighten our senses and thoughts, allowing us to focus on Christ's Passion.
 3. To remind the hidden aspects of God's Presence: Just as the veils temporarily obscure the statues, there are hidden dimensions of God's grace and love that we may not always perceive. The practice of veiling images deepens our understanding of the hidden aspects of God's presence in our lives.
 4. The veils alert us to the special time of preparation for the "Sacred Triduum" and heighten our anticipation for Easter Sunday.
- In summary, the practice of veiling statues and images during Lent invites us to delve deeper into our faith, contemplate Christ's sacrifice, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Adult Bible Study
Sunday's, 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m.

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

Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Attendance: 234

Mar. 22/23, 2025

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,313.00
Online	\$ 600.00
School	\$ 0.00
School Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Votives	\$ 31.00
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
Second Collections -	
DWC Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 1,435.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 0.00
Give Love 2025	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generous support !

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2025

Parish Goal \$17,200.00

(50% = \$8,600.00)

16 gifts received \$2,700 (16%)

Goal Balance \$14,500.00

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

Thank you for your generous giving.

The Last Supper: The ladies of Saints Peter & Paul enjoyed seeing The Last Supper together. Thanks to Debbie Garvin and Rebecca Stinnett for planning our first outing.



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

Our pre-k through third grade students learn the importance of Oral Health



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 - \$20 each

Envelopes are in the back of the church. Drop in collection basket or turn in to Parish office.

Volunteer Bakers Needed for Fish Fry Dinners



We are half way through Lent and our Fish Frys are doing great. Thanks to all our volunteers and exceptional bakers and their contributions of sweet delights. This year, we are requesting homemade

desserts such as frosted cakes, cupcakes, brownies, fruit crisps, pies, etc., so if you haven't yet, we would love to have your favorite dessert as part of our Fish Fry meals and we will be happy to package them for you in individual dessert containers.

If you are able to volunteer, please let the school (304-465-5045) or Laura Kiliany (304-575-2172) know in advance.

Please drop-off desserts to the school by 3:00pm every Thursday prior to Fish Fry Friday.

We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!

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

The Annual Seminarian Support raffle tickets are still available for a donation of \$5.00 each. The drawing will be at the Annual Convention at the end of May. Drawings will be: 1st Place - \$1,000, 2nd Place - \$500 and 3rd Place - (3) \$100 winners.

If anyone has a piggy bank that the Knights passed out for Advent giving would you please return them now. They are needed for another event. Thank you.

Thank you to all the Knights who helped with the Fish Fry clean up.

SSPP Ladies Guild

All ladies of the parish are invited for fellowship, food and fun at the Ladies Guild meeting on Tuesday April 1st at 6:00p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please plan to come and bring a friend! See you there.



Lenten Fish Dinner



SSPP School

Drive-Thru Curbside Only

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

ALL Fridays of Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4 & 11

Flounder	\$12.00	Child Fish or	
Shrimp	\$13.00	Shrimp	\$7.00
Combo	\$14.00	Child Pizza	\$5.00

Dinners include:

*Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Slaw,
Dessert and Bread*

Drive-Thru Curbside Only

Cash/Checks Accepted

All proceeds benefit

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School.

The Catholic Youth Group of
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Presents

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



Photo by Steve Piro

Palm Sunday, April 13

7:00 pm

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All are Welcome!

**We adore you, O Christ and we praise you.
Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

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



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



**Camp
Carlo
2025**



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

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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”

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

Franciscus

Walk With One / Invite One Back

Spiritual Preparation

1. **PRAY DAILY** for persons you know to respond to Christ's gift of faith.
2. **Fast Weekly** from a meal, internet, video games, or other wholesome activity to back up your prayer.
3. **Offer to God** your good works and sufferings on behalf of those for whom you are praying.

Practical Application

1. **Ask God** for opportunities to speak of your faith to persons who will listen.
2. **Tell Why** following Jesus Christ and belonging to His Church matter to you. You're an expert on your faith life.
3. **Offer Help** if the person needs it: prayer, a Catholic website, a pamphlet or book, or a talk with a priest.



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Peace starts here

Healing After Abortion

Confidential, compassionate help is available.

Call 888-456-HOPE (4673) to speak to someone who will listen and help or visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



Lenten Season

During these 40 days let's focus on what we get to do, because we love God.

Lent is a time to be a doer – giving and giving up. From Ash Wednesday on, we are to pray, fast, and give alms as an act of penance, because we love God. All of these sacrifices and mortifications of the faithful are not in vain. Remember what St. Paul said in a letter to the Romans (5:3-4): sufferings produce endurance; endurance produces character; and character produces hope.

PRAYER: Give yourself time to commit to prayer. Pray wholeheartedly not only for our own needs, but also give up time to pray for the needs of others. Come to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Sacrament. Commit one hour every week this season for Adoration. Check the bulletin for Adoration times.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Give yourself a mindset refresh and be confident and fearless in your fasting with the ultimate purpose – preparation for eternity. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – taking only one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal. The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting. Catholics from age 18 to 59 are requested to fast.

Abstinence on every Friday of Lent. Abstinence is refraining from eating meat and is mandatory for everyone older than 14 years. Give up listening to the many negative voices and our own doubts and anxiety. Fast from meat, yes, but fast too from being judgmental, selfish, and too busy.

ALMSGIVING: Give in love. Prayerfully consider where God is guiding you to give up your treasure to help another. Be mindful of the needs in your community, parish, and parish school. In our parish we have Catholic Sharing Appeal which is seeking to raise funds for Outdoor Digital Sign Boards and to improve lighting on our School Campus & Parking Lot.