

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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Easter Sunday March 31, 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.

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. Mar. 30 Easter Vigil**
8:00p.m. For our Parish Family
 O.C.I.A. candidates received into Church
- Sun. Mar. 31 Easter Sunday**
 8:00a.m. †Trish Blake
 req. by Debbie Hatcher
 10:30a.m. †John Divita Jr. req. by Bracken Family
- Mon. Apr. 1 No Mass**
- Tue. Apr. 2**
 5:30p.m. †Francis "Fran" Pollastrini
 req. by SSPP Ladies Guild
- Wed. Apr. 3**
 8:30a.m. †Nancy Kay Johnson
 req. by Cindy Everly
- Thur. Apr. 4**
 5:30p.m. †James Lagos
 req. by Alan & Kathryn Wickline
 6:00p.m. **Adoration**
- Fri. Apr. 5**
 8:30a.m. †Susan C. Harlan
 req. by SSPP Ladies Guild
- 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

Easter message from your Pastor

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

We spent time in Lent examining the dark rooms of 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.

2024 Lent has also been a time to recognize that in addition to our personal struggles of life, there are still worries such as wars, corruption and attack on the Christian family.

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 coming resurrection, 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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for April 6/7

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Saturday 6, 5:30p.m.</u> Maddox Gerencer Trace Rosiek	Scott Vargo	Brenda Vargo Rebecca Stinnett John & Susan Woods	Paula Lagos Randy Rosiek Tom Gerencer
<u>Sunday 7, 8:00a.m.</u> Blake & Brandt Kemlock	Aaron Kemlock	Anthony Gerard Debbie Garvin Kathryn Wickline	Debbie Hatcher Dianne Murphy
<u>Sunday 7, 10:30a.m.</u> Natalie Craddock Adriana & Natalia Ibarra	Alison Ibarra	Jose Ibarra Eddie Chornobay Art Gonzales, Judy Conner	Herman Hundley Gemma White

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute



This Week: 2 New Donations

This year our CSA goal is for the repair of the school roof and Church portico. Our assigned goal is \$16,335.

The day of our Lord's resurrection, Easter Sunday is here. By now you have

made your contributions, your sacrifices to CSA for our parish. **Thank you!** If you haven't, it's not too late.

Donations received: 17 Total raised to date: \$1,595

++R.I.P.++

We give our prayerful support and condolences to the family members and friends of Francis Marcelus Pollastrini who passed away on March 20, 2024. May he experience perfect peace and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us also extend our condolences to his wife Rebecca, son Jodie, and other family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him! May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



Ladies Guild

The Saints Peter & Paul Ladies Guild will meet Tuesday, April 2nd, at 6pm in the school cafeteria. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please join us for fellowship, fun and food.



Who is your parish sending?

2 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. Parish will sponsor one representative. **Sponsorship will be 100%**

Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Mar. 23/24, 2024

Attendance: 269

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$2,825.54
Online	\$ 570.00
School	\$ 0.00
School Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Votives	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Second Collection -	
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$ 0.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 600.00
Give Love ~ Live Love	\$ 1,145.00

Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family

Have a Blessed Easter!

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White

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

The Knights did a fantastic job of ringing the bells for Palm Sunday and Palm Sunday Vigil.

Jack Walsh, asset advisor from the Abbate Agency will be with us to assist & answer questions on April 17th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting.

Corn Hole: Every Sunday after Easter, when the weather is nice stop by the rectory lawn after the 10:30 Mass and enjoy a friendly game of corn hole. In the month of May we will start to have competitions. So, get your family & ministry group teams formed!

❤️ This Week - 5 New Donations \$1,145 ❤️

Lenten Sacrificial Love

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.

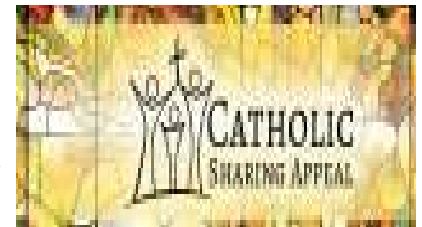
In the first phase our purpose is to raise \$50,000.

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.

Thank you to all who have donated their Lenten sacrifices.

If we reach \$50,000, the donor will match \$50,000. We need \$30,000 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: 34 ❤️ Total raised to date: \$19,594.71



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.**

The Year of Parish Revival

School News

On Wednesday, the school participated in an Easter egg hunt. All the students had a blast! I would like to thank all those who volunteered with the event.

We will be on Easter break and the School will resume on Monday, April 8.

New Enrollment: 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.hopescholarshipwv.com.

CHRIST IS RISEN

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 Catholic church. If you have questions bring them.

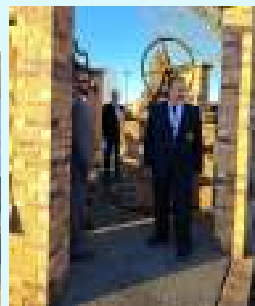
All are welcome

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

Palm Sunday



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.

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.

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>

Pope's Prayer Intention for April For the formation of religious and seminarians

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.



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).



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.

SSPP Prayer Chain

Contact: If anyone is sick, hospitalized or just needs prayers, please call or text Paula Lagos @ 304-731-8889 (cell) or 304-574-3310.



Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:15am-10:15am

Come join us!

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



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



WE NEED A NEW ROOF!



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



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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 an 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 Procession 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 [NEW INTERACTIVE MAP](#). Click on any of the routes to see exactly where and when this once-in-a-lifetime Eucharistic procession will be.

