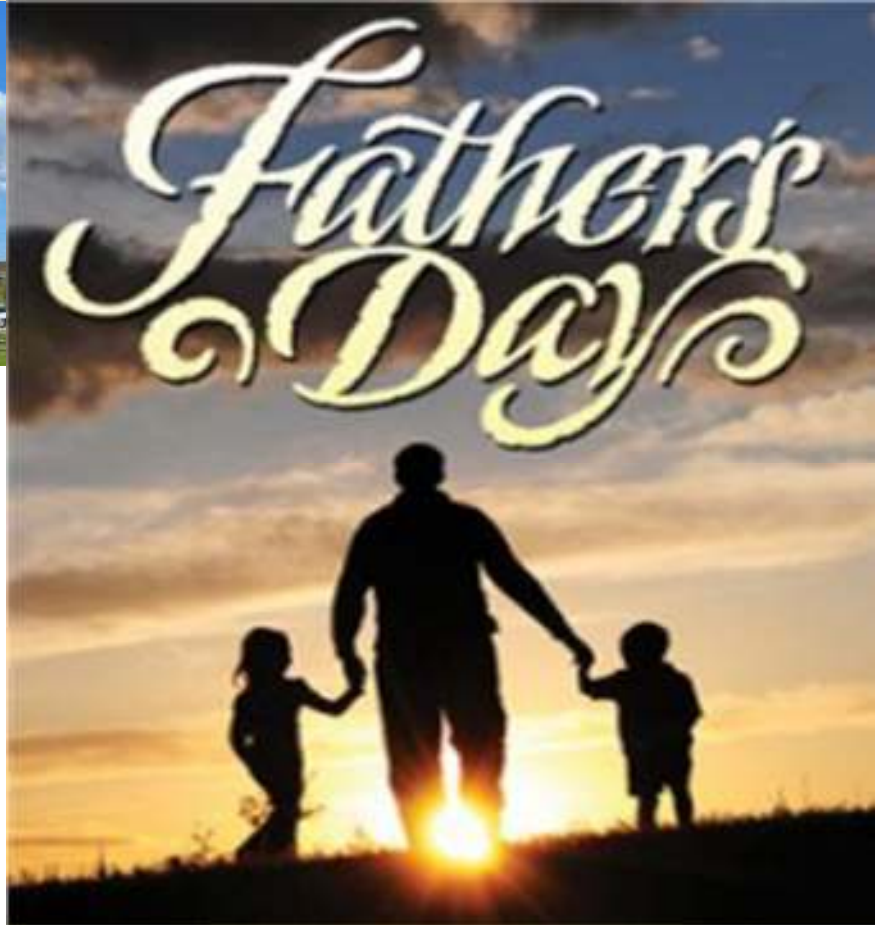


# Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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<http://www.ssppccatholic.org>

**School Mailing Address:**  
123 Elmore St., Oak Hill, WV 25901

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 16, 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

**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. June 15 Vigil**  
 5:30p.m. †Harold D. & Elsa Bragg  
 req. by Anthony & Ann Gerard

**Sun. June 16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00a.m. Good Health of Gloria Demasi  
 req. by Dena Turner

10:30a.m. For the Blessings to Rev. Shinu Lukose  
 req. by Ladies Guild

**Mon. June 17 - Wed. 19 No Mass**

**Thu. June 20**  
 5:30p.m. †Jeff Rosiek  
 req. by Alan & Kathryn Wickline

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

**Fri. June 21**  
**5:30p.m.** Good Health of Don Peterson  
 req. by Lloyd & Susie Nutter

**Sat. June 22 Vigil**  
 5:30p.m. †Barbara Vranik  
 req. by Terry & Sally Shay

**Sun. June 23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00a.m. †Vincent Perera  
 req. by Lionel M. Perera

10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Saints Peter & Paul Parish will be celebrating all weekday Masses at 5:30p.m. until school is back in session in August.



**Father's Day**  
**Mass and Luncheon**

We are inviting all Fathers of our parish along with their dear ones on Sunday, June 16 for the Holy Mass at 10:30a.m. and for a special blessing followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria. There will be surprise gifts and fun to be had as well. **All are welcome.**

***Thank You Rev. Shinu Lukose***

Rev. Shinu Lukose, CST, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. James Parish in Charles Town, WV and St. Peter Chapel in Harpers Ferry with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 19, 2024. It is with much hope that we say goodbye. We hope you will find your way back to us for visits. May God grant you his grace and peace in your new parish appointments. We enjoyed your time with us.



**Welcome to Saints Peter & Paul Parish**



Deacon William Richard Allen, II is appointed permanent deacon at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley and Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Oak Hill and to liturgical ministry at the same parishes, effective June 7, 2024. He will be with us on the weekend of June 22nd & 23rd with a reception after each Mass for an informal meet & greet. We welcome him to our parish family.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule for June 22/23**

<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	<b>Extraordinary E.M.</b>
<b><u>Saturday 22, 5:30p.m.</u></b> Maddox Gerencer Adalynn Ince	Scott Vargo	Rebecca Stinnett Curtis Richards	Tom Gerencer Emma Davis Steve Morel
<b><u>Sunday 23, 8:00a.m.</u></b> Blake & Brandt Kemlock	Robert Littreal	Debbie Garvin Kathryn Wickline	Aaron Kemlock E.M. needed
<b><u>Sunday 23, 10:30a.m.</u></b> Tripton Kiliany Adriana & Natalia Ibarra	Alison Ibarra	Jose Ibarra Ron Sheehan Fred Neudek Art Gonzales	Herman Hundley Gemma White

**If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute**

## Invite One Back Initiative

### Evangelization Team

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to “Reach Out” to parishioners who have not returned since covid. 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. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. The meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 26, at 6:00p.m.**

#### Forms of Evangelization:

Phone call

Door to door

Written note of invitation



*Find one to suit you!*

#### Follow up:

Phone call expressing the blessing to parish to see them once again.



Written note of thanksgiving for returning to Mass.

**Note:** We also welcome input from parishioners who don’t wish to volunteer as a team member but may contribute names of those whose faces we don’t see in the parish anymore. **This information is vital to the Invite One Back Initiative.** Information can be placed in offering basket or by notifying office at 304-465-5445.



**Save the Date: Sunday, August 11th, 4:00p.m.**  
**Saints Peter & Paul Parish Picnic**

SSPP Parish will be celebrating the end of summer vacation with a parish picnic!

**Where:** SSPP school grounds/cafeteria

**Food:** Potluck for side dishes, everyone bring your families favorite dish or ethnic dinner.

Hamburgers & Hotdogs, buns & drinks provided by SSPP ladies guild.

**Fun & Games:** There will be basketball hoops, corn hole contests, light up lawn darts, and many other games. A lot of fun and prizes.

**Children** will have exciting games just for you.

## Last Week’s Attendance & Giving

June 8/9, 2024

Attendance: 234

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$2,493.00
Online	\$ 385.00
School	\$ 0.00
School Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 115.00
Votives	\$ 61.00
Second Collection Peter’s Pence	\$ 774.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 500.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Catholic Sharing	\$ 0.00
Give Love Live Love	\$10,000.00

Thank you for your generous support



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast Sunday, June 30 from 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Pancakes, bacon & sausage, milk, juice & coffee will be the menu, with donations accepted. All donations will go to Saints Peter & Paul School. Come enjoy good food and great fellowship. All are welcome.

### Adult Bible Study

Sundays 9:15am-10:15a.m. in the Fr. Moore Room  
Come join us!

### Gifts to the Altar:

If you have a weekend Mass scheduled for a loved one, please advise the Ushers, before Mass, that you are available to carry the gifts to the Altar.



If your family has a game that you think it may be enjoyable for parish picnic, bring it along. Let’s make this a memorable summer picnic for everyone.

**For Corn Hole competition,** team’s registration fee is \$2.00. Winners will get 70% and runners up will get the remaining.



## GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign



The purpose of this campaign is for the repair of the school roof and a new Church portico.

In the first phase our goal is to raise \$50,000 by July 4th.

When we reach \$50,000, an anonymous donor will match \$50,000. **We only need \$6,000 more!**

Our goal: \$300,000



Donations received: 84



Total raised to date: \$44,094.41

Thank you to all who have donated!



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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Sts. Peter & Paul Church has named Cindy Everly 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**

**Knights News:** Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White  
1-405-812-5448 [Rickyd.white@gmail.com](mailto:Rickyd.white@gmail.com)

Bill Hagy from Catholic Charities will be here on Thursday, June 20th at noon down in the cafeteria to give a presentation of local and statewide activities. He is also in charge of the hygiene pantry which he helped us start here. Desserts, water and ice tea will be served. You don't have to be a Knight to attend. All are welcome!

Don't forget to turn in piggy banks!

**Food & Hygiene Pantry:**

Items are available for everyone. Hours are 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Contact: Anthony Gerard at 304-673-1054.

**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 [ww.ssppcatholic.org](http://ww.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. To apply, please visit [hopescholarshipwv.com](http://hopescholarshipwv.com).



**OCIA Class:** Our first meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 1st., 9:15a.m. - 10:00a.m. All interested persons are requested to schedule to meet with Rev. Jojan Joseph as soon as possible to begin any needed paperwork.

The ladies Guild will be kicking off a **Gift Card Basket** raffle at the Father's Day luncheon on June 16th. At this time there are over \$600 in a wide array of gift cards, including a \$100 gas card ! Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. You could be the lucky winner. The purpose of this fundraising is for funding of parish activities. The drawing date will be on Sunday, August 11 at the Parish picnic.



**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

~ Book of Blessings



**Invitation for New Altar Servers**

There will be a training on **Sunday, June 16 after 8:00a.m. Mass.** For the first day of training please come with your parents.  
~Andre Re

**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**

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Dad Handsome  
 Father Strong  
 Grandpa Helpful  
 God Love  
 Joseph Protector  
 Caring Role Model

Honor thy Father

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# Camp Carlo

Eucharist	Swimming	Campfire	Tent Camping
Horseback Riding	Hiking	Canoeing	Creek Stomping
Giant Swing	Rock Wall	Crafts	Confession

Interested in a Catholic Summer Camp?  
 Grow in your faith while having fun outdoors with LOTS of FUN ACTIVITIES! Register today at [campcarlovv.org](http://campcarlovv.org).

June 30th - July 6th  
 July 7th - July 13th  
 July 14th - July 20th  
 July 21st - July 27th



## “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  
 Franciscus

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS ~ BURNING WITH LOVE FOR US

For the month of June and especially on June 7th the Church celebrates the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing that Christ loves us despite our failures. No matter how broken we are, and no matter how unworthy we tell ourselves we are, God loves us unconditionally. Never lose sight of his Passion, suffering, death, and Resurrection. Never lose sight of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - it burns with His love for us!



## PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

*O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,  
I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins.*

*I offer you this poor heart of mine.*

*Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.*

*Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.*

*Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;  
give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,  
your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.*

*Within your heart I place my every care.*

*In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,*

*Heart of Jesus, help me.*

*Amen.*

# MATERNAL IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



On June 8th the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The flame emanating from her maternal heart burns with love for Jesus and for all of us.

Mary's Immaculate heart is often illustrated pierced by a sword

representing Mary's sorrow at Jesus' suffering, while roses symbolize her Immaculate Conception, sinlessness, and purity. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the heart is "the depths of one's being, where the person decides for or against God" (CCC 368).

The Church teaches us that the Immaculate Heart of Mary signifies, first of all, the great manifested in her "Yes"

to the Father at the Incarnation; her love for the Son of God in His redemptive mission; and her obedience to the Holy Spirit, enabling her to remain free of the stain of personal sin throughout her life. Mary's Immaculate Heart, therefore, points us to her profound interior life, where she experienced both joys and sorrows, yet remained faithful, as we, too, are called to do.

*O Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of goodness, show your love towards us. Let the flame of your heart, O Mary, descend on all people. We love you immensely. Impress true love in our hearts so that we have a continuous desire for you. O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin. You know that all men sin. Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health. Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart. Amen.*



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.

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

## UPCOMING DATES

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



# STS. PETER AND PAUL

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June 29th

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## **St. Peter**

Saint Peter, the first of the apostles and a fervent lover of Christ, merited to hear these words: I say to you that you are Peter, for he had said: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Christ said: And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. On this rock I will build the faith that you now confess, and on your words: You are Christ, the Son of the living God, I will build my Church. For you are Peter, and the name Peter comes from *petra*, the word for "rock," and not vice versa. "Peter" comes, therefore, from *petra*, just as "Christian" comes from Christ.

As you are aware, Jesus chose his disciples before His passion and called them apostles; and among these almost everywhere Peter alone deserved to represent the entire Church. And because of that role which he alone had, he merited to hear the words: To you I shall give the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. For it was not one man who received the keys, but the entire Church considered as one. Now insofar as he represented the unity and universality of the Church, Peter's preeminence is clear from the words: To you I give, for what was given was given to all. For the fact that it was the Church that received the keys of the kingdom of God is clear from what the Lord says elsewhere to all the apostles: Receive the Holy Spirit, adding immediately, whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, and whose sins you retain, they are retained.

Rightly then did the Lord after His resurrection entrust Peter with the feeding of His sheep. Yet he was not the only disciple to merit the feeding of the Lord's sheep; but Christ in speaking only to one suggests the unity of all; and so He speaks to Peter, because Peter is first among the apostles. Therefore, do not be disheartened, Peter; reply once, reply twice, reply a third time. The triple confession of your love is to regain what was lost three times by your fear. You must loose three times what you bound three times; untie by love that which your fear binds. Once, and again, and a third time did the Lord entrust His sheep to Peter.

## **St. Paul**

The Apostle Paul is one of the great missionaries of the early church. Paul, then known as Saul, vowed to wipe out belief in Jesus Christ. After a vision he was converted to do the work of Jesus. Paul authored many of the books in the New Testament. He endured repeated attacks on his life, sickness, and rejection to bring the message of God's grace and forgiveness to Gentiles. Paul spoke before Jews, Greeks, and Romans. Paul is known as the apostle to the Gentiles. He defended God's Word before kings and emperors of this world. By the end of his life, thanks to Paul's journeys, much of the Mediterranean world had been reached with the gospel.

Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one, and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

Provided courtesy of:  
Eternal Word Television Network

# 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: 84**

**Total raised to date: \$44,094.41**







# NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

## Be Part of this Historic Event!

*The pilgrimage comes to the Northern  
Panhandle of West Virginia June 20-24*

FROM THE EAST

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route



### Welcome perpetual pilgrims to the Mountain State!

Gather with them for Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, praise and worship, and special programs as they share their experiences. Watch the Eucharistic Procession on the Ohio River led by Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul J. Bradley and receive a blessing. Pilgrimage events are open to all! Full schedule is on the right.



### Participating Northern Panhandle Parishes

#### *Weirton:*

St. Joseph the Worker  
Sacred Heart of Mary  
St. Paul's

#### *Wheeling:*

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
St. Alphonsus



For more information, visit:

[www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route)

### Pilgrimage Events

#### Thursday, June 20, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

*St. Joseph the Worker Church:* Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

*Eucharistic Procession* from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow—begins at 9:30 a.m.

*Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims* at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon

*Eucharistic Adoration* with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

#### Friday, June 21

*Morning Mass* with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m.

*Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims* at Sacred Heart of Mary—9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, June 23

#### "Put Out into the Deep" on the Ohio River!"

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boatercade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazerowski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio.

*Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling*—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

*All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil*—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

#### Monday, June 24

*Mass at the cathedral* celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

*Solemn Eucharistic Procession* through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.



# 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.

