Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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SCHOOL STAFF:

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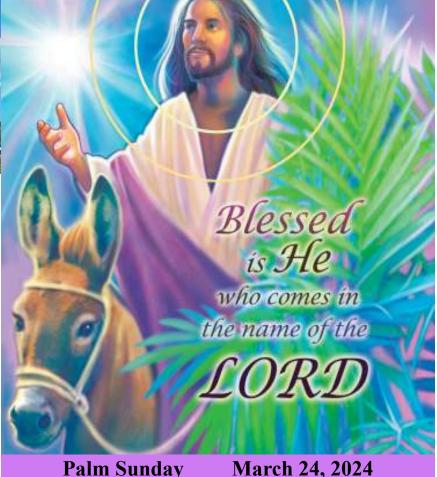
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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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March 24, 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. 23 Vigil - Palm Sunday

4:15 -5:00p.m. Adoration

5:30p.m. For our Parish Family

Sun. Mar. 24 Palm Sunday

8:00a.m. †Gina Demasi req. by Dena Turner

10:30a.m. †Elizabeth LaRocco

reg. by Craddock Family

7:00p.m. Living Stations of the Cross In Silhouette

Mon. Mar. 25 Chrism Mass at Charleston 4:00pm

Tue. Mar. 26

5:00p.m. **Adoration**

5:30p.m. †John Alexander

req. by Knights of Columbus

Wed. Mar. 27 School Mass

8:00a.m. **Adoration**

8:30a.m. †Davey Evans Jr. req. by Leon Jarosz

Thur. Mar. 28 Holy Thursday

5:30p.m. For our Parish Family

Washing of the Feet

Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri. Mar. 29 Good Friday

2:00p.m. Living Stations of the Cross In Silhouette

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

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

Lenten / Passiontide Calendar 2024

Living Stations

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:00p.m. Good Friday, March 29 at 2:00p.m.

Holy Thursday March 28 - 5:30p.m.

Washing of the Feet Repose of the Blessed Sacrament Repository open until 8:00p.m.

Good Friday March 29

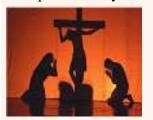
Living Stations of the Cross—2:00p.m. 5:30p.m. Service & Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil - 8:00p.m. Saturday Evening Easter Sunday - 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.

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

The Living Stations of the Cross In Silhouette presented by SSPP Catholic Youth Group

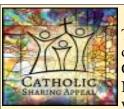


Palm Sunday March 24th 7:00 pm

Good Friday March 29th 2:00 pm

Saint's Peter & Paul Church

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Mar. 30/31				
Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.	
Saturday 30, 8:00p.m.		Brenda Vargo		
Kennedy O'Neal		Rebecca Stinnett	Emma Davis	
Magnolia Campbell	Randy Rosiek	John & Susan Woods	Steve Morel	
Sunday 31, 8:00a.m.			Kathy Alexander	
		Fred Neudek, Jim Jones	Keylie Alexander	
Brandt & Blake Kemlock	Aaron Kemlock	Jose Ibarra, Ron Sheehan	Dianne Murphy	
Sunday 31, 10:30a.m.				
Trace Rosiek		Judy Conner		
Adalynn Ince		Eddie Chornobay	Herman Hundley	
CJ Wickline	Herman Hundley	Art Gonzales	Paula Lagos	
If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute				



This Week: No New Donations

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

Now into Passiontide, the final two weeks of Lent, it's time to make those

pledges, your sacrifices to CSA for our parish!

Donations received: 15 Total raised to date: \$1,145

Second Collection March 29, 2024

Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection Support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works.

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

If you or a family member is a veteran or currently serving in the military, drop off your 4x6 picture in a plain black frame. Don't forget to attach your name and rank. The Honor Wall represents the people who serve our country Eucharistic past & present. We thank you all!

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!





Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Mar. 16/17, 2024

Attendance: 207

Regular Collection Combined Masses

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Weekly Offering		,529.00		
Online	\$	205.00		
School	\$	100.00		
School Maintenance	\$	00.00		
Parish Maintenance		140.00		
Votives	\$	39.25		
Holy Thursday	\$	0.00		
Holy Land - Good Friday		0.00		
Easter Flowers		20.00		
Second Collection -				
Priest Retirement Fund	\$	75.00		
Mass Stipends	\$	10.00		
Give Love ~ Live Love		,670.00		
Thank you for your generous support				

Revival



Who is your parish sending? 2 Week Extension for sign-up!

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%

to our Parish Family

Thank You Mike Kemlock for facilitating the

Confirmation Retreat for our SSPP youth and Debbie Garvin & Reggie Dodd for preparation of the food.





This Week - 4 New Donations \$1,670



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 by Easter.

This Lenten season, I request all of you through fasting and abstinence (Good Friday) donate that amount to GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE in order to reach our goal. You may choose a piggy bank, an envelope or both, for submitting your Lenten Sacrificial love.

Have you submitted your Give Love ~ Live Love Lenten sacrificial love gift yet?

If we reach \$50,000, the 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, parish office building & Church portico. ~Parish Finance Council





Our goal: \$300,000 Donations received: 29 Total raised to date: \$18,449.71



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.

School News

Congratulations to Kennedy O'Neal and Rory Haynie on their Regional Social Studies Fair achievement! Kennedy received second place in her category and Rory received first place. Rory will now move on to the State competition.

A big THANK YOU to all who supported our Fish Fry! We cannot thank everyone enough for volunteering, baking, and buying dinners! A big thanks to our Fish Fry committee who organized everything: Joe Re, Sandy Smith, Chris & Laura Kiliany.

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.

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.

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.

Triduum Customs The Triduum is marked by a variety of customs and rituals observed worldwide such as washing of the feet, empty tabernacle, stripping of the altar, altar of the repose, Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal candle, etc.



Adoration of the Cross: On Good Friday the faithful venerate the Cross, either by kissing or genuflecting. This act of reverence serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.

Easter fire and lighting of the Paschal candle:

Paschal candle:
The Easter Vigil
begins with the
lighting of a new
fire, symbolizing
the light of Christ
overcoming darkness. From this fire,
the Paschal Candle
is lit, symbolizing
the risen Christ.
Then processed into the church and
individual candles
are lit from it.

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21-23, 2024 St. Joseph Retreat Center,





The Office of Consecrated Life presents a discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18 and over. In a world that lacks moments of silence and reflection it can be easy for us to ignore our callings. Join us and take this time to get to know yourself, your heart, and how Christ is working in your life.

- Retreat is free.
- Be with other discerning women.
- Register now space is limited!







To Register/More Info:

Sister Martha Gomez, RGS, mgomez@dwc.org

Office of Consecrated Life (304)233-0880 ext. 264





In order to register, engaged couple must be referred by pastor or deacon who is assisting them in preparation for their marriage.

Register online at Wheelingtheir pastor, associate 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

HOLY THURSDAY is the day that Jesus gave us the gift of the priesthood, the model of selfless love, and the institution of the Eucharist the source and summit of our life as Christians. At the washing of the Jesus said; "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand later" John 13:7.

PLEASE NOTIFY US:

If a family member is hospitalized, homebound or in an area nursing home, I would love to bring Holy Communion to those parish members who cannot come to us. Rev. Jojan Joseph

Adult Bible Study Sundays 9:15am-10:15am Come join us!

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.





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, during this Lenten season \$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

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



Our Parish Goal of CSA: \$16,335

The Catholic Youth Group of

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Presents

The Living Stations of the Cross In Silhouette



Photo by Store Place

Palm Sunday, March 24th
7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29th
2:00pm

SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church
All are welcome!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.



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.

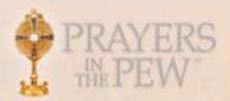
Want examples of packages for pilgrims from other dioceses? Comparison price per person based on double room occupancy – ours is \$1,119: Archdiocese of Milwaukee double occupancy costs \$1,150, Diocese of Grand Rapids Michigan \$1,299; and Diocese of Saginaw \$1,299.

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/



PRAYERS National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – March 2024

During the National Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded of our need to be spiritually prepared to receive our Eucharistic Lord. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus discovered Him in the breaking of bread.



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EUCHARISTIC FAST

Eucharistic Saint

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769 -1852) – This French nun was a Sacred Heart Sister who came to evangelize the Native American tribes in the mission territory of St. Louis, Missouri. She could not learn the native languages so she spent countless hours praying before the Eucharist for the other missionary sisters instead. The Indians gave her the name of "The Woman Who Prays Always."

Back to Basics

THE EUCHARISTIC FAST: Bodily fasting before receiving a spiritual gift has a long history in our tradition. Moses fasted for forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments (Ex 34:28), and the prophet Elijah journeyed for forty days through the desert before his experience of God on the mountain (I Kgs 19:8).

The Eucharistic Fast has the same effect on us: it prepares us to be worthy vessels in which to receive our Eucharistic Lord. Canon Law states: "One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion." (Canon 919)

Physical mortification before receiving Communion makes us spiritually receptive to His grace.

Faith in Action



Two Exceptions – If a priest must celebrate more than one Mass in a day, he is obliged to keep the Eucharistic fast only before the first Mass. Likewise, the elderly, the sick, and those who care for them may receive Communion if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

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).

"May my heart ever hunger for Thee and be nourished by Thee, whose sight the angels desire; may my innermost soul be filled by the sweetness of thy savor and ever thirst for Thee, the fount of life, the fount of wisdom and science, the fount of eternal life, the torrent of joy, the plentitude of the house of God. ~ St. Bonaventure

National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Make sure to keep up to date on the National Eucharistic Revival at the Bishops' central website: <u>www.EucharisticRevival.org</u>. For news on the upcoming Eucharistic Congress, please see <u>www.eucharisticcongress.org</u>. You can also get the <u>Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Cards</u> at <u>www.SitStandKneel.com</u> for great evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!



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.

