

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901



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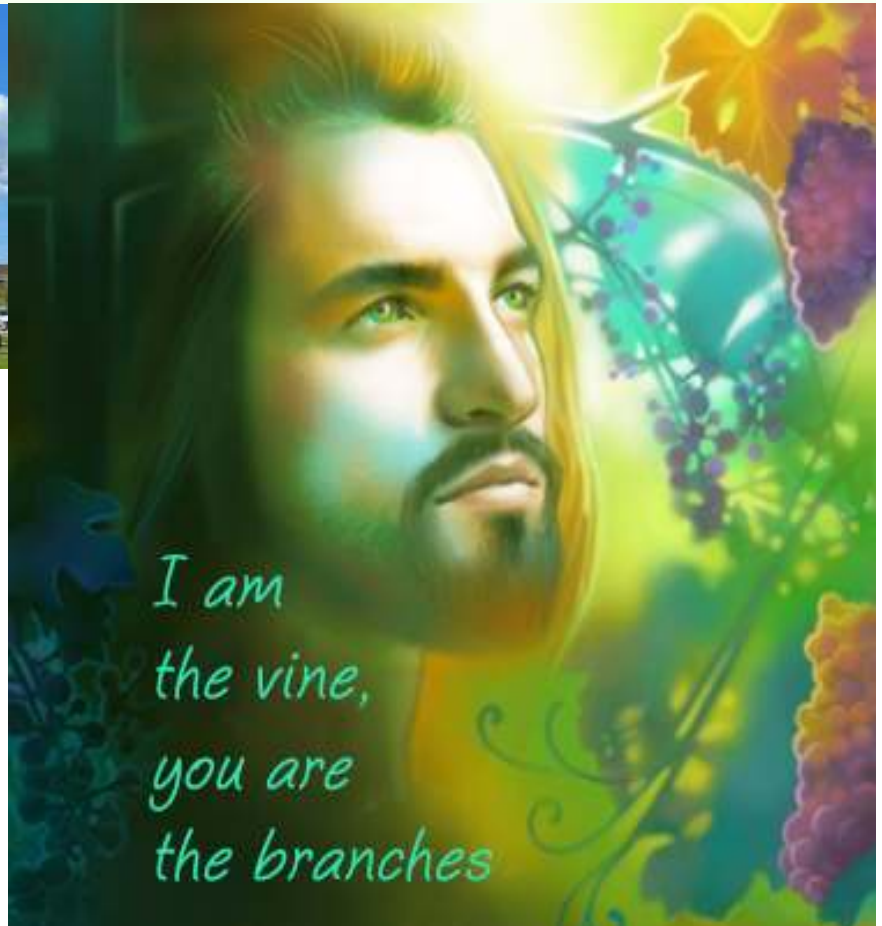
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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. Apr. 27 Vigil

5:30p.m. †Delancy & Hope Caldwell
req. by Ron Sheehan

Sun. Apr. 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †John & Betty Jane Schulte
req. by Kathy Bracken
10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family

Mon. Apr. 29 No Mass

Tue. Apr. 30

5:30p.m. †James Lagos
req. by Joe & Debbie Voloski & Joe Mike

Wed. May 1 School Mass

8:30a.m. †Anna Sheehan
req. by Alan & Kathryn Wickline

Thur. May 2

5:30p.m. †Carol Anderson
req. by Glenn & Dianne Murphy
6:00p.m. **Adoration**

Fri. May 3

8:30a.m. †Duane E. Neely
req. by SSPP Ladies Guild

Sat. May 4 Vigil

5:30p.m. †Barbara Vranik
req. by Terry & Sally Shay

Sun. May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. For Our Parish Family
10:30a.m. †Cheryl & Hiram Bartlett
req. by Family



First Holy Communion will be May 5, at the 10:30a.m. Mass. Our First Holy Communicants are Katelyn Isabella Boles, Emmeline Elizabeth Campbell, Ivy Brynn Keffer, Allison Marie Light, Maryanne Rose Pritt, Nicholas Alan Ruskin, Jack Dylan Sullivan & Gianna Yvonne Tonelli. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Our First Holy Communion students will also be crowning our Blessed Mother Mary at this time as we honor Mary, Queen of Heaven in the month of May.



Recognition Mass

We are inviting all our graduates (High School, College & University Graduates) on Saturday May 4, at 5:30p.m Mass for a time to recognize your achievements and thank our Lord.

Please contact Parish Office, Laura Kiliany or Megan Gilkerson to be added to the list and return or mail the completed form to the parish office.

Our Parish community would like to applaud your success and join you in prayer for your future plans. Please come and participate in your Graduation Gown & Cap.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for May 4/5

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Saturday 4, 5:30p.m.</u>		Rebecca Stinnett	Tom Gerencer
Maddox Gerencer		Curtis Richards	Steve Morel
Kennedy O'Neal	Scott Vargo	Susan Woods,	Emma Davis
<u>Sunday 5, 8:00a.m.</u>		Anthony Gerard	Aaron Kemlock
		Debbie Garvin	Kathy Alexander
Brandt & Blake Kemlock	Robert Littreal	Kathryn Wickline	Keylie Alexander
<u>Sunday 5, 10:30a.m.</u>		Judy Conner	
Natalie Craddock, Magnolia		Fred Neudek	
Campbell, CJ Wickline,		Ron Sheehan	Gemma White
Jackson & Lilly Pino	Anthony Gerard	Eddie Chornobay	Paula Lagos

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute

Invite One Back Initiative

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. 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. So far we have three volunteers. We are still looking for five more.

++R.I.P.++

We give our prayerful support and condolences to the family members and friends of Arley "Wilma" Moore who passed away on April 14, 2024. May she experience perfect peace and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us also extend our condolences to her son Dennis Moore and granddaughter Angela Littreal, Robert, Cory and Gracie.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her! May her soul rest in peace. Amen



1 New Gift

As you know, this years CSA goal is for the repair of the school roof and a Church portico. Our assigned goal is \$16,335. It is now the Fifth Sunday of Easter and how blessed is our parish. We have so much to be thankful for. We make sacrifices daily to our Lord on behalf of our parish, family and friends, even to strangers. As Catholics, we are called to give of ourselves! CSA is just one avenue of giving.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

Gifts received: 18 Total raised to date: \$4,195

Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Apr. 20/21, 2024

Attendance: 270

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$2,915.00
Online	\$ 620.00
School	\$ 25.00
School Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Votives	\$ 16.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 40.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 566.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 0.00
Give Love ~ Live Love	\$ 992.88

Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family



The SSPP Ladies Guild will meet Tuesday, May 7th, at 6pm in the school cafeteria following Mass. We have a lot of plans to make for a successful summer here at Saints Peter and Paul. All ladies of the parish are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Mother's Day Mass and Luncheon

We are inviting all the Mothers of our parish along with their dear ones on Sunday, May 12 for the Holy Mass at 10:30a.m. followed by a luncheon in the school cafeteria. There will be a special blessing and surprise gifts. It is a special day for all Mothers, so please stop in and be appreciated. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, that we may have a head count for food preparation. All are welcome.



This Week - 2 New Donations \$992.88

GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign

Our Parish will receive 100% of your donation.

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

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



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

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

If we reach \$50,000, the donor will match \$50,000. We only need \$23,000 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: 67



Total raised to date: 27, 019.72



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**



SS. Peter and Paul School, will be participating in its annual fundraiser called One Mission One Day on May 7, 2024. If you would like to assist our school in meeting its needs, envelopes are located in the back of the church. **You may drop your envelope in the collection basket, our mailbox, or in person.** You may also donate online at www.onemissiononeday.org and find our school in the list of schools within our Diocese. Online giving will open early on April 30 and will close at midnight on May 7. As always, we appreciate your prayers and support for our school.

School News

Saints Peter & Paul School is seeking an elementary school teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Candidate should have a bachelor's degree preferably in education. Applicant needs to be able to create lesson plans and implement curriculum that align with state standards, have a passion for teaching, and support students in their academics. Qualified applicants should have teaching certification or be willing to pursue certification.

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. To apply, please visit hopescholarshipwv.com.



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

There is a sign-up sheet for men of the parish to help with the Mothers Day luncheon in the back of the church. We need men in cafeteria to set up Sunday, May 12th at 9am.

Corn Hole: Don't forget about playing corn hole every Sunday at 11:45a.m. weather permitting!



All of our dine-in Cinco de Mayo tickets have been sold. If you would like to purchase a take-out ticket, we will be selling them after mass.

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

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

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Total raised to date: \$27,019.72



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



Our Parish Goal of CSA: \$16,335



ACADEMY ALIVE

April 29-May 4

**An unforgettable living
history experience for
learners of all ages!**

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ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES

Prayer Event Friday, May 10th – Sunday, May 12th

Month of Mary

Mother's Day Weekend



This is an international effort to have
1,000,000 Rosaries said for the following
intention:

**FOR AN END TO
THE SURGICAL AND
NON-SURGICAL KILLING
OF UNBORN HUMAN PERSONS**



For more information about this event or to register, see
www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.

It is important to know the number of Rosaries that will be said over the three days. Please e-mail
Rosaries4theUnborn@yahoo.com with the number of Rosaries you pledge to pray.



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



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



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, Mazeroski 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.

For more information, visit:

www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route



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.



SAVE THE DATE:
May 7, 2024
OneMissionOneDay.org

Support West Virginia Catholic Schools!
 #OneMissionOneDay

Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
 ONE MISSION ONE DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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 campcarlowv.org.

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

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

