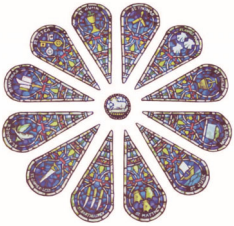


February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

(304) 242-0406 Website: www.saintvincentparish.org

Parish e-mail: info@saintvincentparish.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Closed Friday

Masses this Weekend

Saturday, Feb. 20 (1st Sunday of Lent/Vigil)

5:00 pm All the People of the Parish

Sunday, Feb. 21 (1st. Sunday of Lent)

9:00 am Chester Giza

11:30 am Frances Benson

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday, Feb. 27 (2nd Sunday of Lent/Vigil)

5:00 pm Fred Chipkar (B)

Sunday, Feb. 28 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

9:00 am Ronald DiLorenzo

11:30 am All the People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Monday, Feb. 22 (Chair of St. Peter, Apostle)

8:00 am Thomas "Pete" Ricker

Tuesday, Feb. 23 (St. Polycarp, Bishop)

5:30 pm Jim Guerriero

Wednesday, Feb. 24

8:00 am Brenda Bias

Thursday, Feb. 25

5:30 pm Hazel Hudock

Friday, Feb. 26

9:00 am Debbie Vargo



Eucharistic Adoration:

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church Tuesday — from 12 pm—5pm.

CONFESSIONS:

The Sacrament of Confession is offered inside the Church in the Bell Tower area on Saturdays, from 4:00 to 4:30 pm; and Tuesday from 5:00—5:20 pm

SVS NEWS: Catholic Charities is honoring our school with the 2021 ***Charity in action Award***. This award is for service in our community. There will be a virtual Gala this year. More information will be coming. . . Congratulations to our students for their dedication to service!

LIVING STATIONS: The 8th grade class will present Living Stations this year on Friday, March 26, for the parish and their families at 6:00 pm. Due to limited space, in Church, tickets are required (there is no cost for these tickets). There will be a separate presentation for the school students only on Thursday, March 25, at 2 pm.

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR: Our Social Studies Fair was a big success. Special thanks to our judges: Larry Bandi, and Fr. Joseph Wiley.

1st Place Winners:

Jamie Loudermilk—5th grade, Superior
Addie Payton — 7th grade, Superior

All 7th graders did an outstanding job, and received Superior ratings: Chris Alkhouri
Evan Baller Jeffrey Donzella
Marcus Ludolph Monti Smith

5th Grade Superior Ratings:

Hunter Kinkade Noah Lloyd
Kendal Payton Angelene Ricci
Alexa Robrecht

We have reached
31.21% of our goal of
\$250,000 that we need to
collect by June 30.

**St. Vincent Parish
 Educational Fund (SVPEF)**

The interest from this endowment will be used to support our St. Vincent Grade School — with the goal of keeping tuition affordable for all families.

- We have over \$78,030 in contributions received.
- We have around \$150,000 in total pledges.
- The Diocese is offering a 3 to 1 match on all cash contributed to the SVPEF until June 30, 2021. For every dollar given, the Diocese will cancel three dollars of parish debt. Our parish debt to the Diocese currently stands at \$750,000. Our parish goal is to receive \$250,000 in contributions to the SVPEF by the end of June.

NOTE: All contributions remain in the endowment — the Diocese only writes off our debt. The endowment will serve as a lasting resource to our parish families.

For more information, contact the following representatives of the SVPEF:

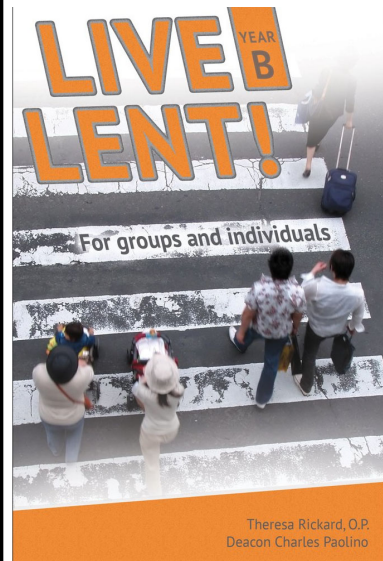
- Larry Bandi (304) 905 6262
- Bryan Minor (304) 233-0880
- Matt Padden (740) 633-5888
- Mark Peluchette (304) 547-0414
- Dave Taylor (304) 242-6663

2020 VISION SERIES AT MT. ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER:

This year, most of us are eagerly anticipating putting 2020 behind us. But there are valuable lessons to be learned from what we all have experienced which can help us as we move forward remembering that “hindsight is 2020.” St. Joseph Retreat Center is offering a year-long series aptly named *The 2020 Vision Series*. This series will be offered virtually at 7:00 pm (EST on the 4th Monday of each month through December. Cost is \$120 for the entire series or \$15 per session. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Anna Marie Troiani: atroiani@csjoseph.org

Topics include:

- February 22:** The Value of Forgiveness
- March 22:** Quarantining — the Antitheses of Service
- April 26:** Vaccinate Against Mediocrity



WHY NOT NOW?

Have you ever wished you had more time to think about the more important things in life? Why not make that time during this Lent? Why not join one of the small groups of 8 to 10 people in our parish who will meet once a week for six weeks start-

ing the week of Ash Wednesday?

When we gather, we will read Scripture, pray, and share our faith. This experience will provide more than you can imagine; it could make this the most memorable Lent in your life.

Call the parish office for more information. You can also sign up on our parish website: www.saintvincentparish.org



Lenten Evening of Reflection & Presentation of the Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join us for an evening of reflection on the Lord's Prayer, Thursday, March 4th in the Marist Hall. Beginning at 6pm, we will

gather to reflect on each of the phrases and petitions contained in the prayer that Jesus taught us. It will be a prayerful and enlightening evening! Following the reflection, there will be a concluding ceremony whereby the RCIA candidates and catechumens receive the Lord's Prayer. It will be a peaceful evening for each, as well as a great way to demonstrate our community's support of those to be baptized, confirmed and who will receive the Eucharist for the very first time. Please make plans to join us. We will ensure that there is a safe and socially distance environment.



40 CANS FOR LENT: During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the 40 Cans for Lent Food Collection. Please drop off non perishable food items in the bins provided in the vestibule of the Church. All donations will be taken to Catholic Neighborhood Center on 18th Street, Wheeling. Thank you for your support!



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020: If you would like a contribution statement for last year for income tax purposes, please contact the parish office.

WV VOAD (West Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters and its member organizations

have been asked to supply volunteers for the statewide COVID 19 vaccination distribution clinics. This project will be ongoing for the next several months.

Volunteer roles may include: Traffic control/parking; Mobility assistance for individuals; Check in/ registration; VAMS/data entry; Medical (vaccine administration-license required); Medical (post vaccine monitoring-credentials apply).

Anyone wishing to participate can register at www.wvvoad.org/volunteer, and they will be contacted for scheduling.



Our Parish School of Religion Class Schedule

February 21	Class
February 28	Class



RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults — meets weekly to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation — in the Youth Room Thursdays at 6 pm. Next gathering is February 25.

Offertory Update— February , 2021

Collection	\$6,024.00
We Share:	\$1,952.00
Mass Attendance:	188

Thank you!

Upcoming Second Collections

Feb. 21 Black and Indian Missions
March 7 Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund
March 14 Catholic relief Services



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Outreach in 2020

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Mary's Conference, Elm Grove - has had a busy and productive year of service in 2020, despite Covid restrictions. Members made 191 in-home visits at the beginning of 2020, and then switched to phone visits and outside meetings observing social distancing. We were able to help 671 individuals. Society members and friends, all lay volunteers, gave a reported 736 hours of service and an estimated 1,958 driving miles to assist the Society in its work.

We were able to give \$20,160 in assistance to those we serve – anyone in need, for whatever reason — in our community. In addition to these efforts, our bed ministry continues to be quite successful. With beds donated by hotel/motel operations, college/university sources, individual donations and beds purchased directly with donations, we provided 92 beds to families in need. We did this with the much appreciated help of our volunteer truck drivers and their friends.

This year we reached out to other local parishes — informing them about our Mission — and requesting both financial help and volunteers. This resulted in donations and some prospective new members.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's outreach depends upon volunteers and donations. Our Church community has always been generous in providing both. Poor Box collections, Thrift Store distributions, Grants, individual donations and member contributions make up the bulk of our financial resources needed to help those we serve. Ninety-eight per cent of the funds we receive go directly to those we serve! The remainder goes to maintaining our phone line and other supplies. The services we provide include food vouchers to Riesbeck's, rent and utility assistance, personal care and cleaning supplies, gasoline for transportation, beds and bedding supplies, emergency assistance and other services to empower those in need.

We deeply appreciate the on-going support of our community! Be assured of our gratitude and prayers. We ask that you continue to be part of our Society through your prayers and financial donations. If you feel called to join the Society, you would be most welcome!



**JOB POSTING FOR THE
DIOCESE OF
WHEELING-CHARLESTON:**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire a Director of Human Resources, a full-time position based at the Chancery Building in Wheeling, West Virginia. Reporting to the Vicar General of the Diocese, the Director of Human Resources develops policy and directs and coordinates human resources activities such as employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee services. Essential duties include overseeing the employee onboarding system, providing data on wage and salary information, explaining policy directives to department managers, consulting with legal counsel on a regular basis regarding employment issues, managing records in compliance with law or governmental authorities, delivering presentations to department directors regarding human resources policies and practices, administering all benefit programs and government regulatory standards, and maintaining all records required by the Affordable Care Act, including all necessary ACA reporting requirements.

Qualification requirements include a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), 4-10 years of experience in an administrative Position, expertise in federal and state employee legislation, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, ability to provide direction on personnel issues, familiarity with payroll databases and Microsoft Office suite, ability to work within a team environment and the successful candidate must adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church and possess a clear sense of a Catholic Theology of work and compensation. Position will remain posted until filled. Applications may be directed to the Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

Franciscan Sisters, TOR

Lenten Retreat 2021: The Franciscan Sisters, TOR, are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on Saturday, March 27th. Our theme is Into Your Hands, Father, focusing on trust and abandonment to our Heavenly Father, seen in the life of Jesus and our own lives! The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister. Our sisters will also share short video reflections during Lent, leading up to the retreat, on our Facebook page and Youtube channel, and offer weekly small groups. If you'd like to participate in our weekly small groups, register on our website as soon as possible. More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage:

www.franciscansisterstor.org, under Events.

Registration for both the small groups and the retreat itself will also be found at that link. There is no fee to register, but registration is required by Wednesday, March 24th for the retreat

itself. If you are a part of a parish group, Bible study group, or prayer group, and would like your group to participate, see our Events page or contact Sr. Anna Rose at (740) 544-5542 x135. Individuals and groups of family and friends are also welcome!



**ONE DAY RETREAT
FOR YOUNG MEN:** Fr.

Brian Crenwelge,
Diocesan vocations
Director, is having a one

day retreat for college-aged men and older. This retreat is focused on a Day of Reflection for those who are seriously considering the possible call to Priestly Discernment. This Retreat will be held Saturday, March 20, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV. All College aged men or older.

For more information, contact Rick Teachout at the Vocations Office:
304-233-0880, ext. 442

Prayer . . .

Fasting . . .

Almsgiving. . .



SVS NEWS: There are still some Lottery Calendars left if anyone would like to buy one. Please contact the school office at 304-242-5844.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS: We have gift cards in the school office for Texas roadhouse! There are several denominations available. Gift cards can be used on in-house dining or curbside pickup. Don't forget about the complimentary bag of Roadhouse Peanuts that you receive with every \$25 purchase.



Yes. . . We will provide the opportunity to purchase delicious, decadent and mouth watering Sarris Candies for

Easter again this year. Colorful brochures and order forms will be sent home with SVS students this week. There is also an online fundraising option for out of town family and friends. Online orders will be shipped directly to the door of the person placing the order. There is a \$5 shipping charge for any size order. Watch for more information including deadlines for ordering and the direct web address.

TAP — Tuition Assistance Program: It's time to apply for the next school year! Parent information regarding tuition assistance for 2021-2022 **Diocesan tuition Assistance Process is NOW OPEN.** Apply during Phase I in order to receive the best assistance.

You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in our diocese.

Applications are made online. Go to: www.factsmgt.com and click on "Grand & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost is \$35. the Diocese will pay \$17.50, and families pay the other \$17.50.

Phase I Deadline: The deadline for applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) is April 30, 2021.

If you have any questions, contact John Yelenic, Director of Advancement, St. Vincent's School, at jyelenic@stvincentschool.org. . We never want financial need to be a reason for not sending your child(ren) to our school.



We want you in maroon...
GET KNIGHTED.
Central Catholic High School

Do you know someone who is getting ready to start high school? Do you want to introduce them to a school where they grow in their Faith while being empowered by knowledge?

Please tell them about Central Catholic High School —

it's ALL about the KNIGHT LIFE!!

Contact John Yelenic, Director of Admissions at 304-650-6298
Or: jyelenic@cchsknights.org



Hats Off to our amazing principal, Laurajenn Rossell, to Susie Newmeyer, and our SVS

Teachers!

They did a great job hosting a wonderful Catholic Schools Week Celebration for our students! Our school is a wonderful place to learn, love, and feel loved! Please tell family and friends about our St. Vincent de Paul Parish School.

Registration for Pre-school TK, Kindergarten, and grades 1—8 is now open! Call our school office to receive a Registration Packet for the 2021-22 school year — or contact John Yelenic to learn more about our AMAZING School! (jyelenic@stvincentschool.org)



Fundraising

A FINAL THOUGHT. . . Without Greenbacks this year, we have to be creative with our Fundraisers. We are "on the budget" to raise over \$120,000 to offset no raise in tuition costs for this current school year.

We do not expect every family to participate in every fundraiser, but we do ask that you support your school as much and as often as you are able.

Thank you to all our school and parish families for your continual support of St. Vincent's School.



COVID-19 AND THE Anointing of the Sick: If a member of your family is positive with COVID-19 and the Coronavirus (especially if they are in the high-risk category), please

contact Msgr. Paul Hudock for the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** the sick person goes in to the hospital. Clergy have limited access to patients in the hospital at this time.



LIMITED TIME OFFER FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

If you are not a member of the Knights of Columbus and would like to join — now is the time!

New members can access an online application at our website: kofc.org/joinus — and enter the code: MCGIVNEY2020

You will receive a free membership for one year. All applicants should indicate our local Council No. 504 as their preference to join.

The offer is good from now through June 30, 2021, and you must enter the promotional code to receive the free membership.

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Mike Bush at: mbush477@gmail.com



COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION:

We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. . .

The Commemorative Mass Association (CMA) is a special program which allows our parishioners and friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way.

A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association throughout the year of enrollment. Cost to enroll is \$50.

Masses for the CMA are held the First Friday of each month, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Feast of the Assumption, All Souls Day, and Christmas.

For more information or to renew your Masses for the next year, please call the parish office at 304-242-0406.



REFLECTION ON THE 1st Sunday of Lent:

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see [Hosea 2:20](#); [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see [Mark 1:11](#); [Luke 3:38](#)), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see [Genesis 2:19-20](#)), being served by angels (see [Ezekiel 28:12-14](#)).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see [Romans 5:12-14, 17-20](#)), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see [Colossians 1:13-14](#)). We were made children of God, new creations (see [2 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Galatians 4:3-7](#)).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see [1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13](#); [Deuteronomy 8:2, 16](#)).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see [John 14:6](#)). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see [Psalm 78:25](#); [Wisdom 16:20](#)), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

Yours in Christ,
Scott Hahn, PhD