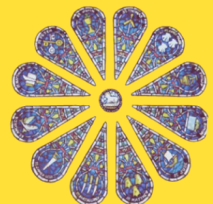




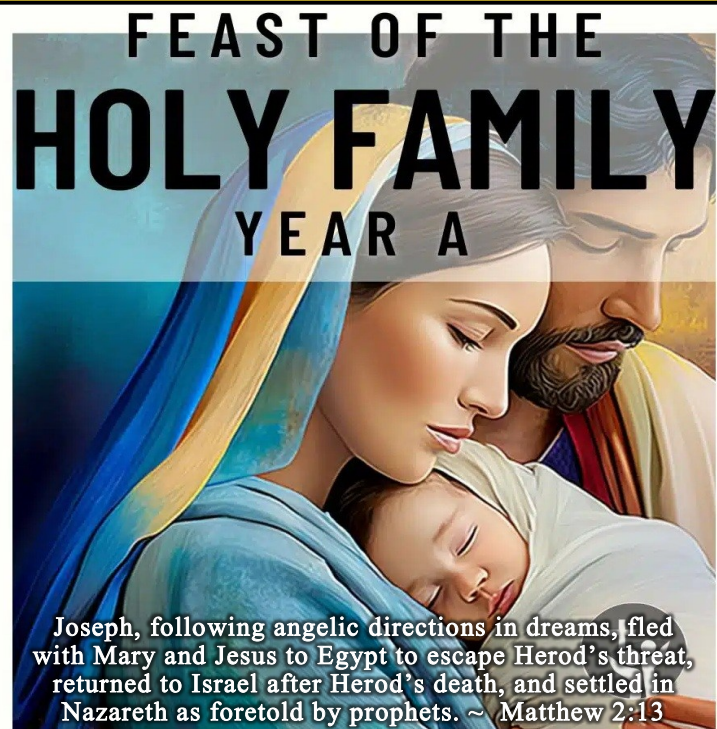
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

We are the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, established in 1895, embracing the spiritual and corporal needs of Elm Grove and Wheeling. We strive to live as faith-filled disciples of Christ and in doing so, spread His Gospel message of Love, Hope, Mercy and Eternal Life.



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Sunday, December 28th, 2025



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR A

Joseph, following angelic directions in dreams, fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's threat, returned to Israel after Herod's death, and settled in Nazareth as foretold by prophets. ~ Matthew 2:13

First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God values honoring one's parents. Respecting them brings many blessings, including answered prayers, long life, and comfort for mothers. Care for aging parents kindly and patiently.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

Respecting and following the Lord leads to personal blessings, a prosperous family, and a long, fulfilling life observing Jerusalem's success.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

Adopt virtues like compassion and kindness, forgive each other, and let Christ's peace and message guide you. Act in all things with gratitude in the name of Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation - Colossians 3:15a, 16a

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Gospel Reading - Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Joseph, following angelic directions in dreams, fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's threat, returned to Israel after Herod's death, and settled in Nazareth as foretold by prophets.

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Wednesday, December 31st, 2025, 5:00 pm at SVDP

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Thursday, January 1st, 2026, 9:00 am at SVDP

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm / Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The weekly Bulletin Submission Deadline is Tuesday evening!

Please submit any announcements, articles and information to be included in the weekly bulletin by emailing them to: technology@saintvincentparish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 5:30 pm

Thursday - 9:00 am

(When School is not in session, Mass time is 8:00 am)

Friday - 8:00 am

Saturday - 8:00 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:30 am

- **Rosary** 30 minutes prior to each Mass

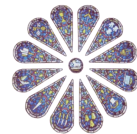
- **Adoration** Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm followed by Mass

- **Reconciliation** Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm, and on the 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul



127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 242-5844

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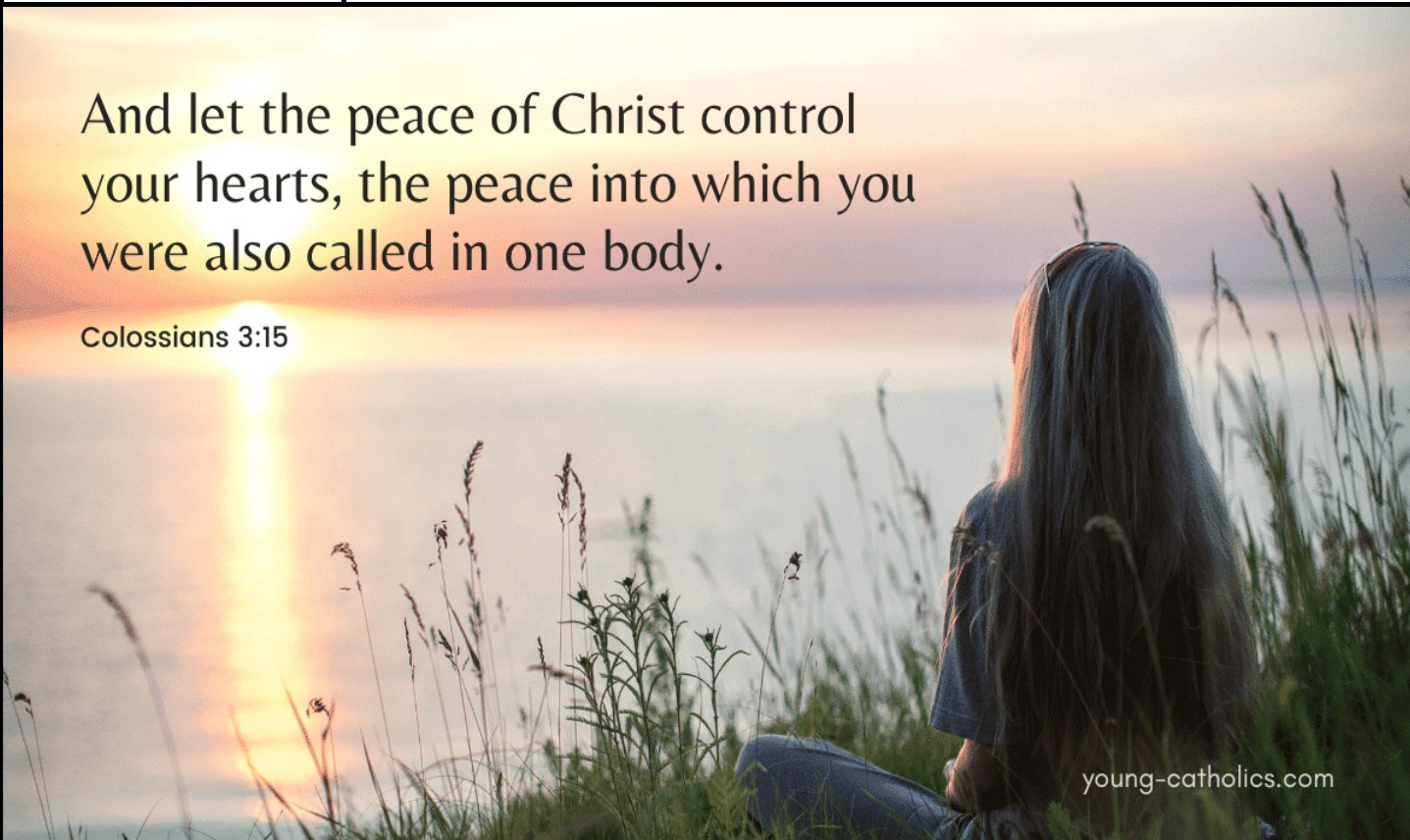
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Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: [@SVS.Wheeling](https://www.facebook.com/SVS.Wheeling)

December 22nd - January 4th	~ Christmas Break, No School
Monday, January 5th	~ School Resumes
Tuesday, January 6th	~ Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, January 8th	~ School Mass, 9:00 am

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

Colossians 3:15



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Parish Information

Attendance for December 20th & December 21st

5:00 pm - 115 / 9:00 am - 211 / 11:30 am - 87

Total Attendance: - 413

Offertory for December 20th & December 21st

Collection: \$7,786 / Online Giving: \$964.40

Total Collection - \$8,750.40

Second Collection, December 14th - Retirement Fund for Religious - \$858 + \$240

Second Collection, December 25th - Catholic Charities West Virginia / CCWVa

Ways to donate to St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Weekly Envelopes, Loose Check or Cash, On-line Giving.

*How to give on-line: Go to the Church Website, www.saintvincentparish.org. Click on **DONATE** at top right of page. / Click on the **White Give Online** box. / It will take you to the page to give. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.*

*When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church**.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

Current Catholic Sharing Appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling, WV

To donate online to CSA on behalf of our Parish, visit <https://csa.dwcministries.org/donate/>

Raised \$91,615 of \$42,800 with 99 gifts

214%

Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Sunday, December 28th, 2025

~ Living the Word This Week: *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*
In the bustle of the holiday celebrations, take some quiet time in prayer to listen for God's voice.

Greeters for December 27th & December 28th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Matt & Susie Koval / 11:30 am - Derek & Maggie Reed

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. December 27th	5:00 pm	All the People of the Parish	Wally McMasters	Nancy LaBrosse, Vickie Joesph & Carol Harris
Sun. December 28th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Harold Bandi † Cecil & Eddie Comer	Mary K Bell Gwen Gress	Marilyn Delbrugge, Maria Minor & Lynn Hetzel Lisa Armstrong, Karen Bates & Tom McFadden
Tues. December 30th	5:30 pm	† Harry Yahn III	ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses) Sam Anderson, Logan Buchannan, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lily Eikey, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Aria Moore, Andrew Rowan, Brody Turkaly, Justin Wilson	
Wed. December 31st	5:30 pm	† Harry Yahn III		
Thur. January 1st	9:00 am	† Stella Westlake		
Fri. January 2nd	8:00 am	♥ Al & Katie Kreitzer		

Greeters for January 3rd & January 4th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Gwen Gress

Sat. January 3rd	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Mary Kay Westlake † William Lestini	Vickie Joseph	Nancy LaBrosse, Carol Harris & Vickie Joseph
Sun. January 4th (OLSD)	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	† Michael Bokanovich † Beverly Sharpsky † Pam Ammirante	Denny Beiter Lori Buchanan	Matt Koval, Tom McFadden & Susie Koval Barb Napple, Lisa Armstrong & Karen Bates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - DECEMBER 29TH - THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
 1 JN 2: 3-11 / Ps 96: 1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6 / LK 2: 22-35

T - DECEMBER 30TH - THE SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
 1 JN 2: 12-17 / Ps 96: 7-8A, 8B-9, 10 / LK 2: 36-40

W - DECEMBER 31ST - THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
 1 JN 2: 18-21 / Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 / JN 1: 1-18

T - JANUARY 1ST - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD / THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
 NM 6: 22-27 / Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2A) / GAL 4: 4-7 / LK 2: 16-21

F - JANUARY 2ND - MEMORIAL OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH
 1 JN 2: 22-28 / Ps 98: 1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / JN 1: 19-28

S - JANUARY 3RD - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY / HOLY NAME OF JESUS
 1 JN 2: 29, 3, 6 / Ps 98: 1, 3CD-4, 5-6 / JN 1: 29-34

S - JANUARY 4TH - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 IS 60: 1-6 / Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6 / MT 2: 1-12

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
 Your family life was holy beyond imagination.*

*In your daily interactions,
 Your love was manifest and inspiring
 to each other and to Your relatives and friends.*

*Please draw me into Your family life
 and teach me to love those in my family
 so that we will become a stronger community
 of love.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

Family Life and the Holy Family:

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28th.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



Prayer Requests

Michelle Allen	Brandi Mackey
Abina Baker	Richard Mackey
Charles Ballard	Rosemary Mackey
Brenda Beiter	Sue Marple
Barb Bennett	Brandt Mazeroski
Russ Bennett	Wally McMasters
Patricia Bock	Kelsey Miller
Adrian Boggs	Joseph Moskitis
Linda Boggs	Arlene Muccioli
Cheryl Boissy	Lois Naegle
JP Boissy	Bob Neidhardt
Steven Bonenberger	Curt Nethercutt
Carl Bott	Nancy Oliver
Mary Kay Britt	Michael Pichette
Bill Childers	Josie Purpura
Kayla Clayton	Jenna Russell
Debbie Clear	Paul Russell
Theresa Comer	Peggy Shalvey
Gerald Cook	Jessica Shell
Linda Curtis	Julie Shiess
Holly Custer	Addison Stephens
Judy Dietrich	Robbie Stern
Kerry Dietrich	Joe Tankovits
Buck Ebert	Dave Taylor
Ethan Eckman	Stephanie Temple
Barbara Fitzsimmons	Joann Thomas
Keven Freeman	Marlene Trischler
Rita Gallo	Glen Ullom
Mary Beth Greenwood	Lynn Uraco
Barry Helms	Kathy Wagner
Anne Hellstern	Machelle Walton
Greg Hicks	A.D. & Pam Wilson
Joe Holly	Ann & Charlie Wolfe
Ginger Kent	Dick Wolfe
Rosemary Kimmins	Barbara Zorn
Lori Konarski	All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins
Susie Koval	Good Shepherd:
Al Kreitzer	Ted McKeets
Flavia Langan & Family	Peterson:
Marcia Laughlin	Jim Sengewalt
Jacqueline Laurine	
Geralyn (Gigi) Latz	

Due to privacy concerns, we cannot publish names of sick or hospitalized without the permission of the individual or their family. To have someone placed on the prayer chain or taken off the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

JANUARY DEVOTIONS



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (January)

Please pray for:

Carl & Joan Baller,

Living and Deceased Members of the Bandi Family,

Sharon Basham, Mary Lee Behrens,

Living and Deceased Members of the Behrens Family,

Sue Hohman, Zita Husick,

Living and Deceased Members of Kreitzer and McDougall Families,

Linas, John, Grace Miller,

Living and Deceased Members of the Miller Family,

Chalmer L. Moffett,

Living and Deceased Members of the Moffett Family,

Bob Schmitt, Dorothy Schmitt, Chris Thomas,

Living and Deceased Members of the West and Harris Families

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Benediction at 5:30 pm
followed by Mass

"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.

BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with Deacon Tom McFadden as well as the necessary preparation.

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with Fr. Jeelson.

PSR:

PSR Classes meet every Sunday from 10:15 am - 11:15 am in the Parish Center.

If you would like to register your child for these classes, please pick up a form in the vestibule of the church. Completed forms can be turned into the parish office.

If you have any questions, please email Derek Dimmey at ddimmey@stvincentschool.org

OCIA:

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or contact Cynthia Dimmey at cdimmey2015@gmail.com.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

HOME VISITS

Anyone knowing of a homebound or sick parishioner that might like a visit from Fr. Jeelson, please contact the Parish office at (304) 242-0406.

THEMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR A

The Feast of The Holy Family Year A celebrates the love and unity found in the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It invites reflection on family life and the values that strengthen these bonds.

Honor and Respect in Families: The first reading emphasizes honoring parents, showing that respect within families brings blessings and strengthens relationships. Caring for parents, especially in their old age, is a way to live out God's commandment.

Love and Kindness at Home: The second reading from Colossians calls for compassion, kindness, and patience within families. These virtues build harmony and reflect Christ's love in daily life.

Forgiveness and Peace: Families are encouraged to forgive one another and live in peace. This echoes the call to let Christ's peace rule in hearts, fostering unity and understanding.

Obedience and Guidance: Joseph's obedience to God's guidance in the Gospel shows the importance of trusting God's plan for the family. His example of leadership and protection inspires responsible and loving parenthood.

Faith and Trust in God: The Holy Family's journey to Egypt demonstrates faith and trust in God's protection during hardships. Families are reminded to rely on God during difficult times.

Role of Parents and Children: The readings highlight the roles of parents as caregivers and teachers, and children as respectful and obedient. These roles support a nurturing and loving home environment.

The Feast of The Holy Family Year A invites reflection on the values that create strong and loving families. By looking to the Holy Family as a model, families can find guidance and inspiration to live in love, faith, and unity.

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY – MEDJUGORJE 2026

You are invited to join a spiritual pilgrimage to Medjugorje, **June 8th–18th, 2026**. Space is still available.

For details and reservations, contact **Ginna Dombrowski** at vmdombrowski@gmail.com or **740-275-7468**.

Fr. Jeesson will also be accompanying the group on this pilgrimage.

NEW YEAR'S EXAMEN

The Ignatian Spirituality New Year's Examen adapts St. Ignatius's classic daily prayer to reflect on the entire year, focusing on finding God's presence, reviewing blessings and challenges with gratitude, noticing your emotional responses, choosing a key moment for deeper prayer, and looking ahead with hope for the new year, helping you see God's consistent work and prepare for the next steps with grace, rather than just making New Year's resolutions.

Become aware of God's presence:

One way of doing this is to ask the Holy Spirit to help you review the year with a holy perspective—with wisdom, grace, and faith. Ask for the grace to tear yourself away from your own patterns of thinking and seeing so that you can see your life more as God sees it. Of course you will see your failings—but God sees you as a beloved daughter or son who has a future and a hope. Of course you will see your accomplishments—but God sees your deeper self, the person behind all the activity, a person made in God's image.

Review the year with gratitude:

As you use this holy perspective to review the year, pay attention to the good gifts from the year ending. Name specifically those that come to memory now, and thank God for them.

Pay attention to your emotions:

Think over the year again, and notice your emotional reactions. What memories speak most loudly to you? What events, conversations, relationships, or activities bring up the most emotion now, as you remember them? Ask God to help you linger with these emotions, whether they are pleasant or disturbing. Ask for help in understanding why you feel as you do. What can you learn about yourself or about your situation as you dwell in your emotional responses?

Choose one feature of the year and pray from it:

While you are lingering with your memories and emotions, settle on one feature. Perhaps it is a single event, or maybe it's a pattern of your own behavior that has come to mind as you reviewed the year. Whatever it is that has emerged, allow it to fuel your prayer. Don't worry about the many other aspects of the year that you could think about right now; stay with the one thing that has come to you with the most power and pray from those thoughts and emotions.

Look toward the new year:

Imagine what challenges and blessings might await you in the coming year. Think of important relationships, major (and minor) decisions to be made, skills to learn, habits to build, healing to seek, good work to accomplish. Make a simple list of highlights—matters that you expect to take prominence in your life in the new year. Bring them to God now, and ask for the graces you will need.

End your prayer, thanking God for love and life and holy possibilities.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"It is better to give than to receive"

This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering.

If you would like to attend a meeting, call **Mary Lou Kent** at **304-242-1019**.

THIRD ORDER OF MARY

The Third Order of Mary are not meeting in the months of January and February.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th, 2026** at **10:00 am** in the Caveney Room.

SEVEN DOLORS ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas cards to the Seven Dolors Altar Society. Because of your generosity we were able to send cards to:

- ~ The Good Shepherd Nursing Home
- ~ Peterson Rehabilitation Center
- ~ WVU Continous Care
- ~ Members who are not able to attend church but who are ministered by members of St. Vincent's
- ~ and to the Seminarians.

Don't forget to let **Mary K. Bell** know if you plan to attend the Christmas Party on **January 8th**. It will be a covered dish affair with the Altar Society providing Chicken. Please call **304-242-2355** to confirm your reservation.

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:

If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at **6:00 pm** on the last Monday of each month at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.



Facilitators: Deacon Doug Breiding,
Deacon Tom & Michele McFadden
Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery

Next gatherings will be on
Monday, December 29th and Monday, January 26th

WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUALITY

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Spiritual Direction

Are you feeling drawn to what St. Ignatius would call, "the more?" Spiritual Direction provides a companion and guide for the journey of deepening your relationship with God. Your director's role is to help you "tune your ear" in order to hear the whisperings of the Holy Spirit. Like to learn more about what Spiritual Direction is and whether it might be for you; email sally@sayyes2yourlife.org to receive additional information.

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email wvis_sally@aol.com

Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<i>Prayer of the Week</i>	<i>Lord, help us to follow the example of the Holy Family. Teach us to honor each other with love and respect. Grant us compassion and patience in our daily lives. Guide our families with your wisdom and peace. May we always trust in your plan. Amen.</i>
Sunday, December 28th	~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ Church Choir Rehearsal , 10:10 am - 11:00 am, in the Chapel ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Ignatian Spirituality)
Monday, December 29th	~ Bell Choir Rehearsal , 4:00 pm, in the Chapel
Tuesday, December 30th	~ Adoration , 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ~ Small Group , (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:15 pm, in the Youth Room
Wednesday, December 31st	<h1>Happy New Year!</h1>
Thursday, January 1st	
Friday, January 2nd	~ Rosary (Mazzzoca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 4th	~ The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Ignatian Spirituality)

UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS...

CATHOLIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Catholic New Year's resolutions focus on spiritual growth through practices like daily prayer (Rosary, Scripture), regular Sacraments (Mass, Confession, Adoration), acts of mercy (volunteering, helping the poor), and learning about saints, emphasizing deepening one's relationship with God and living out the faith, often by starting small to avoid burnout, with the goal of living a more Christ-centered life.

Prayer & Scripture

Read the Gospels or Bible: Commit to reading a portion daily, perhaps following a "Bible in a Year" plan.

Pray the Rosary: Make it a daily habit to draw closer to Mary and Jesus.

Start a Prayer Journal: Document your spiritual journey and reflections.

Go to Adoration: Sign up for a weekly holy hour with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Examine Your Conscience: Regularly reflect on your actions and heart.

Sacraments & Church Life

Go to Confession: Aim for monthly confession to stay close to God's mercy.

Attend Mass More: Go beyond Sunday Mass if possible.

Learn the Saints: Choose a saint to learn about and imitate each month.

Marian Consecration: Dedicate yourself to Mary using a book like 33 Days to Morning Glory.

Acts of Charity & Service (Works of Mercy)

Volunteer: Serve the marginalized or those in need in your community.

Perform Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, etc..

Forgive Someone: Actively work towards reconciling with someone you're alienated from.

Acts of Kindness: Do unexpected good deeds, like bringing food to emergency workers.

Family & Home Life

Bless Your Home: Use holy water or create a prayer corner.

Catholic Movie Nights: Watch faith-based films with family.

Celebrate Feast Days: Incorporate special meals or traditions for saints' days.

Family Prayer: Read Scripture or pray the Rosary together.

Tips for Success

Start Small: Don't overcommit; one or two core practices are better than many that fail.

Be Intentional: Focus on spiritual goals, not just worldly ones.

Be Patient: Spiritual growth is a journey, not a sprint.



EUCHRE NIGHT - Friday, January 9th

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Team Play starts at 7:00 pm
\$10 per person

SVDP BINGO DATES FOR DECEMBER

NO BINGO on Wednesday, December 31st
(New Year's Eve)

SVDP BINGO DATES FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, January 7th
Wednesday, January 14th
Wednesday, January 21st
Wednesday, January 28th

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of Tip Board Sellers, Bingo Callers, Concession Stand Workers, Clean-Up Crew and General Helpers.

If you are able to help make our **Wednesday Night Bingo** successful during the upcoming winter months, please contact Jacki to sign up and get on the work schedule!



THANK YOU!

to all who baked cookies for our annual holiday cookie sale!

From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



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**. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at **888-434-6237** or **304-233-0880**.

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