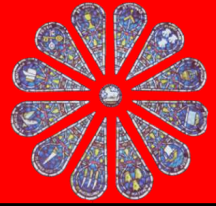




St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Sunday, March 29th, 2026

PALM SUNDAY YEAR A

The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." ~ Matthew 21:19

At the Procession with Palms - Gospel - Matthew 21:1-11
Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he rode on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel.

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7
The prophet Isaiah speaks of a servant of God who is a skilled teacher and obedient to God's will, even in the face of persecution and suffering. The servant trusts in God's protection and ultimately prevails over his oppressors.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
This psalm describes the anguish of a suffering individual who feels abandoned by God and is mocked and persecuted by others. Despite this, the speaker expresses trust in God's ultimate protection and proclaims God's glory to others.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11
This passage describes the selfless humility of Jesus Christ, who, despite being divine, chose to become human and submit to a humiliating death on a cross. As a result of his obedience, God exalted him and gave him a name above all others, that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Gospel Acclamation - Philippians 2:8-9
Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 26:14—27:66
The Passion reading describes the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death. It includes Jesus' betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, his sentencing by Pilate, his crucifixion and death, and his burial in a tomb.

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

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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

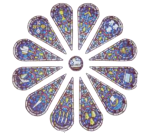
MASS SCHEDULE

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



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Sunday, March 29th	~ Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins
Tuesday, March 31st	~ Noon Dismissal
April 1st through April 6th	~ Easter Break – No School
Tuesday, April 7th	~ School Resumes

A peek at what we did this week at SVS:



WHAT'S COMING UP

28th Annual Greenbacks
April 11 | St. Vincent Parish Center

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE

GET A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

5 \$1,000 winners

1 \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE



RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

CASH/CHECK? CONTACT ANY SVS PARENT OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Thank you for supporting our school!

Parish Information

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!

Attendance for March 21st & March 22nd

5:00 pm - 101 / 9:00 am - 142 / 11:30 am - 143

Total Attendance: - 386

Offertory for March 21st & March 22nd

Collection: \$5,208 / Online Giving: \$1,191.75

Total Collection - \$6,399.75

Upcoming Second Collection, April 3rd - Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Raised \$7,490 of \$49,310 with 42 gifts

15%

Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Greeters for March 28th & March 29th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Gwen Gress & Nancy Georges / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Karen Bates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Sat. March 28th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Mike & Cindy Perring All the People of the Parish	Cecilia Palmer & Denny Beiter	Nancy LaBrosse, Vickie Joseph & Carol Harris
Sun. March 29th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Thomas Brookover II † Paul Chaizza	Dorothy Dudzik & Deacon Tom Lori Buchanan & Gwen Gress	Barb Napple, Tom McFadden & Derek Dimmey Judy Stadler, Lisa Armstrong & Karen Bates

Living the Word This Week: *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?
As much as possible, participate in your parish's celebration of the Paschal Triduum.*

Tues. March 31st	5:30 pm	† Charles "Tom" Hohman	<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY (3.29.26):</u> Paige Durkin	
Wed. April 1st	5:30 pm	† Rusty Jebbia	<u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u> Sam Anderson, Logan Buchannan, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lilly Eikey, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Aria Moore, Andrew Rowan, Brody Turkaly, Justin Wilson	
Thur. April 2nd Holy Thursday	6:00 pm	† Margaret & ♥ Ken Keyser	Vickie Joseph	Carol Harris, Tom McFadden & Susie Koval
Fri. April 3rd Good Friday	6:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Jenny Ray	

Greeters for April 4th & April 5th

8:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Cecilia Palmer & Buck Ebert / 11:30 am - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

Sat. April 4th Easter Vigil	8:00 pm	† James McGrail & ♥ Brittany Knapp	Vickie Joseph	Nancy LaBrosse, Tom McFadden & Vickie Joseph
Sun. April 5th OLSD Easter Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	† Michael Bokanovich <i>All the People of the Parish</i> † Harry Yahn III	Denny Beiter Lori Buchanan	Connie Baller, Mary K Bell & Denny Beiter Barb Napple, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - MARCH 30TH - MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 42: 1-7 / Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14 / Jn 12: 1-11.

T - MARCH 31ST - TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 49: 1-6 / Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4A. 5AB-6AB. 15 AND 17 / Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38
CHRISM MASS: Is 61: 1-3A. 6A. 8B-9 / Ps 89: 21-22. 25. 27 / Rv 1: 5-8 / Lk 4: 16-21

W - APRIL 1ST - WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Is 50: 4-9A / Ps 69: 8-10. 21-22. 31 AND 33-34 / Mt 26: 14-25

T - APRIL 2ND - HOLY THURSDAY - EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14 / Ps 116: 12-13. 15-16BC. 17-18 / 1 COR 11: 23-26 / Jn 13: 1-15

F - APRIL 3RD - GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MASS IS NOT CELEBRATED TODAY. CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12 / Ps 31: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25 / Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 / Jn 18: 1 -- 19: 42

S - APRIL 4TH - HOLY SATURDAY AT THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

READINGS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL, WHICH IS AN EASTER SUNDAY MASS: Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 OR 1: 1.26-31A / Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 OR Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22 / Gn 22: 1-18 OR 22: 1-2. 9A. 10-13. 15-18 / Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11 / Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1 / Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18 / Is 54: 5-14 / Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 / Is 55: 1-11 / Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6 / BAR 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4 / Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11 / Ez 36: 16-17A. 18-28 / Ps 42: 3. 5; 43: 3. 4 OR Is 12: 2-3. 4BCD. 5-6 OR Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 / ROM 6: 3-11 / Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 / Mt 28: 1-10

S - APRIL 5TH - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - THE MASS OF EASTER DAY

ACTS 10: 34A. 37-43 / Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 / COL 3: 1-4 OR 1 COR 5: 6B-8 / SEQUENCE VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES / Jn 20: 1-9 OR Mt 28: 1-10 OR, AT AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING MASS, Lk 24: 13-35

EASTER TRIDUUM ENDS AFTER EVENING PRAYER.

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



Prayer Requests

Abina Baker	Sue Marple
Charles Ballard	Brandt Mazerowski
Michelle Banducci	Wally McMasters
Brenda Beiter	Kathleen Huffman Miller
Barb Bennett	Kelsey Miller
Russ Bennett	Joseph Moskitis
Patricia Bock	Arlene Muccioli
Adrian Boggs	Lois Naegele
Linda Boggs	Bob Neidhardt
Cheryl Boissy	Curt Nethercutt
JP Boissy	Nancy Oliver
Steven Bonenberger	Joan Pack
Carl Bott	Michael Pichette
Mary Kay Britt	Josie Purpura
Bill Childers	Jenna Russell
Kayla Clayton	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
Sandy Frasnelli	Monica Thomas
Keven Freeman	Marlene Trischler
Rita Gallo	Glen Ullom
Mary Beth Greenwood	Lynn Uraco
Barry Helms	Christy Yopal
Anne Hellstern	Kathy Wagner
Greg Hicks	Machelle Walton
Joe Holly	A.D. & Pam Wilson
Ginger Kent	Ann & Charlie Wolfe
Rosemary Kimmins	Dick Wolfe
Alice Knollinger	Logan Wolfe
Lori Konarski	Barbara Zorn
Susie Koval	All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins
Al Kreitzer	
Flavia Langan & Family	
Marcia Laughlin	Good Shepherd:
Jacqueline Laurine	Ted McKeets
Gerilyn (Gigi) Latz	Joseph Moskitis
Brandi Mackey	Peterson:
Richard Mackey	Jim Sengewalt
Rosemary Mackey	

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.

APRIL DEVOTIONS



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

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

<https://popesprayerusa.net/popess-intentions/>

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (April)

Please pray for:

Nancy Leonard, Thomas Leonard

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



This invitation is from Jesus, and it is personal to you! To spend just one hour each week with Him. Eucharistic Adoration takes place **Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm**. Benediction is at **5:30 pm**, followed by Mass.

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus reminds us of this invitation: "Could you not keep watch for one hour with me?"

Condolences and Prayers

to the family and friends of
Beth Trunzo
who passed away on
Wednesday, March 25th.

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. Jeeson.

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. Jeeson, please contact the Parish office at **(304) 242-0406**.

Understanding the Resurrection:

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." John 20:1-2

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene's experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

THEMES FOR PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A - PASSION SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Year A remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to his death. The readings show his humility, suffering, and obedience to God.

Jesus as King: The people welcomed Jesus as a king, but he came in humility, riding a donkey. This shows that his kingship is different from earthly rulers.

Obedience to God: Jesus followed God's will, even when it led to suffering and death. His obedience shows trust in God's plan.

Betrayal and Denial: Judas betrayed Jesus, and Peter denied knowing him. These show human weakness and the need for mercy.

Suffering and Sacrifice: Jesus endured pain, humiliation, and death on the cross. His suffering was an act of love for others.

God's Victory: Jesus' death was not the end. God raised him up, showing that good is stronger than evil.

Jesus as Servant: He did not seek power or glory. He humbled himself and served others, even in suffering.

Palm Sunday Year A calls people to follow Jesus' example of humility, obedience, and love. It reminds them that suffering is not the end, but God brings hope and new life.

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a 2026 pictorial Parish directory with Universal. It will include family portraits and contact information so we can stay connected.

Sign ups will take place in the vestibule before and after all masses on the weekends of:

April 4th & 5th / April 11th & 12th / April 18th & 19th

You can sign up online as well at www.ucdir.com

~ Click the photography session sign-up box

~ Code is **wv538**

~ Password is **538wv**

There will be No cost to be photographed, and each household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait.

Only households who participate will receive a free directory!

Photography will take place on Tuesday, May 5th through Saturday, May 9th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 504 invites all fathers, grandfathers, sons, and daughters to our **“Honor Your Father” breakfast** on **Sunday, April 26th** following the 9:00 am Mass in the Angelus Center at St. Michael Parish.

Our featured speaker will be fellow Knight and California University of Pennsylvania Head Basketball Coach, Danny Sancomb.

You do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to attend. Please RSVP by April 22nd to **Paul Curnes at 304-281-3943** or **Phil Emmerth at 304-312-0403**.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

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. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Praying with the Four Teresas: In-person Retreat

This in-person retreat has been moved to **Saturday, April 25th, (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)** – Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D., Executive Director of WVIS, will offer a Day of Prayer and Reflection entitled “Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four St. Teresas.” For more information, visit our website at www.wvis.org/programs or email Sr. Cheryl at exec.director@wvis.org.

Ignatian Silent-Directed Retreats

If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to take a little “vacation with God,” we invite you to come to the WVIS retreat house for a 1-, 3-, or 5-day retreat experience.

The retreat house is open and available to retreatants on **March 19th-28th** and **April 19th-29th** (there are more dates can be found on our website www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat).

Questions, email Sally at sally.orcutt@wvis.org.

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**.

PSR - IMPORTANT DATES

If your child is preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, here are the dates for upcoming Sacraments.

~ **First Communion Retreat**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd**

~ **First Communion**, scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd**.

~ **Confirmation Retreat**, scheduled for **Thursday, April 30th** after 9:00 am Mass

~ **Confirmation** at SVDP, **Saturday, May 16th** at 5:00 pm Mass

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

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.

We are looking for New Members!

If you would like to attend a meeting, please 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, April 11th, 2026** at **10:00 am** in the Caveney Room.

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 gathering will be on
Monday, April 27th

SAINT MONICA GROUP

The Saint Monica Group WILL NOT meet on April 1st because of Holy Week.

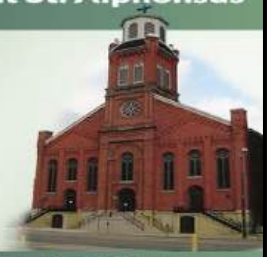
The Saint Monica group will meet again on May 6th at 7pm.

My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Wheeling Area CIR Group at St. Alphonsus

Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.

 **Catholic in Recovery**



FAITH | FREEDOM | FELLOWSHIP

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

Lenten Calendar

SVDP Lenten Schedule

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

 Palm Sunday -March 28 & 29 - Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday Mass 9:00 & 11:30am	 Holy Thursday -April 2- The Lord's Supper 6:00pm Procession & Adoration to Follow	 Good Friday -April 3- Stations of the Cross 3:00pm – OLSD Passion of the Lord 6:00pm	 Easter Vigil -April 4- Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm	 Easter Sunday -April 5- Mass 9:00am 10:15am-OLSD 11:30am
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LENT 2026 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

Sunday March 29	Monday March 30	Tuesday March 31	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2	Friday April 3	Saturday April 4
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9	Pray for a deeper respect for all human life, especially for the most vulnerable: the unborn, the infirm, those with disabilities, those on death row, and the terminally ill.	As Lent draws to a close, reflect on your Lenten journey. How have you grown closer to God? How have you grown in holiness? Give thanks to God for accompanying you in this season.	"When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor, she becomes a paschal sign." Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi te, no. 61	Holy Thursday I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." John 13:15	Good Friday Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear Isaiah 53:11	Holy Saturday If possible, spend today in quiet prayer, praying for those who will receive Sacraments of Initiation tonight and that you will have renewed strength to live your baptismal call.

Sunday - April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

Matthew 28:5-6

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Join Us for First Friday Mass at the Bishops' Chapel at 5:30 pm at Mount Calvary Cemetery; Wheeling, WV.

2026 Schedule:

*April. 10th**, (Because the First Friday next month will be Good Friday, the monthly Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery will be held on Friday, April 10th at 5:30 pm.)

May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th, 2026

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Announcements

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. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Praying with the Four Teresas: In-person Retreat
 This in-person retreat has been moved to Saturday, April 25, 2026 (9:30 – 3:30) – Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D., Executive Director of WVIS, will offer a Day of Prayer and Reflection entitled “Deepening Our Prayer Life: Advice from the Four St. Teresas.” For more information, visit our website at www.wvis.org/programs or email Sr. Cheryl at exec.director@wvis.org.

Ignatian Silent-Directed Retreats
 If you’ve ever wondered what it would be like to take a little “vacation with God,” we invite you to come to the WVIS retreat house for a 1-, 3-, or 5-day retreat experience. The retreat house is open and available to retreatants on March 19-28 and April 19-29 (there are more dates can be found on our website www.wvis.org/ignatian-silent-directed-retreat). Questions, email Sally at sally.orcutt@wvis.org.

ATTENDING MASS WHEN TRAVELING

If you are traveling or attending a new church, it can be difficult to find Mass times or church contact information within a specific area.

CatholicMassTime.org provides easy access to Mass schedules, church locations, parish contact information and more. Our mission is to connect Catholics with church information across the country, in every state within the USA. We hope our service will help you and your family more easily find Mass times while traveling or at home.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross will celebrated at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission at **3:00 pm**



THE FERTILITYCARE™ CENTER

The FertilityCare™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. & the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago.

The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV.
 Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m.

So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID.
 BLESSED IS THE HE WHO COMES
 IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
 HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Matthew 21:9



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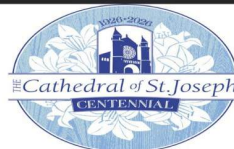
Activities include: Boating, Swimming, Waterslide, Rockwall, Biking, Arts & Crafts, Prayer & Reflection, and so much more!

Register at SVSCamp.com
 Entering 8th, 9th, or 10th grade - \$300
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 Financial assistance is available

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RSVP ^{12:07} online now: dwcforms.wufoo.com/forms/q1b54g9d13er383



Join Us for the
100th Anniversary of the
Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

1300 Eoff Street | Wheeling, WV 26003

Reception to follow in the Great Hall
Central Catholic High School

Wheeling Area HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

APRIL 2, 2026

6 ALTARS OF REPOSE AT
6 CHURCHES ON
1 HOLY NIGHT

Bus departs from Cathedral
at 9:00 p.m.

Please register by March 30
by e-mailing kstillon@dwc.org
or by calling 304-233-0880, ext. 261

Easter Basket Blessing

@ St. Alphonsus Church
2111 Market Street, Wheeling

Saturday, April 4

(Holy Saturday)

1:00 pm

Bring a prepared basket with our family's

Easter foods:

**meats-cheese-butter-eggs-wine
breads-candy-cake-salt**



Recovering Our Soul Connections:

A Retreat for Women Who Have Been Sexually Abused

Begins online April 1, 2026 and culminates in an
in-person retreat May 28-May 31, 2026

at The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality, Charleston, WV

To request an application or more information, email us at
soulconnection366@gmail.com

Register soon—space is limited to 8

Cost to retreatants is \$200. **Scholarships are available!**



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Retreat Leaders

Cindy Neely, Spiritual Director, WVIS,
Charleston, WV, and St. Thomas More/
Newman, Chapel Hill, NC

Liz Deal, Spiritual Director, WVIS,
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Contributions from donors keeps the **cost to retreatants to \$200 each**. If you would
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- Coffee, light snacks, and conversation
- A short highlight of Catholic Charities' programs

Why host?

Because when we gather, we grow stronger together. Coffee &
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live out our call to serve one another.

Invite us to your parish!

Contact our Director of Donor and Parish Relations, Bill Hagy at
bhagy@ccwva.org or 304.360.4249



Parish Information

Weekly Calendar of Meetings & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<i>Prayer of the Week</i>	<i>Lord, you walked the path of suffering with love and patience. You were betrayed, denied, and abandoned, yet you remained faithful. Help me to follow your example. Give me strength in hard times, courage to stand by you, and a heart willing to serve others. Teach me to love as you love. Amen.</i>
Sunday, March 29th	~ Palm Sunday ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Apologetics from Ignatian Spirituality)
Monday, March 30th	~ Bell Choir Rehearsal , 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, in the Chapel
Tuesday, March 31st	~ Adoration , 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ~ Small Group , (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:15 pm, in the Youth Room
Wednesday, April 1st	~ <u>NO BINGO!</u>
Thursday, April 2nd	~ Small Group , (McKeets), 2:00 - 4:00 pm (The Chosen - Season 4) ~ Small Group (Mazzocca), 3:00 - 4:00 pm (now meeting at the Mazzocca's House. If you want to join their small group contact Barb Mazzocca.)
Friday, April 3rd	~ Rosary (Mazzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 4th	~ Easter Sunday ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Apologetics from Ignatian Spirituality)

UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS...




HELP WANTED

We could use a few extra hands to help with our Wednesday Night Bingo!

SVDP BINGO DATES FOR APRIL


Wednesday, April 1st - NO BINGO
 Wednesday, April 8th
 Wednesday, April 15th
 Wednesday, April 22nd
 Wednesday, April 29th



TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday, April 17th
 Doors open at 6:30 pm
 Trivia starts at 7:00 pm
\$10 per person

THANK YOU!
 to each and every one of our
BINGO VOLUNTEERS (3.18.2026)
 for helping to make our
Wednesday Night Bingo successful!

*Larry Bandi, John Bartsch, Kayla Clayton, Janie Davis,
 Donna Dolence, Gwen Gress, Jeff Klosinski,
 Camille Laudermilt, Bruce & Anita Littleton,
 Mary Ann Miller, Rea Stein, Don Stenger*



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, July 12th
SVDP Golf Scramble
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