

**The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th , 2015
The Churches of St. Catherine and St. Charles**

**St. Catherine of
Siena Parish
(est. 1892)**



April 29
Patron of Nurses

Oh God, you caused St. Catherine to shine with divine love in the contemplation of the Lord's passion and in the service of your church. By your help, grant that your people, associated in the mystery of Christ, may ever exalt in the revelation of His glory.

407 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970

MASS: Sunday, 11:00 AM
Daily: As Scheduled

Rosary: Sunday, 10:30 AM
Confessions: Thursday, 6:00 PM

St. Louis
Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 PM
MASS: Saturday, 4:00 PM

***Deadline for Bulletin Items
Noon on Thursday***

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**St. Charles Borromeo
Parish
(est. 1903)**



November 4
Patron of Seminarians and Catechists

Oh God, Maintain in your people that spirit with which you inspired your Bishop St. Charles, so that your church may be constantly renewed, conforming itself to Christ and manifesting Christ to the world.

325 West Main Street (U. S. 60)
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

MASS: Saturday, 5:30 PM

Sunday, 7:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Daily: As Scheduled

Rosary: Saturday, 5:00 PM

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday-

Friday 10:00 am to
3:00 PM

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<http://parishesonline.com/scripts/HostedSites/organ.asp?ID=9278>**

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Question: So when the Church says that the Pope can speak “infallibly”, what exactly does that mean?

Answer: *To speak infallibly is to speak without error or any possibility of error.* The Pope speaks infallibly when he speaks from the Chair of Peter, “ex cathedra” or “from the chair”. If the Pope speaks “ex cathedra” he must make it a public statement that he is speaking thusly so that it is not done in secret and is concerned only with Faith and Morals for the welfare of the Church Universal.

The statement of infallibility was promulgated, although long held as such, at Vatican I by Pope Pius the IX in the 1850’s and who also proclaimed the infallible statement that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without sin, The Immaculate Conception. This was done on December 8, 1854. The second modern infallible decree was in 1950 by Pope Pius the XII regarding the Assumption of Mary. Both are Dogma and as such must be believed by Catholics to be in Communion with the Church.

The other interesting fact is that the Pope is the Supreme Pontiff and as such has full authority over the Church. That means outside of any infallible statements being made, the Pope has the Divine Authority to make and change rules and laws that govern the Church, explicitly or implicitly. One such change, although subtle, was the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass.

The rule of the Church was that at Holy Thursday Mass the Bishop or priest was to wash the feet of twelve men just as Jesus did for the Apostles in commemoration of the Last Supper. This rule obviously was not faithfully followed in any parish I have been in, but a rule none the less.

At Pope Francis’ first Holy Thursday Mass he washed the feet of Men, Women, Children, non-Catholic and even non-Christians. This very act by the Pope effectively changed the rule.

The Pope is the head of the Church here on earth as Jesus is the head of the Body of Christ, The Church.

Peace.

Have a question? Let me know at thomassoper@suddenlink.net. There is never a dumb question. The answer may not be what you think but do not let that keep you from asking.


Requiescat In Pace: Marguerite Willison
Prayer Requests:

This Week’s Requests: Rodney Morgan, Robert (Bob) Straub, Eugene Peters, Larry Burns, Brady Mickey, Gladys Paulin, Theresa Schrettner, Jim McLaughlin, Mary Nemcik, Roger Sheppard, Ron Scobbo, Sallie Dalton, Charlene Newsome, Emma Nichole Blankenship, Patricia Kauffmann, Margaret J. Mann, John O’Connell, John Boyle, Amanda Flora, Dee Ann Keene, Jennifer Decker, Patrick Burns, Andy Beery, Ray Falls, Chyna Shiflett, Karen Bailey Metrick, Rene Dillard, Kasey Dillard, Kaydin Dillard, Roz Nazar, Johnny & Dianna Feury, Kevin McCarthy, Larry Mussleman, Frank DeHaut, Hugh O’Donnell, Mick Martin, Vivian Spencer, Jenny Francisco, Miki McConnell, George Bennett, John Hanna, Jack Beard, Trisha McManus McDonald, Paula Larson, Scott Larson, Armella Johnson, Frankie Appel, Bobbie Casey, Leo O’Neil, Guy Robert, Eric Wood, Joyce Johnson, Jacqueline Wood, Ken Staley, Shirley Hicks, Walter Dinwiddie, Ed Echols, Joe Pellant, Janson Sheppard (grandson of Roger Sheppard), Tommy Robertson, Anne Ford, Joe Ford (son of Anne Ford), (Here please prayerfully add your own request, and let us pray for one another’s ongoing needs and special intentions

{Prayer Requests are taken each week for inclusion in the bulletin for two weeks. Please phone the Rectory (536-1813) with your requests or drop them in the Prayer Intention Box at the rear of the church.}

Our Sick and Homebound: Greenbrier Manor: Mary HamsheW, **At the Brier Rehabilitation Center:** Walter Dinwiddie, **the Seasons Nursing Home:** Dory McCabe, Mike and Roz Nazar **Homebound in White Sulphur Springs:** Lester Toney **White Sulphur Springs Nursing Home:** Monica Weaver

Our Military: Brian Collins, Richard Lampert, Paul Roshau, Jeremy Bennett, Jason Collins, Anthony De Rosa, Erin Fitzpatrick, Cecilia Gallagher, Ben Lucas, Kevin McClintic (Lewisburg), Sgt. Charles McClung, Jr., Mark McKendry, Mindy Miller, Patrick S. Reynolds (WSS), John Richter, Sr., Michael Smith, William Werner.

	Stewardship Report (11-28/29-2015)	
	St. Catherine	St. Charles
Attendance	82	119
Envelopes	1731.	410.
Loose	137.	785.
Total Collection	1868.	1195.
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WEEKLY LITURGICAL AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	St. Catherine	St. Charles	Other
Saturday, December 5th Vigil for Second Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Readers Mikki Dixon, Altar Server Perk Berry EM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✦ Irene Bode (deceased)
Sunday, December 6th Second Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ Geraldine Williams (deceased) «» <i>People of SCS</i> Readers Suzie Ciciora, Sue Ella Miano Altar Server Stanley Ciciora EM Mary Murray, Sue Richter	7:00 AM Mass ✦ Frank J. Mazzio (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Forrest & Frank Heintzman (deceased) Readers Jeanne Scobbo, Altar Server Charlie Friedman EM Jack O'Connell, Gertrude Worsham	
Monday, December 7th			@ St. Louis 7:15AM Holy Hour 8:30 AM Mass ✦
Tuesday, December 8th	8:30 AM Mass ✦ First Tuesday 6PM Benediction – All Others 6:00-8:00 PM Adoration		
Wednesday, December 9th	Advent Study in Parish Hall from 5:30 – 6:30 PM		
Thursday, December 10th	6:30 PM Mass ✦ Philip O'Doherty (deceased) 5:15PM Holy Hour 6PM Confession		
Friday, December 11th		8:30 AM Mass ✦ Forrest & Frank Heintzman (deceased)	
Saturday, December 12th Vigil for Third Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Forrest & Frank Heintzman (deceased) Readers Mikki Dixon, Altar Server Perk Berry EM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✦
Sunday, December 13th Third Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ Marguerite Willison (deceased) «» <i>People of SCS</i> Readers Robert Doherty, Laurel Doherty Altar Server Wrzosek Family EM Sue Ella Miano, Suzanne Gibson	7:00 AM Mass ✦ Edwin Stuart Moore III (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ John Kennedy (deceased) Readers Ron Scobbo, Altar Server Charlie Friedman EM Jack O'Connell, Sue Berry	

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston has made the Sunday Mass available on the Internet:
http://www.dwc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=156&Itemid=281

New to the Parish:

Detach and place in Collection Basket:

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Or Pick up registration forms found at the entrance of each Church and return them to the Church office (or the collection basket) so that we can get to know you better.

PARISH NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Altar- Rosary Craft Boutique/Bake Sale will be held December 12th & 13th at St. Catherine's. All are invited and encouraged to donate baked goods. Please bring your donations to St. Charles on Friday, December 11 by 3 pm, or to St. Catherine's by Saturday morning, 12/12. The Craft Boutique will be open at 9 am. If you need your baked goods to be picked up at your home, please call Deborah Conyers: 304-645-1847.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available for purchase in the gift shop at St. Charles and the vestibule of St. Catherine's. The proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus.

PLEASE NOTE: Our parishes now have two breakfast groups that are meeting regularly. Following Monday morning's Holy Hour and Mass at St. Louis, worshipers enjoy breakfast and f at Shoney's in Lewisburg. Holy Hour begins at 7:15 am and Mass at 8:30 am. Following Tuesday morning's 8:30 Mass, worshipers gather at Rudy's Restaurant in Ronceverte for breakfast and fellowship.

THE GREENBRIER VALLEY CHORALE will perform its Winter ChoralFest at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 pm. The Chorale is a 50 member choir made up of singers from Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, Raleigh County and Alleghany County, Virginia. For more information, or to purchase tickets to the Carnegie Hall Concert visit greenbriervalleychorale.org.

SCHEDULE FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meeting for December 27, 2015 is cancelled. The next meeting will be January 4th, 2016. Knights will host breakfast at St. Catherine's on December 20th. At 3:00 pm on the 20th the Knights will decorate at St. Charles. The Christmas Social will follow after the decorating.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

ST. CHARLES:

December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve – 5:00 PM
Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM
December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day – 9:00 AM

ST. CATHERINE:

December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM
December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day – 10:00 AM

ST. CATHERINE'S ALTAR-ROSARY is grateful to have received a generous bequest from the estate of Ann Johnson to use in their good works. Also she gave a generous bequest to her lifetime church, St. Catherine's.

MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

During this upcoming year, Pope Francis is encouraging us to practice the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception marks the opening of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. In our Gospel for this Feast, we witness Mary take a leap of faith and move outside of her comfort zone to serve God. Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) encourages people to take leaps of faith, too! This summer, students from across the Midwest and East Coast, came to Wheeling to serve with Volunteers at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. During their day of service, the students certainly stepped beyond their comfort zones – just as Mary did. They went to the homes of some of the center's clients: shut-ins who receive meals each day from CCWVa. Their work of mercy was to visit those "imprisoned" in their homes. Thanks for your support during the Christmas collection!

St. Catherine Altar & Rosary Society
10:15 am Tuesday December 01, 2015

Knights of Columbus:
Meeting January 04, 2016,
3:00 pm



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