

**The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 24, 2016  
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)  
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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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**What Does the Catholic Church Teach About....?**

**Question:**

So I'm standing around minding my own business and this person comes up to me and says, "If God is all knowing, that is, knows what we are going to be, choose etc. even before we are born, how exactly do we have free will?"

**My Answer:**

We tend to use those standard retorts to such deep and controversial questions like: "well our time is not God's time" or "we will find out when we leave this world" or better yet "if I knew that I would be God". How about just saying I don't know?

But let me take a stab at it.

All of the above answers really aren't that bad and are pretty close to a good answer although not very satisfying, at least not to me. So, I tend to think of things more in an earthly way, since I'm here on earth, and in a Godly way when I'm in the presence of God, say before the Blessed Sacrament.

In an earthly fashion, although I would like to think I have control over everything that happens to me and around me, the reality is that I don't. As I plan my day thinking of the things I would like to accomplish, by the end of the day that plan has just not worked out because of influences beyond my control. I adjust and change so that the best outcome might transpire. My choices are my own, however, good or bad. The consequences of my choices are what they are, but I made the choices. God knows, but I don't know what God knows. I only know what I know. So in essence I am free within the scope of myself to make those choices.

Now I will say that God knows what I know at any given time that I know it. I have been told by God that if I follow the ways of Christ I will have eternal life in God when I die as we all have the same possibility. God knows what we have decided in that regard even before we came into this world, Our Belief, and yet God brings us into this world anyway. Others may be brought into this world that we might be saved even though they may not. That's a sobering thought. We may be brought into this world to save others even though we may not be saved. That's an even more sobering thought.

So lots of thought, but still a more satisfactory answer is sought. In speaking of Peter's denial of Jesus and then Peter's conversion at the end versus Judas' denial and non-conversion, St. Augustine says "'Inscrutabilia sunt iudicia Dei" (the judgments of God are inscrutable). Why did Peter have the grace to turn to Jesus and Judas not? Is one meant to save and the other to be saved?

I certainly can't top that.

Peace.

Deacon Tom

Have a question? Let me know at [thomassoper@shentel.net](mailto:thomassoper@shentel.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:  
Prayer Requests:**

**This Week's Requests:** Shane Keadle, Betsy Myers, Rodney Morgan, Robert (Bob) Straub, Larry Burns, Gladys Paulin, Theresa Schrettner, Jim McLaughlin, Mary Nemcik, Roger Sheppard, 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, Johnny & Dianna Feury, Kevin McCarthy, Larry Mussleman, Frank DeHaut, Natalie 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, 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, **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.

	<b>Stewardship Report</b> (07-16/17-16)	
	<b>St. Catherine</b>	<b>St. Charles</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	93	112
<b>Envelopes</b>	972.00	360.00
<b>Loose</b>	302.00	867.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	1274.00	1227.00
<b>St. Louis</b>	Attendance 36	Collection 460.00

**WEEKLY LITURGICAL AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>St. Catherine</b>	<b>St. Charles</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Saturday, July 23rd Vigil of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Readers Patti Waid, Altar Server Hanna Family EM Mikki Dixon, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✦
<b>Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ Lola Keys (deceased) Readers Mary Murray, Suzie Ciciora Altar Server Ken Plumley EM Sue Richter	7:00 AM Mass ✦ John M. Ferretti (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Garnette Haynes (deceased) Reader George Hammer, Altar Server Perk Berry EM Gertrude Worsham, Sue Berry	
Monday, July 25th			@ St. Louis 7:15 AM Adoration 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Breakfast at Shoney's ✦
Tuesday, July 26th	8:00 AM Reconciliation 8:30 AM Mass ✦ Paul Richter (deceased) 9:00 AM Breakfast at Rudy's 6:00-8:00 Eucharistic Adoration ✦		
Wednesday, July 27th			
Thursday, July 28th	5:15-6:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Mass ✦ Pat & Jeanne Clark (living)		
Friday, July 29th		8:30 AM Mass ✦	
<b>Saturday, July 30th Vigil of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Readers Mikki Dixon, Altar Server Hanna Family EM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✦
<b>Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ John Hildebrand (deceased) Readers Connie Brown, Elaine Soper Altar Server Wrzosek Family EM Robert Doherty	7:00 AM Mass ✦ Dr. Vincent Cipolla (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Reader Ron Scobbo, Altar Server Perk Berry EM Gertrude Worsham, Jack O'Connell	

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](http://www.dwc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=156&Itemid=281)

## PARISH NEWS

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS IN OUR AREA AND PARISH.** The recovery period will be months in the making.

**SACRED HEART OF MARY PARISH** in Weirton will celebrate their annual Polish Fest on Sunday, August 7 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. at the Serbian Picnic Grounds (36 Kings Creek Rd) in Weirton. The festivities will begin with a Polka Mass at Noon. Music for the Mass will be provided by Tom Zielinsky on his accordion. Traditional Polish cuisine including cabbage rolls, haluski, kielbasa, and pierogi will be available after Mass. Roast beef, hot dogs, and baked goods will also be sold. There will be carnival games, funnel cakes, popcorn, nachos, and sno-cones.

Everyone is invited to a **“SINGING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE”** and s’mores Wednesday, July 27, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 325 West Main Street, White Sulphur Springs 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Some seating provided, some “marshmallow sticks” provided also. HOSTED BY the Alleghany Highlands Council Knights of Columbus. All “children” one to 100 are invited to relive the campfire experience.

**HELP URGENTLY NEEDED** with a program currently being started here in our area called “Visiting Angels”. They need people willing to go and visit, spend time with folks who are unable to get out themselves. These are paid positions and if you have special skills such as CPR training the compensation is more. If interested in finding out more please call 304-252-5060 or [www.VisitingAngels.com](http://www.VisitingAngels.com).

**A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:** If you will notice on the section in the bulletin for Prayer Requests it states that the requests are taken and are included in the bulletin for two weeks. Most of the requests that are now included have been there for months and months. No doubt some need to be removed and others perhaps left on for an indefinite period. Please take time to look over this list. Beginning in August the list will be deleted except for the most recent requests. The Sick and Homebound List will not be changed but if someone is no longer serving in the military please contact the church office as well as for those who need to be removed or left on the Prayer Requests list....Thank you!



**St. Catherine Altar & Rosary Society**  
**10:15 am Tuesday August 02, 2016**

**Knights of Columbus:**  
**Meeting – July 10 and 24, 2016**  
**6:00 pm.**



**Latin Mass: First Sunday of the Month**  
**at St. Charles – 2:00 PM – August 07, 2016**

*As you enter the church for Mass and the Rosary is being prayed.....we ask that you please enter silently and respectfully whether or not you are participating in the prayer.*





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