

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 06, 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)
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/o
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What Does the Catholic Church Teach

About....?

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Question: Here's a particularly interesting question. "Why isn't fish considered a meat that we need to abstain from during Lenten Fridays?" "How did the Church come to this understanding, is it Biblical?"

My Answer: Growing up in a traditional Catholic family we just never ate meat on any Friday, pre Vatican II you see. Yes, I'm that old! The Church in those days and the days prior acknowledged that Christ died on the cross on a Friday and thus to commemorate this Salvific event in Christ's life for us, we would sacrifice something of ourselves each Friday in remembrance of His death. So why meat and why not fish?

I had to search for answers since it was just second nature to not eat meat on Fridays, most especially during Lent. I came up with some interesting answers and some interesting takes on what is considered meat and what is not considered meat.

First, let's look to the Church for a specific doctrinal understanding of meat. The USCCB, the Conference of Bishops, specifically states that meat is anything that walks upon the earth. That means anything that swims in the sea is fair game to eat, fish, shrimp, lobster, clams, oysters, that kind of stuff. So that is the specific doctrinal answer. Suffice it to say, I'm not satisfied with that. How does this even come to be? Let me post a couple of answers I found.

Let me start with a word that seems to strike terror in the hearts of many and a fear to be spoken by others, TRADITION. As Tevey screams out in "The Fiddler on the Roof", TRADITION. I love that musical! So it is tradition, but based on what? I explained previously, in remembrance of Christ's death on the cross.

First, Thomas Aquinas, my patron saint. Thomas explains that meat is of animals that are most like ourselves, they walk, eat, have procreative functions similar to humans. Also, our flesh leads us to sin and thus the flesh of animals is an occasion of sin.??? Really? Well think about our tendency to over eat for example or our lack of care for those that don't have enough to eat. That's what Thomas, in brief, has to say.

Let me go to the explanation that I like and seems to make sense. It goes this way. It comes down to language. We are of the Roman Rite in the Catholic Church, if you didn't already know. Our official language is Latin, again if you didn't know. So the translation of Scripture and the Traditional Church writings use language when speaking of eating in two different words, one for animals that walk upon the earth and one for those that swim in the sea. Guess which one is used traditionally! Yep, 'Carne' the one for animals that walk the earth. So the verbiage used in early Church writings lends itself to that specific meaning of animal flesh. Yippee!

Always remember that it's not what we do by Tradition, but why we do it. Just as a quick note, there are Dioceses in the US that have particular dispensations for the meat aspect of fasting, like: the Diocese of Detroit can munch on muskrat every Friday and the Archbishop of New Orleans gave alligator the thumbs up when he declared, "Alligator is considered in the fish family." Go figure. Even in the 17th century, the Bishop of Quebec ruled that beavers were fish. I guess amphibians are the in-between creatures...Peace


Requiescat In Pace: Prayer Requests:

This Week's Requests: Sebastian Radovic, Elizabeth Ramsay, Gloria Kohlhepp, Shane Keadle, Betsy Myers, Rodney Morgan, Robert (Bob) Straub, Larry Burns, 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 Hamsheiw, **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 (02-27/28-16)	
	St. Catherine	St. Charles
Attendance	88	92
Envelopes	584.00	510.00
Loose	99.00	255.00
Total Collection	683.00	765.00
PHRA	205.00	341.00

WEEKLY LITURGICAL AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	St. Catherine	St. Charles	Other
Saturday, March 05th Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent	.	5:30 PM Mass ✠ Vincent O'Neil (deceased) Readers Mikki Dixon, Altar Server Hanna Family EM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✠ D.L. Moody (deceased)
Sunday, March 06th The Fourth Sunday of Lent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✠ Sebastian Radovic (living) Readers Robert Doherty, Laurel Doherty Altar Server Samantha McManus EM Tammy McManus, Connie Brown	7:00 AM Mass ✠ Frank J. Mazzio (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✠ Reader Jeremy Bertrand, Altar Server Perk Berry EM Sue Berry, Jack O'Connell 2:00 PM Latin Mass	
Monday, March 07 th			@ St. Louis 7:15AM Adoration 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Breakfast at Shoney's ✠
Tuesday, March 08 th	8:00 AM Reconciliation 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Breakfast at Rudy's 6:00-8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration ✠ E.H. Moody (deceased)		
Wednesday, March 09 th	5:30-6:30 PM Lenten Study		
Thursday, March 10 th	5:30 PM Confession 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM Mass ✠ Carl & Emma Larson (deceased)		
Friday, March 11 th	✠	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross ✠ Alice Kennedy (deceased)	4:00-7:30 PM Fish Dinner – UMC
Saturday, March 12th Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent		5:30 PM Mass ✠ John & Betty O'Neil, Barbara O'Neil McCamant (deceased) Readers Patti Waid, Altar Server Hanna Family EM Mikki Dixon, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 4:00 PM Mass 3:30 PM Confession ✠
Sunday, March 13th Fifth Sunday of Lent			

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

EASTER LILIES: St. Catherine's Altar & Rosary will be collecting donations for Easter lilies this year. Throughout the pews you will find a green envelope for that purpose. There is a place on the envelope to indicate your donation to honor someone still living or remember someone who is deceased. Please return your envelope to the collection basket or to an usher at the back of the church.

PENANCE SERVICE: In order to help you fulfill the confession requirement for Lent a Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine's. Father Rey Landicho and Father Jim Conyers will be hearing confessions.

THE GREENBRIER VALLEY CHORALE will perform its spring concert at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, March 19th at 7:30 pm. This year's program is **IRISH TUNES & AIRS:** Songs for St. Patrick's Day, and includes traditional and modern arrangements of favorites from the Emerald Isle. The program will also feature soloist Patrick O'Flaherty, and musicians Tim Pence on the fiddle and Leah Trent on the harp. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.greenbriervalley.org or call Sally Lane at 304-646-4325.

GWEN'S MEALS: Gwen's meals will be prepared at St. Charles Borromeo on Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help pack the lunches.

GET YOUR IRISH ON! The Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held at St. Catherine's on Thursday, March 17th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Carry-out will be available from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Price is \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 (Under 5 free). **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for setup, serving, and clean-up. Also, anyone interested in helping decorate, please contact the church office at 304-536-1813.

VOLUNTEERS AND DESSERTS NEEDED:

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners have begun at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur. The dinners are every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The Knights are in need of volunteers (several who have always helped have moved away) and also desserts are needed. Please contact Perk Berry at 304-536-3716 for more information.



**Donations will be accepted to support the annual Youth retreat at Francis-
can University
at Steubenville**

Please let Katie Iekes know if you are bringing soup or bread. It will still be Lent ...so needs to be veggie or seafood. The winners will receive award to host for a year! 304-667-7027



Super Soup Cooks, Bakers and Friends of the Greenbrier Co. parishes March 20th Soup and Bread Luncheon Cook-Off

After Mass at St. Catherine's at 12

The Annual Soup Luncheon fundraiser will have a different spin with youth and church members bringing soup and bread to share and let the church family decide the best soup and bread for 2016!

Not everyone needs to bring soup, but we need everyone to plan to attend and come taste great soups and join in the fellowship as we raise funds for the youth!

PLEASE NOTE: Soups made for the Soup and Bread Luncheon Cook-Off DO NOT have to be meat free as previously stated. Lent will be concluded and we will be celebrating Palm Sunday.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on March 13th after Mass. Please mark your calendar for those involved.

St. Catherine Altar & Rosary Society
10:15 am Tuesday April 05, 2016

Knights of Columbus:
Meeting – April 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm





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