

St. Catherine Altar & Rosary Society
9:45 am Tuesday January 02, 2018



Knights of Columbus:

Meeting –December 10 at 3:00 pm at SCB and
December 24 at 3:00 pm at SCB.

Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley
cordially invites you to our annual
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

December 14, 2017

12 Noon

First Baptist Church in Fairlea

We want to be able to say "Thank You".

Come join us for lunch, fun and fellowship!

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 11TH



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to donate Christmas Flowers for St. Catherine's, St. Charles or St. Louis **IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF** a loved one? If so, please put your name and the name of the person to be remembered or honored on the sign-up sheet at St. Charles. Give your donation to Gertrude Worsham. At St. Louis and St. Catherine's, green envelopes will be available for your donations. **Please have your names and donations in no later than December 17th.**

FROM THE DIOCESE
Give a gift to support the work of U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
P.O. Box 25241
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Visit:
sistersagainstrafficking.org

GWEN'S MEALS
Volunteers needed to help package meals on Wednesday, the 13th, at 9 am at St. Charles Parish Hall.



The Greenbrier Valley Chorale
Presents
THE BRIGHTEST AND BEST MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS
On
TODAY, 3:00 p.m. at Carnegie Hall.
Adult tickets - \$17, K-Undergrad - \$7
304-645-7917 or www.carnegiehallwv.org
And at the door.

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 203.233.0880.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017
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.

163 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

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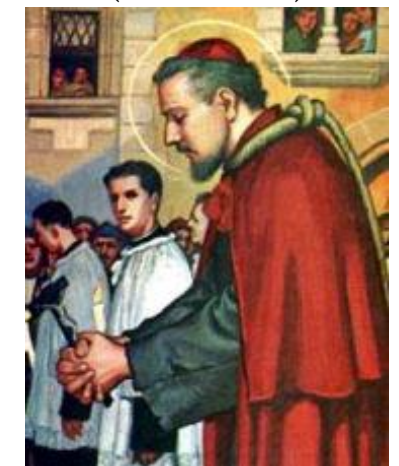
Office Hours:

Monday –Wednesday
– Friday

10:00 am to 3:00 PM

Deadline for bulletin items – NOON on Thursday

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.

40798 Midland Trail (U. S. 60)
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

MASS: Saturday, 5:30 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM

Confession
Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass
Daily: As Scheduled

Rosary: Saturday, 5:00 PM

Check out our bulletins online:

St. Charles www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-church-24986

St. Catherine www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-siena-24970

WEEKLY LITURGICAL AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	St. Catherine	St. Charles	St. Louis
Saturday, December 09th Vigil for The Second Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Tommy Given (D) Reader Patti Waid Altar Server LM Mikki Dixon, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 3:30 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass ✦ For the People Reader: Katherine Peregoy 5-6:30 PM GIF
Sunday, December 10th The Second Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ Quinton Williams (L) Reader Robert Doherty, Paul Roshau Altar Server Wrzosek Family LM Mary Murray	8:30 am Confession 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Veronica Arbogast (D) Reader Jeanne Scobbo, Altar Server Perk Berry LM Gertrude Worsham, Sue Berry	
Monday, December 11th			@ St. Louis 7:15AM Adoration 8:30 AM Mass ✦ Philip O'Doherty(D)
Tuesday, December 12th	8:00 AM Reconciliation 8:30 AM Mass ✦ E.H. Moody (D) 9:00 AM Breakfast at Rudy's. 9:30 am RCIA 6:00-7:00 PM Benediction		
Wednesday, December 13th		8:30 AM Mass ✦ Tessa Moore (L)	
Thursday, December 14th	5:15-6:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Mass ✦ D.L. Moody (D)		
Friday, December 15th		8:30 AM Mass ✦ John Kennedy (D)	
Saturday, December 16th Vigil for The Third Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ For the People Reader Mikki Dixon Altar Server LM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 3:30 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass ✦ Regina Quesenberry (L) Reader: Judy Long
Sunday, December 17th The Third Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ For the People Reader Sue Ella Miano, Laurel Doherty Altar Server Samantha McManus LM Tammy McManus	8:30 am Confession 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Nicholas Scobbo (D) Reader Mario Scarpa, Altar Server Perk Berry LM Raeann Carrier, Jack O'Connell	

What Does the Catholic Church Teach About....?

Question:

I thought that it would be a good time to write about "The Immaculate Conception".

My Answer:

There's always the first misunderstanding that the Immaculate Conception has to do with Jesus' conception and birth. Well as we all know from the Generation of Faith session last weekend, the Immaculate Conception is the Sin Free conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, free from the effects of Original Sin. But let me suggest that the Immaculate Conception has everything to do with Jesus' birth. Let me explain.

I like to read the Early Church Fathers to get a feel for the Early Church and how we came to understand what we profess as our belief, belief in who Jesus is and why he came to take on a human experience.

Athanasius, one of my favorite Church Fathers, wrote "On the Incarnation" in which he poses that it was necessary for God, in order to redeem the sins of man, to take on a human nature. No mere human could perform such a task. It had to be God. And why did He have to do this as a human and not just command it to be? Athanasius again poses that God is a God of truth and when God said that if you take from the tree of knowledge, Adam and Eve, you must die, that is die to your sin, it had to be. Thus, we have the Doctrine of Original Sin, as was discussed at Generations in Faith, and man only has recourse through God to address this Original Sin and only God can be this recourse, God Incarnate.

So back to the Immaculate Conception. For God to take on a human nature God would choose the normal route of a human and that being through a human birth, but how would that take place? We come to understand that through a woman in an unnatural conception, a conception to a virgin through the intervention of the Holy Spirit this is possible. Yes! A virgin birth!

For this to make sense God would provide a special Grace through the merits of Jesus Himself even before His birth and even before His Conception to Mary so that she would be prepared to receive God Godself, a pure and Holy vessel, a tabernacle for Jesus to be cared for for nine months. What a blessed gift to a mere human or as we have come to understand and believe a Most Special and Blessed Mother of God, our eternal Mother.

We always have recourse to Jesus Himself through His mother. We don't pray to Mary, we pray through Mary.

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.

Peace
Deacon Tom

Requiescat In Pace:

Prayer Requests:

This Week's Requests: Armella Johnson, Carmen Withrow, Ricky Dunbar, Ray B., Veronica Seguin, Bonnie Brown, Judy Long, Sue Malloy, Jim Bryant, Janson Sheppard, Russell Lefler, Chad O'Donnell, Armella Johnson, Roger Sheppard, Randal Nicholson, Charlie Friedman, Mary Crone, Jeff McCormick, Jason Presley, Peggy Miller, Jean Foley, Quinton Williams, Lee Doggett, Kenneth Holliday, Lisa Covelli, Mike Stentz, Ruth Beverley, Jack Lucas, Pete Zaiser, Georgia Campbell, John O'Connell, Larry Burns, The Altar/Rosary Prayer List
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: At Home:** Ed Echols, **Greenbrier Manor:** Mary Hamshe, Ann Ford **the Seasons Nursing Home:** Dory McCabe, **Our Military:** Jacob Wrzosek, John Driscoll, 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,

ST. CATHERINE'S DECEMBER SOCIAL CONCERN COLLECTION will be December 31, 2017, and will be for **THE RONCEVERTE FOOD PANTRY**. Prayerfully consider your contribution to this much needed service in our community.



	Stewardship Report 12-02/03-2017		
	St. Catherine	St. Charles	St. Louis
Attendance	85	80	39
Envelopes	968.00	575.00	553.00
Loose	1556.00	1559.00	83.00
Total Collection	2524.00	2134.00	636.00