

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA is inviting all people to join in its vision of hope for West Virginia by contributing to its "Be With Us" appeal. Proceeds from the annual appeal will directly support the outreach services of CCWVa throughout West Virginia. The traditional second collection at Christmas Mass will contribute to this appeal. Donations can also be made online at CatholicCharitiesWV.org, by mail at 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or by calling 1-888-900-2989.

ST. CATHERINE'S ALTAR & ROSARY CRAFTERS will be meeting **Tuesday, Dec. 13, after 8:30 am mass** to make puffing tote bags. Everyone welcome. Call Liana Shrader with questions – 304-445-2315.

AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Check us out on Facebook...PLEASE like and share our page to help spread the word!



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.

ST. CATHERINE'S SOCIAL CONCERN COLLECTION for the month of December will be the Ronceverte Ministerial Association. The collection will be taken on December 18. There are many needs this time of year so please give generously.

GWEN'S Meals: Gwen's meals will be prepared at St. Charles Borromeo on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Volunteer are needed to help pack the lunches.

A program of "**CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND NARRATION**" will be heard at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, WSS, at 6 PM Sunday, Dec. 11. Public is invited. There will be no admission fee. Featured will be Lee Gillespie. Narration will be by his youngest sister, Linda Powell.

St. Catherine Altar & Rosary Society
10:15 am Tuesday January 03, 2017



Knights of Columbus:
Meeting – December 11, 2016 at St. Louis at 2:00 PM and January 08, 2017 at St. Louis at 3:00 PM.

Latin Mass: First Sunday of the Month
at St. Charles – 2:00 PM – January 01, 2017

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.

GREENBRIER VALLEY CHORALE
Presents
A Winter Concert
Merry & Bright
Songs for the Season
SUNDAY, DEC. 11 ~ 3:00 PM
Carnegie Hall - Lewisburg
ADA Compliant
Adults \$15, Children K-12 \$5
www.greenbriervalleychorale.org
Tickets on-line and at door

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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

Pastor
Father Chapin
fatherchapin@yahoo.com

Parochial Vicar:
Father Jim Conyers
james.conyers@frontier.com

OFFICE/RECTORY
Phone & FAX:
(304) 536-1813
Church Hall Phone:
(304) 536-4034
email:

stborromeo@frontier.com

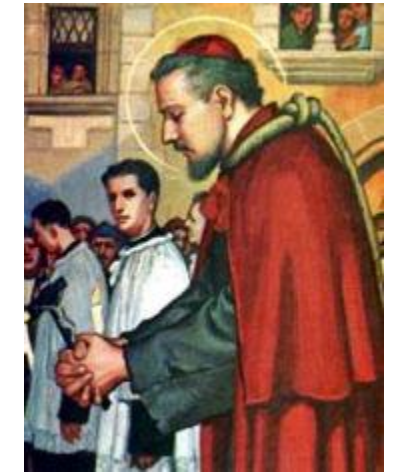
Office Hours:

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.

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

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	Other
Saturday, December 10th Vigil of The Third Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Philip O'Doherty (deceased) Readers Patti Waid ,Altar Server Hanna Family EM Mikki Dixon, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 3:30 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass ✦ Geraldine Williams (deceased) Reader Sallie Dalton
Sunday, December 11th The Third Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ James Michael Keating (deceased) Reader Elaine Soper, Connie Brown Altar Server Roshau Family, EM Sue Richter	7:00 AM Mass ✦ Fr. Steven Bendick (deceased) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Michael & Maureen Klein (L) Reader Jeanne Scobbo Altar Server Perk Berry EM Sue Berry, Jack O'Connell	
Monday, December 12th			@ St. Louis 7:15AM Adoration 8:30 AM Mass ✦ Breakfast at Shoney's
Tuesday, December 13th	8:00 AM Reconciliation 8:30 AM Mass ✦ 9:00 am Breakfast at Rudy's 6:00- 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration		
Wednesday, December 14th			
Thursday, December 15th	5:15-6:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Mass ✦ J.J. O'Brien (deceased)		
Friday, December 16th		8:30 AM Mass ✦	
Saturday, December 17th Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Advent		5:30 PM Mass ✦ Michael & Maureen Klein (L) Readers Mikki Dixon ,Altar Server Hanna Family EM Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	@ St. Louis 3:30 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass ✦ Reader Judy Long
Sunday, December 18th The Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:30 AM Rosary 11:00 AM Mass ✦ Joseph & Alyce Williams (deceased) Reader Susie Ciciora, Mary Murray Altar Server Wrzosek Family, EM Elaine Soper	7:00 AM Mass ✦ Hon. James T. Moore (living) 8:45 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Mass ✦ Nicholas Scobbo (deceased) Reader Raeann Carrier Altar Server Perk Berry EM Sue Berry, Gertrude Worsham	

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

Question:

I was asked about Novenas and in particular the 54 day Novena and where they come from?

My Answer:

First the word Novena is associated most specifically with a prayer or set of prayers that are recited for Nine Consecutive Days, nine not fifty four.

So let me start with Novena and where the notion comes from. I am quoting from "The Catholic Encyclopedia on Newadvent.org" here:

A nine days' private or public devotion in the [Catholic Church](#) to obtain special [graces](#). The [octave](#) has more of the festal character; to the novena belongs that of hopeful mourning, of yearning, of [prayer](#). "The number nine in [Holy Writ](#) is indicative of suffering and grief" ([St. Jerome](#), in Ezech., vii, 24; — P.L., XXV, 238, cf. XXV, 1473). The novena is permitted and even recommended by [ecclesiastical](#) authority, but still has no proper and fully set place in the [liturgy](#) of the [Church](#). It has, however, more and more been prized and utilized by the [faithful](#). Four kinds of novenas can be distinguished: novenas of mourning, of preparation, of [prayer](#), and the [indulged](#) novenas, though this distinction is not exclusive.

There are specific Novenas sanctioned by the Church most especially associated with indulgences. It seems that many so called Novenas pop up from time to time for specific purposes, let's say for "For our Nation" after the elections. Probably not sanctioned by the Church Universal since it's a National prayer, but could be sanctioned by the local ordinary, such as a bishop or the Conference of Catholic Bishops.

So is it permissible to pray these special prayers? We pray for our country and should all of the time. We want God to look on our country with favor. We always need to keep in our mind that God is Universal. God is the creator of ALL, all countries, peoples, beings. This is a very hard concept to grasp when we grow up in a very specific time and place. Maybe we should be praying a Novena for understanding? Is there such a thing? Good question.

I always say that if I'm going to pray, especially Novenas, I want to look to the Church for guidance. What specifically are we praying for and are there any associated prayers or actions that must accompany them?

The Church states specifically that we are to pray unceasingly. The Church goes to great effort to fulfill this charge. Mass is celebrated somewhere in the world at all times. The Liturgy of the Hours (The Office) is being prayed unceasingly throughout the world by Religious and Laity together. So why not add a Novena to the prayer?

Peace.
Deacon Tom

Have a question? Let me know at 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: Tommy Given
Prayer Requests:

This Week's Requests: Quincy Williams, Lee Doggett, Kenneth Holliday, Mike Williamson, Lisa Covelli, Mike Stentz, Todd Yoder, Lonnie & Carmen Withrow, Ruth Beverley, Jack Lucas, Tommy Given, Theresa Allen Poore, Pete Zaiser, Georgia Campbell, Larry Musselman, John O'Connell, Al Stocking Mary Nemcik, Shirley Hicks, Larry Burns, The Altar/Rosary Prayer List, Ann Ford *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, Ann Ford **the Seasons Nursing Home:** Dory McCabe, **Homebound in White Sulphur Springs:** Lester Toney

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, Patrick S. Reynolds (WSS), John Richter, Sr., Michael Smith, William Werner.

The Third Sunday of Advent



	Stewardship Report 12-03/04-16)	
	St. Catherine	St. Charles
Attendance	98	105
Envelopes	931.00	970.00
Loose	1372.00	418.00
Total Collection	2303.00	1388.00
St. Louis	Attendance 41	Collection 467.00