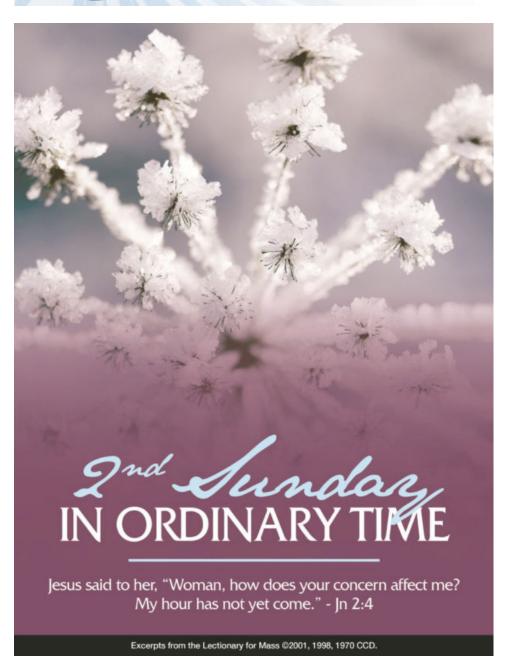
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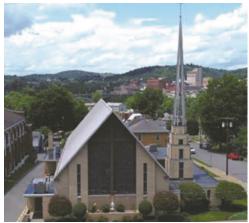




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Catholic over the age of 18 (unless they are in school), we invite you to become registered members of our parish! This is a greate way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. Please fill out this form and return it either by mail or the collection basket. Soon after, you will get a letter confirming your membership in the mail. Please make sure you introduce yourself to the Priest celebrating the Mass you attend!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 15

5:30 pm †John & Helen DeMary req. by Bob DeMary

Sunday, Jan. 16

8:30am † Clifford "Poochie" Hoffman req. by Carol Hoffman

11:00am Our Parish Family

Monday - Tuesday Jan. 17 - 18 - NO Mass

Wednesday, Jan 19 8:00am - Word and Communion

Thursday Friday, Jan. 20 - 21 - No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 22

5:30 pm †Good Health of the Family of Mike and Tracy Priolette

Sunday, Jan. 23

8:30am † Jane Bonasso req. by the Neptune Family

11:00am Our Parish Family

PLEASE NOTE: *In the event of a Funeral* Mass or school is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the daily morning Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention will be rescheduled.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Holy Mass intentions are available for the year of 2022. Please call the office or drop intentions in the collection box to schedule. Holy Masses are offered for the living and deceased.

PARISH LEVEL LISTENING SESSIONS



Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION

Monday, Jan. 17 at 1:00 PM; Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 PM Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10:00 AM; Sunday, Jan. 23 at 12:00 The facilitators are Nick Fantasia and Carol Boyers.

Synodal Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Anyone of these sessions will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for one of these important listening sessions.



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. In addition to civil authorities, 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 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under

"Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Immaculate Conception Church has made Rosemary Fantasia the coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH & THE FAMILY

To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In our diocese the date is extended to March 19, 2022.

Pope Francis has also called for the Year of the Family from 19th March 2021 - 26th June 2022 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laeti*, on the pastoral care of families.

Dedication of Our Families to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph and the Family, we continue to pray each day for one of our Parish Families. The day chosen for your family will be notified through a letter (How? Surprise!) and a reminder call. We will also list the names of the families in the bulletin each week. I request our parish families to join me to pray during your family prayer time.

On the chosen day we dedicate your family to St. Joseph and the Holy Family by lighting a candle and placing your name in front of the Holy Family statue. Also, we will pray for you during the prayers of the faithful at Holy Mass. You may also wish to attend one of the Masses that week or weekend to pray for your special intentions.

LITURGICAL MININSTERS SCHEDULE				
	Jan 22 5:30 PM	Jan. 23 8:30 AM	11:00 AM	
Ushers	Edna Wilson Danny & Cindy Serge, Tom Cole	Larry Willet, Seth & Johnna Barker, Jim Beckman	Michael Rinehart. Alice Sherer, Jay Urse, Carol Licata,	
Altar Servers	Parker & Luke Bombard, Vincent Cook	Kaelyn & Zoe Willett, & Logan Beckman	Gabriella & Dominic Rinehart	
Extraordinary Ministers	Stacey Spadafore	Rosemay Fantasia	Wayne Hartley	
Lectors	David Haymond	Mary Ann Starkey	Kate Merritt	
Security	Danny Serge, Tom Cole	Lary Willett, Jim Beckman	Jay Urse, Carol Licata	
Sacristan	Vincent Berndardo	Ann Gaskins	Sr. Stella	

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and blessed by our priest in the church are available. Shawls can be given to those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after loss, during illness, and many other life events. Call Sister Stella at 304-367-0485 to get one.



Prayer Schedule for Jan. 29 - 30

Jan. 29 - Jerry and Nancy Wood Madaline Walsh Jan. 30 - Robert and Lova Yanero

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION Church in the Developing World NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION Fairmont Catholic School Support

IN MEMORIAL

A Building Fund Donation was made in Loving Memory of Jim Ice by Phil and Ruth Monnell, Diana and Clyde Furgason, Carol and Joe Colasessano, Donna and Dave Wells, Carol Licata, and Joe Mener

A Building Fund Donation was made in Loving Memory of Joe Merendino by Mr. & Mrs. David Riffle, Frank Dellatti, Jerry & Carol Boyers, Pinnelli John and Antoinette Delligatti

A Donation has been made to our Social Concerns Fund by Van and Nikki Phillips in Loving Memory of Ott Meale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairmont Catholic Winner Circle Winning Numbers are #52
- Synod Listening Sessions
 Jan. 17 1:00 PM
 Jan 20 7:00 PM
 Jan 22 10:00 AM
- Ladies Society Meeting -March 8 at 6:00 pm in Marian Hall.



POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

STEWARDSHIP

	Jan. 9
Attendance	237
Weekly Collection (Regular & Online)	\$4,226
Building Fund (Regular & Online)	\$1,635
FC School Support (Regular & Online)	\$711
Christmas	\$375
Flowers	\$70
Retirement of the Religious	\$30
Catholic Charities WV	\$50

ST. SEBASTIAN | JANUARY 20



Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 -287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LPi

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Parish office to schedule the baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Fairmont Catholic School or the Faith Formation Program.

PENANCE: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 4:30PM on Saturday, and before and after all the Holy Masses.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 9th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office for preparation in order to be included in the celebration.

MATRIMONY: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by contacting Fr. Jojan (304)-281-0086, Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485, or the Parish Office (304)-363-5796.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Contact Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485 for more details.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY MASS & ADORATION: Holy Mass will begin at 7:00PM and followed by Adoration until 8:00PM.

Online giving is a convenient way to support your church. Check the website for Online Giving Instructions.

GOSPEL MEDIATION

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for

ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But, before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

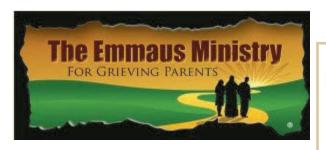
Moral: God is everywhere. We just need to share our happiness and make others smile to feel him.

TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at https://dwc.org/diocese/ ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.

Faith Formation Attendance Jan. 9				
Class	#Registered	#Present		
Pre-K	2	1		
K	4	3		
1st	3	0		
2nd	12	6		
3rd	6	2		
4th	2	1		
5th	4	2		
6th	6	2		
7th	7	2		
Total	46	19		



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will be hosting a retreat for grieving parents Mary Catholic Church Morgantown, WV on Saturday, March 12, 2022, beginning at 9:30 am and ending approximately 7:30 pm. This spiritual retreat is for grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please see the attached link for additional information registration: including https:// www.emfgp.org/events/03-12-22-one-dayretreat-at-st-mary-church-morgantownwv/. If you have any questions regarding the retreat, please contact Ed Cesa at 724-324-9222.

Gifts from of Holy Land

We have a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of the tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from sale will benefits Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carving, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get you gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you all and God Bless.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

Below are FAQs about the Hope Scholarship Program. To find out more or if you have questions you can contact FCS at 304-363-5313 or email at dburnside@fairmontcatholic.com.

Hope Scholarship Program FAQs

What is the Hope Scholarship Program?

The Hope Scholarship will be an education savings account program that will allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for them.

Passed by the Legislature during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session, the program is scheduled to begin with the Fall 2022 school year, with an application period to open by March 2022.

The State Treasurer's Office is currently developing this program in advance of its launch date.

Does my child qualify for the program?

The student is entering kindergarten for the first time in Fall of 2022.

The student was enrolled full time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state the previous school year. The student is enrolled full time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 days during an instructional term at the time of application.

Are students enrolled in a Catholic school currently eligible?

If a student is currently enrolled in a private school or was enrolled full time in a private school the previous academic year, the student is not eligible to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program. However, the student could become eligible by enrolling full time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 days at the time of application. (FYI: home school students are also not eligible under the same restrictions)

When will students currently enrolled in Catholic schools be eligible?

If the participation rate of the combined number of students in the Hope Scholarship Program and students eligible who have applied to participate in the Hope Scholarship program in 2024 is less than five percent of net public school enrollment adjusted for state aid purposes for the previous school year, then, effective July 1, 2026, all students will be eligible to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

How much money could be received?

Under the current School Aid Formula, each eligible student would receive \$4,600 annually. This number will vary from year to year depending on the School Aid Formula.

What can families spend the money on?

Tuition and fees for private school, non-public online programs, or alternative education programs

Services provided by a public school (extracurricular, individual courses)

Tutoring services

Fees for standardized or advanced placement exams

Fees for preparation courses

Educational services and therapies

Supplemental materials (supplies, textbooks)

Transportation fees

Any other qualified expense as approved by the Hope Scholarship Board

When can parents apply for the Hope Scholarship Program?

Currently, there is not a date for when applications will be made available. However, applications will be made available no later than March 1,2022. The Treasurer's Office will advertise the availability of applications at the appropriate time.

How will Hope Scholarship money be distributed and spent?

The Treasurer's Office will contract with a third party like ClassWallet to administer Hope Scholarship accounts electronically. Each family will have access to an account for each eligible student in their household. All purchases will be made via an ACH transaction and will be pre-approved by the Treasurer's Office.



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