



**St. Catherine Altar Rosary Society**  
9:45 am Tuesday March 03, 2020

**Knights of Columbus**  
Meet March 08 at 6 pm  
St. Charles Borromeo



**CALLING ALL LADS AND LASSES!**

Sign up sheets will be available at each parish this weekend. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, the 17th, the day of the dinner. Please let us know what time you can be there to help. It takes many hands to get through all the serving, take out boxes, and clean up for the dinner. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
[Sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://Sistersagainstrafficking.org)

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, please contact

**EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE**

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 09TH  
MASS AT 6:30 PM—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 10TH  
MASS AT NOON—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
MASS AT 6:00 PM—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

EASTER VIGIL—APRIL 11TH  
MASS AT 8:00 PM—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 12TH  
MASS AT 9:00 AM—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
MASS AT 11:00 AM—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA



**GWEN'S MEALS**

Gwen's meals will be prepared at St. Charles Borromeo on Wednesday, March 04th at 9:00 am. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP PACK THE LUNCHES.** What better way to serve those in need during this Lenten season.



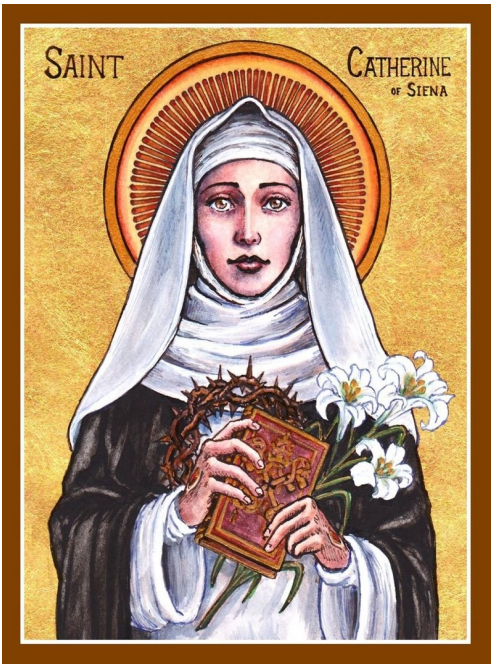
**PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM**

FOR MEN 31 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
There will be an informational meeting on  
March 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
At St. Francis De Sales in Beckley

***The First Sunday of Lent***  
***March 01, 2020***

***The Churches of St. Catherine and St. Charles***

**St. Catherine of Siena Parish**  
**Established 1892**



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 exult in the revelation of His glory.

163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte, WV 24970

Rosary: 10:30 AM  
Mass: 11:00 AM  
Confessions: Thursday 8:00 AM

St. Louis  
Confessions: Saturday 5:30 PM  
Mass: Saturday 6:00 PM

**St. Charles Borromeo Parish**  
**Established 1903**



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 (US 60)  
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986  
Rosary: Saturday 3:30 AM  
Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday  
Confessions: 8:00 AM  
Mass: 8:30 AM

**Pastor**

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304-237-9345

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Office Hours  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
10:00am—3:00pm

Deadline for bulletin items  
NOON on Wednesday

40798 Midland Trail

**Check our bulletins online:**

St. Charles [www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-24986](http://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-24986)  
St. Catherine [www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-siena-24970](http://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-siena-24970)

WEEKLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	St. Catherine	St. Charles	St. Louis
Saturday, February 29th Vigil for The First Sunday of Lent		4:00 pm Mass <i>Helen Shutler</i> Mikki Dixon Altar Server Deacon Bill EMHC Patti Waid, Deacon Bill	6:00 pm Mass <i>For the People</i> Reader: Andrea Karrs Altar Server: Deacon Bill EMHC Deacon Bill
Sunday, March 01st The First Sunday of Lent	10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass <i>The Foley Family (L&amp;D)</i> Reader Ken & Jackie Plumley Altar Server Deacon Tom EMHC Elsiné Soper, Deacon Tom	9:00 am Mass <i>For the People</i> Reader: Ron Scobbo Altar Server: Perk Berry EMHC Elaine Soper, Deacon Tom	
Monday, March 02nd	6:30 pm Mass <i>Regina Quesenberry (D)</i>		
Tuesday, March 03rd	8:30 am Mass <i>The Arbogast Family (L&amp;D)</i>		
Wednesday, March 04th			11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 Noon Mass SL <i>E.H. Moody (D)</i>
Thursday, March 05th	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass <i>Travis Forren (D)</i>		
Friday, March 06th		8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Stations of the Cross <i>Alice Kennedy (D)</i>	
Saturday, March 07th Vigil for The Second Sunday of Lent		4:00 pm Mass <i>For the People</i> Patti Waid Altar Server Deacon Tom EMHC Mikki Dixon, Deacon Tom	6:00 pm Mass <i>For the People</i> Reader: Drew Colebank Altar Server: Deacon Bill EMHC Deacon Bill
Sunday, March 08th The Second Sunday of Lent	10:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Mass <i>Valentine De'Olloqui (D)</i> Reader Mary & Evie Crosby Altar Server EMHC Mary Murray, Laurel Doherty	9:00 am Mass <i>Chris Deviney &amp; Leo O'Neil</i> Reader: Cheryl Hoover Altar Server: Perk Berry EMHC Sue Berry, Gertrude Worsham	

*What Does the Catholic Church Teach About....?*  
**Question:**  
OpEd. Kind of.

**My Answer:**  
At the announcement of Fr. John’s impending move, as priests are typically called upon to do, a number of voices were heard by me with pronouncements like, “*we should allow married men to be ordained into the priesthood*” and even, “*if they would allow women to be ordained, that would solve all of our problems*”.

I have heard these before and have read a lot of blogs with similar voices and pronouncements.

So let me address some basic facts and as Fr. John has put forth in his announcements. Our diocese is truly hurting for priests. We have close to fifty percent of our priests as international priests and we are recruiting even more. You might get the feeling that our diocese is mission territory with the missionaries coming from India, Pakistan, etc. Well, God bless the missionaries.

Our diocese has been ordaining one priest every two years. This hardly makes up for the four to six priests who die or retire or on medical leave. So what’s the answer?

Married men as priests. Hum. Well, unless you have been in outer space you would know that we do have a married priest in our midst. In case you didn’t know, Fr. Jim is married and thank God for Fr. Jim. If you followed the Amazon Synod, you would know that this basic question was addressed. The Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church does allow for married men to be ordained to the priesthood. So, is this a viable way to solve the problem? Maybe. I see some practical problems with it, but certainly it could and I dare say will be explored more and more.

Now as for ordaining women to the priesthood. Aint happening. Why does this keep surfacing? Two popes have made it very clear that the Church does not have the authority to ordain women. Both Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have addressed this. End of story.

Now, if anyone would actually care to look at true statistics, parishes and diocese that promote and provide opportunities for Holy Hour, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and continued prayer for vocations, they bring forth vocations to the priestly life. Those who don’t suffer the consequences of no one answering a call. We as Catholics believe that God provides the call. We are to assist in helping those called to listen. Prayer is key. Adoration is key.

I was told that nobody comes to Adoration. Believe me, I know. I kneel and sit before the Blessed Sacrament with Elaine, Fr. Jim and Deborah and a very few more.

So if you complain but do nothing except come up with the absurd suggestion, such as, just ordain women, then you are part of the problem and not part of a solution.

Peace.

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

In Requiem Pace:

**This Week’s Prayer requests:** Tom Moats, Michael Proulx, James Shupe, Henry Lynch, Sharon O’Neil Harrah, Father Chapin Engler, Harvey Gannon, Kathy Foley, Dr. Joan Moore, Lyra Bell, Bill and Shirley Riley,

Natalie O’Donnell, Jay Moore, Anna McMillion, Patsy Hollandsworth, Judy Sweeney, Junior Burns, Lee Lytle, Monica Layne, Shelve Burr, Ben , Sarah (Cookie Johnson), Jim Berry, Matt Ford, Joyce Solak, Fred Early, Leo Spradling, Armella Johnson, Sue Malloy, Jim Bryant, Janson Sheppard, Chad O’Donnell, Roger Sheppard, Charlie Friedman, Jeff McCormick, Jean Foley, Quinton Williams, Kenneth Holliday, Lisa Covelli, Mike Stentz, Ruth Beverley, Jack Lucas, Pete Zaiser, Larry Burns, Mario Scarpa, Larry Musselman, J.P.Riggelman, Shane McCoy.


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.

**Our sick and homebound:** Greenbrier Healthcare Center (Greenbrier Manor); Mary Crone. Seasons Place; Kay Morgan.

**Our Military:** Jacob Wrzosek: John Driscoll; Brian Collins; Richard Lampert, Paul Roshau, Jeremy Bennett, Jason Collins, Anthony DeRosa, 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.

SOCIAL CONCERN COLLECTION FOR  
ST. LOUIS AND ST. CATHERINE  
FOR MARCH 2020

*The social concern collection will be for LEWISBURG FOOD PANTRY on March 29, 2020. Prayerfully consider your contribution to this most important organization in our community especially at this time of year.*



Stewardship Report  
02/22-23/20

	St. Catherine	St. Charles	St. Louis
Attendance	82	78	27
Envelopes	610.00	650.00	360.00
Loose	190.00	390.00	173.00
Total Collection	800.00	1040.00	533.00
Community Outreach	100.00	115.00	
Maintenance		85.00	