The First Sunday of Lent
March 01, 2020
The Churches of St. Catherine and St. Charles

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Established 1892

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Established 1903

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970
Rosary: 10:30 AM
Mass: 11:00 AM
Confessions: Thursday 8:00 AM
St. Louis
Confessions: Saturday 4:00 PM
Mass: 6:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
40798 Midland Trail (US 60)
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
Rosary: Sunday 9:00 AM
Mass: 10:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday 6:00 PM
Mass: 7:00 PM

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.

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.

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.

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U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Sistersagainsttrafficking.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

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

Deadline for bulletin items
NOON on Wednesday

Check our bulletin online:
St. Charles www.parishesonline.com/find/st-charles-borromeo-catholic-24986
St. Catherine www.parishesonline.com/find/st-catherine-of-siena-24970
**Monday, March 02nd**

- 6:30 pm Mass
  - Regina Queenberry (D)

**Tuesday, March 03rd**

- 8:30 am Mass
  - The Arbogast Family (L&D)

**Wednesday, March 04th**

- 11:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, March 05th**

- 6:00 pm Mass
  - Stations of the Cross

**Friday, March 06th**

- 8:30 am Mass
  - For the People: Patti Waid
- 9:00 am Mass
  - Stations of the Cross: Alice Kennedy (D)

**Saturday, March 07th**

**Vigil for The Second Sunday of Lent**

- 4:00 pm Mass
  - For the People: Patti Waid, Altar Server: Deacon Tom

**Sunday, March 08th**

**The Second Sunday of Lent**

- 10:50 am Rosary
- 11:00 am Mass
  - Valentine De'Oliogu (D)
  - Reader: Mary & Evie Crosby
  - Altar Server: EMHC: Mary Murray, Laurel Doherty

**Tuesday, March 03rd**

- 6:00 pm Mass
  - For the People: Reader: Andrea Karr
  - Altar Server: Deacon Bill

**Stewardship Report**

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**What Does the Catholic Church Teach About…?**

**Question:**

- What are the Catholic Church’s teachings on marriage and vocations?

**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 add 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. Ain’t 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 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 thomassopp@smu.edu. 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 Charlie Grinier, Harvey Fieën, Kathy Foley, Dr. Joan Moore, Lyra Bell, Bill and Shirley Riley.
- 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.

**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.

**Weekly Liturgical Schedule**

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**For the People Reader: Drew Colebank**

**EMHC Patti Waid, Deacon Bill**

**St. Louis and St. Catherine**

**Our Military: Jacob Wrozek: John Driscoll; Brian Collins, Richard Lampert, Paul Rosha, Jeremy Bennett, Jason Collins, Anthony DeRosa, Erin Fitzpatrick, Cecilia Gallagher, Ben Lucas, Kevin McClintic (Lewisburg), St. Charles: Dr. Matt Clang Jr., Mark McKendry, Mindy Miller, Patrick S. Reynolds (WSS), John Richter, Sr., Michael Smith, William Werner.**