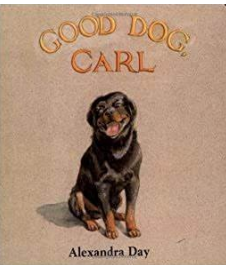


Dear Family,

No doubt you have heard of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger), and perhaps you have heard about all the things he accomplished over his long productive life. You may have also heard all the criticism and name-calling he received from the news media, many politicians and even some of the hierarchy of the Church. All their attacks I saw as baseless reactions to his faithful observations on the problems in the modern world. Apparently, he struck a nerve.



It was these needless *ad hominem* criticisms of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger that first captured my attention long ago. From then on, I read various articles about this man who was the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) under Pope John Paul II. As a Protestant at the time, I found his writings to be very engaging and faithful. He was more than a scholar; he was a person of deep and abiding faith.

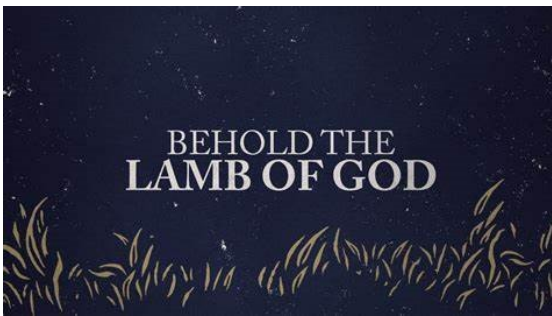


One of the appellations used by his unfaithful detractors was “God’s Rottweiler.” This was a name based on the German breed with a reputation for being a vicious attack dog. It so happened that around the same time, a children’s book was published called Good Dog Carl. This was a loving story about a Rottweiler named Carl who tenderly cared for the infant in the home while the mother went out shopping. This book became very popular as it was translated into many different languages. God has surprising ways of helping his own.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was strongly opposed for years by those who hated the Catholic Church, the traditional faith and ultimately hated God. When he was elected pope in 2005, I knew that this was the work of God, and I had no reason not to become Catholic. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI came to America, and Deborah and I, along a number of others from our parishes, went to see him at a Mass with 47,000 other people at Washington Nationals Park. To date, he is the only Pope that I have seen in person. On the last day of his pontificate, he signed my rescript (permission granted) for me to be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church.

I have always felt a deep connection with this man who became pope. It was a position he never desired to have, but he did his best to serve the Church as long as he could. May he rest in peace.

God richly bless you all,
Fr. Jim Conyers



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday January 14		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass Reader: Alicia McIntire	
Sunday January 15		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Ron Scobbo (D) Reader: Paul Grist	11 a.m.— Mass for Cathy Arbuckle (D) and Teresa Allen (D) Reader: Mary Dailey Noon—Confession
Monday January 16	Office open 9am-2pm	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday January 17	Office open 9am-2pm		8:30 a.m. Mass for Theresa Poore (D) 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession 10:30 a.m. St. Catherine's Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday January 18		11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession Noon—Mass	
Thursday January 19			5:30 p.m.—Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m.—Mass for J. J. O'Brien (D)
Friday January 20	Office open 9am-2pm	8:30 a.m.— Mass for Jimmy Oppedisano (D) 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession 10:30 a.m. St. Charles Finance Committee meeting	
Saturday January 21		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass Reader: Mikki Dixon	
Sunday January 22		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Jimmy Oppedisano (D) Reader: Matthew Palagyi	11 a.m.— Mass for the deceased members of the Konicki Family (D) Noon—Confession

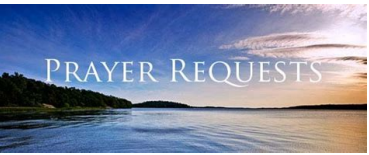
In Requiem Pace: Gladys Paulin

Please pray for the following people:

Kathy Anderson, Ken Plumley, Sonja Cole, Dr. Joan Moore, Chad O'Donnell, Grace Dean, Perk & Sue Berry, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard, Jean Foley, Armella Johnson.

Those at the Stonerise: Frankie Musselman
Those at the Seasons: Gertrude Worsham
Those serving in our Military: Paul Roshau

Call the Church office to add names to prayer list: 304-536-1813



Today's Social Concern collection at St. Catherine of Siena will be for the Family Refuge Center

RECTORY ROOF REPAIR
We still need more than \$110,000 for the roof repair at the Rectory at St. Charles.
So far \$17,810 has been donated.

All donations towards this large repair bill are welcome. Please put ROOF REPAIR in the memo section on your check. Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday Mass @ 11am = 36 people attended

Regular Collection	\$ 470
Maintenance	\$ 45
Diocesan Collection	
Mass Intentions	\$ 40
Social Concern	
Total Collection	\$ 555

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
JANUARY 7 AND 8, 2023

Saturday Mass @ 4 pm = 34 people attended
Sunday Mass @ 9 am = 30 people attended

Regular Collection	\$ 1084.30
Maintenance	
Cemetery Upkeep	\$ 50
Mass Intentions	\$ 170
Community Outreach = Donations to the Poor Box	\$ 261
Donations to roof repair	\$ 1510
Total Collection	\$ 3075.30

Scripture Readings for January 15, 2023

Isaiah 49: I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 40: Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

I Corinthians 1: To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, Grace and Peace.

John 1: 14: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us

John 1: 29-34: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world....On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.



Offering Envelopes for 2023 will not be available until late January. Please write your envelope number on your check until we receive the 2023 envelopes.

Starting in January 2023, we will be updating the names on the **Prayer Request** list that is printed in the bulletin each week. If wish to have someone's name on the prayer list for 2023, please call the church office at 304-536-1813.



The **Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting and Social on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 3 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo.

Please note the time: 3 p.m.

Pastor: **Father Jim Conyers** email: jconyers@dwc.org Phone: 304-667-9043

Deacon: **Robert Holliday** email: rholliday@dwc.org Phone: 304-646-4476

Deacon: **Bill Strange** email: deaconbill@frontier.com Phone: 304-237-4470(cell) 304-536-2333 (home)

Community Outreach: 336 W. Main St. in WSS. Open Friday, from 12 noon—2 p.m. Phone: 681-331-6122

Music leaders at St. Catherine: Bob and Mary Thompson **Music leaders** at St. Charles: Rodger and Leah Trent

The Church Office is located at St. Charles Borromeo in White Sulphur Springs on the lowest level of the Rectory.

Church Secretary: Leah Trent church email: stborromeo@frontier.com

Phone: 304-536-1813

websites: stcharlesborromeowv.org stcatherinewv.org

Office Hours next week: Monday Jan 16th, Tuesday Jan 17th and Friday Jan 20th from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a network that works to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit their website: 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 the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 203.233.0880.

JANUARY 15, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

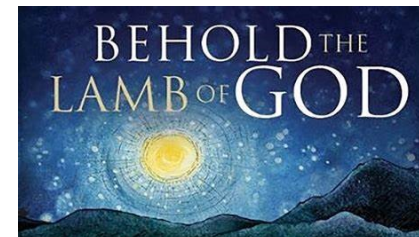
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163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte WV 24970

10:30 a.m. Sunday Rosary

11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

12:15 p.m. Sunday Confession



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Established 1903

40798 Midland Trail E.
White Sulphur Springs WV 24986

3:30 p.m. Saturday Confession

4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:30 a.m. Sunday Confession

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Gwen's Meals—Volunteers needed next week

CROCK POT COOKS NEEDED: Eight people are needed to volunteer to make a simple and easy crock pot barbeque for Gwen's meals. The recipe only needs three ingredients: pork tenderloin, root beer and b-b-q sauce.

The recipe and all ingredients, which are provided by Gwen's Meals, can be picked up on Friday, January 13th at St. Charles Borromeo. If you would like to help cook, but need the ingredients delivered to you, please contact Drenda Given at home at 304-536-1791, or her cellphone at 540-968-2868.



The Pork Barbeque needs to cook for 7 hours, and it needs to be delivered to St. Charles by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday January 18th.

We also need volunteers on Wednesday January 18th at 9 a.m. at St. Charles to help assemble the meals.

Please let the office (304-536-1813) or Drenda (540-968-2868) know if you are able to help make the pork b-b-q or if you can help assemble the meals.

Thank you for helping provide our shut-ins and senior citizens with a good meal.

