

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022

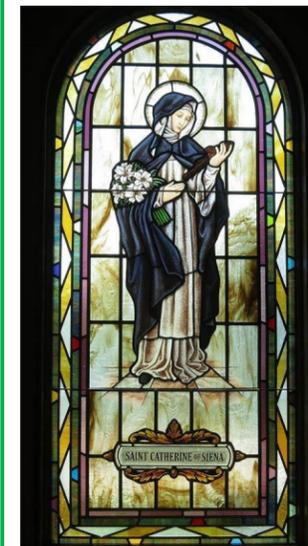
Sunday Mass @ 11am = 42 people attended	
Regular Collection	\$ 858
Maintenance	
Diocesan	
Mass Intentions	
Social Concerns	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 858</b>

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**  
NOVEMBER 26 AND 27, 2022

Saturday Mass @ 4pm = 29 people attended Sunday Mass @ 9am = 54 people attended	
Regular Collection	\$ 1503
Maintenance	\$ 440
Diocesan	
Community Outreach = Donations to the Poor Box	\$ 404
Donations to roof repair	\$ 1000
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3347</b>

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**



Established 1892

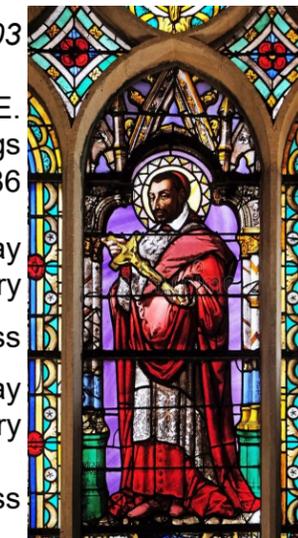
163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte  
WV 24970

10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Rosary

11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Mass

12:15 p.m.  
Sunday Confession

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**



Established 1903

40798 Midland Trail E.  
White Sulphur Springs  
WV 24986

3:30 p.m. Saturday  
Confession & Rosary

4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:30 a.m. Sunday  
Confession & Rosary

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

**Scripture for the 2nd Sunday in Advent**

**Isaiah 11: 1-16** A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.

**Psalms 72** Justice shall flourish in his time

**Romans 15:4-9** Think in harmony with one another

**Luke 3: 4-6** Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths

**Matthew 3: 1-12** Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

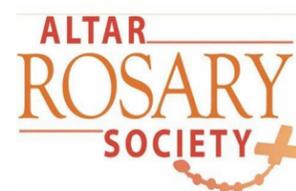


**Knights of Columbus**

**Sunday December 18:** meet after mass around noon to decorate the outside of St. Catherine Church

**Sunday December 18:** meet at St. Charles at 2 p.m. to decorate the outside of the church, followed by a Christmas Dinner at 4 p.m.

All members of both parishes are invited to the dinner. Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to share. A short Christmas program will follow the dinner.



The next meeting of the **Altar Rosary Society** will be held at St. Catherine's on **Tuesday December 6** beginning about 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the **Women of the Church** will be **Tuesday, December 13 at 5 p.m.**

in the rectory at St. Charles Borromeo. All women are invited to attend this meeting for prayer and fellowship.



**Craft Sale and Coffee Hour**

There will be a craft boutique hosted by the **Altar Rosary Society** in the Parish Hall at St. Charles at 10 a.m. on Sunday **December 4th**. All proceeds from the craft sale are used as donations to help local organizations provide assistance to our neighbors living in southeastern West Virginia.

The Women of the Church will host a coffee hour at that time, so you will have refreshments while you shop! Please join us after Mass on Sunday.

**Visit our Parish Store**

There are many gifts suitable for the season in the religious store located at the back of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

The store has Christmas puzzles, prayer books, Sacred Heart devotions, magnets, First Communion, and Confirmation gifts.

The store also keeps a regular stock of rosaries, medals, pendants, scapulars, and reflection books.

If you have a special need, we can order the item for you.

The store is open Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m., and other times by appointment.



**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 for both churches: stborromeo@frontier.com Phone: 304-536-1813

websites: [stcharlesborromeowv.org](http://stcharlesborromeowv.org) [stcatherinewv.org](http://stcatherinewv.org)

Office Hours Monday Wednesday Friday 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: [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://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 the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 203.233.0880.



Dear Family,

Advent is the very time of the year when Catholics are very Catholic and very unlike the rest of the world. While many prepare for the secular Christmas of Santa Clause, gifts and spending lots of money, or by celebrating Christmas during this time before Christmas; we are preparing for the coming of Christ both as the child in Bethlehem as well as Christ coming in glory. There is nothing wrong with those other ways of celebration as long as one's mind and heart is centered upon this season of preparation.

One of those practices that we usually have is that of a penance service. Ours will be on Sunday afternoon, December 11 at 3:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo. We will once again have Fr. Tom Collins with us to hear confessions along with myself. This is not only a time of preparation, but it also fulfills one of the five precepts of the Church, which is to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. As it is written, this is part of the minimum moral effort that every Catholic should follow for the salvation of their soul.

The other practice in Advent that has disappeared is the observation of "Ember Days." Ember Days are on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and they occur four times a year – between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent; between Pentecost and Trinity Sundays; the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, following Holy Cross Day, September 14; and between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, following St. Lucy's feast day, December 13. A mnemonic device to remember these four times is "Lenty, Penty, Crucy, Lucy."

On these four occasions, the whole Church is called to pray for vocations to Holy Priesthood. It is a practice that began in the year A.D. 222 with the order of Pope Callistus. It continued throughout the centuries until Pope Paul VI removed it from the calendar of the Church in 1966. It is a practice that we could embrace again in this time of falling vocations.

Ember Days this Advent are on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. It is a time of fasting and prayer. Fasting is done with one meal and two collations or snacks, and prayer especially for good and holy priests to be called to work for the harvest of souls. The words of our Lord that this calls to mind is "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2). This is not just something for the priests to observe, but the laity need to take up this practice as this for the good of the Church and for the good of their own souls, and the souls of others.

God bless you all, as you prepare yourselves for the Christmas feasts through prayer, fasting and penance.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jim Conyers



Schedule for Masses on **Christmas Weekend**



Masses on **Christmas Eve** Saturday, December 24, 2022 will be celebrated at  
5 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo  
7 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena  
Midnight at St. Charles Borromeo

On Sunday, December 25th, **Christmas Day**, Masses will be celebrated at  
9 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo  
11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena

CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS MASS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE MASS SCHEDULE
<b>Saturday December 3</b>	RCIA Class @ St. Charles 1-3 p.m.	3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass <i>Reader: Bill Martin</i>	
<b>Sunday December 4 2nd Sunday in Advent</b>		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Dr. Robert Wheeler (D)</b> <i>Reader: Russell Forren</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>The Foley Family (D) and Joseph Ford (D)</b> Noon—Confession
Monday December 5	Office open 9am-2pm	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday December 6			8:30 a.m.—Mass for <b>Fay Aylward Rundquist (D)</b> 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession
Wednesday December 7	Office open 9am-2pm	11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession noon—Mass for <b>Tommy Given (D)</b>	
Thursday December 8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	Noon—Mass <i>Reader: Jeanne Scobbo</i>	5:30 p.m.—Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m.—Mass
Friday December 9	Office open 9am-2pm	8:30 a.m.— Mass <b>9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession</b>	
<b>Saturday December 10</b>	RCIA Class @ St. Charles 1-3 p.m.	3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass <i>Reader: Alicia McIntire</i>	
<b>Sunday December 11 3rd Sunday in Advent</b>		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass <i>Reader: Paul Grist</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Frank and Bettie Ford (D)</b> Noon—Confession

**Our Church Prayer List**

**Please pray for the following people:**

Peter William Wilson, Nuala Gallagher-Morgan, Ryan Czul, Grace Dean, Perk & Sue Berry, Anastasia (Fama) Morton, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard, Jean Foley, Armella Johnson.

**Those at the Springrise:** Frankie Musselman

**Those at the Seasons:** Kay Morgan, Gertrude Worsham

**Those serving in our Military:** Paul Roshau

**The next Social Concern collection** on December 18, 2022 at St. Catherine of Siena will be for **Ronceverte Food Pantry**

The next Diocesan Collection will be **Sunday December 11, 2022** for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Elderly religious need your help, Nearly 25,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to educating the young, tending the sick, and aiding the needy. However there is a profound shortage in retirement for them since they served for little or no pay. Please give to help those who have given a lifetime.