

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO
FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Charles Borromeo
Catholic Churches in Greenbrier County, West Virginia

FEBRUARY 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11am = 75	
Regular Collection	\$ 1917.02
Diocesan Coll. US Church Missions	\$ 25.00
Grand Total	\$ 1942.02

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4pm = 60 and 9am = 73	
Regular Collection	\$ 1651.54
Poor Box	\$ 402.00
Grand Total	\$ 2053.54



For Saint Catherine of Siena — Use the QR code at the left to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. On the [flocknote](#) Giving Page you may choose your donation type.



Give to Saint Catherine



For Saint Charles Borromeo— Use the QR code at the right to give one time, or to set up recurring donations. On the [flocknote](#) Giving Page you can choose your donation type.

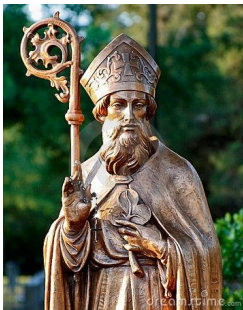


Give to Saint Charles

The **Women of the Church** will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall at Saint Charles Borromeo. For more information, please contact Vivian Zini or Jennifer King. **That Man is You** meets each Saturday at 7am in the Parish Hall at Saint Charles Borromeo. For more info visit their website: thatmanisyou.com. All men are welcome.

Lenten Friday Fish Dinners
The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting their annual Lenten fish dinners beginning February 20, 2026 and for the five Fridays following. The dinners will be served in the Dining Hall behind the School House Hotel, same place as last year, from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The cost will be \$18 and will include breaded tilapia filet (baked or fried), potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage. Both Dine-In and Take-Out will be available. If you can provide a homemade dessert it would be greatly appreciated. This is our Council's biggest fundraiser of the year. Almost all the money raised goes back into the community. We would greatly appreciate your support. Call Bob Hasenohr if you can volunteer or would be willing to make a dessert: 973-886-7487.

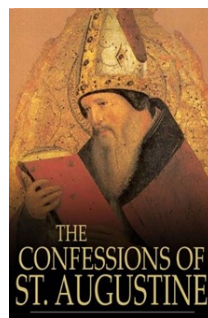
Irish Music
On Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 3pm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Springdale West Virginia, the Trents will play a program of Irish and Celtic music and hymns to celebrate Saint Patrick and the heritage of Irish Mountain.



Soup with a Saint 2026
A Lenten Opportunity to Feed Soul and Body
Wednesdays, 6:45p – following 6p Mass
February 25; March 4, 11, 18, & 25
Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Hall

This Year's Book
The Confessions, Saint Augustine of Hippo

This Year's Menu – a simple soup
Please call the Parish Office if you want to attend and/or if you want to bring soup: 304-536-1813.



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. Visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for more information and reporting methods.

Volunteers needed
The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Season is here! Dinners will be served on Fridays February 20, 27, and March 6, 13, 20 and 27. They would love to have you and your family join in for feasting, and maybe helping at the dinner, or making a dessert. Volunteers can help one week, or several weeks. No one is expected to help every week. Set up starts on Fridays at 2pm; serving begins at 4:30pm, clean up starts at 7pm. Please email Alicia McIntire at amcintire247365@gmail.com or call her: 304-767-1465, if you can volunteer or bring a dessert.



PARISH INFORMATION
Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kevin Michael Quirk, JCD
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Deacon: Robert Holliday email: rholliday@dwc.org
Phone: 304-646-4476

Parish Administrative Assistant: Leah Trent
email: stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com
Parish Office Phone: **304-536-1813**
Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-2pm
40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

A correspondent wrote in to say, "For months **the offering of peace during Mass** has been on my mind. I've observed an awkwardness among people and often 'feel' it myself. It's like people don't know the appropriate protocol and aren't sure what to do. Some people shake hands, some try to shake hands, some smile and nod, there are sheepish waves across the aisle, and then there's the 'v' shaped finger 'peace' sign."
The correspondent suggested offering some guidance on this matter. I shall try to do so, restraining my desire to wax on about the history of the Kiss of Peace in the Liturgy of the Roman Rite, the various styles and manners ... all that history stuff which will lead to another verboten college course in the bulletin.
Long story short, the Kiss of Peace – or the *General Instruction of the Rome Missal* calls it, "the Rite of Peace" – is ancient and has been part of the Church's liturgical life since its earliest days. Both Saint Paul and Saint Peter – that's them exchanging the Kiss of Peace in that icon – write of exchanging a holy kiss (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thes 5:26, & 1 Peter 5:14). A number of Early Christian Writers and Fathers of the Church make note of the holy kiss as part of the Mass and taking place at exactly the point where it is now. Saint Augustine, in Sermon 227, says:
"Then, after the consecration of the Holy Sacrifice of God, because He wished us also to be His sacrifice, a fact which was made clear when the Holy Sacrifice was first instituted, and because that Sacrifice is a sign of what we are, behold, when the Sacrifice is finished, we say the Lord's Prayer which you have received and recited. After this, the 'Peace be with you' is said, and the Christians embrace one another with the holy kiss. This is a sign of peace; as the lips indicate, let peace be made in your conscience, that is, when your lips draw near to those of your brother, do not let your heart withdraw from his. Hence, these are great and powerful sacraments."
As Saint Augustine indicates, the placement of the Rite of Peace is intentional, putting into practice the petition in the Our Father, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," and the offering to one another of the blessing of Peace we have just received from the priest celebrant, acting *in persona Christi*.
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says of the Rite of Peace
"82. There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament.
"As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest."

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SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
Mass Schedule for 15-21 February 2026
Sunday 11am
Tuesday 6pm
Wednesday 8:30am
Thursday 6pm

163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970
www.stcatherinewv.org

St. Catherine Finance Council: Colleen Urffer (Chair), Mary Thompson, Robbie Anderson, Ken Miller
St. Catherine Pastoral Council: Samuel Urffer (Chair), Kathy Anderson, Sally Kelly, Judy Long, Steve Rassa, Mike Williams
Parish Phone for both churches: 304-536-1813



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO
Mass Schedule for 15-21 February 2026
Sunday 9am
Monday 8:30am
Wednesday 6pm
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 8:30am
Saturday 8:30am
Saturday 4pm
40798 Midland Trail E.
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
www.stcharlesborromeowv.org

St. Charles Finance Council: David Fuchs (Chair), Russell Forren, Cheryl Hoover, Andy Englesbe, Steve Zini, Carol Herrick
St. Charles Pastoral Council: Mindy Fuchs (Chair)



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has made no provisions regarding the actual sign of peace to be given. The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, in a 2014 circular letter to the bishops of the on the Rite of Peace, addressed several abuses which had been brought to its attention from across the world and directed that these abuses end

- the introduction of a “song for peace,” which is non-existent in the Roman Rite;
- the movement of the faithful from their places to exchange the sign of peace amongst themselves;
- the departure of the priest from the altar in order to give the sign of peace to some of the faithful;
- that in certain circumstances, such as at the Solemnity of Easter or of Christmas, or during ritual celebrations such as Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony, Sacred Ordinations, Religious Professions, and Funerals, the exchange of peace being the occasion for expressing congratulations, best wishes or condolences among those present.

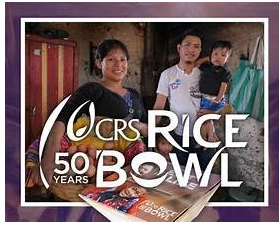
The Congregation also suggested to bishops that “in those places where familiar and profane gestures of greeting were previously chosen, they could be replaced with other more appropriate gestures,” and concluded its observations saying that “Christ is our peace, that divine peace, announced by the prophets and by the angels, and which he brought to the world by means of his paschal mystery. This peace of the Risen Lord is invoked, preached and spread in the celebration, even by means of a human gesture lifted up to the realm of the sacred.”

Bottom Line:

1. The Rite of Peace is **not** a way of saying hello or greeting people we haven’t seen in a while (we’ve been sitting next to each other at this point for 40+ minutes, especially when that fat, old Monsignor preaches too long – if we are just now saying hello now, it’s a little late).
2. The Rite of Peace is a means of expressing “ecclesial communion and mutual charity,” a way of offering and asking for forgiveness and reconciliation, and a means of extending to one another the blessing of Christ’s Peace just prayed for us.
3. The Bishops of the United States have chosen no particular gesture, though the practice of a handshake, hug, or kiss (especially between spouses and family members) is well on its way to being a liturgical custom, the interruption of COVID-19 now being long gone. Some of the temporary prophylactic practices borne in that period should be left behind as “profane” or less than sober.
4. As the *General Instruction* says, “it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest.”
5. Let the gesture you use in offering the sign of peace be less a greeting or a common place gesture and more an expression of Christ’s peace (not victory in war), communion, forgiveness, and charity.

I pray this is useful and thank the correspondent for the suggestion.

Another correspondent wrote in with the following emendation to my “**Update on St. Louis**,” noting “the neglect of the building for years.” True that, even before the building sat empty for four years prior to my arrival. The Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties had begun as early as 2012 advising a new roof, exterior painting, replacement of siding, and replacement of the handicapped ramp, work that was never carried out. I thank the correspondent for his advice.



CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl for Lent, For Life

Lent 2026 Operation Rice Bowl invites you to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Lenten Alms donated through the Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 countries. Giving through the iconic mite boxes aids in humanitarian support. Boxes can be found at the back of each church. Please bring your filled boxes back to church on Easter Sunday. For more info: visit crs.org

Parish Schedule for Lent & Easter

Lenten Book Study: Soup with a Saint: 25 February and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

Wednesdays after 6p Mass @ St. Charles

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Thursday 6:30p @ St Catherine; Friday 6p @ St Charles

Confessions during Lent: 12 – 2p Sat @ St Charles in addition to usual times

Holy Thursday, 2 April

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 6p @ St Charles ending with Eucharistic Procession & Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration until 10p

Good Friday, 3 April

Stations Noon @ St Charles with meditation on the 2nd Word of Christ

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3p @ St. Catherine

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 6p @ St. Charles

Holy Saturday, 4 April: Easter Vigil 8p @ St Charles

Easter Sunday, 5 April: 9a Mass @ St Charles; 11a Mass @ St Catherine

ASH WEDNESDAY
LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT? PRAYING ----- FASTING ----- ABSTINANCE

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

WHAT IS FASTING? One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE? Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST? Ash Wednesday, Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE? Ash Wednesday, All Fridays of Lent, Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED? Catholics from age < 18 to > 59

The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

older than 14 years old

Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the First Week of Lent— 22-28 February 2026

The Month of the Holy Family

We pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—22 February 2026

Station Church: Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Patrick Fogarty, requested by Martha Fogarty

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Charles Music Room

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for +Jimmy Oppedisano, req. by Paul Oppedisano

Saint Catherine of Siena

9:45a Choir Rehearsal in Loft @ St. Catherine

11:00a Mass for People of the Parishes

12:15p COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE for First Holy Communion Class, Confirmation Class, and for All who wish

Monday in the First Week of Lent— 23 February 2026

Station Church: San Pietro in Vincolo

Commemoration of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +John & Alice Kennedy, requested by Jeanne Scobbo

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

Tuesday in the First Week of Lent— 24 February 2026

Station Church: Sant’Anastasia

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Ronald Higgins, requested by Jim & Denise Klug

Wednesday in the First Week of Lent—25 February 2026

Station Church: Santa Maria Maggiore

EMBER DAY

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

8:30a Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Ita Kennedy, requested by Suzanne Gibson

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Charles

6:00p Mass @ Saint Charles for +Mindy Feamster, requested by Rodger & Leah Trent

Followed by Soup with a Saint

The Confessions—Intro, Chaps 1-3

Thursday in the First Week of Lent— 26 February 2026

Station Church: S. Lorenzo in Panisperna

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Jim & May Blaylock, requested by Jim & Denise Klug

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Carl & Emma Larson

Followed by **Stations of the Cross**

6:45p OCIA: The Moral Life—Part 1

Friday in the First Week of Lent— 27 February 2026

Station Church: Ss. Dodici Apostoli

Commemoration of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

EMBER DAY & DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Fr. Kent Durig

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

4:30—7p Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

6:00p Stations of the Cross @ Saint Charles

Saturday in the First Week of Lent— 28 February 2026

Station Church: S. Pietro in Vaticano

EMBER DAY

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Frank & Gladys Medhurst, requested by Jim & Denise Klug

12n—2p Confessions @ Saint Charles

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for Randelle Niski (Living), requested by James & Rosanne Shupe

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—1 March 2026

Station Church: S. Maria in Dominca

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Charles Music Room

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for the People of the Parishes

Saint Catherine of Siena

9:45a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Loft

11:00a Mass for the Nicholas & David Gaphery Families

12:15p Confessions

12:30p Confirmation Class @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

Please Pray for: Michael & June Baldwin, Mike Williams, Jason, John & Floy Boyle, Fr. Briane Turley, Randelle Niski, Rosanne Shupe, Beryl Collins, Margie Wilson, Jean Ann Pettit Haranzo, Ashby & Peggy Shaver, Bill Riley, Garry Maxey, Ann Bostic, David Alder, Jean Martin, David Baker, Charlie Hughes, Perk Berry, Henry Lynch, Tommy Saunders, Barbara Pope, John Gherman, Clyde Bowling.

At the Seneca Trail Healthcare Center (formerly The Manor): Nancy Higgins

At The Seasons: Carol Spencer

