## St. Catherine of Siena February 19, 2023

Sunday Mass @ 11am = 44 people attended			
Regular Collection	\$ 649		
Maintenance			
Diocesan – US missions	\$ 10		
Mass Intentions			
Total Collection	\$ 659		

#### RECTORY ROOF REPLACEMENT

We still need more than \$120,000 to replace the roof on the Rectory at St. Charles.

So far we have raised \$27,822

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



#### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2023

Saturday Mass @ 4 pm = 30 people attended Sunday Mass @ 9 am = 57 people attended		
Regular Collection	\$ 909	
Maintenance	\$ 200	
Diocesan—US missions	\$ 146	
Mass Intentions		
Community Outreach = Donations to the Poor Box	\$ 101	
Donations to Roof Repair	\$ 5496	
Total Collection	\$ 6852	

## Scriptures for February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:7—3:7 Psalm 51; 3-13 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4:1-11



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

The **Knights of Columbus** are preparing fish dinners for you every Friday night. Please stop by the Methodist Church in WSS between 4-7 p.m. to get your dinner!



The West Virginians for Life
Greenbrier Chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please join us at the Emmanuel Community Church on Route 60 in Caldwell. Their website is miracleforlife.us

**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 leader at St. Catherine: Mary Thompson Music leader at St. Charles: 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: stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com Phone: 304-536-1813

websites: <u>stcharlesborromeowv.org</u> <u>stcatherinewv.org</u> Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and 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
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.

# FEBRUARY 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



# 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

Office phone: 304-536-1813

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO ESTABLISHED 1903

40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs WV 24986

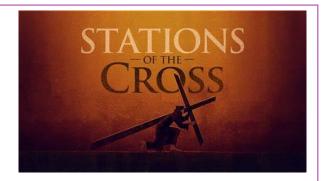
3:30 p.m. Saturday Confession 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:30 a.m. Sunday Confession 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Office phone: 304-536-1813

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at 6 p.m. each Thursday evening at St. Catherine's and at 9 a.m. each Friday morning at St. Charles.



#### **LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

The popular Lenten Fish Dinners began on Friday February 24 and will continue through Friday March 31. This year the dinners, offering either baked or fried fish, will be served at the Methodist

church in White Sulphur Springs. There will be seating for those who wish to dine in. There will also be "To Go" dinners.

Hours are from 4-7 p.m. each Friday. Price is \$15 per adult; \$8 for children

You can get an extra piece of tilapia for only \$5 more. Volunteers are still needed to help with the dinners. We also need people to donate desserts. Call Mike Williams if you can help at 304-645-1373.

Four different baskets will be offered through a raffle to raise money for the Rectory Roof Replacement. You can buy raffle tickets at the dinners.

Dear Family.

Perhaps it would be helpful to write a few of these letters during Lent concerning Mass, which is the thing we all do together. It may be that you are very familiar with these observations, but maybe these will be helpful to some.

First observation – When does Mass begin? I am not talking about the time of the entrance hymn, but the time that each of us begins Mass. Fr. Alexander Schmemann, God rest his soul, was a noted Liturgist who wrote that Mass begins before we leave for church. He suggests that we should begin to pray before we leave home to prepare ourselves for Mass. Why would he suggest that? It is so that we may begin to be ready to encounter Christ in the tabernacle. If you were preparing to meet a very important person, you might want to think about what you would say or do when you meet this person. We are meeting the most important person in all creation so we may want to prepare ourselves before entering the church building.

When we do enter the church, we immediately dip a finger in the holy water and make a sign of the cross. This is so we may remember that we enter the church through baptism, the sacrament by which we have been made a member of Christ's holy body, the Church. Our next move is to choose a place to sit; genuflecting or bowing at the pew, pull down the kneeler, kneel, or sit if you cannot kneel, and lift your mind and your heart up to God in prayer.



What should you pray? First, is to ask for God's grace to prepare yourself for Mass and all the things you will encounter during the hour of worship. Pray that you may be open to what God will say to you in the words and actions of Mass. Most important is to pray that you may be "recollected" during the Mass. What does that mean? It is a word of mystical theology which means that you are keenly aware of God's presence with you. It means especially to have a continued awareness of God's presence. It is often a difficult thing to become recollected. It requires leaving the world behind and become singularly aware of Christ's presence before you.

You prayer then may continue with recalling the intercessions that have been on your mind for yourself, your family, and your friends and neighbors. Finally, it is good to pray for all those around you, that they may become aware of God's presence in the Mass, and that they may have their prayers answered by God.

All of this takes a little time, so it is always good to come to Mass a little early so that when Mass begins, you are ready to enter in with reverence and devotion.

May God richly bless you all,

Fr. Jim Convers





A "Raise the Roof" Committee has been formed at St. Charles of Borromeo to raise money for the replacement of the rectory roof. This committee will be spearheading several fund raising projects over the course of the next several months.

If you want to get involved with this committee, please contact Vanessa Price at 540-599-5699.

Right now the committee is selling raffle tickets for four big baskets. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.

Tickets can be purchased at the Fish Fry Dinners, or from a committee member.

CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday February 25		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass for <b>Mike Hoover(D)</b> Reader: Mikki Dixon	
Sunday February 26	KOC social at 3 p.m.	8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Jimmy Oppedisano (D)</b> Reader: Matthew Palagyi	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Emil Bohinski (D)</b> <i>Reader: Judy Long</i> Noon—Confession
Monday February 27	Office open 9am-2pm	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday February 28			8:30 a.m.—Mass for <b>Rita Fisher</b> (D) 9:30 a.m.—Adoration / Confession
Wednesday March 1	Office open 9am-2pm	11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession 12 noon—Mass for <b>Ron Scobbo (D)</b>	
Thursday March 2			6 p.m.—Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.—Mass for <b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
Friday March 3	Office open 9am-2pm FISH dinner 4-7pm	8:30 a.m.—Mass for <b>Alice Kennedy</b> (D) 9:15 a.m.—Stations of the Cross	
Saturday March 4		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass for <b>John &amp; Mary Nemcik</b> ( <b>D</b> ) Reader: Gloria Martin	
Sunday March 5		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Leo O'Neil & Chris DeViney (D) Reader: Paul Grist	11 a.m.— Mass for <b>the Foley Family (D)</b> Reader: Buck Williams Noon—Confession

# Please pray for the following people:

Deborah Convers. Dr. Joan Moore. Chad O'Donnell, Perk & Sue Berry, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard, Jean Foley

at Stonerise (formerly the Brier): Frankie Musselman at Greenbrier Health Care (formerly the Manor): Armella Johnson 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

#### **Bethlehem Farm**

Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic Community in Appalachia that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices. They invite volunteers to join in living the Gospel cornerstones of service, prayer, simplicity, and community.

#### **DIOCESAN COLLECTION**

The Diocesan Collection on March 3 is for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund Please give generously as you are able.