

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
MARCH 8, 2026

Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11am = 60	
Regular Collection	\$ 1803.76
Diocesan Coll. Priest Retirement	\$ 265.00
Grand Total	\$ 2053.76

SAINT CHARLES BORROME0
MARCH 7-8, 2026

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4pm = 71 and 9am = 43	
Regular Collection	\$ 4498.66
Diocesan Coll. Priest Retirement	\$ 145.00
Poor Box (donations are sent to Wellspring in Rupert WV)	\$ 533.00
Grand Total	\$ 5176.66

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

MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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 Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their **Lenten food drive**. Please bring 40 cans of food (or 40 non-perishable food items) to the kitchen at either parish. The Knights will then take your donations to food pantries in our communities. Thank you for your support of this Lenten act of almsgiving.

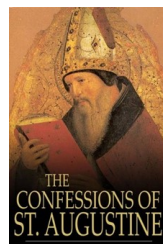


Lenten Friday Fish Dinners

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting their annual Lenten fish dinners on Fridays during March, in the Dining Hall behind the School House Hotel, from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The cost is \$18 for breaded tilapia filet (baked or fried), potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and a beverage. Both Dine-In and Take-Out are available. Please Call Bob Hasenohr 973-886-7487 or Alicia McIntire 304-767-1465 if you can volunteer or make a dessert.

Soup with a Saint 2026

A Lenten Opportunity to Feed Soul and Body
Wednesdays, 6:45p – following 6p Mass
March 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.



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
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Parish Office Phone: **304-536-1813**

Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-2pm
40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

JOIN US FOR A
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION!

WHEN
Tuesday, March 17th

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
163 Walnut St. | Ronceverte, WV 24970

WHAT
4PM - MASS | 5PM - DINNER

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Mass at 4PM, followed by a delicious meal of Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish bread, rolls, drinks & dessert. Cost for the dinner is donation only.

Irish Music Concert

On Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 3pm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spring Dale WV, the Trents will play a program of Irish and Celtic music and hymns to celebrate Saint Patrick and the heritage of Irish Mountain. *Directions:* Take I-64 to Exit 150 at Dawson. Make 3 left turns to get onto Springdale Rd. Travel about 5 miles on Springdale Road, then turn right onto Catholic Church Rd. The church is 1/4 mile in on that road.



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 info and reporting methods.



Coming in through the transom recently was this observation from a parishioner: "I noticed that at St. Catherine's we kneel after the Lamb of God, as opposed to the diocesan practice of standing, reaffirmed last year by the bishop. It caught my attention, since in most other DWC parishes I have worshipped with, either everyone stands, or the local parishioners stand and the visitors kneel. I have a recollection that it used to be more mixed at St. Catherine's (although always mixed, since there are so many newcomers with the O School and all). "It is one of those odd things that almost never is explained, so it is understandable why people might not know about it, if they weren't in church in this diocese when it was implemented. What the bishop wrote last January made sense to me (including that it is not nearly as important as some other aspects of our faith and that a mountain should not be made of a molehill).

"I understand that you are aware of the situation and that a Pastor has to choose their battles. I am curious about your thoughts on it and am curious if the parish is open to considering why we do what we do and if we are open to responding to the bishop's request in regards to standing after the Lamb of God or if it's best to just 'let sleeping dogs be'?" In response, I supply here the whole of Bishop Brennan's letter of 2 January 2025 on this matter

On January 18, 2003, our former Bishop Bernard Schmitt implemented some norms for the celebration of the Mass, among them one regarding the posture of the faithful after the Lamb of God. Using the permission given to diocesan bishops by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), # 43, he decreed that the posture after the Lamb of God is recited should be to stand.

As Bishop Schmitt pointed out, "the whole question of posture reminds us that the nature of the Mass is to be an act of the whole people gathered together as one. The actions and the posture of the faithful should be a visible sign of their unity in faith and spirit." He further said that "there are times when all are called to do the same thing" – the communal dimension of liturgical expression – "and times when personal expressions are allowed." So, the posture during the Communion Rite, from the Our Father to the Communion Procession, reflecting the communal nature of our worship and our faith in the Lord's True Presence in the Eucharist, should be the same for all: to stand. After receiving Holy Communion, the faithful may express their adoration and love for the Lord, whose Body and Blood they have received, in the manner they choose: to kneel or sit or to stand until all have received.

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SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Mass Schedule

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, Mae Pietras, Steve Rassa, Mike Williams

Parish Phone for both churches: 304-536-1813

SAINT CHARLES BORROME0

Mass Schedule

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)

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I have been asked by individuals to restore the practice of kneeling after the Lamb of God. This is the common pattern in the dioceses surrounding ours. I have discussed the matter with the Presbyteral Council (priests elected by their peers) and the Diocesan Pastoral Council (mostly members of the laity). The results were somewhat mixed; there was no clear consensus.

If you consider the Rite of Communion, the posture at every point from the Our Father through the Sign of Peace and the words, "Lord, I am not worthy," to the moment when the faithful leave their pews to form the Communion Procession, is to stand. Indeed, the normative posture for receiving Holy Communion in the United States is to stand, although no one will be denied the Eucharist who chooses to kneel (GIRM # 160). Kneeling after the Lamb of God, while traditional, actually breaks the continuous posture of the Communion Rite, even if only briefly.

Taking into account Bishop Schmitt's reasoning, the greater consistency of posture in the Communion Rite if all stand and the fact that West Virginia Catholics have for twenty-one years stood after the Lamb of God, I am leaving in place the decree issued by Bishop Schmitt. This is the posture our younger Catholics have always known. It also reflects in practice the measured liberty that the Latin Rite of the Church allows in some aspects of liturgical practice.


I ask you, the Catholic faithful and the priests and deacons serving in this Diocese, to receive with sincere obedience my affirmation of a good Bishop's decision on this matter. I also urge you to see that, in the larger picture, the posture after the Lamb of God does not approach in importance the greater matters of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist, our eagerness to bring his Gospel to others and the charity and justice we owe our neighbor – all of which the Eucharist strengthens us do.


Jesus once warned against *straining out the gnat and swallowing the camel* (Matthew 23:24). We listen to the Lord when we keep in mind the distinction between things of greater importance and those of lesser. Or, as one of our sayings puts it: "Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill." We have much more important things to do than debate the merits of standing or kneeling after the Lamb of God. We are called to serve the Lamb who was sacrificed for us to take away our sins and rose from the dead to give us new life. That is enough to engage our thoughts and energy, our time and talents.

As a new year begins, I am praying for you. Kindly pray for me. God bless you.

When Bishop Brennan published this decree, I ensured it was printed in the Parish Bulletin and posted on the Parish's Facebook page. It was also in *The Catholic Spirit*. The letter itself did not provide any requirement to see to its enforcement and even diminished importance of the whole question of posture after the *Agnus Dei* and, therefore, I did not do more than offer the requisite catechesis.

As the priest celebrant, I do not prefer to tend to the posture of others during the Mass nor, as a canonist and someone with a passing interest in the Sacred Liturgy, do I prefer to get involved in squabbles about what the lay faithful assisting at the Mass are supposed to be doing when (i.e., what one is doing with one's hands during the Our Father, whether one is singing or not, how one chooses to receive Holy Communion). For the most part, I'm just grateful that the faithful still elect to come to the Mass and engage in the public prayer of the Church. I personally would be over the moon grateful if all silenced or turned their phones off during the Mass (or, at the very least, did not answer them), made the responses altogether at the same time rather than at varying rates of speed, and chose not to have long conversations with their pewmates. But even these small distractions one willingly offers up in the face of the wondrous grace of being able to celebrate the Mass day after day, joining our prayer to the universal prayer of the Church, and having it lifted to the Altar on high in the sight of the Most High God by the hands of the myriads of angels who press in about us, as we offer the Sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of the whole world.

 The **Spring Cemetery Cleanup** will begin at Mount Loretto Cemetery on Monday, 23 March 2026. Please remove any items from on or around markers and headstones that you wish to keep by Saturday, 21 March 2026.

Decorations for Spring and Easter may be placed beginning the weekend of 28-29 March 2026. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to care for our beloved dead and the dignity of the Cemetery. 

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. All women are welcome.

That Man is You meets each Saturday at 7am in the Parish Hall at Saint Charles Borromeo. For more info please visit their website: thatmanisyou.com. All men are welcome.

Parish Schedule for Lent & Easter

Soup with a Saint: 18 & 25 March after the 6p Mass @ St. Charles

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Thursdays 6:30p @ St Catherine; Fridays 6p @ St Charles

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

Holy Thursday, 2 April Mass of the Lord's Supper 6p @ St Charles with Eucharistic Procession & Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration until 10p

Good Friday, 3 April Stations Noon @ St Charles w/ Meditation 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

Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Fourth Week of Lent—15 -21 March 2026

The Month of the Saint Joseph

We pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—15 March 2026

LAETARE SUNDAY

Station Church: Santa Croce In Gerusalemme

Ideas of March

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Joe & Carmela Rodriguez, requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Parish Music Room

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for the People of the Parish

Saint Catherine of Siena

9:45a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Loft

11:00a Mass for +Mary Monica Sparacino-Manser, requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

12:15p Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Catherine Church

12:15p Confessions

12:30p Confirmation Class @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

Monday in the Fourth Week of Lent— 16 March 2026

Station Church: Ss Quattro Coronati

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Ron Scobbo, requested by Jeanne Scobbo

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

Tuesday in the Fourth Week of Lent— 17 March 2026

Station Church: San Lorenzo in Damaso

Memorial of Saint Patrick, bishop

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

4:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for Aimee Hartland (Living), requested by Steve Rassa

5:00p—7:00p Saint Patrick's Day Celebration & Dinner @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall



Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Lent—18 March 2026

Station Church: San Paolo fuori le Mura

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:30a Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Pat & Jeanne Clark

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Charles

Wednesday—18 March 2026—continued

6:00p Mass @ Saint Charles for +Karam & Amelia Azar, requested by the Ghaphery Family

Followed by Soup with Saints

The Confessions—Book 10

Thursday in the Fourth Week of Lent— 19 March 2026

Station Church: Ss Silvestro e Martino

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Paul Zini

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Jean Foley & +J.J.O'Brien, requested by Kathy Foley

Followed by **Stations of the Cross**

6:45p OCIA—The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

Friday in the Fourth Week of Lent— 20 March 2026

Station Church: San Eusebio all'Esquilino

DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for Brian P. Quirk (Living)

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

4:30—7p Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

6:00p Stations of the Cross @ Saint Charles

Saturday in the Fourth Week of Lent— 21 March 2026

Station Church: San Nicola in Carcere

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

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

11:00a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training @ Saint Catherine

PASSIONTIDE

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Margaret Huff, requested by Pam Aide

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—22 March 2026

Station Church: San Pietro in Vaticano

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Parish Music Room

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for +Dr. Louis Marotti, requested by James & Rosanne Shupe

Saint Catherine of Siena

9:45a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Loft

11:00a Mass for the People of the Parishes

12:15p Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Catherine Church

12:15p Confessions

12:15p First Communion Class @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

Rest in Peace: Perk Berry

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 Seneca Trail Healthcare Center (formerly The Manor): Nancy Higgins, Sandra Colombo

