

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
MARCH 16, 2025

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
SHARING OUR TREASURE  
MARCH 15 & 16, 2025

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

MARCH 23, 2025  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Attendance at St. Catherine at 11 a.m. = 83	
Regular Collection	\$ 916.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 588.75
Social Concern: Ronceverte Ministerial Association	\$ 359.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1863.75</b>

Attendance at St. Charles at 4 p.m. = 48 and 9 a.m. = 63	
Regular Collection	\$ 1110.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 425.15
Poor Box Donations	\$ 223.00
Mass Stipend donations	\$ 80.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1838.15</b>



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As we move into this Third Week of Lent, during which we hit the halfway mark for the Season, we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation to Our Lady (25 March).

Until 1582, this Solemnity was also New Year's Day throughout Christendom, which has a certain logic to it, when we consider that the Church's Year is linked almost inextricably with the great events of Salvation History: having the year begin on the day in which the Christ became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary – nine months before the festival of His birth – invites the faithful into a deeper appreciation of the Mystery of the Incarnation as the very center of Salvation History.

As an added bonus, the Solemnity of the Annunciation also typically falls within the Season of Lent. After Gregory XIII's improved calculation of the date of Easter and his general fix to the calendar, Easter annually falls within the range from of 22 March – 25 April (but the frequency of the dates at either end diminishes compared to the middle of the distribution, such that it is true that Easter is late this year). I call this an added bonus because it is the events of the Annunciation that make possible the Paschal Mystery which we celebrate during the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) culminating on Easter Sunday. While as a precocious second grader I contended that Christmas the most important Holy Day in the Church, because we wouldn't have Easter without Christmas, should I apply that same logic today, I think I would be forced to admit that the Annunciation would in fact trump Christmas.

So what?, you may ask. The "so what" is this: it is in the deep mystery of the Annunciation of Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Angel Gabriel that the Divine promise of Salvation begins to be fulfilled and that the sin of our first parents begins to be undone. David, seeing this event from afar, sings of it saying, *Sacrifice and offering you do not want; you opened my ears. Holocaust and sin-offering you do not request; so I said, "See; I come with an inscribed scroll written upon me. I delight to do your will, my God; your law is in my inner being!"* (Ps 40:7-9). As Saint Paul makes clear, this passage is fulfilled in Christ, who comes as the Eternal High Priest and who offers His own body and blood once and for all as the acceptable sacrifice that takes away the sins of the whole world (cf., Heb 10:5ff). Christ takes flesh of the Virgin Mary and the age-old enemy trembles as he hears the death knell sounded for his tyranny over us.



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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Fridays March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11 from 4:30—7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$18 per dinner, plus \$7 for an extra piece of fish  
Location: Dining Hall behind the Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs, behind Schoolhouse Hotel  
Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus and the parishes of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Charles Borromeo  
Dinners include fish, potatoes, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Both Dine-In and To-Go meals are available.  
We need volunteers to help with set up, serving, packing to-go dinners, and clean up. Volunteers can work from 2-5 p.m., or 5-8 p.m. Please call Alicia McIntire 304-767-1465 if you can help.



We also need homemade desserts for these dinners. Please bring your homemade cake or pie to the Dining Hall by 3:30 p.m. Thank you.

**Requiescat in Pace:** Shirley Sizemore (Sherry Pence's mom), Andrew Francis Appel III (Suzanne Gibson's nephew)

**Please pray for the following people:**

Henry Lynch, Tommy Saunders (friend of Andrea & Tom Karrs), Will Rodgers, Paul Moran, Alan Anderson, Hill Herrick, Barbara Pope, John Gherman, Kathy Bailey, Bruce Alderman, Eliza Jane Lilly, Father J. Chapin Engler, Frank Bailey (Fran O'Brien's brother), Charlie Friedman, Clyde Bowling

**At The Seasons:** Carol Spencer

Please call the Church Office to add names to our prayer list: 304-536-1813.



**Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Kevin Michael Quirk, JCD** email: [kquirk@dwc.org](mailto:kquirk@dwc.org) Phone: 304-281-7073

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Deacon: Bill Strange email: [deaconbill@frontier.com](mailto:deaconbill@frontier.com) Phone: 304-237-4470 (cell); 304-536-2333 (home)  
Music Director at St. Catherine: Mary Thompson Music Director at St. Charles: Leah Trent

The Church Office for both parishes is located at St. Charles Borromeo on the lowest level of the Rectory.  
Parish Administrative Assistant: Leah Trent email: [stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com](mailto:stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com) Church Phone: 304-536-1813  
Church Office Hours next week: Monday Tuesday Wednesday from 9 am until 2 pm  
Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday 9 a.m.  
Monday 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 6 p.m.  
Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4 p.m.



**Pastoral Council:** George McIntire (Chair), Carol Herrick (Secretary), Pam Aide, Mindy Fuchs, Belinda Hickman, Brenda O'Neil  
**Finance Council:** David Fuchs (Chair), Russell Forren, Cheryl Hoover

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

163 Walnut Street  
Ronceverte, WV 24970  
[www.stcatherinewv.org](http://www.stcatherinewv.org)

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday 11 a.m.  
Tuesday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 6 p.m.



**Pastoral Council:** Samuel Urffer (Chair), Barbara Frame-Cook (Secretary), Kathy Anderson, Sally Kelly, Judy Long, Steve Rassa, Mike Williams  
**Finance Council:** Colleen Urffer (Chair), Mary Thompson (Secretary), Robbie Anderson, Buck Williams

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The Solemnity is, yes, about the Angel's announcement – hence, the name of the day – but also about the Blessed Virgin's response: *fiat - May it be done to me according to your word* (Lk 1:38). A spiritual director of mine once said: "You are never freer than when you are doing God's will, and never less free than when you are doing your own." There we have the very essence of the Annunciation. *May it be done to me according to your word* is the sober declaration of one who sees that the Divine will is everything, even while she herself does not completely understand it. Unlike Adam and Eve, Mary had no illusions about the false freedom of self-will. Sadly, we often share more in common with our first parents than with the New Eve, the Blessed Mother of us all.

Our Lady's response at the Annunciation is so refreshingly simple as to make us examine our sometimes complicated and ambiguous replies to the Lord. I want to know exact what will happen before I even take a step, supposing that God is a kind of divine micromanager who has planned out every little step, rather than the Merciful One who calls us to holiness and asks us to say yes – *fiat* – to the invitation to holiness, a yes that will make all the difference in our own lives and in the lives of all around us. In other words, dear brothers and sisters, we can, in hearing the Gospel of the Annunciation, hear also the Angel whispering to each of us God's call to allow holiness to be implanted into our hearts, that Christ, rich as He is in mercy and grace, might come to dwell there, enthroned in our hearts as He was incarnate in the womb of the Virgin. It is the perfect New Year's Day – no matter how the civil year began for us or how we are doing on those long-faded resolutions – because we can begin again in the great Mystery of Salvation. It is the perfect Lenten Day – no matter how this Lent began for us or how we are faring in our Lenten promises and sacrifices – because we have the opportunity to conform our wills to Christ, and in the sacrifice of obedience find true freedom. Listen for the Angel's greeting and respond with your whole heart, dear friends.

Entrusting you and your families to the Sacred Heart, propitiation for our sins, I remain, affly *kmq*

### SOUP WITH A SAINT

Soup with a Saint 2025 *A Lenten Opportunity to Feed Soul and Body*

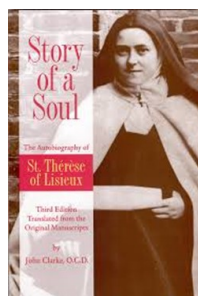
Wednesdays, 6:45p.m. March 26, April 2, April 9

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Hall

This Year's Book *Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

March 26 – Chapters 5 & 6

Please call the Parish Office if you can bring soup or bread to share.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to be part of their Lenten Food Drive.

Each family is asked to bring 40 non-perishable food items to the kitchens of either St. Catherine or St.

Charles. The 40 items can be peanut butter, canned soup, canned meats, canned fruit, or canned vegetables, mac-n-cheese, etc. The food will then be taken to our local food pantries by the Knights. Please help us focus on the 40 days of Lent by contributing 40 items. Thank you.



The Cemetery Cleanup will begin at Mount Loretto Cemetery on Monday, 24 March 2025. Please remove any items from on or around markers and headstone that you wish to keep by Saturday, 22 March 2025.

Decorations for Spring and Easter may be placed beginning the weekend of 28-29 March 2025. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to care for our beloved dead and the dignity of the Cemetery.



### HELP WITH GWEN'S MEALS

Wednesday March 26, 2025 from 9am-11am  
St. Charles Parish Hall

We need volunteers to make a slow cooker recipe—all ingredients are supplied. It's a simple pork loin recipe.

We also need volunteers on Wednesday morning to assemble the Gwen's Meals.

Call Dee Given at 540-968-2868 or 304-536-1791.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND MARCH 22-23, 2025

*Saint Catherine of Siena—meetings in Parish Hall*

Parish Pastoral Council—Sunday April 6 @ 12:30 p.m.

Parish Finance Council—Monday, April 7 @ 6 p.m.

*Saint Charles Borromeo—meetings in Parish Hall*

Parish Pastoral Council—Monday March 24 @ 9:30 a.m.

Parish Finance Council— TBA

### Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the Third Week of Lent — 23-29 March 2025

#### The Month of the Saint Joseph

We pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—23 March 2025

Station Church: *S. Lorenzo fuori le Mura*

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

*Saint Charles Borromeo* —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Doris Herrick, requested by Matt & Kim Herrick

*Saint Charles Borromeo*

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ 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 +Greg Estep, requested by Linda Brookover

Readings: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

with the First Scrutiny

12:15p Confessions

12:30p OCIA @ Parish Hall—The Eucharist

*Mt. Loretto Cemetery Spring Cleaning*

24—28 March 2025

#### Monday in the Third Week of Lent— 24 March 2025

Station Church: *Santa Maria in Vallicella*

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

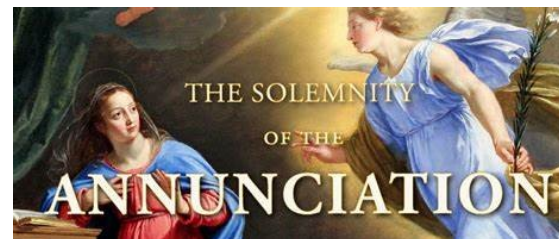
8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Kathy Fabry,

requested by Deborah Fabry

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

9:30a Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting @ Parish Hall



#### Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent— 25 March 2025

Station Church: *Santa Pudenziana al Viminal*

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Evelyn Ghaphery,

requested by The Ghaphery Family

#### Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent—26 March 2025

Station Church: *Santa Maria dell' Anima*

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

8:30a Mass @ Saint Catherine for The Ambrose Carr

Family (Living), requested by Suzanne Gibson

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Charles

6:00p Mass @ Saint Charles for +Albert Laurino,

requested by Jim & Denise Klug

Followed by Soup with Saints

*The Story of a Soul*—Chaps 5 & 6

#### Thursday in the Third Week of Lent— 27 March 2025

Station Church: *Ss. Cosma e Damiano*

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Mollie O'Donnell,

requested by Jack O'Donnell

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Steve Muenze

Followed by *Stations of the Cross*

6:45p Bible Study @ Saint Catherine

#### Friday in the Third Week of Lent— 28 March 2025

Station Church: *San Lorenzo in Lucina*

DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Rosalind Giglio,

requested by Jim & Denise Klug

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

4:30—7p Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

6:00p *Stations of the Cross* @ Saint Charles

#### Saturday in the Third Week of Lent— 29 March 2025

Station Church: *Santa Maria Della Vittoria*

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Kathleen McAndrews

12n—2p Confessions @ Saint Charles

*Saint Charles Borromeo* —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Dr. Louis Marotti Jr,

requested by James & Rosanne Shupe

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—30 March 2025

Station Church: *Santa Croce In Gerusalemme*

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Saint Charles Borromeo*

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Music Room

8:30a Confessions

9:00a Mass for +Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery,

requested by the Ghaphery Family

*Saint Catherine of Siena*

9:45a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Loft

11:00a Mass for the people of the Parishes

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

with the Second Scrutiny

12:15p Confessions

12:30p OCIA @ Parish Hall—The Eucharist, continued