

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
MARCH 19, 2023**

Sunday Mass @ 11am = 38 people attended

Regular Collection	\$ 665
Maintenance	
Diocesan	
Social Concern Lewisburg Food Pantry	\$ 447
Diocesan	
Total Collection	\$ 1112

**Scripture Readings for
March 26, 2023**

Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Psalm 130: 1-8
Romans 8: 8-11
John 11: 1-45



Offering Envelopes for 2023 have not arrived yet. 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 fish 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

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Saturday Mass @ 4 pm = 29 people attended
Sunday Mass @ 9 am = 52 people attended

Regular Collection	\$ 1662
Maintenance	
Diocesan—PHRA	\$ 30
Mass Intentions	\$ 80
Community Outreach = Donations to the Poor Box	\$ 781
Donations to Roof Repair	\$ 2174
Total Collection	\$ 4727

RECTORY ROOF REPLACEMENT

We still need more than \$110,000 to replace the roof on the Rectory at St. Charles. So far we have raised **\$38,235**.

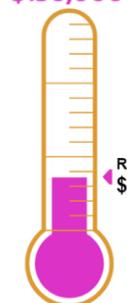
All donations towards this large repair bill are welcome.

Please put ROOF in the memo section on your check.

Thank you.

Rectory Roof Replacement Fund

\$150,000



Raised \$38,235

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MARCH 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26



**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
EST. 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 BORROMEIO
EST. 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

Easter Lilies at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's is collecting donations for Easter lilies this year and there are green envelopes for that purpose in the entryway. Anyone can make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. The donor is free to choose the donation amount.



Easter Lilies at St. Charles

If you would like to donate money to have an Easter Lily at St. Charles, please fill out one of the Easter Lily forms at the back of the church, including the name of the person you are honoring, put it in a white envelope with your check (made payable to St. Charles) or cash, and place it in the offering basket. The deadline for turning in the forms is Sunday April 2nd.



**Palm or Passion Sunday
Masses on April 2**
St. Charles at 9 a.m.
St. Catherine's at 11 a.m.
(luncheon has been postponed)

Monday April 3—No Masses

Tuesday April 4
Mass at St. Catherine's at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday April 5
Mass at St. Charles at noon

Holy Thursday April 6
Mass at St. Catherine's at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday
Mass at St. Charles at noon
Mass at St. Catherine's at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday April 8
Easter Vigil Mass at St. Charles at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 9
Mass at St. Charles at 9 a.m.
Mass at St. Catherine's at 11 a.m.

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

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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

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Dear Family,
Continuing with a focus on the Mass, I want to talk about the Eucharistic Prayer called the “Roman Canon.” This prayer comes from the Latin prayer that was exclusively in use in the Church for 1700 years, with roots in the Apostolic age.

One of the distinctive characteristics of this prayer is the list of saints that are offered. In fact, there are two lists. The first list, near the beginning, has 26 saints, and the one near the end of the prayer has 15 saints. Several questions could be asked concerning these lists: Who are they? Why so many? Or, why so few? I will use some space here to talk about who they are. The list that is used is very limited, and includes those who were the most honored in the early church. There could have been many more, but the list ended in the mid-4th century, and no more were added since that time. Let’s look at the first list.

First is listed the primary saints – “the glorious ever-virgin Mary,” and “blessed Joseph her spouse.” These two require no explanation. Then the next twelve are the Apostles, including St. Paul. Notice that Judas Iscariot is not mentioned, as he had already chosen hell rather than repentance.

The next four are the earliest popes following St. Peter: Linus, Cletus, Clement, and Sixtus. Everyone was a martyr for the faith. To be elected pope in those first two centuries was a death sentence, yet there were always those who stepped up to the calling. The next four are martyrs of various positions in the Church, and they were killed in two of the great persecutions of Christians in the Roman Empire. Cornelius was another pope (253); Cyprian was a bishop (258); Lawrence (258) was a deacon in Rome under Cornelius; Chrysogonus (303) was a layman and soldier in the Roman army.

The next pair is John and Paul (not a repeat of the Apostles), but laity and officers in the Roman army. They were the latest of the list, and were martyred under the emperor known as “Julian the Apostate” in 362. An “Apostate” is one who has withdrawn from the faith, and Julian began his own smaller Christian persecution. By his time, however, the Roman Empire was largely Christian. Finally, Cosmos and Damian round out the list. They were brothers and laity who served many people by their practice of medical arts. They were martyred in 287.

In the second list, the first four are well-known in the New Testament – St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Christ, Stephen, the first martyr, Matthias, the Apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, and Barnabas, the Apostle and companion of St. Paul.

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, who succeeded St. Peter in that position, and famously was taken all the way to Rome to be martyred by lions in the Colosseum in the early second century. Alexander, was also a bishop in Alexandria, Egypt, and one of the few non-martyrs. Marcellinus, a priest, and Peter, an exorcist, were martyrs of the early 4th century persecution. They were friends and companions and killed together in 302.

The last seven of this list are all women and all martyrs of the early Church. They were born into heaven at various times from 202 to 304. They suffered from wild animals in the Colosseum to torture at the hands of soldiers. Some were nobility, some were slaves. The one thing they had in common was their undying love for Jesus, and the joy they experienced in going to death as witnesses for the faith.

When we invoke these saints at the Mass, we remember that they were models of the faith, but also, they are even now living members of the Communion of Saints. They are our brothers and sisters, and they pray for us if we ask for their intercession.



May God richly bless you in every Mass,
Fr. Jim Conyers



**LENTEN
RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

**We will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service
at St. Charles on Sunday
March 26, 2023 at 3 p.m.**

Father Thomas Collins will be joining
us for this service.

CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday March 25		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass for Ron Scobbo (D) <i>Reader: Bill Martin</i>	
Sunday March 26		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Mollie O’Donnell (D) <i>Reader: Debbie McComb</i> 3:00 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service	
Monday March 27	Office open 9am-2pm	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday March 28			8:30 a.m.—Mass for Kenny Whitlock (Living) 9:30 a.m.—Adoration / Confession
Wednesday March 29	Office open 9am-2pm Book Study 7-8 p.m.	11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession 12 noon—Mass for Freddie Crump (Living)	
Thursday March 30			6 p.m.—Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.—Mass for Nancy Fife (Living)
Friday March 31	Office open 9am-2pm FISH dinner 4-7pm	8:30 a.m.—Mass for Nancy Fife (Living) 9:15 a.m.—Stations of the Cross	
Saturday April 1		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.— Mass for Mary Scobbo (D) <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>	
Sunday April 2 PALM SUNDAY		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Jimmy Oppedisano (D) <i>Reader: Carol Herrick</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for The Foley Family (D) <i>Reader: Andrea Karrs</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession

Please pray for the following people:

Lonnie Withrow, John Hoyt, Clyde Bowling,
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 Frankie Musselman
at Greenbrier Health Care Armella Johnson
at The Seasons Gertrude Worsham
Those serving in our Military Paul Roshau

Call the Church Office to add names to our prayer list:

The next **Social Concern** collection at
St. Catherine of Siena will be for the
Ronceverte Ministerial Association,
which assists those in our community who are in
need. This collection will be on Sunday April 16th.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION
The next Diocesan Collection
will be on Good Friday, April 7 for the Holy Land.
Masses will be held at noon at St. Charles,
and at 3 p.m. at St. Catherine’s.