

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA
MARCH 1, 2026

Attendance at Saint Catherine at 11am = 75	
Regular Collection	\$ 1291.52
Mass intention donations	\$ 10.00
Grand Total	\$ 1301.52



Give to Saint Catherine

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

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO
FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 1, 2026

Attendance at Saint Charles at 4pm = 54 and 9am = 64	
Regular Collection	\$ 1602.97
Poor Box	\$ 172.00
Grand Total	\$ 1774.97



Give to Saint Charles

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.

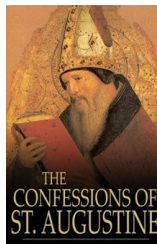
The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in their **Lenten food drive**. Please bring 40 cans of food (or 40 non-perishable food items) to the kitchen at either parish. The Knights will then take your donations to food pantries in our communities. Thank you for your support of this Lenten act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



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

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.



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



MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

A correspondent writes, "I have been a member of parishes in the past, both large and small, who welcomed petitions from the assembly, which I often found to be a good way of praying for each other and understanding the needs and desires of the parish family. It seems doable in a small parish. [...] I know that there are drawbacks, such as political talking points disguised as petitions, but thought I would offer it to you and the community for consideration."



This observation offers the opportunity to consider what the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (IGMR) calls "The Universal Prayer of the Faithful," and what is often popularly called "The Petitions" or the "General Intentions." This is that part of the Mass, following the recitation of the Creed on Sundays, Holy Days, and Solemnities or immediately following the Homily on others days during which "the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all" (IGMR, 69). Or, to bring it down to brass tacks, that point where the deacon or a reader reads petitions and the people respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." Here, I must resist that ever familiar urge to offer a collegiate level overview of the origin and history of The Universal Prayer of the Faithful while also holding myself back from waxing on about the theology behind this part of the Mass and how the Universal Prayer is built on the "baptismal Priesthood" of the faithful gathered at the Mass and actively engaged in this public prayer of the Church. Who wants to hear about that stuff anyway? Suffice it to say that we know that some form of the Universal Prayer has been part of the Mass since the earliest days of the Church. Saint Paul writing to Saint Timothy at Ephesus, the Church he had entrusted to Saint Timothy's pastoral care as bishop in about 64 ad, says *First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity* (1Tim 2:1-2). Saint Paul offers the universal nature of these public prayers, that they *be offered for everyone*, and provides direction that even civil authorities, at that time most definitely not Christian, should be prayed for at Mass. He even supplies a motive: we pray for them in hopes of peace and tranquility in our lives. The Early Christian Writers and Fathers of the Church make frequent, direct mention of the Universal Prayer within the Mass, Saint Justin the Martyr in particular an early witness. So, the Universal Prayer is old and it seems that its form is equally ancient. If you want to know what the Universal Prayer was like in the Fourth Century at Rome and Jerusalem, come the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and hear the ten Solemn Intercessions announced, a moment of silent prayer taken, and the Intercessory Prayer sung out. Litanies are an equally ancient form of the Universal Prayer and sometimes, in the various liturgies of the Church take the place of petitions or intercessions. Thus far, then, the Universal Prayer – ancient in practice and in style.

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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, Steve Rassa, Mike Williams

Parish Phone for both churches: 304-536-1813

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEEO

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)

I think many do not realize that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* actually provides an outline for the Universal Prayer and a general indication of its content. The *Instruction* says

“It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world.

“70. The series of intentions is usually to be:

- a) for the needs of the Church;
- b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world;
- c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty;
- d) for the local community.”

This is the general outline that I use when preparing the Universal Prayer for each Mass. I normally order them thus: for the Church; for the world/civil officials; for families; for the sick; for the dead; for the intentions of all gathered, the intention of the Mass, and the intentions of the bishop and the Holy Father. The *Instruction* does provide an illustrative list of particular celebrations, “such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral”, in which “the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion” (70). But, in the liturgical books for these same celebrations, a “series of intentions” is already provided, allowing only the introduction of the name or names of the persons being confirmed, married, or buried.

Leaving little to chance, the *Instruction* even touches on the wording of the individual intentions: “The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community” (71).

Next, the *General Instruction* provides that the individuals intentions are to be “announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful” (71). While the foregoing provisions in the universal liturgical law implicitly prohibit the offering of individual intentions by members of the faithful for specific concerns by the name it chooses of this part of the Mass and by provisions we have already seen, this provision becomes more explicit, providing that there be one public reader of the individual intentions and that this be done from the ambo or another place in the sanctuary. But, in its next provision, the *General Instruction* becomes still more explicit. For it next says that “the people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence.” So, the faithful assembled in the nave of the Church are asked to stand and to join in the prayer for offering an invocation altogether (e.g., Lord, hear our prayer) or by praying in silence after each.

As the priest celebrant for the Mass, I have used the option for silent prayer after each individual intention to allow the faithful to offer their own specific prayers in the silence following the general intention read aloud, but find this works best in a smaller, intentional group – like a religious community or a lay association – wherein the individuals are unhurried at the Mass and given to intercessory prayer.

Within the parish setting, I try to incorporate the individual intentions of all gathered for the Mass by making direct reference to “the prayers we offer in the silence of our heart” and by pausing the offering of the Eucharistic Prayer when begging The Lord to “listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you.”


I have heard brother priests say that they avoid inviting parishioners to announce individual intentions aloud for a number of reasons: the same people pray for the same thing each time, some offer political petitions, some people pray for things that have already been prayed for, it takes too long, its hard to know when to end it, not everyone can be heard, and the like. As the priest celebrant I don’t invite the announcement of individual intentions at the parish Masses because the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* does not permit this and, as a recovering canonist or representative of the dark side of the Good News, I tend to follow the law on stuff like this, especially where the universal law has made a specific provision. It’s my little way of keeping my arms and legs fully within the car throughout the duration of ride, thus avoid experiencing or causing catastrophic injury.


The last time I wrote, I forgot to provide **something for every day use** in accord with the mandate received, so I offer two here:

First, get a plunger before you need a plunger.

Second, never stare a monkey directly in the eyes.

You’ll have to trust me on the second one, but I can assure you that violation of this simple rule can have very, very nasty consequences.

 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: 11, 18 & 25 March after 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 Third Week of Lent— 8-15 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—8 March 2026

Station Church: S. Lorenzo fuori le Mura

Commemoration of Saint John of God, religious

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

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Leo O’Neil, and +Chris Deviney, req. by Pam Aide

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir 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 +Valentine deOlloqui, requested by Jane deOlloqui

12:15p Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Catherine Church

12:15p Confessions

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

12:30p Confirmation Class @ Saint Catherine Parish Hall

Monday in the Third Week of Lent— 9 March 2026

Station Church: Santa Maria in Vallicella

Commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

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

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Janice Hensley, requested by Rodger & Leah Trent

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

4:30p Women’s Group @ Saint Charles Parish Hall

Tuesday in the Third Week of Lent— 10 March 2026

Station Church: Santa Pudenziana al Viminal

Commemoration of Saint Dominic Savio, student

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ St. Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for +William Breit, requested by the Ghaphery Family

Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent—11 March 2025

Station Church: Santa Maria dell’ Anima

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

8:30a Mass @ Saint Catherine for +Theodore & Bertha Bydzak, requested by the Ghaphery Family

Parish Office Open @ SCB, 9a—2p

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Charles

6:00p Mass @ Saint Charles for +Thomas Augustus Patterson Followed by Soup with a Saint

The Confessions—Bk 6 - Bk 9

Thursday in the Third Week of Lent— 12 March 2026

Station Church: Ss. Cosma e Damiano

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

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Simon & Lottie George, requested by the Ghaphery Family

5:00p Adoration & Benediction @ Saint Catherine

6:00p Mass @ Saint Catherine for a Special Intention Followed by **Stations of the Cross**

6:45p OCIA—The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy

Friday in the Third Week of Lent— 13 March 2026

Station Church: San Lorenzo in Lucina

DAY OF ABSTINENCE

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

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for +Sally Vance, 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— 14 March 2026

Station Church: Santa Maria Della Vittoria

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

7:00a That Man is You @ Saint Charles Parish Hall

8:30a Mass @ Saint Charles for Elyse Wykle (Living), requested by Jennifer King

Saint Charles Borromeo —Anticipated Mass on Saturday

3:30p Confessions

4:00p Mass for +Mary Monica Sparacino-Manser, requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—15 March 2026

LAETARE SUNDAY

Station Church: Santa Croce In Gerusalemme

Ides of March

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

Saint Charles Borromeo

8:00a Choir Rehearsal @ Choir 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 +Joe & Carmela Rodriguez, requested by Tom & Andrea Karrs

12:15p Choir Rehearsal @ Saint Catherine Church

12:15p Confessions

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS