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Attendance at Mary Immaculate at 11 am = 38 Attendance at St. Catherine at 11 a.m. = 74	
Regular Collection	\$ 733.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 634.75
Mary Immaculate collection	\$ 188.00
Grand Total	\$ 1555.75

Attendance at St. Charles at 4 p.m. = 57 Attendance at St. Charles at 9 a.m. = 61	
Regular Collection	\$ 1998.83
ONLINE giving	\$ 324.15
Poor Box Donations	\$ 850.00
Mass intention donations	\$ 20.00
Grand Total	\$ 3192.98



Here is the QR code you can scan on your cellphone to donate to **St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**. You can set up a recurring gift, or a one-time gift by following the prompts on your phone. This code is for donating to **general support** of the church.

St. Catherine of Siena



Here is the QR code you can scan on your cellphone to donate to **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**. You can set up a recurring gift, or a one-time gift by following the prompts on your phone. This code is for donating to **general support** of the church.

St. Charles Borromeo

Canning Jars Needed

The Greenbrier WV for Life Chapter and the newly opened Greenbrier Pregnancy Resource Center are about to begin their joint effort in the canning process of their annual Brunswick Stew and Vegetable Soup fundraiser. You are invited to join this effort by donating any extra **regular mouth quart jars**. This will offset the cost of materials and will allow more funds to be used in providing services and items for clients and families in need in our county and surrounding area.



This year's goal is to produce 500 quarts to be sold in October. If you have questions or have jars (any number will help) to donate, please contact Ann Turley, 681-484-4745. Thank you for your help

Stop & Sip: Cider & Cookies

Everyone is invited to join us for cider and refreshments on Sunday September 15 at 10 a.m. at St. Charles.

Tables will be set up on the west lawn, outside the main doors to the church. Take a moment to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Thanks to the Women of the Church for hosting this event.



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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Recently a parishioner asked me the dates for the **Fall Ember Days** and, in hearing the questions, I was greatly heartened. These days within the Church's calendar, like the Rogation Days, were once obligatory for all the faithful but now, with the obligation removed since 1966, seem to be little known and even less observed. If you have a pre-1966 Missal sitting around your home, perhaps from your parents or grandparents or even, possibly, your own, you will find the Ember Days listed.



So, what are they? The **Ember Days** are special days for prayer and fasting during the Church's year, corresponding to the four seasons, which invite give thanks to God for the particular gifts received each season and, simultaneously, prompt us to do penance at the season's beginning in order that we might live the season well.

The origin of the Ember Days, like so many things in our Catholic life, reaches back to the practice of our Jewish fathers in faith. The prophet Zechariah proclaims, "Thus says the LORD of Hosts: The fast days of the fourth, the fifth, the seventh, and the tenth months will become occasions of joy and gladness, and happy festivals for the house of Judah. So love faithfulness and peace!" While he is a later prophet, living in the late sixth century B.C., the prophecy itself refers to the fast days occurring four times a year as a settled practice among the Holy People. The Church adapted this traditional practice and associated it with the change of the four seasons, in Latin: the *Quatuor Tempora*. Indeed, our English term for these days, "ember" likely has little to do with ashes and is more probably a corruption of *tempora* (*tempora à empor à ember*).

These seasonal days of penance occur just before each new season and are celebrated on a successive Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday is in memory of Judas' betrayal, Friday in memory of Christ's crucifixion, Saturday in memory of Christ's tomb.



The *winter Ember Days* follow the memorial of St. Lucy (13 December) and are offered in thanksgiving for the olive harvest, which gives us holy oils. The *spring Ember Days* follow Ash Wednesday (movable, forty-six days before Easter) and are offered in thanksgiving for the flowers, which feed the bees, who make the wax, that gives us the altar candles. The *summer Ember Days* follow Pentecost (movable, the eighth Sunday after Easter) and are offered in thanksgiving for the wheat harvest, which gives us the Eucharist. The *fall Ember Days* follow the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September) and are offered in thanksgiving for the grape harvest, which gives us the Precious Blood. An ancient mnemonic for remembering these is Lenti, Penti, Cruci, Luci (or prosaically Lucy, Ashes, Dove, and Cross). In each case, the Ember Days occur just before the first day of the new solar season.

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The Church Office for both churches is located at St. Charles Borromeo on the lowest level of the Rectory.
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Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

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Mass Schedule for week of Sept. 15-21, 2024

Sunday 9 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

163 Walnut Street
Ronceverte, WV 24970
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Mass Schedule for week of Sept. 15-21, 2024

Sunday 11 a.m.

Office phone for both churches: 304-536-1813



(Msgr. Quirk's letter continued from page one)

It may seem that fasting and abstinence are unconnected to thanksgiving, and yet these practices help us to honor the natural gifts God has given us by using them in moderation. G.K. Chesterton once observed, "the proper form of thanks has to it some form of humility and restraint: we should thank God for beer and Burgundy by not drinking too much of them" (*Orthodoxy*). So too almsgiving is closely connected with thanksgiving, as I honor God for His great generosity to me by giving to others who are manifestly in need. Finally, because the Ember Days have a connection to the gifts of nature used in the Sacraments, it was once customary to ordain priests on Ember Days and it continues to be a laudable practice to pray for priests, both those we have and those we want and need.

Perhaps consider including the Ember Days in your own spiritual practices, bringing this beautiful aspect of the Church's life into your own home life and family life. Entrusting you to Our Lady of Sorrows, I remain, affly *kmq*

Some Upcoming Events

You Crown the Year with Your Goodness – The Liturgical Year, Its Origins, Development, and Meaning – an Adult Faith Formation opportunity scheduled for Wednesday evenings, following the 6p Mass at Saint Charles Borromeo in the Parish Hall for six evenings: **October 2, 9, 16, & 30 and November 6 & 13**
Memorial of St Francis @ Bethlehem Farm – Friday, **4 October 2024**. Watch this space for more details!
Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday, **12 October 2024** beginning with refreshments following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, concluding not later than 11 a.m. A training will be held at St. Catherine of Siena as well, but you may come to either, regardless of which Church you attend.

The World Famous St. Charles Borromeo Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday October 6, 2024!



- Tickets for spaghetti dinner are available. Dine in or take out. Cost: Adults \$15; Children \$5. Call Dee at 540-968-2868 or the church office at 304-536-1813. Cash, check, or credit card accepted.

- Consider purchasing Gwen's Meals to be delivered to homebound members of the community or buy meals for Monday's lunch!

- We still need the following spaghetti dinner food items: Barilla #5 Spaghetti, Meatless Pasta Sauce, Italian Salad Dressing, Parmesan Cheese. Donations can be left in the large bin at the back of St. Charles. If you choose to contribute money instead of food, there is a pasta tin on the table at the back of St. Charles church for your donation.

- Bakers are needed to make Italian cookies. We need 14 dozen. Volunteers are also needed to help at the spaghetti dinner on Oct. 6th. Sign-up sheets are on the tables at the back of both churches.

Italian Cream Cake Cookies

<p>Ingredients for Cookie Dough: 1 cup salted butter, at room temp. ½ cup white sugar 2 eggs at room temperature, separated 1 tsp vanilla extract 1 tsp almond extract 2 cups all-purpose flour 1/8 tsp salt 1 cup shredded sweetened coconut</p>	<p>Ingredients for Icing: 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened ¼ cup salted butter, softened 1 tsp vanilla extract 1 tsp almond extract 1 cup powdered sugar ½ cup shredded sweetened coconut 1 cup finely chopped pecans</p>
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Prep Time: 30 min **Cook Time:** 15 min **Additional Time:** 55 min **Total Time:** 1hr 40min

- Combine butter and sugar in large bowl; beat with electric mixer on high speed until creamy, about 2 minutes. Add egg yolks, vanilla, and almond extract; beat until combined. Add flour and salt; mix until just combined. Stir in coconut, making sure it is evenly distributed throughout the dough. Refrigerate dough for about 30 minutes.
- Meanwhile, make the frosting. Beat cream cheese and butter together until creamy. Add vanilla and almond extract, then gradually stir in powdered sugar until frosting is creamy. Stir in coconut. Refrigerate icing about 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees (175 C). Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Beat egg whites in small bowl until bubbly and frothy. Pour pecans into shallow bowl.
- Shape cookies by rolling cold dough into 1-inch balls. Dip dough into egg whites then roll in the pecans until covered. Arrange on prepared baking sheets. Gently press down with thumb to make small well in center of each cookie.
- Bake in preheated oven until slightly firm, about 13-15 min. Cool on baking sheets for few minutes. Move to wire rack. Cool completely then top with frosting.



Please pray for the following people:

Bill Huff, Fran O'Brien, Matt Bordas (son-in-law of Kyle Fort), Chad O'Donnell, Norma Feury, Jane Ridgeway, Nancy Higgins, Rusty Burwell, Colleen Ruddle, Debbie McComb, Mary McGinnis, Rosanne Shupe, Mary & Bert Collins, Father Chapin Engler, Ronnie Hollandsworth, Lonnie Withrow, John Boyle, Clyde Bowling, Dr. Joan Moore, Perk & Sue Berry, Charlie Friedman

At Lewisburg Health Care: Frankie Musselman
At The Seasons: Carol Spencer

Call the Office to add names to our prayer list: 304-536-1813.



Scripture Readings for 9-15-24

Isaiah 50: 4-9
 Psalm 116: 1-9
 James 2: 14-18
 Galatians 6: 14
 Mark 8: 27-35



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross		8:30 a.m. Mass for Harold McClain (D) as requested by St. Vincent de Paul Parish 3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Thomas & Ida George (D) as requested by Nicholas A. Ghaphery Jr. <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i> <i>Deacon: Bill Strange</i>	
Sunday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Rodger & Leah Trent (Living) as requested by Vanessa Price <i>Reader: Mindy Fuchs</i> <i>Deacon: none scheduled</i> 10 a.m.—Stop & Sip Cider & Cookies on the Church Front Lawn	11 a.m.— Mass for The People of the Parishes <i>Reader: Judy Long</i> <i>Deacon: Robert Holliday</i> 12 noon—Confession
Monday September 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs		No Mass—Msgr Quirk on vacation 9 a.m. Counters: Kathy Anderson and Drenda Given	No Mass—Msgr Quirk on vacation
Tuesday September 17 Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of Church *		No Mass * Optional Memorial of St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	No Mass
Wednesday September 18		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday September 19 Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr		No Mass	No Mass
Friday September 20 Memorial of SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday September 21 Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Jean Foley (D) as requested by Kathy Foley <i>Reader: Gloria Martin</i> <i>Deacon: Robert Holliday</i>	
Sunday September 22		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Rodger & Leah Trent (Living) as requested by Jeanne Scobbo <i>Reader: Cheryl Hoover</i> <i>Deacon: Bill Strange</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for Garry Browne (D) as requested by Jamie Holland <i>Reader: Jack Lampton</i> <i>Deacon: none scheduled</i> 12 noon—Confession