

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
DECEMBER 11, 2022**

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 2022**

**DECEMBER 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



Sunday Mass @ 11am = 45 people attended	
Regular Collection	\$ 1190
Maintenance	\$ 40
Diocesan—Retirement Religious	\$ 197
Mass Intentions	\$ 30
Social Concern	
Total Collection	\$ 1457

Saturday Mass @ 4pm = 32 people attended Sunday Mass @ 9am = 41 people attended	
Regular Collection	\$ 688
Maintenance	\$ 100
Diocesan—Retirement Religious	\$ 151
Mass Intentions	\$ 220
Community Outreach = Donations to the Poor Box	\$ 841
Donations to roof repair	\$ 10
Total Collection	\$ 2010

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Established 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

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

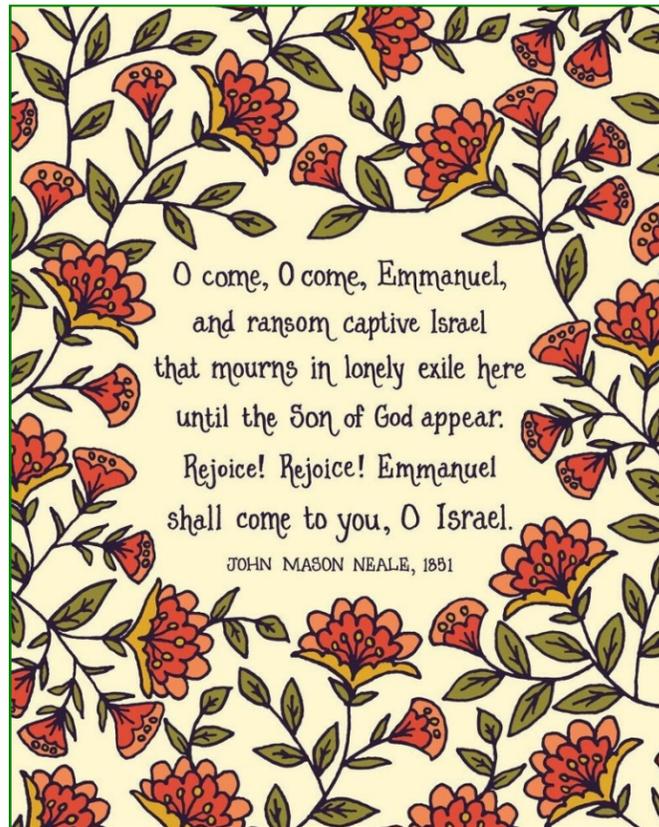
Established 1903
40798 Midland Trail E.
White Sulphur Springs WV 24986

3:30 p.m. Saturday Confession & Rosary

4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass

8:30 a.m. Sunday Confession & Rosary

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass



Scripture for the 4th Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14
 You shall call name Emmanuel
Psalm 24
 Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory
Romans 1:1-7
 We have received the grace of apostleship
Matthew 1:23
 The virgin shall conceive and bear a son
Matthew 1:18-24
 He will save his people from their sins.

Knights of Columbus
Sunday December 18 at noon: meet to decorate the outside of St. Catherine's Church
Sunday December 18 at 2 p.m.: meet at St. Charles to decorate the outside of the church, followed by a **Christmas Dinner** at 4 p.m. All members of both parishes are invited to the dinner. Chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to share. A short Christmas program will follow the dinner.



Schedule for Masses on **Christmas Weekend**

Masses on **Christmas Eve** Saturday, December 24, 2022 will be celebrated at
 5 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo
 7 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena
 Midnight at St. Charles Borromeo

On Sunday, December 25th, **Christmas Day**, Masses will be celebrated at
 9 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo
 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena

I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

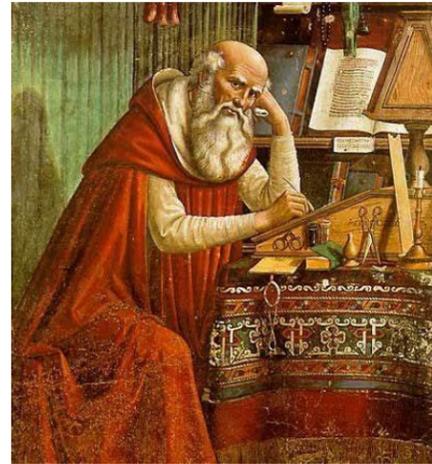
Christmas Mass Schedule

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 leaders at St. Catherine: Bob and Mary Thompson **Music leaders** at St. Charles: Rodger and 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: stborromeo@frontier.com
 Phone: 304-536-1813
 websites: stcharlesborromeowv.org stcatherinewv.org
 Office Hours Monday Wednesday Friday from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a network that works to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit their website: sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 203.233.0880.

St. Jerome (347-420) in his study



Dear Family,

Remember the homily from last Sunday? I talked about the John the Baptist in prison, expecting execution by King Herod. He sent his disciples to Jesus to ask him a question: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” The view of modernist skepticism was that John who was in prison and at the end of his life, was plagued by doubt that all he had done as the forerunner of the Messiah was for naught. However, St. Jerome, the great biblical scholar and saint of the 4th century saw this very differently. John had given his disciples the perfect question to discover for themselves that Jesus was the Messiah, the “One who is to come.”

Skepticism can be the philosophical trap of our times that leads many astray from a life filled with the joy of faith in the God through whom all things are possible. Skepticism has also found its voice concerning the story of our gospel passage today.

A bishop of a protestant church not long ago, became very famous and a popular speaker and writer on biblical studies. He was a skeptic, saying that the bible should not be taken literally, and that most stories were meant to give us some sense of that these events only symbolically told of great people (perhaps like himself!). He also taught that Mary became pregnant by some unknown man, and Joseph, a simple man, believed that it was by God, not willing to believe that his wife was an adulteress. He also taught that there was no such thing as virgin birth. Many people were taken in by his heretical teachings, which he claimed was more “scientific.” All of them were carried away from faith and into the darkness of skepticism.

For us and for the teachings of the Church, we are given the literal truth that tells us that miracles happen, that God is real, and that we can be lifted up by faith in the word of God that fills us with hope and tells of the love of God.

That is the message of the coming Christmas story; a message that, even in the darkest of times, life is filled with wonder and the light of the living God.

May God richly bless you all.

Fr. Jim Conyers



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS MASS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday December 17		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m.—Mass <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>	
Sunday December 18 4th Sunday in Advent		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Cheryl Hoover (L) (December 18 is her birthday) <i>Reader: Carol Herrick</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for Mimsie & Valentine De’Olloqui (D) Noon—Confession
Monday December 19	Office open 9am-2pm	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday December 20			8:30 a.m.—Mass 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession
Wednesday December 21	Office open 9am-2pm	11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession noon—Mass	
Thursday December 22			5:30 p.m.—Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m.—Mass
Friday December 23	Office open 9am-2pm	8:30 a.m.— Mass 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession	
Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve		5 p.m.—Mass for The Mimi Scott family (L) and Elizabeth Cox (D) <i>Reader: Gloria Martin</i> 12 midnight—Mass for Don McGuire (D)	7:00 p.m.—Mass
Sunday December 25 Christmas Day		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Margaret Huff (D) <i>Reader: Cheryl Hoover</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for Floy Boyle (L) Noon—Confession

Our Church Prayer List
In Requiem Pace: Kay Morgan

Please pray for the following people:

Peter William Wilson, Nuala Gallagher-Morgan, Ryan Czul, Grace Dean, Perk & Sue Berry, Anastasia (Fama) Morton, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard, Jean Foley, Armella Johnson.

Those at the Springrise: Frankie Musselman

Those at the Seasons: Gertrude Worsham

Those serving in our Military: Paul Roshau
Call the Church office to add names to prayer list: 304-536-1813

Today’s Social Concern collection on December 18, 2022 at St. Catherine of Siena will be for the **Ronceverte Food Pantry**

Thanks to the **Altar Rosary Society** for their generous donation to the Rectory Roof Repair Fund. Their Craft Sale at St. Charles on Dec. 11th raised several hundred dollars. The Society is donating half of their sales to the Rectory Roof Repair Fund.

We still need more than \$110,000 for the roof repair, so all donations towards this large repair bill are welcome. Please put ROOF REPAIR in the memo section on your check. Thank you.

Special Collections

Today’s Social Concern collection at St. Catherine of Siena will be for the **Ronceverte Food Pantry.**

The Ronceverte Food Pantry located in the old Armory building on Main Street usually distributes food on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8—10 a.m.

Due to Christmas Eve, this week’s distribution will be on Wednesday December 21st from 8—10 a.m.

On Christmas Day, the 2nd collection at both churches will be for **Catholic Charities.** So many of our neighbors struggle over the holiday season. Your act of generosity will bring warmth and cheer to those who are most vulnerable. Please share the light of Christmas with your donation on Christmas Day.

