

Merry Christmas!

Yes, that’s right, it is still Christmas (but you knew that).

This is one time of the year when Catholics depart dramatically from the culture. The Cultural Christmas began after Thanksgiving, or after Halloween, or even earlier.

We, however, began Christmas on Christmas Eve, and it extends to Epiphany (The Twelve Days of Christmas). This is the season of Christmas.


It actually continues to the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, which is on Monday, January 9 this year. For centuries, Christmas was a longer season that did not end until after the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. In any case, Christmas is a season and a time to ponder all these things in our hearts, as the scripture says about Mary after the shepherds had departed.

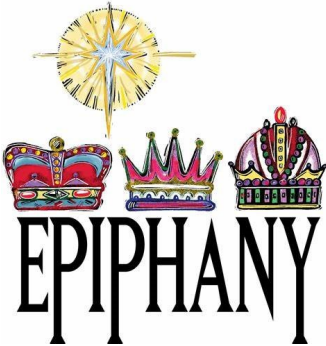
We continue to mediate on the meaning of the Incarnation. The God who, from all eternity, brought from nothing into being all things: time and space, matter and energy, and gave life to a portion of that creation. A very much smaller part of that creation he made in his own image that these creatures might understand him.

Finally, among those highest of creatures, he united himself with them that they may share in his very life. This is the Incarnation.

So it is, when we say the holy name of Jesus, we might remember all that God has done, and especially all he has done for us.

May God richly bless you all,  
*Fr. Jim Conyers*





Please join us for a luncheon celebrating Epiphany at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

located at 163 Walnut Street in Ronceverte, WV

Everyone from both parishes is invited to this free lunch.

Lunch will be served about 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 2023

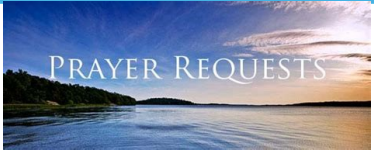
Menu: Ham and Cheese Sliders, Fruit Salad, Cake, and Drinks

A “White Elephant” gift exchange will be held after the lunch.

| CHURCH CALENDAR      | OTHER EVENTS   | ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS MASS SCHEDULE   | ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE MASS SCHEDULE                    |
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| Saturday January 7   |  | 3:30 p.m.—Confession<br>4:00 p.m.— Mass for <b>John O'Donnell (D)</b><br><i>Reader: Bill Martin</i>              |   |
| Sunday January 8     | <b>Epiphany Lunch at St. Catherine's at 12:15 p.m.</b><br><br>Knights of Columbus business meeting 3 p.m. at St. Charles | 8:30 a.m.—Confession<br>9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Elliott &amp; Lucille Echols (D)</b><br><i>Reader: Paul Grist</i> | 11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Albert and Nancy Ford (D)</b><br>Noon—Confession |
| Monday January 9     | Office open 9am-2pm  | No Mass  | No Mass   |
| Tuesday January 10   |  |  | 8:30 a.m. Mass<br>9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession                    |
| Wednesday January 11 | Office open 9am-2pm  | 11 a.m.—Adoration / Confession<br>Noon—Mass  | No Mass   |
| Thursday January 12  |  |  | 5:30 p.m.—Adoration / Confession<br>6:30 p.m.—Mass                    |
| Friday January 13    | Office open 9am-2pm  | 8:30 a.m.— Mass<br>9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession  |   |
| Saturday January 14  |  | 3:30 p.m.—Confession<br>4:00 p.m.— Mass<br><i>Reader: Alicia McIntire</i>  |   |
| Sunday January 15    |  | 8:30 a.m.—Confession<br>9:00 a.m.— Mass for <b>Ron Scobbo (D)</b><br><i>Reader: Paul Grist</i>                   | 11 a.m.— Mass for <b>Teresa Allen (D)</b><br>Noon—Confession          |

Please pray for the following people:

Dr. Joan Moore, Chad O'Donnell, Grace Dean, Perk & Sue Berry, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard, Jean Foley, Armella Johnson.



Those at the Stonerise: 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

The next Social Concern collection

at St. Catherine of Siena will be on January 15th for the Family Refuge Center

RECTORY ROOF REPAIR

We still need more than \$110,000 for the roof repair at the Rectory at St. Charles.

So far \$16,305 has been donated.

All donations towards this large repair bill are welcome. Please put ROOF REPAIR in the memo section on your check. Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday Mass @ 11am = 33 people attended

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| Regular Collection      | \$ 490        |
| Maintenance             | \$ 200        |
| Diocesan Collection     |               |
| Mass Intentions         |               |
| Social Concern          |               |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$ 690</b> |

Scripture Readings for January 8, 2023

Isaiah 60: Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.



Psalms 72: Every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3: The mystery was made known to me by revelation.

Matthew 2:2: We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage.



Matthew 2: 1-12: The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and... they saw the child with Mary his mother.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
DEC. 31, 2022 AND JANUARY 1, 2023

Saturday Mass @ 4 pm = 59 people attended  
Sunday Mass @ 9 am = 46 people attended

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| Regular Collection                                | \$ 1420        |
| Maintenance                                       | \$ 100         |
| Diocesan Collection                               |                |
| Mass Intentions                                   | \$ 125         |
| Community Outreach =<br>Donations to the Poor Box | \$ 342         |
| Donations to roof repair                          | \$ 454         |
| <b>Total Collection</b>                           | <b>\$ 2441</b> |

**Calendars** for 2023 and colorful **ink pens** with your church name on them are available

**Offering Envelopes** for 2023 will not be available until late January. Please write your envelope number on your check until we receive the 2023 envelopes.

Starting in January 2023, we will be updating the names on the **Prayer Request** list that is printed in the bulletin each week. If wish to have someone's name on the prayer list for 2023, please call the church office at 304-536-1813.

The **Knights of Columbus** will have their business meeting next Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 3 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo.  
**Please note the time: 3 p.m.**



JANUARY 8, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 BORROMEO

Established 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



The Epiphany of the Lord — Seek Him with All Your Heart

Today the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is not only about the arrival of the magi, it is about the strength of faith we seek in our journey. The journey of the Magi reminds us that GOD IS WITH US. Like the star of Bethlehem that shined brighter than anyone could ever imagine, Jesus continues to shine in the hearts of the faithful. The great prophet Jeremiah shared the Oracle of the Lord in Jeremiah 29:13-14 – “When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me... and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations....”

Let us reflect on how we seek Christ. During this Diocesan Year of the Eucharist we focus on His continued presence in the tabernacle, where we are drawn to be one with Him in person in the Eucharist. Like the wise men, we are drawn by our faith to come together to celebrate and honor God the Son. In the first reading on this special solemnity, the prophet Isaiah mentions gold and frankincense, as gifts befitting a king. He prophesies that these gifts would be presented to the one to come - the Savior of the world. However, the Magi also brought myrrh which was used in those days to anoint a body after death. This is another prophecy, because this newborn king is also to be a victim, called to suffer, like Isaiah's suffering servant, for the sins of all.

In our parishes and missions, we may not come with the riches of the Magi, but we come to Mass with our greatest treasure - our love of God. Today, we gather thousands of miles from Bethlehem to honor the King of kings. “Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there,” Pope Francis said. Let others see Christ in us for that is the true gift He wants from us. He came to earth for us, so bring Him your sufferings, loss, fears, worries, and challenges, letting Him fill your spirit with love, joy, and peace.

Be grateful in all ways for every joy and triumph – great and small.



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**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](http://stcharlesborromeowv.org) [stcatherinewv.org](http://stcatherinewv.org)

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

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