

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Attendance at 11 a.m. on November 19 = 50	
Regular Collection	\$ 800
Mass Intention Stipends	
Maintenance	
Social Concerns—GB Committee on Aging	\$ 250
Diocesan	
Total Collection	\$ 1050

Financial Summary for St. Catherine of Siena October 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 4092
Expenses for October	\$ 3899
Net	\$ 193

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
SHARING OUR TREASURE
NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, 2023

Attendance at 4 p.m. on November 18 = 29 Attendance at 9 a.m. on November 19 = 55	
Regular Collection	\$ 1103
Mass Intention Stipends	\$ 160
Maintenance	
Roof Donations	\$ 50
Diocesan	
Poor Box Donations	\$ 291
Total Collection	\$ 1604

Financial Summary for St. Charles Borromeo October 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 6275
Expenses for October	\$ 5376
Net	\$ 899

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE




THE ST. CHARLES CONCERT SERIES

Sunday December 3, 2023 at 3 p.m.

An afternoon of music for Advent and Christmas

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Concerts will be held in St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Helpers needed for Gwen's Meals

We need people to help assemble Gwen's Meals on Wednesday, November 29th at St. Charles Church.

If you can help, please come to the Parish Hall of St. Charles at 9 a.m. We are usually finished by 10 a.m.

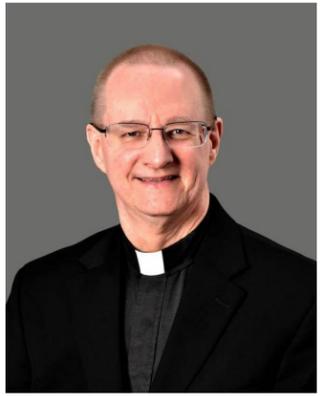
Gwen's Meals are named after the late Gwen Clingman, who was known in Lewisburg, WV as much for her big heart as for the generous luncheon plates she served at Clingman's Markets.



GUEST PRIEST

We welcome Father John Finnell to our parishes this weekend. Father John has been a priest for over 45 years, having been ordained on November 11, 1978. Father John is a retired priest, most recently having served at Blessed Sacrament Church in South Charleston, WV. He currently lives in Cross Lanes, West Virginia.

Father Jim is out of town this weekend as he is attending to the funeral of his brother-in-law Jim Trout in Michigan.



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Deacon: Bill Strange. email: deaconbill@frontier.com Phone: 304-237-4470 (cell) 304-536-2333 (home)

The Church Office for both churches is located at St. Charles Borromeo on the lowest level of the Rectory.
 Church Secretary: Leah Trent. office email: stcharlesborromeocc@gmail.com Phone: 304-536-1813
 Office Hours next week are Monday Wednesday Friday from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
 Church Office address: 40798 Midland Trail E. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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Sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Established 1903
 40798 Midland Trail E.
 White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
www.stcharlesborromeowv.org

Sunday Confession 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass noon
Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.
 Sat. Confession 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 4:00



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Established 1892
 163 Walnut Street
 Ronceverte, WV 24970
www.stcatherinewv.org

Sunday Rosary 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Confession 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Thursday Mass 6:30 p.m.



Dear Friends:
As we enjoy the leftovers of our Thanksgiving turkey and fixings, I hope we will also continue to savor the spiritual dimension of the holiday. We have designated a day and a type of ritual for giving thanks, which means we have made a *conscious choice*. We can also make a conscious choice to devote a small portion of *every* day to give thanks!

One of the most helpful bits of wisdom I have received in my life was spelled out in a book called "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach. She advocates that, near the end of each day, we make a habit of writing down five things for which we are thankful. That's it. No fancy theology or prayer rituals; just THANKS. You don't even need to buy the book! You don't even need to believe in God!

That practice seems so simple that many ignore it, but it truly is a subtle way to improve one's life and outlook. It teaches us to cultivate an "attitude of gratitude", as 12-step groups like to call it.

We all have days when we might feel that we have *nothing* for which to be thankful! The discipline of this practice pushes us to search for *something*. It helps to take a rather lighthearted approach, especially in the beginning. Here's an example. On what may have been one of the most frustrating days of my life, I wrote that I was thankful for: "not having a flat tire, living in a warm house, the gentle smile of a waitress, the 98% of the world that is *not* at war, the soothing feel of a warm shower." On some days all of my five things are the *absence* (for me, at least) of something destructive happening: no volcanic eruption in my back yard, no carjacking, not getting fired, not having to fire someone else, etc. Here's a delightful paradox: if I happen to be a worry-wort who always fixates on bad things that *might* happen, I already have a gold mine of possibilities to write down if they *don't* happen!

This practice, many have found, leads to a kind of re-wiring of my brain. The more I do it each night, the more I find myself noticing things for which to be thankful as they are actually happening! As I take my daily walk through my neighborhood, I now *always* notice things like the brilliant red zinnias in a garden, parents carving Halloween pumpkins with their kids on their front porch, the dog that used to bark furiously at me and now just lies there with a smile on his face, etc. It becomes more and more natural to focus attention on any bits of goodness rather than ruminating about what is painful.



Giving thanks is *not* pretending that there is no evil in the world. It is, rather, a re-framing of the evil. It leaves me healthier, happier, holier, more relaxed and better able to deal with the evils that touch me in the most constructive way, rather than reacting in a way that often makes things worse!

Let's make THANKSGIVING not just one day per year, but a way of life for EVERYDAY of the year! Think about that as you enjoy your turkey soup!

Father John Finnell



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday Nov. 25		11 a.m. Funeral Mass for Gertrude Worsham 3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for Randy & Kim Hunzeker (L) <i>Reader: Alicia McIntire</i>	
Sunday Nov. 26		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Irene Oppedisano (D) <i>Reader: Jennifer King</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for Paul Pannone (D) <i>Reader: Ken Plumley</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday Nov. 27	Office open 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday Nov. 28	Office Closed		8:30 a.m. Mass 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession
Wednesday Nov. 29	Office open 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.	9 a.m.—Help with Gwen's Meals 11:00 a.m. Adoration / Confession 12 noon - Mass for Jimmy Oppedisano (D)	
Thursday Nov. 30	Office Closed		5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass for Richard Razzano (D)
Friday Dec. 1	Office open 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.	8:30 a.m. Mass	
Saturday Dec. 2		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass <i>Reader: Mikki Dixon</i>	
Sunday Dec. 3		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Tommy Given (D) <i>Reader: Jennifer King</i> 3:00 p.m.—CONCERT	11 a.m.— Mass for The Foley Family (D) <i>Reader: Mary Dailey</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession

ROOF REPLACEMENT UPDATE

We want to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to all the parishioners and visitors who have so generously contributed to our Roof Replacement Fund so far. As some of you already know, we need to replace the roof on the Rectory Building at St. Charles.

So far we have raised **\$79,382**

We welcome donations. If you would like to donate with a check, please make your check payable to "St. Charles" and write the word "Roof" in the memo line.

Centimark has finished the first stage of the roof on the Rectory. The second stage of repairs will be completed next year.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meetings

Sunday Nov 26 at 3 p.m.
Business meeting and social (New time: meetings will be at 3 p.m.)

Sunday December 10 at 3 p.m. Business meeting to

Sunday December 17 at 3 p.m. Christmas Dinner and decorating the outside of the church

This next Diocesan Collection will be on December 10th for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**

Christmas in Ronceverte

PICS W/SANTA
CAROLS & PRAYERS
CHILI & COOKIES
FREE OF CHARGE!

Dec 4 @ Presbyterian Church

Pics w/Santa, 5-7pm
Chili, 5-7pm
Carols, 6pm
Parade, 7pm

Hosted by Ronceverte Ministerial Association.
Questions? Call 304-647-4400

This next Social Concern Collection at St. Catherine's will be for the **Ronceverte Food Pantry** on December 17th.

Requiescat in Pace: Gertrude Worsham

Please pray for the following people:

Ronnie Hollandsworth, Lonnie Withrow, John Boyle, Clyde Bowling, Dr. Joan Moore, Chad O'Donnell, Perk & Sue Berry, Mary Thompson, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, John and Ann Withrow, Margie Sheppard

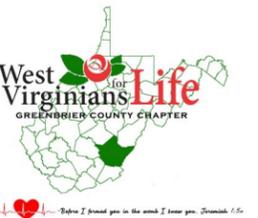


At Stonerise
Frankie Musselman
At The Seasons
Carol Spencer
Serving in our Military
Paul Roshau

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

The Greenbrier Chapter of West Virginians for Life meets at Emmanuel Community Church,

located on Route 60 in Harts Run. Their next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact Paula McLaughlin
Phone: 304-661-9866
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Readings for 11-26-23

Ezekiel 34: 11-17
Psalm 23: 1-6
1 Corinthians 15: 20-28
Mark 11: 9-10
Matthew 25: 31-46

