

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
MARCH 28-31, 2024

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
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MARCH 29 AND 31, 2024

APRIL 7, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Attendance 3/28 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Thursday = 53	
Attendance 3/29 at 3 p.m. Good Friday = 38	
Attendance 3/29 at 7 p.m. Stations = 30	
Attendance 3/30 at 8 p.m. Easter Vigil = 40	
Attendance 3/31 at 11 a.m. Easter Sunday = 85	
Regular Collection	\$ 2338
ONLINE giving	\$ 500
Diocesan Collection—Holy Land	\$ 275
Social Concerns—Ronceverte Ministerial Association	\$ 118
Total Collection	\$ 3231

Attendance 3/29 at noon Good Friday = 28	
Attendance 3/31 at 9 a.m. Easter Sunday = 200	
Regular Collection	\$ 2086
ONLINE giving	\$ 285
Diocesan Collection—Holy Land	\$ 560
Poor Box Donations	\$ 834
Maintenance	\$ 420
Euch Congress & Music Donations	\$ 1115
Total Collection	\$ 5300

THE HISTORY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, **St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains: *This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.* —Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.* —St. Faustina, *Diary*, no. 699

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: *"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"* (*Diary*, no. 48) and *"By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls"* (*Diary*, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (*Diary*, no. 1541). *"Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy"* (*Diary*, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



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St. Charles Borromeo

ONLINE GIVING



We now offer online giving for both of our parishes. You can use your Visa or Mastercard, or checking account for these donations. You may now give by:

- ♦ using the QR codes found above
- ♦ by clicking on the "Give Online" buttons on our websites, or
- ♦ by texting GIVE to the following numbers:

St. Catherine: 304-449-8883

St. Charles : 304-247-1813

Note: These are NOT phone numbers for you to call—they are for texting only.

We still welcome traditional offerings of cash and checks.

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)

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**

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 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

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.

Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Confession 3:30 p.m.

Saturday Rosary 3:30 p.m.

Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Established 1819

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.

Thursday Mass 6:30 p.m.

Office phone 304-536-1813



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

The Gwen's Meals program has been providing nutritious food to sick and homebound people in the Greenbrier Valley and Meadow River Valley since 2003. The Shepherds' Center has recently expanded this program to include Alderson and Clintonville. Last year over 8,000 meals were delivered to people in the Greenbrier Valley. Each week 60 meals are delivered in Eastern Greenbrier County; 55 meals in Western Greenbrier County, 37 meals in Alderson, and 10 meals in Clintonville. In addition to providing nutritious food, the delivery of a meal each week helps to combat loneliness for many of the recipients. 27 congregations in the Greenbrier Valley are responsible for the meal preparation each Wednesday.

The Shepherds' Center is dependent on donations and grants to fund their programs. If you would like to donate, please visit their webpage: www.scgvv.org to donate online, or send your gift to Shepherds' Center, P.O. Box 54, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Also—if you would like to help deliver meals, please call their office in Lewisburg at 304-645-4196.

The schedule for Gwen's Meals preparation days is:

- St. Catherine—on Wednesday June 5, 2024
- St. Charles—on Wednesday July 17, 2024
- St. Catherine—on Wednesday September 11, 2024
- St. Charles—on Wednesday November 6, 2024.

We send a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help purchase, assemble, and pack up the meals for the Gwen's Meals distribution.

The latest group of helpers worked at St Charles on Wednesday March 27, 2024: Cheryl Hoover, Ann Turley, Debbie McComb, Alicia McIntire, Deborah Fabry, Buck Williams, Suzanne Gibson and Drenda Given (who took the photo!)



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday April 6		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Francisca Yañez Gonzalez (D) and Carmen Withrow (D) <i>Reader: Gloria Martin</i>	
Sunday April 7		8:30 a.m.—Confession & Rosary 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Jimmy Oppedisano (D) <i>Reader: Cheryl Hoover</i>	11 a.m.— Mass for The Foley Family (D) <i>Reader: Mary Dailey</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday April 8	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday April 9	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday April 10	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday April 11	Office Closed		6:30 p.m. Mass for Virginia Mastrogiuseppe (D)
Friday April 12	Office Closed	8:30 a.m. Mass for Ron Scobbo (D)	
Saturday April 13		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Lucy C. Helbig (D) <i>Reader: Bill Martin</i>	
Sunday April 14		8:30 a.m.—Confession & Rosary 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Ron Scobbo (D) <i>Reader: Debbie McComb</i> 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting	10:30 a.m. Rosary 11 a.m.— Mass for Mike & Roz Nazar D) <i>Reader: Andrea Karrs</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THANKS to everyone who helped with the Lenten Fish Dinners. Over 1,000 dinners were served.



Sunday April 14 Business Meeting at 6 p.m.
Sunday April 28 Business Meeting at 6 p.m.

Saturday May 4—11 a.m. First Saturday Mass and Covered dish lunch at Mary Immaculate Chapel near Williamsburg, WV

Sunday May 5—6 p.m. Dinner celebrating 40th anniversary of our Charter—all members and their families and the Auxiliary are invited

This next Diocesan Collection will be on Sunday May 26, 2024 for the **Catholic Relief Services**

The next Social Concern Collection at St. Catherine's will be collected April 21 for the **Ronceverte Ministerial Association**

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, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. All those interested in attending are welcome.

For more info, contact Paula McLaughlin
Phone: 304-661-9866
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We welcome Father Lusius Mite to our churches this weekend. Born in Indonesia, Father Mite is currently serving at St. Patrick's Church in Hinton, WV. We are very appreciative that he could celebrate Mass with us while Father Jim Conyers is on a well-deserved vacation.

As part of Divine Mercy Sunday, we will be saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after each Mass this weekend. We hope you can join us for this important recitation of prayer.

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, Margie Sheppard

At Lewisburg Health Care:

Frankie Musselman

At The Seasons: Carol Spencer

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



Readings for April 7, 2024

Acts 4: 32-35
Psalm 118: 2-4
1 John 5: 1-6
John 20: 29
John 20: 19-31

