

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
MAY 5, 2024

Attendance 5-5-24 = 47	
Regular Collection	\$ 871.50
Mary Immaculate Church Collection	\$ 199.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 486.25
Diocesan Collection	
Social Concerns	
Total Collection	\$ 1556.75

We are still in need of money to help send our representative to the **National Eucharistic Congress** in July. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to "St. Charles" and put "Euch. Congress" in the memo field. Cash donations are also accepted. **\$965 has been donated. We still need \$654.**



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 following the prompts on your phone.

St. Catherine of Siena

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
SHARING OUR TREASURE
MAY 4 AND 5, 2024

Attendance 5-4-24 = 37 Attendance 5-5-24 = 50	
Regular Collection	\$ 1044.00
ONLINE giving	\$ 195.15
Diocesan Collection	
Poor Box Donations	\$ 251.00
Eucharistic Congress Donations	
Total Collection	\$ 1490.15

Online giving—if you would like help setting up **Online Giving**, please call the office and Leah will guide you through the process. You can save money by setting up a recurring donation, and not having to write a check each week. Just call 304-536-1813 if you would like help.



Here is the QR code you can scan on your cellphone to donate to **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.**

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ONLINE GIVING

We now offer online giving for both of our parishes. You can use a credit card or bank account to set up recurring Or one-time 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

The above numbers are NOT numbers for you to call....

They are only for texting

We still welcome traditional offerings of cash and checks.

The Knights of Columbus held a Dinner on May 5, 2024 celebrating 40 years of their charter and honoring those who volunteered with the Lenten Fish dinners this spring.

Mike Williams was one of the original members when this K of C of C charter was formed on May 6, 1984.



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 next week: 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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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 304.233.0880.

MAY 12, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY CROWNING ON SUNDAY MAY 12

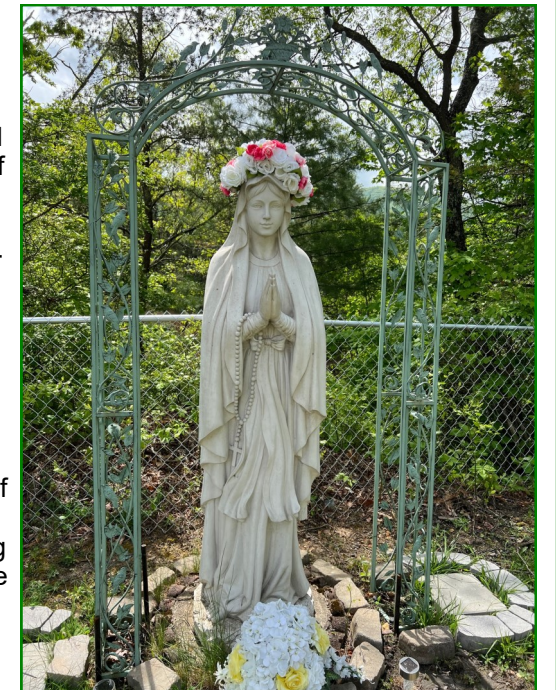
The origins of the **May Crowning** are hard to pinpoint, although devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary originates in the earliest days of the church. Concerning the significance of the month of May, toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating the month of May to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church.

The May devotions also were energized by the four authenticated apparitions of our Blessed Mother. In 1830, Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure and instructed her to have the Miraculous Medal struck with the inscription, "Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." In 1846, she appeared to the children of La Salette, France, and tearfully lamented the lax practice of the faith. In 1858, she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, identifying herself as the "Immaculate Conception." Finally, she appeared to the three children at Fatima May 13, 1917, where she instructed the people to pray the rosary daily for peace.

Regarding the crowning, the image of Mary (as well as Jesus) wearing a gold crown is found in the earliest forms of iconography, especially in the Eastern Churches. In the West, the pious practice of publicly crowning an image of the Blessed Mother gained popularity in the 19th century. In 1987, in its "Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary," the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the precursor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "The month of May is dedicated to the Queen of Heaven, as are all flowers. Early this month, a statue of the Virgin at church is crowned with a wreath of flowers, and flowers are laid at her feet."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church testifies to the foundation of the tradition, which lies securely in the reverence due to the mother of God. As the whole trajectory of the Church is Marian in nature, "Mary goes before us all in the holiness that is the Church's mystery as "the bride without spot or wrinkle," it says. "This is why the 'Marian' dimension of the Church precedes the 'Petrine'" (CCC 773).

This year our May Crowning will take place on Mother's Day, which is fitting since Mary is both Queen and Mother to all the faithful. Please join us as we celebrate the **Rite of Crowning in the Mount Loretto Cemetery** behind St. Charles Borromeo Church at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday May 12th. The **Rite of Crowning in Ronceverte** will be held in the courtyard beside St. Catherine of Siena Church at 10:50 a.m. also on May 12, 2024.



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www.stcharlesborromeowv.org

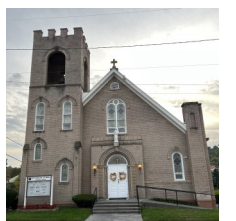
Sunday Confession 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass noon
Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Confession 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Rosary 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.



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.
Tuesday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Thursday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Office phone 304-536-1813





Dear Family,

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension. Traditionally, it is celebrated on the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter, so that it is 10 days before Pentecost. Jesus told his disciples to remain in Jerusalem and “to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:4b). They stayed in the upper room, praying and fasting for nine days. On the morning of the tenth day, the great miracle and mystery of the descent of Holy Spirit was given to them. So that period of waiting was the Church’s first Novena (a nine-day prayer).

As he instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until they “receive power from on high” (Acts 1:8). And, “as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.” (Acts 1:9). What happened to Jesus? This is indeed a mystery.

However, St. Paul gives us a hint of what happened in his letter to the Ephesians: “He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.” (Ephesians 4:10). In his human body, Jesus was able to take up a characteristic of divinity: Omnipresence. He could be everywhere, and “fill all things.”

Jesus in his human body is present with us in many ways, especially in the Eucharist. His Ascension is a gift given to the faithful to fulfill the promise he has made “I will be with you always, even unto the close of the age” (Matthew 28:20). To what end? That we might ascend into heaven, thus fulfilling all that that Jesus had promised to us and be taken up into the joy of the divine life of goodness, truth and beauty. Also, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to us that we might teach all people to observe all that Jesus has commanded and enter into that same joy.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Fr. James Conyers

St. Catherine of Siena Rectory Community Clean up Day

Last week, several parishioners from St. Catherine gathered to help clean up the area outside the St. Catherine Rectory. They chopped down the “forest” (overgrown vegetation and trees), took two truck loads to the dump, added mulch, and generally cleaned up the place. After working all morning they were treated to a pizza and beer lunch. A big Thank You to these folks for making our Rectory look even better!



Pictured are Ken Miller, Robbie Anderson, and Bob Hasenohr
Photo by Buck Williams

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday May 19, 2024 — All Catholic families with children age 18 and under are invited to join the Knights for a covered dish dinner on Sunday May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Charles Borromeo Church. Mac ‘n’ Cheese will be provided along with sodas, coffee, water and paper products. Two \$500 “Tommy Given Memorial Scholarships” will be awarded at the dinner for grandchildren of Knights of Columbus members. All youth serving either St. Catherine or St. Charles will be honored as well.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday July 21 at 2 p.m. All Church Picnic @ Greenbrier State Forest Picnic Shelter #1—everyone is invited.



Please welcome our NEW PARISHIONERS at St. Catherine’s

Maegan Culp—who works at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center
Jack Lampton—who works at Bethlehem Farm
Jarrett Murano—who works at Bethlehem Farm

We encourage you to join us as we pray, work, and play together. We hope you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at St. Catherine and St. Charles.

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, June 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. All those interested in attending are welcome.

For more info, contact
Paula McLaughlin
Phone: 304-661-9866

Email: greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com



CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday May 11		3:30 p.m.—Confession & Rosary 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Jody Riley (D) Reader: <i>Bill Martin</i>	
Sunday May 12	Happy Mother’s Day!	8:30 a.m.—Confession 8:50 a.m.—May Crowning outside 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Margaret Huff and Nadine O’Neil (D) Reader: <i>Ann Turley</i>	10:30 a.m. Rosary 10:50 a.m.—May Crowning outside 11 a.m.— Mass for Philomena Pannone (D) Reader: <i>Ken Miller</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday May 13	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday May 14	Office open 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.		8:30 a.m.—Mass for Anastasia Morton (D)
Wednesday May 15	Office open 9 a.m.—2 p.m.	11:00 a.m.—Adoration / Confession Noon— Mass for Thelma E. Maiers (D)	
Thursday May 16	Office Closed		5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass for J.J. O’Brien and Jean Foley (D)
Friday May 17	Office Closed	8:30 a.m. Mass for Ron Scobbo (D) 9:15 a.m.—Adoration / Confession	
Saturday May 18		3:30 p.m.—Confession & Rosary 4:00 p.m.—Mass for Tommy Given (D) Reader: <i>Alicia McIntire</i>	
Sunday May 19	6 p.m. Knights dinner honoring the youth in our churches	8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Eleanor “Tommy” Porterfield (D) Reader: <i>Jeanne Scobbo</i>	10:30 a.m. Rosary 11 a.m.— Mass Reader: <i>Jack Lampton</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession



Father Chapin Engler (who was the priest for St. Catherine and St. Charles from 2011-2018) is suffering from throat cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment in Houston Texas.

If you would like to send him a card, his address is

Father Chapin St. Dominic Villages Archbishop Fiorenza Priest Home #2
2407 Holcombe Blvd Houston, TX 77021-2023

Please pray for the following people:

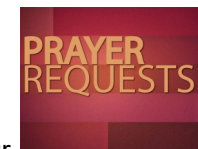
Rosanne Shupe, Mary & Berl Collins, Father Chapin Engler, Ronnie Hollandsworth, Lonnie Withrow, John Boyle, Clyde Bowling, Dr. Joan Moore, Chad O’Donnell, Perk & Sue Berry, Ed DeLong, Charlie Friedman, Margie Sheppard

At Lewisburg Health Care:

Frankie Musselman

At The Seasons:

Carol Spencer
Call the Church Office to add names to our



Readings for 5-12-24

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-9
Ephesians i: 17-23
Mark 16:15-20

