

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SHARING OUR TREASURE
DECEMBER 3, 2023

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
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DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2023

DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Attendance at 11 a.m. last Sunday = 56	
Regular Collection	\$ 1005
Mass Intention Stipends	
Maintenance	\$ 270
Social Concerns	
Diocesan	
Total Collection	\$ 1275

Attendance at 4 p.m. last Saturday= 40 Attendance at 9 a.m. last Sunday = 71	
Regular Collection	\$ 961.50
Mass Intention Stipends	\$ 110.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 150.00
Diocesan	
Poor Box Donations	\$ 138.00
Total Collection	\$ 1359.50
<i>Roof Donations</i>	<i>\$ 3023</i>

Financial Summary for St. Catherine of Siena November 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 3302
Expenses for November	\$ 5196
Net	\$ -1894

Financial Summary for St. Charles Borromeo November 2023	
Offerings received	\$ 4886
Expenses for November	\$ 5735
Net	\$ -849

ADVENT SERVICE

Advent Service of Reconciliation on Sunday
December 17 at 4 p.m. at St. Charles

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday December 23, 2023 at 4 p.m. St. Charles
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 9 a.m. St. Charles
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 11 a.m. St. Catherine's

Christmas Eve

Sunday December 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. St. Charles
Sunday December 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. St. Catherine's



Christmas Day
Monday December 25, 2023
at 10 a.m. St. Charles

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COAT AND TOY DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new and gently used clothing to be distributed this month to those in need. Please bring coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, and scarves to St. Charles. The deadline for bringing donations of winter clothing is Sunday December 17th.



The Knights of Columbus are also collecting new toys (or money to purchase toys) for children. The toy drive collects new toys and distributes them in the Meadow River Valley area of Greenbrier County to children who otherwise might not have a Christmas gift. The drive honors the memory of Donald Davis, a Rainelle native, who collected a van load of new toys each year and distributed them to children in need in the Rainelle area. The Alleghany Highlands Council 8689 supports this drive. Please bring new toys or your donations to St. Charles Church by Sunday December 17th.

ALTAR ROSARY
LUNCHEON

Members of the Altar Rosary Society from St. Catherine's met at Applebee's in Lewisburg for a fundraiser lunch.



50% of the luncheon bill was donated by Applebee's to the Family Refuge Center in Lewisburg.

Pictured are Marylou Smith, Connie Brown, Leslie Cayanus, Kathy Anderson, Laurel Doherty, Deborah Conyers and Bobbie DeBraie. Not pictured is Angela Malo (photographer)

THANK YOU

We want to say thank you to the Women of the Church for the beautiful reception they hosted after the concert at St. Charles on Sunday December 3rd.

We appreciate your warm hospitality, especially to our guests.



Rodger & Leah Trent

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be baskets in the foyer of each church for donations for poinsettias and greenery for church decorations. This is an opportunity to honor a loved one still living or remember someone who has died. The names of those loved ones will appear in the Christmas weekend bulletin. There is no set donation amount.

The envelopes for St. Catherine's are green and can be returned to the collection basket. The envelopes at St. Charles are pink. Please print clearly when you write the names of those you would like to honor or remember.



ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

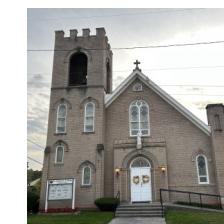
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Sunday Confession 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass noon
Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Sat. Confession 3:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 4:00

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.

U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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 304.233.0880.

Dear Family,
 During the Advent Season and on into Christmas we hear a number of passages from the Prophet Isaiah. Actually there are two at least Isaiah's. The first Isaiah is chapters one through thirty-nine. This is the prophet before the Babylonian captivity, which occurred from 586 B.C. to 516 B.C. Three generations lived as slaves in Babylon, which is the present day Iraq.

It was an experience of the Babylonian captivity that changed the religion of the Hebrew people forever. After the return from captivity they were called the "Jews," the people of Judah who after the northern tribes were conquered by Assyria a century before were the only ones left of the chosen people.

The return from Babylon is the event about which the Second Isaiah writes. Returning from slavery (like freedom from slavery in Egypt 700 years before) is an event that Isaiah makes clear that this is the work of God. He writes:

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



The people of Judah are comforted as they return to their homeland. They suffered in Babylon for 70 years because of their sin, but now they travel along the way back to Jerusalem, the capital city, to rebuild the Temple, to re-establish their religion. It is "the LORD" who makes them a way in the desert to return.

In other words, it is a time of repentance and renewal of their faith. The Prophets of the exile, Daniel and Ezekiel, sustained their faith during the exile, but now the Second Isaiah guides them in their faith to give thanks to God for releasing them from captivity. We have not (yet) experienced a Babylonian captivity for which we should give thanks at this time, but like the First Isaiah, we should be aware when we stray from God, and set other things ahead of Him – comfort, security or good health - and recognize that our faith leads us to the One who is above all these things.

God bless you all in this season of Advent as we prepare ourselves by devotions, confession and worship for the coming of the Lord.
 Pax Christi,

Fr. James Conyers †

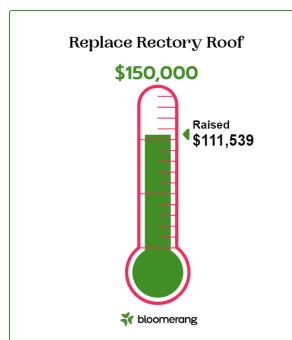
CHURCH CALENDAR	OTHER EVENTS	ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHEDULE	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA IN RONCEVERTE SCHEDULE
Saturday Dec. 9		2 p.m. Wedding of Jaclyn Murdock and Matt Gillespie 3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for Gertrude Worsham (D) <i>Reader: Gloria Martin</i>	
Sunday Dec. 10		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Joann Muller (D) <i>Reader: Cheryl Hoover</i> 3:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting	11 a.m.— Mass for Richard Razzano (D) <i>Reader: Andrea Karrs</i> 12:15 p.m.—Confession
Monday Dec. 11	Office open 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.	<i>No Mass</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday Dec. 12	Office open 11a.m.—5p.m.	1 p.m.—Deadline for Bulletin submissions 5:00 p.m. Women of the Church meeting	8:30 a.m. Mass for Loretta Muller (D) 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession
Wednesday Dec. 13	Office Closed	11:00 a.m. Adoration / Confession 12 noon Mass for John Kennedy (D)	
Thursday Dec. 14	Office Closed		5:30 p.m. Adoration / Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass for Fr. John McGinnity (D)
Friday Dec. 15	Office open 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.	8:30 a.m. Mass for Ron Scobbo (D) 9:15 a.m. Adoration / Confession	
Saturday Dec. 16		3:30 p.m.—Confession 4 p.m. Mass for Cheryl Hoover (L) <i>Reader: Julie Burton</i>	
Sunday Dec. 17		8:30 a.m.—Confession 9:00 a.m.— Mass for Carmen Withrow (D) <i>Reader: Debbie McComb</i> 4: 00 p.m. Service of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. All-Church Dinner	11 a.m.— Mass for Paul Pannone (D) <i>Reader: Connie Brown</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 **\$ 111,539**. 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

All events at St. Charles Borromeo Church

- Sunday December 10 at 3 p.m. Business meeting
- Sunday December 17
Meet at 2:30 p.m. to decorate outside of St. Charles church
- Sunday December 17
5 p.m. The all-church annual Christmas Dinner.
Rsvp to Mike Williams 304-654-1373 by Dec. 10th if you plan to attend.



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

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

Requiescat in Pace: Jim Trout

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
Email: greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com



Readings for 12-10-23 2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85: 9-14
2 Peter 3: 8-14
Luke 3: 4-6
Mark 1: 1-8

