

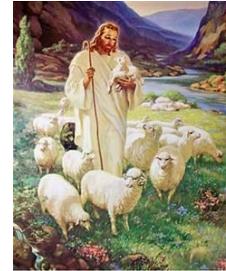
McDowell & Wyoming Counties Catholic Churches

We welcome all those visiting our parish today.

					
Christ The King	Holy Cross Mission	Our Lady of Victory	Sacred Heart	St. Peter Catholic Church	St. John the Evangelist
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From: The Pastor April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle B
"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep..."
John 10:11-13

The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature; a very comforting picture of our Messiah who will never abandon us. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience, love and mercy are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far from Him.



When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Please remember in your prayers the sick and shut-ins of our parish: Mary Basso, Carmen Vega, Steve and Rosemary Bary, Frank Billings, Tommy Bright, Philip Hayward Jr, John Early, Harry & Anne Switch, Josephine Cavallo, Mary Altizer, Norma King, Margaret Kappa.

At Westwood Health Center, 20 Westwood Medical Park, Bluefield, VA 24605: Mary Quattrochi, room 119.
 At Loving Hands Adult Care, 402 Airport Rd, Bluefield WV 24701: Irene Charney, room 10.

Please contact the office if you or a loved one wishes to be added or removed from the prayer list. Please be sure and let the office or Fr. Tony know if you are in the hospital or ill at home and would like for Fr. Tony to come and visit you. Under the current privacy laws, information is not available to us regarding our parishioners who are in the hospital. The only way that Fr. Tony will know is if you call.

SILENCE - Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. -St. Vincent Pallotti

Staple food items are needed at Welch Mission Ministries for those in need in McDowell County. You may leave your donated items inside either church entrance; monetary donations may be mailed to PO Box 1011, Welch WV 24801.

There are envelopes at each entrance next to the Bulletins for the McDowell County Social Ministry Fund. This Social Fund helps with emergency services support in our own community which provides limited financial and in-kind relief for seriously vulnerable persons with a proven need; suggesting hopeful possibilities when other resources are not enough.

Reminder: The 50th Celebration for Russ and Betty Rice anniversary is this Sunday April 22, 2018 starting at 3PM.

COUNTY MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK (Masses at St. Peter, Welch in BOLD)

April 21, 2018	Saturday	4 PM	St Peter, Welch	+Helen Colombo by Rosa Cline
April 22, 2018	Sunday	9 AM	St Peter, Welch	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
		11:30 AM	Sacred Heart, Powhatan	
April 25, 2018	Wednesday	12 noon	St Peter, Welch	+Patricia O'Donnell
April 28, 2018	Saturday	4 PM	St Peter, Welch	+Nick Cavallo by Josephine Cavallo
April 29, 2018	Sunday	9 AM	St Peter, Welch	+John & Mary Pinter family by Dolly Pinter
		11:30 AM	Sacred Heart, Powhatan	

Thank you for your Stewardship Commitment to share your Time, Talent and Treasure.

St Peter -4/14 Attn: 15 and 4/15 Attn:24 (Envelopes \$655, Loose\$37, Building Fund \$10, Diocesan Collections: Education of Seminarians \$50, McDowell & Wyoming Social Ministry Fund \$120)

Christ the King - (Envelopes \$35, Loose \$25), **Our Lady of Victory -** (Envelopes \$20)

Sacred Heart: Attn: 28 4/15 (Envelopes \$240, Loose \$25)

Ministry Schedule:

Apr 22 -- Lector: John; Server: Rebecca; Ministers of Communion: Donna & Vivian

Apr 29 -- Lector: Betty; Server: Rebecca; Ministers of Communion: John & Ashby

May 6 -- Lector: David; Server: Rebecca; Ministers of Communion: John & Vivian

May 13 -- Lector: Carmello; Server: Rebecca; Ministers of Communion: Ann & Donna

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: Pasqua in Italian, Pâques in French, Paach in Dutch, Pascha in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Easter. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Easter once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit--an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (Pascha Domini) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED - Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock? Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Soup for the Soul -- Thank you for your donations. March total was \$30.51 these funds help to provide meals to the needy on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and every other Sunday at the First United Methodist Church next door. The container for donations is on the table with the bulletins near the front door.

Camp Bosco Huttonsville, West Virginia July 2018 (4 weeks to choose from)
 This camp is open to students in grades 3rd-12th - Cost is \$325.00 per child (Scholarships are available)
 Registration is online at: www.campbosco.com Any questions e-mail hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311

AT WORK - Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. -Anonymous

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. -- 1 John 3:1

Our parish goals for “Almost Heaven” are \$3410.00 for St. Peter, Welch. The first 50% of the parish goal will support Catholic education, CCWVa, and various diocesan ministries. Every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal, making this a tremendous fund raising event for our parishes. Thank you for all you have done in the past to support the appeal and our parishes.

To save postage, you may drop your CSA envelope in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the Diocese. PLEASE make your check payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.



God of all creation,

We give you thanks for the majestic beauty that you have bestowed on the state of West Virginia. In the wonderful mountains, rivers, and forests we see a reflection of your infinite goodness. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to us. Help us to continue to build the Church through our ministries in this beautiful state. As members of the Body of Christ, may our participation in the Catholic Sharing Appeal be a sign of our thankfulness and enable us to serve the needs of all who call our Mountain State home.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Catholic 2018
Sharing
Appeal

To learn more about the CSA and the various ways it can help our parish and our beautiful state, visit our website:

www.dwc.org/csa



Diocese of
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Next week, following the 9AM Sunday Mass, Bring the family and join us for a delicious parish breakfast. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, French toast, pancakes and bacon. All are welcome to attend.

2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations—April 22nd Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. • Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected case(s) of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn

more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

RCIA Leadership Training Workshops

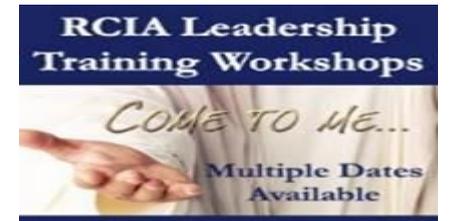
6 pm to 9 pm

April 30	St. Michael Parish, Wheeling
May 1	St. Margaret Mary Parish, Parkersburg
May 2	St. Mary Parish, Star City
May 10	St. Agnes Parish, Shepherdstown
May 22	Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston
May 23	Sacred Heart, Bluefield

Presenting - New DWC Christian Initiation Forms; A pastoral (vs. academic) model for Christian Initiation; Lectionary-based, conversion-centered catechesis; Examining the year-round catechumenate.

Please note that this is a **FREE workshop** sponsored by both the Office of Worship & Sacraments and the Dept. of Formation & Mission. We just need each person to register for the date / location that they prefer to attend. At this same link, you will also find an informational flyer. While mainly for the laity, all are welcome to join us for these workshops.

Registration can be done online at <https://dwc.org/diocese/offices/office-of-faith-formation/2018-rcia-leadership-workshop/> or by Phone # 304-233-0880 and ask for Jeane McKeets.



Pet food and supplies may be left in Ryan Hall, or donations may be mailed to McDowell Humane Society, PO Box 714, Welch WV 24801.

Pope Francis: We should leave every Mass better than we entered Vatican City, Apr 4, 2018 / 04:32 am (EWTN News/CNA) On Wednesday Pope Francis said the Eucharist is key to living an authentic Christian witness, and that those who leave Mass unchanged, continuing to gossip or hold onto unholy habits, have missed the point. “While the Mass ends, the commitment for Christian witness opens. We leave the church to go in peace to bring the blessing of God to our daily activities, to our homes, to our work, to the affairs of the earthly city, glorifying the Lord with our lives,” the pope said April 4. “No. Christians go to Mass to participate in the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, and to live as better Christians,” he said. “If we leave the church gossiping” or talking badly about other people, then “the Mass didn’t enter into my heart, because I am not capable of living Christian testimony.” “Every time I leave Mass I must leave better than I went in,” he said, adding that the Eucharist should leave a person with a better heart, a better spirit and “a stronger desire to live as a Christian.”