



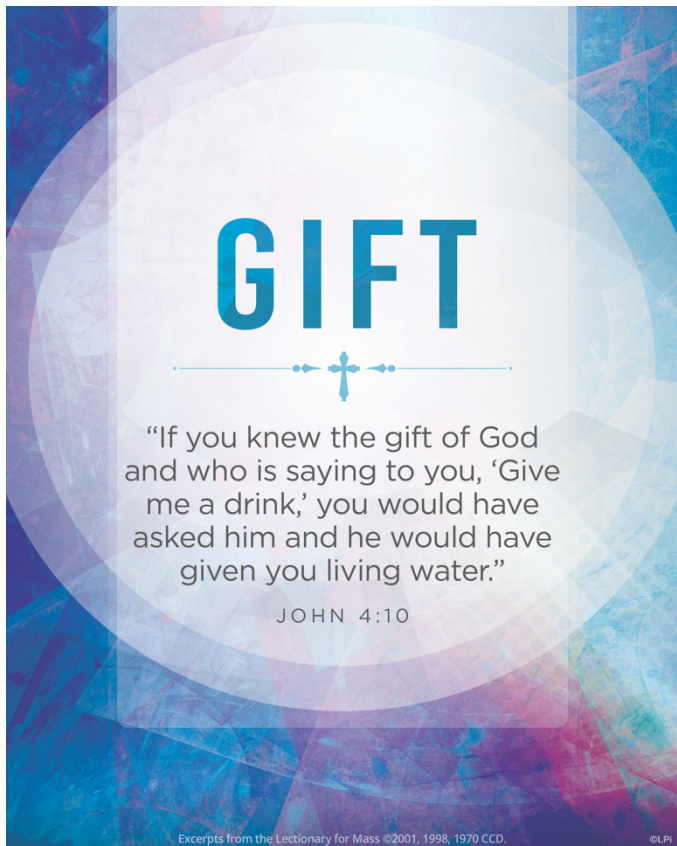
# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## Sacred Heart Chapel

### March 8, 2026

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent. John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith. In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: **“One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37)**. He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit. This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

**Lenten challenge:** Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross

All Friday masses during Lent will be at 6:30 pm in Holy Rosary Church. The stations of the Cross will begin immediately after the mass. The Stations will be led by different ministries in the parish. Stations of the Cross on March 13 will be led by our Men’s Group.

### Lenten Almsgiving

This Lent we will be collecting items to place in the 18 Blessing Boxes, located throughout Upshur County. We ask you, our fellow parishioners, to please join us in donating the suggested items. As items come in, members of Mercy Works Ministry will distribute the items throughout our county. The following are items suggested by the person who originated the idea in our county: Boxed Milk, Pasta, Pop Top - Soup and Vegetables, Cooking Oil, Spices, Salt and Pepper, Tea Bags, Coffee, Sugar, Flour, Fresh Produce, Tuna, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Sandwich Bread, Dishwashing Detergent, and Feminine Products. Please look for the designated collection boxes in the church entrance and hall, to place your donated items. Thank you!

### Lenten Penance Service – March 23 at 7 pm

Confessions before masses or anytime with appointment.

**Rice Bowls** – At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. While there is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger, we can make a difference by answering Jesus’ invitation to us to share Bread for Life with our global family—so all may live with dignity. Pick up your Rice Bowl Collection boxes at the church entrances and in Marist Hall.

### OCIA Candidates and Catechumens

This year we have several people who have been preparing to enter the church at the Easter Vigil. Our Catechumens: Haley Reed, Andrew Roth, and Caleb Corley will receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Our Candidates: Barry Burns, Judy Moore, Stephanie Jack, and Rachel Howard will receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please pray for these special people during Lent, that their preparation in these final weeks before Easter will bring them closer to the Lord Jesus.

### Second Collection For March

This weekend, March 8th, a special Diocesan collection will support the Priest’s Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. We thank our diocesan priests for their service over the years, and ask God to bless them and their many years of service to our diocese.

### Our Sympathies

Guy Sayre, brother of parishioner Arthur Sayre went to be with the Lord on February 22<sup>nd</sup> after an extended stay at the Clarksburg Veterans Nursing Facility. May his soul and the souls of all dearly departed rest in peace.

**Our Virtus Account is Being Audited**

Our diocese is serious about the safety of our children. This March, our parish’s Virtus Account will be audited to make sure that all employees, teachers, and volunteers who are around children and teens are up to date on their Virtus training and background checks. Please log in to your account today to update your information and training.

**Celebrate With your Parish Family!**

MARCH RIGHT UP WITH YOUR CELEBRATIONS!

- Rachel Westfall – Mar. 4
- Rue Thompson – Mar. 6
- Sr. Francesca Lowis – Mar. 7
- Rick Manspeaker – Mar. 8
- Diane Poach – Mar. 9
- Janine Robinson – Mar. 9
- Jalna Jones – Mar. 11
- Cheryl Moore – Mar. 20
- Tin Vu Trung – Mar. 21
- Krista Lewellyn – Mar. 24
- Mike Derico – Mar. 28
- Jerry Jones - Mar. 28

~Mary and Ralph Smith will celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 27. Mike and Andrea Ellis are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 22! Congratulations and best wishes!

**Prayers Please**

Angela Endrizzi, Tony Derico, Bob Slaughter, Mark Cerullo, Rhonda Cerullo, Josephine Baxa, Kay Sienkiewicz, Bruce Maine, Jalen Welcome, Pat Daigneault, Dennis & Cindy Cortes, Felicia Endrizzi, Jeanne Norlin, Daniel Hyre, Jr., Arlene & Len Fumerola, Nicole Craig, Chris Sienkiewicz, P. T. Garton, Kaylee Hinkle, Sal Carmona, Libby Anderegg, Philip Stanton, Brandon Lill.

**Please pray for our Homebound:** Mary Stump, Ron Frye, Rocenia Asbury, James McCartney, Shirley Linger, Barbara Hillberry, Rose DeProspero, Linda Coyner, Jean Lantz, Janine Robinson, Barbara Elmore, Margaret Balli, William McLean, Elizabeth Griffith, Patricia Long, and Tom Sears.

**Please pray for men and women in the military and please pray for those who have died. And don’t forget to pray for our first responders.**

**Protection of our Children**

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. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.

**Please Check the Envelope Boxes**

Please check Marist Hall to pick up your box of 2026 envelopes. You may have gotten a box this year even if you haven’t used them in the past. We sincerely thank all families for supporting our parish community!

**Critical: We Really Need Mass Servers:  
Youth and Adult**

Thanks to Lynn and John for stepping up to serve at the altar. Would you also consider helping at the altar during mass? We really need servers for our weekend liturgies. The training is simple, and we can work with your individual schedules. We are accepting students (must have made their First Communion), men and women for this ministry. We could also use someone to help us organize this important job. Pray about this opportunity, and contact Fr. Ed if you can help.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Penance Service**

Monday, March 23 at 7 pm Holy Rosary Church  
Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm at St. Brendan’s in Elkins

**\*Pre-Funeral Mass Planning Session**

Date: Saturday April 25, 2026. Time: 10am  
**Fr. Mark Scholarship:** Applications are due by April 21, 2026 and copies can be downloaded at <http://stbrendanwv.weebly.com/>

**Last Week’s Offerings**

Envelopes: \$2,292.00  
Loose: \$293  
Building Fund: \$38  
**Attendance:** Saturday - 40  
Sunday - 117

**This Week’s Psalm Response**  
“If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.”

**March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent**

**A Vocation View:** Jesus gives Living Water to those who come to Him in their need. Bring your weakness to Him, that His strength may help with your continued conversion of life.

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**Knights of Columbus FISH FRY Fridays**

**Friday Dates**  
2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 & 3/27

**Eat in or Carry Out from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
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**Adults \$12**  
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**DINNER MENU**  
Generous piece of crispy fish  
fries, coleslaw, drink & dessert

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY PRESENTS**

**The Seven Sorrows of Mary**

February 16: Simeon’s Prophecy (Luke 2:25-35)  
February 23: Egypt Flight (Matthew 2:13-15)  
Lost in Temple (Luke 2:41-50)  
March 2: To Calvary (Luke 23:27-31)  
Crucifixion (John 19:25-30)  
March 9: Down from the Cross (Luke 23:50-54)  
Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:55-56)  
**5pm, Holy Rosary Parish Hall**

<b>Liturgical Ministers</b>	Sat. Mar. 7	Sun. Mar. 8	Sat. Mar. 14	Sun. Mar. 15
Lectors	John W. Rachel W.	Jalna J. Sandy K.	Cheryl M. Laurie A.	Joe B. Sue S.
Greeters	John K.	Charlie M.	Jerry & Cheryl	Diana T.
Musicians	Elaine A. Shirley	Sarah Z. Shirley L.	Gini J. Jalna J.	Lena Rose Diane P.
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Ellis Rue T.	Renee L. Rue T. Brenda A.	John W. Rue T.	Doris S. Charlie M. Rue T.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**Mass INTENTIONS**

Sat. March 7 7 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Mar. 8 9 am noon	Catherine Andereg+	Holy Rosary Sacred Heart
Mon. Mar. 9 7:30 am	John DelSignore	Hospital
Tues. Mar. 10 7:30 am	Catherine Mace+	Holy Rosary
Wed. Mar. 11 6 pm Holy Hour 7 pm	<i>We pray for the sick and the homebound.</i> George Beljan+	Holy Rosary
Thurs. Mar. 12 7:30 am	Michael Novak+	Holy Rosary
Fri. Mar. 13  6:30 pm	Willard Mace+	Holy Rosary
Sat. Mar. 14 7 pm	Parishioners	Holy Rosary
Sun. Mar. 15 9 am	Colleen Boyle+	Holy Rosary

**Building News**

Our building is set on it's foundation. We are still awaiting word on the interior finishing, which may take several weeks. Utility companies are being contacted to set up installation. Our independent contractor is continuing work on the porch. Please keep praying that our building process runs smoothly and we soon have our parish center completed.

Please prayerfully consider helping us to reach our campaign goal of \$125K. We are almost there. Check out the bulletin board in Marist Hall or clip the form below.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Readings Year A. Exodus 17:3-7, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 & John 4:5-42**

**Theme: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst...” Jesus**

In today’s readings, especially in the first and the Gospel readings, we heard how God quenched his people who were thirsty for water. In the US and in many developed countries, we are fortunate to have good drinking water. That is why you may not be able to relate to the people who needed water to quench their thirst in the readings. We do know even today that having good clean water is a big problem in many developing countries around the world.

In the first reading, we’re told the Israelites in their thirst for water in the desert grumbled against Moses. They failed to have faith in God who was leading them to the Promised Land. Despite their ingratitude and lack of faith in God to provide for their needs, God did not punish them. Rather, God shows them his unconditional love and care by providing them with water in the desert.

Yes, Moses provided them with the lifesaving gift of ordinary water to quench their thirst. But Jesus, the ‘new Moses,’ gives us an eternal gift, ‘living water,’ meaning a share in the very life of God. St. Paul echoes it also in the second reading. In the Gospel reading, Jesus provided this Samaritan woman with living water that quenched her thirst forever. During the time of Jesus, there was great hostility/hatred between Jews and Samaritans. Jews considered Samaritans ritually unclean, impure people. The Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus, a Jew, would ask her a Samaritan woman for drinking water.

Yes, Jesus broke through the barriers of prejudice, hostility, and false traditions to bring good news of peace, love, and reconciliation, not only to his fellow Jews but also to Samaritans and Gentiles alike. This Samaritan woman was even considered by her own people as an adulteress, a public sinner, and an outcast. That explained why she walked a mile and half in the midday heat to fetch her water at a remote well rather than the one in her town. She was honest with Jesus that she has had five husbands. She was a deeply wounded woman, suffering from a series of broken relationships. Jesus did not condemn her but showed her love, respect, and acceptance. He saw something good in her, her honesty and faith in him. She believed in Jesus as the expected Messiah. Jesus made her a missionary to her own people. God chooses the weak to shame the strong as St. Paul reminds us in the Word of God (1 Corinthians 1:27-29).

The Samaritans believed first on the basis of the word of the woman who testified about Jesus and then on the basis of their own experience of Jesus’ word: “Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Fellow parishioners, John in today’s Gospel, uses this Samaritan woman as a role model for us all. She stands for all of us who are ‘thirsty’ for Jesus. Jesus also wants us all to see him in every child of his heavenly Father. When Jesus accepted this woman, she went out to be a missionary to her own people who rejected her because of her past life. She brought Jesus, ‘living water’ to quench the thirst of her people. As someone puts it, “There is a thirst in every human heart.” Like this lonely Samaritan woman, we are also thirsty for something in life. Many of us are thirsty for love, acceptance, money, power, fame, etc. These worldly things can never quench our thirst. Only Jesus can quench our thirst forever. Once we have Jesus, we have it all, no more thirst!

Like Jesus Christ, we must bring his unconditional love that both St. John and St. Paul wrote about in the readings we have just heard. It is Jesus’ unconditional love and peace that our world needs today. Are you willing and ready to bring Jesus’ unconditional love, peace, justice, and respect to our world?

This past Sunday, our OCIA candidates with their sponsors and teachers were at the St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling for the Rite of Election. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the First Scrutiny which formed parts of the period of purification and enlightenment. As our Holy Mother Church teaches us: “The Scrutinies,” which are celebrated solemnly on Sundays, have the double purpose mentioned earlier, namely, to reveal what is weak, sick, and sinful in the hearts of the elect so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong, and holy, so that it can be strengthened” ( Source: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults #141, page 104).

Instead of celebrating the Handing On of the Creed at the end of the homily, we shall have it at the end of Mass. The Creed defined our Catholic faith. Please continue to pray with and for them that the good Lord who has begun this good work in them will bring it to fruition on the Easter Vigil. May Holy Mother Mary and her beloved husband, St. Joseph, continue to pray for us to truly experience Jesus Christ, the Living water, in our daily life. Amen!