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213 55th Street and Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV

November 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL — 5:00 PM

SUNDAY — 9:00 AM AND 11:30 AM

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY — 7 PM

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY — 8:15 AM

R OSARY IS PRAYED STARTING 15 MIN BEFORE DAILY MASS

Pastoral Staff

REV. SHINU LUKOSE — ADMINISTRATOR

LORRI MCBRAYER — SECRETARY

MONA SMITH — BOOKKEEPER

Religious Education

Jane Frances Hofbauer, Director
304-483-2496
Parish School of Religion (PSR), K-8
Sundays, 10:15-11:10 am
(September to May)

Readings

First Reading - Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION

Students from second grade onward receiving sacramental preparation with one year of prior instruction in the Catholic faith are eligible.

CONFIRMATION

Students in ninth grade receiving sacramental preparation with previous instruction in the Catholic faith are eligible.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For a pastoral visit at home, nursing home, or hospital, or for the Sacrament of the Anointing, please contact the office.

MARRIAGE

Schedule a meeting with the Pastor for instructions and forms 6 months in advance.

OCIA (INITIATION FOR ADULTS, 16+)

Contact the parish office for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION
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Pastor's email: slukose@dwc.org • Office Phone 304-295-6109



Pastor's Message

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The Grace of Perseverance

The Gospel today, of (Mt 25:1–13), Jesus tells us the parable of the ten virgins who await the arrival of the bridegroom. Interestingly, all ten become drowsy and fall asleep because the bridegroom is delayed. Yet, the difference between the wise and the foolish is not that some experienced human weakness while others did not; all experienced the same human limitation. The difference was that the wise had prepared themselves with sufficient oil.

Jesus does not portray the wise virgins as people who never experience tiredness, weakness, or human limitations. They too become sleepy; they too experience the delay; they too are waiting. Yet, they remain prepared. This offers us a profound insight into Christian holiness. Holiness does not mean living without weakness, failure, or moments of spiritual weariness. Rather, it means remaining rooted in God's grace and persevering in our relationship with Jesus, even when we struggle. St. Augustine beautifully expresses this dependence on divine grace in his prayer: "Give what You command, and command what You will." He reminds us that even our ability to live faithfully comes from God's grace. We do not become holy through our strength alone; we grow in holiness by continually opening ourselves to God's grace and cooperating with it.

Our weaknesses should never become reasons to distance ourselves from the Lord. Instead, they should draw us closer to Him. We should not spend our spiritual lives lamenting our failures or comparing ourselves with others, but continually return to Christ, who strengthens, heals, and renews us. Through prayer, the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and works of charity, we keep our spiritual lamps burning. Let us never become discouraged by our imperfections. Rather, let us remain close to Jesus and persevere in His grace. For holiness is not the absence of human weakness, but the fruit of a life that never ceases to seek the Lord.

Fr Shinu Lukose

Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. Please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Child Abuse and Family/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800-923-6111. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's Office at 304-233-8380.

Pledge to Heal

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THE GABRIEL PROJECT

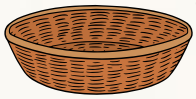
GABRIEL PROJECT REQUESTS

The Gabriel Project is requesting Baby Wash, Diaper cream, and Baby Shampoo. Please place donations in the church gathering area.





How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! (Psalm 84:1)



We have 2 collections this weekend. The regular collection will be put in the green basket. The second collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will be put in the purple basket. Thank you

PARKING AREA

Church Parking Lot Update

Material has begun arriving from Phoenix Construction to repair the parking lot entrance across the street from the Church. Repairs are expected to begin this coming week. During repair, we will be restricted to one entrance to the parking lot.

Church email:
Please use stmp2146vie@dcw.org when communicating with the church secretary.



Good Samaritan Center November Donation: Box stuffing mix.

Online Parish Directory

We would like everyone to be listed in the Online Directory. Only a few Parishioners have taken advantage of this free app through Instant Church Directory. If your email is contained in our printed directory, you can register and login. If your email doesn't register, let us know at stmichaelvienna@gmail.com. You can also send your picture if not in the printed directory to the same email and your picture will be added to the online directory.

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and support of our parish community!

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SCHOOLS

STONE SOUP KITCHEN:
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
609 Market Street, Parkersburg

GABRIEL PROJECT:
609 Market Street, Parkersburg
304-422-6786
By appointment only: Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY:
304-422-6694

PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:
304-485-6341

Good Samaritan Center:
Wayside Methodist Church
3001 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna WV
304-295-4896

PARISH GROUPS

CEMETERY REPRESENTATIVES:
Janie Flanagan & Paula McHenry

WOMEN'S GROUP:
Pat Helmick • 304-295-7097

MEN'S ORGANIZATION:
Ed Borkowski • 304-482-6902



BIRTHDAYS

11/8	Tony Bradford, Sophia D'Eramo, Fr. John Gallagher
11/10	Jack Heater, Noah Lauderman, Michael Lewis, Julia Somerville
11/11	Daniel Carozza, Karson Lewis
11/12	Michelle Somerville
11/13	Deborah Harper, Phyllis Howard, Pauline Schaffer
11/14	Hannah Cunningham, Benjamin Reed, Lou Thomas

Anniversaries

11/10	Kevan & Nicole Logston
11/14	Kelly & Vincent Guice

If your birthday or anniversary was not listed in the bulletin, please call the office and let us know.

St. Ambrose Ox Roast

Nov 8, 11 am - 2 pm

Tickets are $15
(children 6-10 - $10)

Menu: Beef or Turkey, Noodles, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll & dessert.



Sanctuary Lamp

For All Active & Retired Military.

Offering for November 1, 2026

Offering - $ 3601.00
Loose - $ 212.00
Building Fund - $722.00
Attendance - 282



The Altar flowers for the weekend of November 8th are donated by Lorri McBrayer in memory of Bill McBrayer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 7-8

	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	Mike DeRose	Dorinda Byers	*Eddy Biehl Lori Williamson Jackie Smith	Tom Phillips
9:00 am	Louise Wince Joe Brunicardi	Steve Santer	*Arlene Borkowski Rita Fish Beth Fanta	Sofia Wigal Maxwell Kiger
11:30 am	Rick Schaffer	Tom Betz	*John Bogdan Courtney province Rick Schaffer	Noah Algman Vincent Algman

November 14-15

	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
5:00pm	Jeff Williamson	Bob Fehrenbacher	*Lori Hushion John Hushion Annette Fehrenbacher	Lori Williamson
9:00am	Louise Wince Ed Borkowski	Jane Frances Hofbauer	*Arlene Borkowski Karen Brunicardi Joe Brunicardi	Sofia Jaime Luke Reeder
11:30am	Dimve Baldevieso	John Bogdan	*Rich Schaffer Allen Ridenour Courtney Province	Javin Province Vincent Algman

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MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

11/7 Saturday 5pm
Jack Crone
(Dorinda Byers & Eddy Biehl)

11/8 Sunday 9am
Our Parishioners

11/8 Sunday 11:30am
Cecil & June Biehl
(Dorinda Byers & Eddy Biehl)

11/9 Monday No Mass

11/10 Tuesday 7pm
Laurene & Doug Huffman Family
(Dorinda Byers/Eddy Biehl)

11/11 Wednesday 8:15am
Bill Cullen †
(Knights of Columbus 594)

11/12 Thursday 7pm
Tony Mrozinski
(Kristin Algman)

11/13 Friday 8:15am
Fred McLaughlin
(Dorinda Byers/Eddy Biehl)

NEXT WEEKEND

11/14 Saturday 5pm
Our Parishioners

11/15 Sunday 9am
John Armiger †
(Phyllis Armiger

11/15 Sunday 11:30am
For All Members Living and Deceased
327th Parachute Regiment 101 Airborne Div
1st Brigade
(John Coffindaffer)

Please remember in your prayers.

Corra, Ellis
Gallagher, John
Goodlive, Luke
Gray, Jim
Joyce, Barbara
Judy, Melody
Kincaid, Patricia
McLaughlin, Joan
McLaughlin, Marg
Miller, Glenn
Molinaro, Linda
Molinaro, Lou
Moore, Bill
Nolan, Decker Lee
Pacofey, Filomena
Polen, Joan
Reeves, Christel
Rhodes, Tony
Robinson, Gail
Alex Sabo
Schaffer, Pauline
Schneider, John
Smith, Brian
Snyder, John
Wiltsy, Joe

and all of our ill and homebound parishioners.

Prayer Network:

Contact Janie Flanagan at 304-575-8458, call or text or email to irish-spring612@gmail.com. Parishioners on the prayer network will **pray for your intentions.**



Please join us for the St Michael Women's Tea this weekend after the 11:30 Mass.



Knights of Columbus are collecting winter coats - both new and gently worn. The barrel is in the gathering area.



National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week renew your prayers for more vocations and encourage young people to consider God's call in their lives.

PARISH LIFE & EVENTS



Women's Group Afternoon Tea

St. Michael Women's Group will sponsor an afternoon tea on Sunday November 8th at 12-30pm. The theme is "Getting Ready for Advent & Christmas". It will be a proper English Tea with scones, cakes, sandwiches and of course tea being served. All women of the parish are invited. Come and find out what the Women's Group is all about and how they serve our parish and the community. Cost will be donation only.



Christmas Tree Project

Thank you to those who have generously contributed to our Christmas Tree project! We will continue to accept donations towards the new trees through November.

May God's Blessings be with you always,
The Flower Committee.

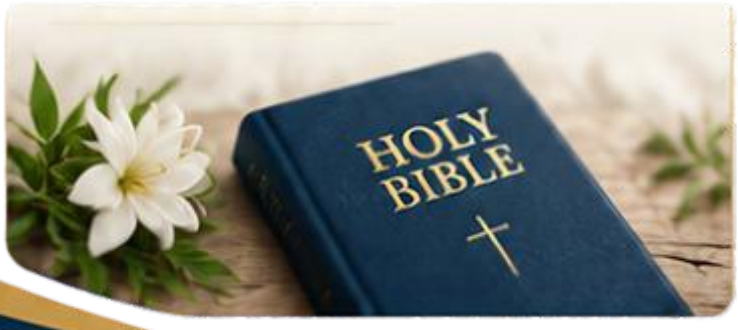


This weekends second collection is the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Please give generously. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Friday mornings at 9 am.
From October 23 – November 13 we will be discussing the four female Doctors of the Church: St Hildegard, St Catherine, St Teresa and St Therese. Please join us for any or all of the sessions on these great women.

If you have any questions, contact
Arlene Borkowski at (304) 482-1186
or amborkowski@citynet.net





Vienna Christmas Parade

We are beginning planning for a float for the Vienna Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Saturday December 5th. If anyone is interested in participating with the organizing and decorating of the float please contact Lomi at the Parish office at 304-295-6109.

New Sound System

The church hall has a new sound system! Thank you to Jeff Williamson and Bill Boyle for their help with the installation. And thank you to Scott Miller of Miller Communication for his help with the system.



PCHS Spaghetti Dinner
November 15th from 12:00 to 5:00 in the PCHS Cafeteria.
$12 for Adults; $10 for 12 and under; 5 & under Free.
Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert & tea. Soft drinks available for purchase.

Attention Advertisers

Invoices will be mailed this month to bulletin advertisers. The rates will remain the same in 2027. Please contact the Parish office at 304-295-6109 if you have any questions or are interested in advertising in our bulletin.

Permanent Deacon Information Event

Wednesday, Nov 18 at 6 pm at St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall. Wives are also invited. Please RSVP to the parish office if you would like to attend.

