November 1, 2026

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF PRESTON COUNTY

— ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, TERRA ALTA • ST. SEBASTIAN, KINGWOOD • ST. ZITA, MASONTOWN —

Three Churches, One Catholic Family

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
4:00 pm ~ St. Edward
6:00 pm ~ St. Sebastian

Sunday
8:30 am ~ St. Zita
10:30 am~ St. Sebastian

Tuesday ~ St. Edward
4:00 pm ~ Weekly Mass
3:00 pm First Tuesday
Holy Hour/Rosary/Confession

Wednesday ~ St. Zita
6:30 pm ~ Weekly Mass
5:30 pm First Wednesday
Holy Hour/Rosary/Confession

Friday - St. Sebastian
8:30 am ~ Weekly Mass
9:00 am ~ Holy Hour/Rosary/Confession

First Friday of the Month
8:30 am ~ First Friday Devotion
Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading – Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14: An angel seals the servants of God before any destruction occurs. A multitude from all nations, wearing white robes, stand before God and the Lamb, having survived great distress.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 24: The Earth belongs to the Lord. Only those with clean hearts and hands can stand in God's presence. They will receive blessings and are the ones truly seeking God.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3: The Father's love makes us his children. The world may not recognize us because it didn't recognize Him. Our future form is unknown, but we'll resemble God and should strive for purity.

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12a: Jesus gives a sermon known as the Beatitudes, outlining who is blessed in the eyes of God. He says the poor in spirit, mourners, meek, those hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure-hearted, peacemakers, and persecuted are blessed. Each group is promised a specific reward, like inheriting the earth or seeing God.

DAILY READINGS
NOV 2 - 8 , 2026

Monday: Wis 3:1–9 / Ps 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 / Rom 5:5–11 or Rom 6:3–9 / Jn 6:37–40
Tuesday: Phil 2:5–11 / Ps 22:26b–27, 28–30ab, 30e, 31–32 / Lk 14:15–24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12–18 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13–14 / Lk 14:25–33
Thursday: Phil 3:3–8a / Ps 105:2–3, 4–5, 6–7 / Lk 15:1–10
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1 / Ps 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5 / Lk 16:1–8
Saturday: Phil 4:10–19 / Ps 112:1b–2, 5–6, 8a and 9 / Lk 16:9–15
Sunday: Wis 6:12–16 / Ps 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8 / 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Mt 25:1–13

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Pastoral Council Chair: Richard Riggins 304-698-6845
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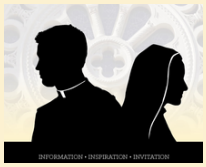
Raymond Wolfe Center: 304-329-3644

Dinners will also be available for pickup following the 10:30 am mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Father will be out of the office Monday-Wednesday, November 2-4. There will be **no Mass** at St. Edward the Confessor on Tuesday, November 3. **Mass at St. Zita will still be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 pm.**
- **Holy Hour, Rosary, and Confession** will be held during the **second week of November** at:
  St. Edward: 3:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10
  St. Zita: 5:30 pm, Wednesday, November 11
- **First Friday Devotion** at 8:30 am Friday November 6 with Holy Hour, Rosary, and Confession immediately after Mass at 9:00 am at St. Sebastian.
- A member of our community is in need of a small wood or coal burning stove. If you have one to donate, please call the office.
- The annual **St. Zita Christmas Party** will held December 6 with social hour beginning at 2:00 pm and dinner at 3:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be at the front of the church. Please call Amy Volk at 304-288-9989 with any questions.
- The **St Zita Altar Society** will meet at 6 pm on November 2. The **St. Sebastian Altar Society** will meet at 6 pm on November 9. All ladies of the churches are welcome to attend.



National Vocations Awareness Week

November 1-7

National Vocation Awareness Week is a time to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Please join us in praying for those discerning God's call and for those already serving the Church. May we also encourage young people to remain open to God's plan for their lives. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to send faithful workers into His harvest!

Bring Christmas Joy to a Child in Need!

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring the **Box of Joy** program! Boxes are available at all our churches and **must be returned by November 8,** along with the $9.00 shipping fee. Shipping can be paid by check using the designated envelope or online at https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/. Please do not place money inside the shoebox. For more information, contact Chris DeLauder at 304-441-4463.

Teachings of the Saints

3 of 9: Patience
An extract from introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales

Be patient, not only with respect to the main trials which beset you, but also under the accidental and accessory annoyances which arise out of them. We often find people who imagine themselves ready to accept a trial in itself, yet are impatient with its consequences. We hear one man say, "I should not mind poverty, were it not that I am unable to bring up my children and receive my friends as handsomely as I desire." Another says, "I should not mind, were it not that the world will suppose it is my own fault;" while another would patiently bear to be the subject of slander, provided nobody believed it. Others, again, accept one side of a trouble but fret against the rest—as, for instance, believing themselves to be patient under sickness, only fretting against their inability to obtain the best advice, or at the inconvenience they are to their friends. But, dear child, be sure that we must patiently accept not only sickness, but also all other troubles. If any trouble comes upon you, use the remedies God supplies you with. Not to do this is to tempt Him; but having done so, wait whatever result He wills with perfect resignation. If He pleases to let the evil be remedied, thank Him humbly; but if it be His will that the evil grow greater than the remedies, patiently bless His Holy Name.

Mass Intentions

SE - St. Edward | SJ - St. Joseph
SS - St. Sebastian | SZ - St. Zita
HH - Hopemont Hospital

Saturday, October 31	
4:00 pm ~ SE	People of the Parish
6:00 pm ~ SS	+ Mike Miller
Sunday, November 1	
8:30 am ~ SZ	+ Ted & Eleanor Kobily
10:30 am ~ SS	+ Jake Liston
Monday, November 2	
9:00 am ~ SJ	All Faithfully Departed of Our Parishes
Tuesday, November 3	
	No Mass
Wednesday, November 4	
6:30 9m ~ SZ	+(A) Gail Snyder
Friday, November 6	
8:30 am ~ SS	+ The Holy Souls in Pergatory
Saturday, November 7	
4:00 pm ~ SE	People of the Parish
6:00 pm ~ SS	+ Wally Nieman
Sunday, November 8	
8:30 am ~ SZ	Thomas Salvati
10:30 am ~ SS	+(B) Patricia Snyder

+ Deceased (A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (S) Sick (SI) Special Intention

COMMUNION *for the Homebound*

Are you or a loved one home-bound or in the hospital? To have communion brought to you, please contact the church office or one of the following communion ministers:

St. Zita
Bob Galusky ~ 304-698-6701
Darrell Fedeles ~ 304-282-6917
Janice Polce ~ 304-864-5656

St. Edward the Confessor
Charlotte Wiles ~ 304-789-6371
Anne Talley ~ 508-395-1570
Pat and Shelia DeLauder ~ 304-282-4664
Margaret Gearhart ~ 443-975-1754
Jessie Hart ~ 304-435-5848

St. Sebastian
Pauline Bernatowicz ~ 304-329-1337
Mary Somerruk ~ 304-329-1082
Charlie Wolfe ~ 304-441-8426
Camille Western ~ 304-282-9696
Sue Alberico ~ 304-698-8174

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Helen Bjorkman, Shirley Clark, Sue Clark, Patti Davidson, David DeLauder, Tom DeLauder, Adam DeWitt, Carolyn Fischer, Mary Galusky, Karen Gellner, Tammy & Mike Harris and Family, Shelley Hendershot, Ron Haynes Jr, Chris Hines, John Homer Hoffman, Maureen Kelly, Rick Liston, Jennifer Livengood, Theresa Marthey, Derrick McElroy, Billy Minihan, Eddie Murphy, Preston Murphy, Debra Murray, Bill Platt, Mary Lou Polce, Nathaniel Pratt, Diana Radabaugh, Scott Rehe, Ron Rhoads, Bill Riggins, Judy Riggins, Paul Riggins, Danny Smith, Gary Thorn, II, Fred Turner, Father Mark Ward, Judy Wolfe

Father Mark is has been in the hospital for two weeks and he is asking for our prayers. His address is below if you would like to send him a card:

Father Mark Ward, % Don Ware, CP
St. Ann's Monastery and Shrine Basilica
1233 St. Ann Street
Scranton, PA 18504-3034

As you celebrate your birthday or anniversary this month, you are remembered in our prayers. We thank God for the gift of your life and ask Him to bless you with joy, health, and peace.

Happy Birthday

Alexis Blaney, Daniel Baker, David Barlow, Thomas Barlow, Sr., Matthew Borror, Mike Contic, Thomas DeLauder, Andrew Donk, Elijah Everly, Robert Fletcher, Shirley Gainer, Herbert Gomez, Miriya Greer, Fern Gregg, Mary Hibbs, Patricia Johnson, George Krynicki, Louise Krynicki, Nanc Krynicki, Karen Kurilko, William Kurilko, Linda Liston, Keegan Mahony, Michael Mahony, Joanna Marrara, Gary Meleady, Dee Moore, Emily Pintus, River Radabaugh, Waylon Radabaugh, Linda Sanders, Shelley Shaffer, Levi Spiker, Robert Sypolt, Jamie Whitehair

Anniversary Blessing

November 3 ~ Thomas & Marta Barlow
November 3 ~ Ronald & Mary Wright
November 4 ~ Raymond & Jennifer Teller
November 7 ~ Joseph & Barbara Miller
November 14 ~ Rick & Karen Soccorsi
November 24 ~ Robert & Shirley Bailey
November 25 ~ James & Jessie Hart
November 25 ~ Patrick & Marilyn Metheny - 60 years

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please update your information in Flocknote or contact the parish office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms.

HEROES OF OUR FAITH

Saint Sylvia lived in sixth-century Rome and is best remembered as the mother of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, one of the most influential leaders in Church history. Although little is known about her life, she has been honored for centuries as a woman of deep faith, prayer, and Christian charity.

Sylvia was married to Gordianus, a respected Roman official. Together, they raised their only son, Gregory, in a home where faith and service to others were important. Sylvia was known for her devotion to prayer, generosity toward the poor, and care for those in need. Her example helped shape her son's strong love for God and the Church.

After her husband's death, Sylvia devoted even more of her life to prayer and charitable works. Tradition holds that she lived simply and spent much of her time serving others. Her son Gregory eventually became a monk and later Pope Gregory the Great. He credited his parents with providing a strong example of Christian faith and devotion.

Sylvia lived during a difficult period in Rome's history, marked by wars, disease, and poverty. Yet she remained steadfast in her faith, demonstrating that holiness does not require fame, wealth, or public recognition. Sometimes it is found in the everyday acts of loving, teaching, praying, and caring for others.

The Church celebrates Saint Sylvia's feast day on November 5. She is honored as a patron of pregnant women and an example of Christian motherhood. Her life reminds us that parents and grandparents have an important role in passing on the faith. Through quiet acts of love and faithful example, they can influence generations to come.

Saint Sylvia teaches us that even a life lived outside the spotlight can make a lasting difference. Her legacy encourages us to trust God, serve others, and remember that holiness often begins at home.

Lord, through the intercession of St. Sylvia, bless all mothers that they may raise their children in faith and love, guiding them toward holiness. Amen.

TIME • TALENT • TREASURE
Stewardship
A WAY OF LIVING

October 24-25, 2026
1st Collection

St. Edward the Confessor	$	1,339.00
St. Zita		964.00
St. Sebastian ~ Saturday		974.25
St. Sebastian ~ Sunday		1,193.00
Total 1st Collection	**$**	**4,470.25**

Other Collections

Votive Candles (SS)	$	53.00
Poor Fund (SS)		11.00
In Memory Of (IMO)		375.00
Catholic University		10.00
Religious Education		15.00
Total Other Giving	**$**	**464.00**

Weekend Attendance: 243
St. Edward: 38 | St. Zita: 50
St. Sebastian: Saturday 42 | Sunday 113

Second Collection - November 7-8

The 2nd collection next weekend is for **Archidiocese for the Military Services, USA**. This Unique Archdiocese serves Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

Nonperishable Food Drive

During November, our Confirmation Preparation class is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Raymond Wolfe Center for the holiday season. A collection box will be located at the back of St. Sebastian Church. The kids thank you for your support our For questions, contact Vanessa Moyers.

Knights of Columbus - CASH RAFFLE

Just in time for Christmas shopping! The Preston County Knights of Columbus will hold their annual shootin' match on Saturday, November 21, featuring a $500 cash raffle! Tickets are $5 each and available from any Knights of Columbus member or at the church office. You don't need to be present to win.

Support our church easily & securely with online giving!

- It's the **easiest & most secure** way to give to our church and its ministries!
- You can make one-time donations or you can set up automatic, recurring giving!

Give Today by Scanning the QR Code or Visiting:
https://catholicchurchofprestonc.flocknote.com/give