

2025 / 2026 Liturgical Calendar and Diocesan Events for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

November 30, 2025		First Sunday of Advent (Year A); (Weekday: II)
December 8, 2025	Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
December 24, 2025	Wednesday – Christmas Eve	
December 25, 2025	Thursday – Christmas Day	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord*
December 28, 2025	Sunday	Jubilee Year of Hope concludes
January 1, 2026	Thursday	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*
January 11, 2026	Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; Christmas season ends
January 24-25, 2026	Saturday-Sunday	Sunday of the Word of God
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday	Lent begins
February 22, 2026	First Sunday of Lent	Rite of Election – Charleston, 3 pm
February 28, 2026	Saturday of the First Week of Lent	Rite of Election – Inwood, 11 am
March 1, 2026	Second Sunday of Lent	Rite of Election – Wheeling, 3 pm
March 19, 2026	Thursday	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, patron saint of the diocese
March 29, 2026	Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 30, 2026	Monday of Holy Week	Chrim Mass, Basilica/Co-Cathedral, Charleston, 4 pm
March 31, 2026	Tuesday of Holy Week	Chrim Mass, Cathedral, Wheeling, 4 pm
April 2 – 5, 2026	Thursday through Sunday	Sacred Triduum
April 4, 2026	Saturday of Holy Week	Easter Vigil must begin at 8 pm or later
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord (must use date for Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care Revised Text)
April 21, 2026	Tuesday	100 th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph
May 17, 2026	Sunday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**
July 19, 2026	Sunday	Closing of the 175 th Anniversary of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
August 15, 2026	Saturday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
November 1, 2026	Sunday	Solemnity of All Saints

* Holy Day of Obligation

** The bishops of the Province of Baltimore, to which the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston belongs, have moved the celebration of this solemnity to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

*** Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.