



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Bishop Cowden's 2026 Visitation Schedule

Of the many roles and responsibilities of a Bishop, perhaps the most important are the regular visits to congregations. In these visits the Bishop witnesses the life and work of the parish, connects them to the wider church, and provides the rite of Confirmation to the faithful.

Bishop Cowden's schedule and the number of parishes in the Diocese do not permit him to be in every congregation each year. This Visitation Schedule is designed to allow for every parish to receive a visit at least once every 18 months. Visits are often scheduled in areas where he will be in for other work or where he may be in residence around the state for a week or so at a time. For this reason, it is difficult to move these scheduled visits without exceptional cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Diocesan Office.

January 11	First Sunday after the Epiphany St Mark's, St. Albans
January 18	Second Sunday after the Epiphany St. Andrew's, Oak Hill
February 1	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Trinity, Huntington
February 3	The Feast of St. Blaise St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley, Hurricane
February 8	Last Sunday after the Epiphany St. Luke's, Wheeling
February 18	Ash Wednesday St. Matthew's, Wheeling
February 22	First Sunday in Lent Trinity, Parkersburg
March 1	Second Sunday in Lent Redeemer, Ansted
March 8	Third Sunday in Lent Grace, Middleway
March 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent Trinity, Morgantown
March 29	Palm Sunday Christ Church, Bluefield
April 2	Maundy Thursday St. James, Lewisburg
April 3	Good Friday St. Stephen's, Beckley
April 4	Great Vigil of Easter St. Matthew's, Charleston
April 5	Easter Sunday St. John's, Charleston

April 12	Second Sunday of Easter Christ Church, Clarksburg
April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter Lawrencefield Parish, Wheeling
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter Trinity, Martinsburg
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter Zion, Charles Town
May 24	Pentecost St. Thomas à Becket, Morgantown
May 31	First Sunday after Pentecost Good Shepherd, Parkersburg
June 7	Second Sunday after Pentecost St. John's, Huntington
June 14	Third Sunday after Pentecost All Saints, Union
June 21	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Trinity, Shepherdstown
June 28	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost St. Stephen's, Romney & St. Sebastian's, Lost River
July 5	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Emmanuel, Keyser
July 12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Mt. Zion, Hedgesville
July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost St. Mark's, Berkeley Springs
September 6	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Grace, St. Marys & St. Paul's, Sistersville

September 13	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Grace, Elkins
October 4	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. Christopher's, Charleston
October 11	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost St. Thomas, White Sulphur Springs
October 18	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Church of the Incarnation, Ronceverte
November 1	All Saints Sunday Grace, Ravenswood & St. John's, Ripley
November 22	Last Sunday after Pentecost Good Shepherd, Hansford
November 29	First Sunday of Advent Christ Church, Fairmont
December 6	Second Sunday of Advent Trinity, Moundsville
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent St. Paul's, Weston
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent St. Peter's, Huntington
December 24	Christmas Eve Trinity, Parkersburg

*Sunday evening and mid-week visitations are still in planning stages for Ascension, Hinton; Holy Trinity, Logan; and St. Paul's, Williamson.

The following congregations are not currently on the Bishop's calendar for a visitation in 2026. Priority for visits in 2027 will be given to these congregations. If you would like to inquire about a midweek, Feast Day, or other special occasion visitation in 2026, please contact the Bishop's Executive Assistant, Michael Scaglione.

St. Philip's, Charles Town
Olde St. John's, Colliers
St. Matthias', Grafton
St. Michael's, Kingwood
St. Bartholomew's, Leetown

St. Ann's, New Martinsville
Christ Church, Point Pleasant
Church of the Heavenly Rest, Princeton
Chapel on the Mount, Snowshoe
St. Thomas', Weirton