

Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 3, 2017

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Are a Christ-Centered Community,
Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts,
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People*

*Nosotros, la Parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, Somos una Comunidad Centrada en Cristo,
Comprometidos a Adorar al Padre, Comprometidos a Responder a los Dones del Espíritu Santo,
Comprometidos en el Servicio Amoroso a Todo el Pueblo de Dios*

We Remember in Our Prayers:

Sal Ambrosio, KB, Toni Bowers, Bill Breese, Bobbi Lee Casey, Jim Cavanaugh, David Churchill, Elizabeth Coleman, Jim Conrad, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Jody DeBias, David Divita, Karol Dunford, Patty Farry, Mary Ann Gargarella, Patty Geissinger, Roger Green, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, Mike Howard, John Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alec Mansfield, Alex Mansfield, Jr., Libby McGinn, Missy Mowrer, Clara Reynolds, Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Gary Sutton, Tim Wells Jr., Sandy Wheeler and Lily Woolwine.

† May She Rest in Peace †

Mari Pendergrass, mother of Niall Paul

Many Thanks to the Good Stewards of God's Grace!

- who participated with enthusiasm in our Liturgical Ministers' Appreciation Gathering last Sunday!
- who contributed generously to our special collection to support our Faith Formation programs!
- who assisted with the wedding and reception for Mandi and Jeff Mitchell!
- who serve as volunteers and board members for area non-profit organizations!
- who facilitated and participated in the meeting of Liaisons with our Partners in Community Service!
- who participated in our "Music Ministry Kick-Off" on Thursday (where everybody knows your name)!
- who prayed for our parish and our world before the Blessed Sacrament at First Friday Adoration!

Sacred Spaces

Last weekend most households took home a "goody bag" of items with the hope that each household would set up a "sacred space" for prayer, quiet time, family dialogue, reconciliation of hurts, renewal of promises, etc. If you have set up your space, please take a quick photo of it and email the photo to haasjeanne@hotmail.com for display on our bulletin board.

Basketball

We would like to know what level of interest our younger parishioners have in playing basketball on a Blessed Sacrament team, and whether we have any parishioners interested in coaching and/or organizing our Blessed Sacrament basketball teams. If you or your family members would like to be involved with a team, please show your interest by noting your information on the sign-up sheets in the gathering space.

We will gather this information through Saturday, September 30th. For more information, contact CB Bragg 304-542-9128 or cbbragg1975@icloud.com

If there is not enough interest to field teams – don't despair! We will share contact information with would-be players so they can find teams that need more members.

Help Wanted - Teens!

If you are a middle school or high school student, we can use your help at the parish picnic on Sunday, September 17. As always, there will be games, face painting, hair spraying etc. This is where your help is needed - to work with these things at the picnic. Activities will begin once people have finished their meals. Not only will you be providing a great service to our parish family, but this will also count for community service hours with your school - so bring your form if you have one. And, so that we will be ready for the "crowds," all game workers will go through the food line first. If you can help out, please e-mail Jeanne Jarrett at jarrett104@aol.com before the picnic.

Pastoral Council Meeting

First meeting of the new season this Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room – all parishioners welcome!

CYO Youth Leadership Council Meeting

next Sunday, September 10 at 1:00pm in Room 5 – all interested youth and adult welcome!

New Group - Healing Diet (The Wahls Protocol)

This group will focus on education and encouragement for healing from chronic disease, through the use of whole foods, exercise, stress, and toxin reduction. Linda Childers will be the presenter (304-633-2841). The main resource will be The Wahls Protocol which is available on Amazon.com.

We will meet every first Thursday of the month with our first meeting being this Thursday, September 7th. We will meet at 7:00pm in room 5. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of supplies.

To learn more through an 18-minute video, type "Dr Terry Wahls TEDx talk" in your Google search engine.

Special Collection – to Help Houston-Area Flood Victims

A Letter from our Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have asked all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to take a second collection during all liturgies on the weekend of September 16-17, 2017, to support recovery efforts related to the historic flooding that has struck in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral support and rebuilding assistance to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. As we know from our own experience, it is the poor and the very poor that will suffer the most and are least able to rebuild their lives. I have witnessed many times the generosity of the faithful of our diocese as we come together to help our own families in need. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

For those who wish to make a gift now, you may contribute online at <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Please remember in prayer those who have lost their lives as a result of this flooding, as well as all those who are injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, access to food and water and to those who remain without electricity or are stranded.

Entrusting you to the care of Our Lady, Help of Christians, I am,

Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Our collection baskets will be passed a second time at each Mass on Sep 16-17, including the parish picnic Mass at 11:00am at Shawnee Park. To have your donation recorded for tax purposes, please write a check payable to Blessed Sacrament Church with the memo "flood" or place cash in any envelope with your name and the word "flood" on the outside.

Our Partners in Community Service

Give Back with Outback Steakhouse – to benefit Manna Meal. Outback Steakhouse, located in the Charleston Town Center, will donate 15% of your check to Manna Meal on Tuesday, September 12th from 11am to 10pm. Just let them know you are a supporter of Manna Meal.

2017 Kay Hall Hike for Hunger – to benefit Heart and Hand. This event will take place at Oakes Field in South Charleston on Sunday, October 1st from 2 to 4pm. Registration forms for individuals (deadline September 15th) and corporate sponsors (deadline September 4th) are on the credenza in the gathering space.

Heart & Hand Thrift Store – volunteers needed. Volunteers can help in a variety of ways at the store (corner of D Street and 2nd Avenue in South Charleston). Stop in during their store hours to see what needs to be done that day: Monday and Saturday from 10:00am – 3:00pm and Tuesday through Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Pedal with a Purpose – to benefit Faith in Action of the Kanawha Valley. Sign-up to experience a “mini-Zen” (20-minute) ride at Zenergy Cycling, located at 906 Walnut Road in Charleston (next to The Bistro) on Saturday, November 11th. Net proceeds from registration fees and sponsorships will be donated to Faith in Action. To learn more call Zenergy Cycling, 681-265-9185, John McGarrity, 304-343-5219, or visit www.flipcause.com/index.php/secure/cause_pdetails/MjExNzI=

Other Items of Interest

Ronald McDonald House will have a Yard Sale on September 9th, from 8:00 am to 2:00pm. The yard sale will be at their new location: 910 Pennsylvania Avenue in Charleston. (just past CAMC Women’s & Children’s Hospital)

The 4th Annual Charleston Rosary Rally will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the St John XXIII Pastoral Center on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Join us in praying the Holy Rosary with your friends from all our Charleston area parishes. The rally will be followed by a light reception. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Diocesan Job Opening: Director Of Curriculum And Instruction

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who will assist the Superintendent of Schools in all activities which monitor, support and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of Diocesan schools. This position is based at Diocesan offices in Wheeling, West Virginia.

This position oversees curriculum and instruction issues in all Catholic schools, PK-12; manages the certification process for personnel; implements the standardized testing program for Catholic schools’ students; collects and analyzes testing data; researches and studies education trends in curriculum development; and assists principals with local curriculum development. The successful candidate will also plan and execute the biennial teachers’ conference and manage both the teacher evaluation and teacher mentoring processes. This position requires moderate travel as well as some work on evenings and weekends.

Qualifications include a Master’s degree (MA) in education or a related field, five years of experience as a teacher and/or principal, a strong leadership, organizational and interpersonal communication skills; and the ability to organize, plan, think creatively, make decisions and administer programs. This employee must adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church and be able to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Applicants may send a cover letter, resume and three professional references to the Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003 or email the same to bminor@dwc.org.

Documentary Film

If you work with children, here's an upcoming event you may be interested in . Jim Sporleder, principal of Lincoln High School, in Walla Wall, WA, will be in Charleston for a showing of his award winning documentary Paper Tigers. Paper Tigers follows a year in the life of an alternative high school that has radically changed its approach to disciplining its students, becoming a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that affect families. This free event, sponsored by Crittenton Services, Inc. and UniCare, will take place on Tuesday evening, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre at the Charleston Civic Center. A question and answer session with Mr. Sporleder will follow. To reserve your seat, please RSVP to rsvp@crittentonservices.com or visit <https://www.tugg.com/events/paper-tigers-with-jim-sporleder>.

Jim Sporleder retired in 2014 as Principal of Lincoln High School in Walla Walla, WA. Under Jim's leadership, Lincoln High School became a "Trauma Informed" school, gaining national attention due to a dramatic drop in out of school suspensions, increased graduation rates and the number of students going on to post-secondary education. These dramatic changes at Lincoln caught the attention of Jamie Redford, who spent a year filming the documentary, Paper Tigers, which tells the Lincoln story. The documentary was released at the May 2015 Seattle International Film Festival and received positive reviews.

Jim is currently working as a trauma-informed coach / consultant as well as a trainer with the Children's Resilience Initiative, based in Walla Walla. His travels as a consultant, keynote speaker, presenter and trainer have taken him all over the United States.

Jim is married, has three daughters and five granddaughters. In his spare time, Jim enjoys fishing, hunting, but most of all spending time with family.

News From Rabbi Victor Urecki about the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry

I share some sad news. But as you can see, we are not closing our doors and we are not giving up. Too many lives are at stake.

We are saddened by the State Department's decision not to resettle refugees in our area next year, but the West Virginia Interfaith Refugee Ministry is not closing our doors and we are not giving up. We are already beginning conversations on moving forward in new ways to fulfill our mission of "Striving to improve the lives of refugees."

We have worked for almost two years to organize a movement dedicated to refugee resettlement, welcome, and promoting interfaith respect, compassion and understanding. Our network of supporters continues to grow, and fills us with confidence that West Virginians realize that supporting refugee resettlement is not only an American tradition; it is the right thing to do.

We will remain strong and committed because 21 million refugees need us to be strong and committed.

We stand proudly with them, with our friends throughout our state, and we echo the words of our Executive Director Antigona Mehani: "While we will not be fortunate enough to serve refugees who are seeking shelter and freedom in Charleston, I am committed to stand up and fight for refugees by educating and advocating through proper channels and venues so that we can remove the stigma and fear that our society has shown towards the world's most vulnerable. So I ask each and every one of you to support WVIRM's mission and join us in 'striving to improve the lives of refugees.' We remain hopeful. We look forward with courage and strength, focused on our mission of improving the lives of refugees everywhere."

Comparative Religions

with Dr. Robert G. Newman



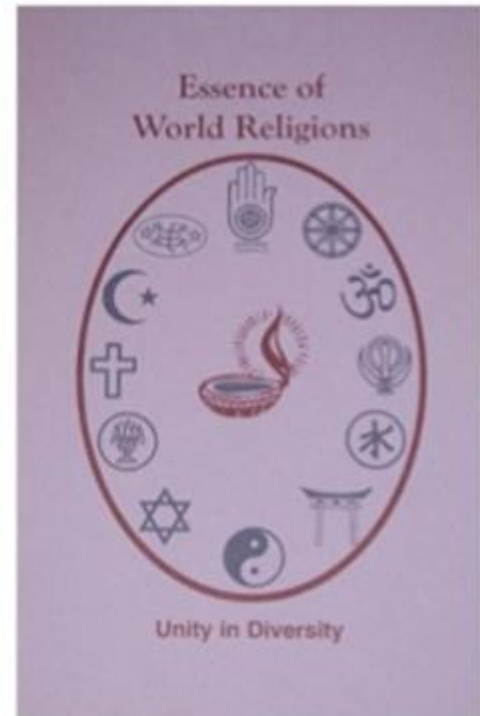
Join the Lay Academy as we begin our journey through the religions of the world and gain knowledge and understanding of our neighbors and their beliefs.

All Lay Academy classes are open to the public and free of charge for audit study.

This course is available for credit* through the University of Charleston.

We will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays from September 3, 2017– December 10, 2017 with the exclusion of October 15 and November 19 and 26. Class will be held in the Dining Room of the Activities building of First Presbyterian Church, 16 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV 25301.

For more information, complete schedule, course syllabus or to register, please call the church office, 304-343-8961.



The text book, *Essence of World Religion: Unity in Diversity*, by Pravin K. Shah, will be given free to all who register for this course.

*If you choose to take this course for credit through the University of Charleston, you will need to register with the university. A tuition will be charge through the university. To register for credit, please call the University of Charleston Student Solutions Office at 304-357-4800.

For Inspiration

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9

Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, called on Catholics and all people of faith to observe an annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. *more at:* <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-158.cfm>

Labor Day Statement 2017

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/labor-employment/labor-day-statement-2017.cfm>

Letter to President Trump on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

<https://justiceformigrants.org/news/letter-president-trump-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca/>

As Fate Of DACA Hangs In The Balance,

A Reminder Of The Young Priest Who'd Face Deportation Should Policy Be Ended:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZHpfZ7Pbcw&feature=youtu.be&t=187>

following up on an article that was in last week's announcements:

How I discovered my childhood priest was in the Ku Klux Klan

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/how-i-discovered-my-childhood-priest-was-in-the-ku-klux-klan/2017/08/25/c8ff3ff4-88e6-11e7-961d-2f373b3977ee_story.html?utm_term=.d3812ccb6ae8

Priest who burned crosses as a Klansman never paid court-ordered damages to victims.

Now the order has expired.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-crime/wp/2017/08/31/priest-who-burned-crosses-as-a-klansman-never-paid-court-ordered-damages-to-victims-now-the-order-has-expired/?utm_term=.2b1cd106aef

op-ed from Rick Wilson in the Charleston Gazette:

Christianity Rooted In Justice, Not Charity

<http://www.wvgazette.com/gazette-op-ed-commentaries/20170829/rick-wilson-christianity-rooted-in-justice-not-charity-gazette>

Helpful Information

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Our Pastoral Council

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	Molly Linehan	Colleen O'Neill	Bob Sylvester	Bob Lucas
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Our office hours are from 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday.

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