

Blessed Sacrament Parish

January 7, 2018

*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, Karen Bowling, Toni Bowers, Jim Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Jody DeBias, Ro DeBias, Karol Dunford, Patty Farry, Marietta Fenton, Patty Geissinger, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, Betty Hines, Mike Howard, Ruth Kirk, Joe Lynch, John Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alex Mansfield, Jr., Clara Reynolds, Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Gary Sutton, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler and Lily Woolwine.

Many Thanks to the Stewards of God's Grace!

- who polished the handrails near the altar!
- who replaced worn out, damaged and missing door stops!
- who assisted with the funeral liturgy and luncheon for Mary Ann Gargarella!
- who keep us informed about those who are sick or in crisis!
- who pray for our church and our world before the Blessed Sacrament and at home!



Faith Formation Sessions Resume – This Sunday 10:15 – 11:15am



Welcome Back! And, if you are new to our Faith Formation sessions – please feel welcome to join us!

Grades 1 & 2 meet upstairs in room 11

Grades 3, 4, & 5 meet in room 2

Grades 6, 7, & 8 meet in room 5

Adults meet in the Parish Hall

(Grades 6 – 12: see the note below about our Youth Group Gathering)

Youth Group Gathering – This Sunday 4:00 – 6:30pm

All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to gather this Sunday, January 7 from 4:00pm until 6:30pm. A special presentation will focus on the theme of "In the Garden" in the Bible. We conclude with Sunday Mass at 5:30pm to which the public is invited.

Vocation Committee – This Sunday 10:15am in the parish office

All parishioners are welcome to join our conversation about how we can promote vocations to diaconate, priesthood and religious life

St. Anne's Guild

The guild will meet on Wednesday, January 10th at 12:30pm at Aladdin's Restaurant in Kanawha City for lunch.

Social Justice Group

This group will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm in room 1. All are welcome.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

December 2017



HUMBLED. INSPIRED. GRATEFUL.

That's how we feel! As we close out our 47th year, we reflect on some highlights from 2017.

- 17 Free Beyond Addiction family support groups were started
- 325 People attended a support group in 2017
- 53 Professional workshops were offered to the community
- 1,603 People attended our workshops
- 1,300 Individuals called KPCC to seek counseling
- 1,505 People received counseling services
- 7,986 Counseling sessions were provided
- 75% Of our clients received a fee subsidy
- \$200,000+ In uncompensated services were given away

LOCATIONS

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Kanawha Blvd. and Elizabeth St.
Charleston, WV

Kanawha United Presbyterian
1009 Virginia Street East
Charleston, WV

Christ Church United Methodist
Quarner and Morris St.
Charleston, WV

Village Chapel Presbyterian
3810 Venable Avenue
Charleston, WV

KPCC Main Office
First Presbyterian Church
16 Leon Sullivan Way, Suite 300
Charleston, WV 25301

To our board members, weekly support group leaders, donors, sponsors, event participants and grant funders, we say thank you. As you can see, your contributions go a long way in helping to improve the lives of many throughout the state of West Virginia.

To those who attend our support groups and those who come to us for counseling, we commend your bravery. Asking for help takes courage. We thank you for choosing us, for trusting us and for sharing a part of your story with us.

With gratitude,

THE KPCC STAFF

Thank you!

Milestones

Toni Bowers will mark her 102nd birthday Sat Jan 13

her current address is: Valley Center Nursing Home Room 122; 1000 Lincoln Drive; South Charleston WV 25309

Mary Henderson will mark her 80th birthday Mon Jan 8

her address is: 900 Glendale Ave; South Charleston, WV 25303

March for Life

The 45th Annual March for Life is a prayerful and peaceful demonstration in our nation's capital to raise awareness and promote an end to abortion in our country. As anyone who has attended the March before can attest, because of the Church's strong, pro-life teaching, it is predominantly attended by Catholics of all ages. The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will be taking a bus to the March on Friday, January 19th, 2018 and returning home the same day. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Fr. Brian Crenwelge at the parish office (304-342-8175) to reserve a seat. The cost will be \$25 per person; children eight and under accompanied by an adult are free. All are welcome! For more information on the march visit www.marchforlife.org. *If any Blessed Sacrament parishioner would like to go but needs financial assistance, please contact Fr. John.*

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

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Our Pastoral Council

Jo Stone, facilitator	David Elliott	Kay Margocee	Matthew Crabtree	Rick Brennan
Susan Churchill	Molly Linehan	Colleen O'Neill	Bob Sylvester	Bob Lucas
John Gianola	Travis Green	Tom McLane	Joe Gresham	Vince Stricker
Peg Nagem	Joe Jenkins			

Minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on our webpage.

Our Contact Information:

Address: 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303

Parish Office: 304.744.5523 E-mail: blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com

Our office hours are from 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday.

Web page: www.blessedsacramentwv.org

Descriptions of 2018 Second Collections *all are mandated by our bishop except for August 26*

Jan. 28 Church in Latin America

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

Feb. 14 Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This collection provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

Feb. 18 Black and Indian Missions

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125- year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

March 4 Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

The collection for the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) gives the faithful the opportunity to help provide support for retired diocesan priests who have served God's people so faithfully throughout their lives. Many priests—though retired—still assist the diocese in parishes and missions throughout the state. We remain indebted to our retired priests, both for their many years of service and for their continued willingness to serve to faithful in our diocese. The PHRA appeal gives us the opportunity to show our support for our retired priests and thank them for their ministry.

March 11 Catholic Relief Services

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

March 30 Holy Land Collection

This Pontifical is held for the support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

April 1 Education of Seminarians

This annual collection supports our seminarians in their journey to the priesthood in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Funds collected help defray the cost of tuition, books and other materials at the seminary in which they are enrolled. In addition to our constant prayers for their vocation, our seminarians also need our financial support as they answer the call to the priesthood.

May 20 Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

July 15 Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.

August 26 Parish Faith Formation Programs

A few years ago we decided to eliminate the registration fee for our faith formation programs so that there are no fixed fees for any parish programs. The fee covered the cost of textbooks and supplies for children, teens and adults as well as resources for our catechists. The special collection covers most of those costs in place of the fees. It also reflects the fact that Faith Formation is the responsibility of our total parish.

Sept. 9 Diocesan Scholarship Association

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, more than 30 students from our parishes and Catholic high schools currently receive scholarships to Wheeling Jesuit University through the Diocesan Scholarship Association (DSA). The DSA was established in 1961 by Reverend Daniel Kirwin and Archbishop Swint to encourage students from our diocese to attend Wheeling Jesuit University. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students who chose to attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia's only Catholic institution of higher education.

Sept. 30 Catholic University of America

Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

Oct. 21 Universal World Missions

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Nov. 4 Archdiocese for the Military Services

Currently, 285 Catholic military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will fund their Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which identifies vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy.

Nov. 18 Campaign for Human Development

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops.

Dec. 9 Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. Annual appeal begun in 1988 and approved through 2018.

Dec. 25 Catholic Charities West Virginia

If one suffers in poverty, we all suffer. Throughout the Mountain State, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) provides vital assistance to the forgotten elderly, the hungry children and the people struggling paycheck to paycheck. Annual contributions to the second collection on Christmas directly impact the amount of assistance and quality of service CCWVa provides in our service region of which your parish is a part.