

Blessed Sacrament Parish

March 4, 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, Roger Green, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, Betty Hines, Mike Howard, John & Claire Johnson, 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.

Congratulations!

to **Cole Plutro** who earned the rank of Eagle Scout!
to **Tim** and **Gwynne Flatley** on the birth of their son, **Geno**, on February 25!

Thanks be to God for empowering our generous stewards to share their gifts:

- by participating in the Lenten Pretzel Workshop!
- by sharing pictures of their loved ones [keep 'em coming--no deadline!]
- by helping to hang pictures of our saints in the sanctuary this week!
- by helping to prepare the new home for Jack White!
- by making our parking lot a little safer by painting the bumper behind a handicap space!
- by donating beautiful brochures about our stained glass windows!
- by helping to arrange an opportunity to share the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick!
- by attending the funeral for Tina Mullins in support of her son, Nicholas Taylor!
- by providing snacks for Sunday morning and RCIA hospitality!
- by laundering our altar linens!
- by participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage on Wednesday evening!
- by helping at our reception desk on Friday afternoons!
- by bringing food items for the Coalburg Food Pantry!
- by offering extra help to our sick and shut-in members!
- by praying for our Church and our world before the Blessed Sacrament!

This Weekend at Blessed Sacrament

Men's Bible Study Group

Saturday 9:00am Room 5
newcomers always welcome!

First "Scrutiny" with those preparing for Sacraments of Initiation

this Sunday 9:00am Mass

First Communion Parents' Meeting

this Sunday 10:15am Conference Room

Special Collection – PHRA – March 3/4

This week, our collection baskets will be passed a second time to receive our special donations to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our Diocese. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection. Checks should be payable to Blessed Sacrament with the memo "PHRA".

Food Donations for Coalburg

It is not too late to bring your donations.

Please leave the food on the tables set up in the corridor near the office.

The non-perishable foods most needed are:

Canned White Potatoes, Canned Meats (not tuna), Canned Tomatoes,
Canned Fruits, Canned Green Beans, Bags of dry Pinto Beans,
Soups, Crackers for Peanut Butter, Peanut Butter, Jello, Pasta, Canned Corn

Youth Night

Our next Youth Night is **this Sunday March 4** from 4:00 - 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

Dinner served **Mass at 5:30 PM**

Come join us as we **construct our own Stations of the Cross!**

We need your artistic eyes, as we construct stations to be used outdoors at the church, and at Camp Leon.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Pastoral Council Meeting Monday 7:00pm in the Conference Room

all parishioners are welcome to listen in

Brown Bag Book Club

this Tuesday 12noon Room 5

Restorative Justice Study Group

this Tuesday 7:00pm Room 2

Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

this Tuesday 7:00pm Parish Hall

Wednesdays in Lent

Everyone is Welcome at any of these events!

9:30am *Bible Study Group on Mystics and Miracles Room 5*

12:00noon *Mass Chapel*

1:00pm *Bible Study Group on Psalms*

6:00—6:30PM - *A shared meal of meatless soup, bread and water – Parish Hall*

Volunteer Soup Makers invited to sign-up in the Gathering Space!

(We will have macaroni and cheese and ingredients for PB&J sandwiches for those who don't care for soup.)

Everyone is invited to bring bread!

6:30—7:00PM - *God's Chosen Ones, Holy and Beloved! – Parish Hall*

We will learn about and reflect on the lives of

St. Katherine Drexel, St. Edith Stein, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta

7:00—8:30PM - *Bible Study Group on the Upcoming Sunday Readings – Conference Room*

Stations of the Cross

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Every Friday in Lent 5:30PM in our Chapel

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Taize Holy Hour of Prayer

Join us for a Taize Holy Hour this Friday, March 9 at 7:00 PM.

The Blessed Sacrament quartet will lead

with simple, prayerful music to invigorate your soul during this Lenten journey to holiness.

Special Collection – Catholic Relief Services – March 10/11

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.

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

Another Special Parents Night Out Is Coming!

Friday, March 16th from 6:00 – 9:00pm

Parents, treat yourselves to a special night out and let your parish family provide the babysitting! Drop your children off any time between 6:00-9:00pm and we will treat them to crafts, games, snacks, etc. Reservations are preferred and can be made with Jeanne Haas at 304-744-5523 or haasjeanne@hotmail.com or sign up in the gathering space.

Many adult and teen volunteers needed! You will assist with babysitting, craft-making, games, etc. Any time you can give during the evening would be very helpful. Please contact Jeanne Haas by texting 304-382-2631 or emailing Jeanne.

Camp Leon

Camp Leon will run from Sunday, June 10 through Saturday morning, June 16th.

Camper applications will be available at the end of March.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for our little ones (infants – 9 years) on **Saturday, March 24th** at 11am – Rain or Shine!

Bring your basket! Lunch will be provided by our Dismas Men's Club. Because we need to know how many lunches to provide, please sign-up in the gathering space or send Jeanne and email (haasjeanne@hotmail.com) to let us know you'll be here.

Easter Sunday Dinner

Sunday April 1 3:00pm in our Parish Hall no charge! Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

A new group: "Crafty Companions"

Do you knit or do needlework? Spin yarn, make quilts, or weave? Maybe you crochet, cross stitch, do embroidery? Or are you interested in any of these? A few Friday afternoons every month, from 1:00 - 4:00, we will meet in Room 5 to be crafty together. Even if you just want to come visit a while, come join us!

The next scheduled get togethers are Friday, March 16th,

Friday, April 6th, and

Friday, April 20th.

If you have questions, feel free to call Missy Mowrer at (304) 545-4776 or text Peg Nagem at (412) 580-2811.

Our Partners in Community Service

Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer's Disease

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

March 12th at 4:00pm

Heart and Hand, 212 D Street, South Charleston.

RSVP: 800-272-3900 or ALZ.ORG/WV

Manna Meal is in need of some volunteers for the following days/jobs:

Tuesday (food prep) 9:00 – 11:00am and Saturday (server) 8:00 – 9:00am and 9:00 – 11:00am

If you can help, or to find out more information, contact Jesse at jesse@mannameal.org

Covenant House present: Chef's Challenge

March 27th from 5:30 – 8:00pm at the Clay Center in Charleston

Reservations: \$125 per person

For more information, visit WVCovenantHouse.org or call Angie at 304-344-8053 Ext. 22

Faith in Action - Upcoming Volunteer Orientation Trainings

We have several volunteer trainings on the schedule, from Elkview to Scott Depot!

Pick your spot, grab a friend, and come learn what we're all about!

Mon. Mar. 12 : 6 - 7:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Parish, South Charleston

Thu. Mar. 22 : 5:30 - 7 pm Putnam County Library at Liberty Square

p.s. This is a great organization! Everyone will benefit from the training! JHF

Catholic Charities West Virginia is in need of a new vehicle to operate our food pantry at Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center in Hinton. One of our generous donors has offered to match donations made to this New Wheels Appeal. Any contribution donated to this appeal will be matched to help us reach our goal. Please donate today online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org or by phone at 304.905.9860.

Other Items of Interest

Recipe for soft pretzels.

Find it at: <https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/2017/04/24/easy-homemade-soft-pretzels/>

Theatre Performance

In observance of both Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March) the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion is sponsoring the chamber music theatre performance, "**Ain't I a Woman!**" at the **LaBelle Theatre, on D Street in South Charleston** on **this Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00pm**. Chamber music theatre is a unique a performance format developed by the Core Ensemble featuring a marriage of theatrical narrative to chamber music performance.

Ain't I a Woman! celebrates the life and times of four powerful African American women: renowned novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, ex-slave and fiery abolitionist Sojourner Truth, exuberant folk artist Clementine Hunter, and fervent civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer. The musical score is drawn from the heartfelt spirituals and blues of the Deep South, the urban vitality of the Jazz Age, and contemporary concert music by African Americans. Ain't I a Woman! is a joyful exploration of the trials and triumphs of four passionate and accomplished women.

Shayla Simmons portrays multiple characters while interacting with the onstage musical trio of cello, piano and percussion

The performance is FREE but tickets are required to attend. If you would like one or more tickets, please reply to this email or sign the list near the front door to our parish office to indicate how many free tickets you would like. Then stop in at the church on Tuesday just before the performance to pick up an envelope with your name that will be taped on the outside of the parish office window.

Sacred Heart Grade School still has some spots available in our preschool through 5th grade classrooms.

Scholarships and assistance are available. Please visit our website, www.shgs.us, for applications, registration information, and other SHGS exciting news. Call the school office at 304-364-5491 to schedule a tour or a visit day for your child soon!

COUPONS NEEDED

Our parishioner Karen Bowling has invited us to share in the Kanawha Valley chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution "Project Patriot" by collecting manufacturers' coupons to be sent to military families overseas. These are **only coupons issued by manufacturers** not store coupons. They may come from newspaper inserts, coupon mailings, store displays, BOGO, etc. These families can print out their own internet coupons. AND these overseas families can even use coupons that are up to 6 months beyond their expiration date! Please sort your coupons into "FOOD" and "NON-FOOD" groups and place them all in the specially marked box in our gathering space. The most requested coupons are for food, baby products and pet products. Other frequently used categories include: dairy, bread, canned goods, beverages, water, candy, gum, meat, frozen food, cleaning products, toiletries, make-up, paper products, vitamins, medicines, etc. Coupons for all other types of food and non-food items are welcome. Karen and the DAR thank you very much for helping our military families!

Saint Anthony Traditional "Fish Frydays"

Fridays during Lent: March 9, 16, and 23 5:30 – 7:30pm St. Anthony's Parish Center, 1027 6th Street, Charleston

The Aging Brain – A 12-Week Lecture Series

Free and open to the public. First Presbyterian Church, 16 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston

Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30pm in the church dining room

For more information, contact Dr. Robert G. Newman at 304-345-0225 or the church office at 304-343-8961

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

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