



May 3, 2026

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	05/02	5:00 pm	+	Jerry Roy
Sunday	05/03	9:00 am	+	Rich Harris
		11:30 am		People of Our Parish
Wednesday	05/06	Noon	+	Bob Trares
Thursday	05/07	Noon	+	Kenny Canterbury
Friday	05/08	Noon	+	Alexa Mowrer
Saturday	05/09	5:00 pm	+	Steve Veazey
Sunday	05/10	9:00 am		Blessings for Mothers
		11:30 am	+	John & Claire Johnson

We Remember in Our Prayers

Adam and Emuna Berman, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Erin Burgess, Genevieve Chmellik, Mary Cole, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Anne Dever, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, John Ellison, Bob Galloway, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Mary Ann Johnson, Elaina King, Linda Lynch, Lou Ann Lynch, Alec Mansfield, Joyce Mattix, Keith Morgan, Missy Mowrer, Bradley Smith, Jayce Smith, Brecken Streit, Pat Walker, Crystal Wharton, Sandy Wheeler

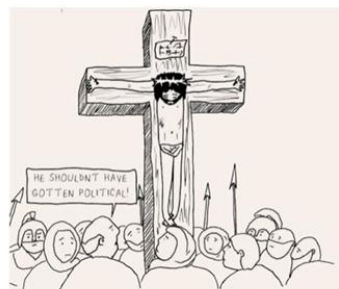


May He Rest in Peace

We are saddened to share that our parishioner, **Steve Veazey**, passed away Tuesday morning. Funeral arrangements are not yet finalized and will be shared once available.

The Pope & the President

is a Panel Discussion scheduled for Sunday May 3 at about 10:10 am in the church. Panel members will get the conversation started. There will be time for questions and comments.



This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Final Weekend - Food Drive for Good Shepherd Food Pantry

Saturday, May 02

Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am in Room 5

Reconciliation – 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, May 03

Coffee and Cookies between the Masses

History of the Church - 10:15 to 11:15 am in the Parish Hall

The Pope and the President – a discussion between the Masses in the worship space

Faith Formation – Youth and Confirmation - 10:15 to 11:15am in various rooms

Monday, May 04

Youth Group from 5:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, May 05

Brown Bag Book Club - 12:00 to 1:55pm in Room 5

Harp Ensemble at 5:30pm

Wednesday, May 06

Bible Study – 10:00am in Room 5

Bible Sharing - 6:30 to 8:00pm in Room 5 Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81162655618?pwd=TKY4ZHZHmZDd5VkxPRGNHbkl2Mlo2UT09>

Thursday, May 07

Friday, May 08

Red Cross blood drive - 12:00 to 5:00pm in the Parish Hall

Saturday, May 09

Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am in Room 5

Reconciliation – 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

Mother's Day / Senior Sunday / Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 10

Dismas Men's Group Meeting while cooking pancake breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast between the masses in the Parish Hall



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive at Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 8 12:00pm – 5:00pm

To schedule an appointment: Visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter blessedsp
Call 1-800-733-2767

MAY 1-17: This is your time to shine! Come to give blood May 1-17, 2026, for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Brighten your day by grabbing some summer swag.



SENIOR SUNDAY is coming up on May 10!

The Class of 2026 will be recognized during 9am Mass on Mother's Day Sunday morning, May 10. A Pancake Breakfast will follow in the Parish Hall to honor our mothers and our graduates.

If you are a graduating senior, look for an email soon with instructions from Mary Odin. If you don't hear from Mary in the next few days, please email her directly to make sure she has the correct contact information for you. Mary can be reached at wmodin@frontier.com.

Thank you for letting us celebrate this milestone with you, and congratulations to all!

Prayer Quilt Ministry Sorting and Cutting Party May 16

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will be gathering in Room 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a sorting and cutting party. Anyone is welcome to join us and help. Whether you can stop by for a little while or stay longer, we would love to have you.



CAMP LEON - JUNE 21 TO 26

SIGN UP FOR CAMP LEON
ONLINE AT
<https://blessedsacramentwv.org/events/>

NEW CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM ONLY - THE BOOK OF EXODUS

"What is it really about?" "What does it have to do with our life today?" "Why should we study it?" "How does it relate to our Catholic, Christian faith? These and other questions will be explored in a close reading of this most important book of the Old Testament, led by Father John Finnell, retired priest of our diocese. All ages are welcome to join via ZOOM on Tuesdays from 7:30pm until 9:00pm, beginning May 19. If you are interested, please email Fr. John at snowman25303@hotmail.com. He will email a ZOOM link to each participant before each week's session. He will also record every session and send that link each week so that no one will be at a disadvantage if they were not able to join the live session. The first two sessions will review basic principles of Catholic Bible study for the benefit of those who may not have participated in a Bible study group before. Anyone, from any faith tradition or from none, is welcome to join. Any and all questions will be welcome in every session. The sessions will continue until the entire book has been covered. There is no cost.

Parish Feast Day Dinner, June 6

To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we are having dinner on Saturday, June 6 after Mass (approximately 6:00 PM). It will be a Pasta Palooza, and all parishioners are welcome to attend as well as family, friends, and neighbors.

Please bring a side dish (not pasta) if you are able. Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Terry Mathias at 304-741-0045 or tsmathias@earthlink.net.

New Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Peacemaking and Nonviolence by Stephen J. Binz. The teachings of Israel's prophets and of Israel's Messiah offer the world a way out of its addiction to violence, weapons, and war. Proclaiming the peace of God's kingdom, Jesus tells his disciples to renounce hostile retaliation, learning to love enemies and struggle for justice with creative nonviolence. Learn to read the prophets, the gospels, and letters of Paul and Peter through the lens of the cross, becoming a Christian peacemaker.



Confirmation Retreat

September 12 to 13

Vacation Bible
Experience

Save the Date

July 19 – 23



Attention Confirmation Candidates and Parents:

**If you were not present for the meeting on April 19, please contact Ann Winton or Theresa O'Leary to receive important information.*

A reminder that if you missed the April 12 session on the Sacrament of Confirmation, the make up session for this important topic is Sunday, May 17 from 10:15-11:15!

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Candidates are asked to participate in at least one of the organized service opportunities offered between May and August. Parents and/or sponsors are encouraged to attend and participate, as well!

May 15: Blessed Sacrament Garden:

5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.:

Join Monica Patton, Megan Murphy, and Rick Zitzelsberger to work on the beautiful parish garden. Pizza will be provided and then digging and working will begin! (Weather permitting...if it is raining it will be cancelled!) Other dates will be announced!

May 30: Parish Hall:

1:00 p.m.: Join Lisa Hayes to help assemble Blessing Bags for our friends without homes!

June 21-26: Camp Leon: Those students who are rising 9th graders or older can serve as willing workers or staffers for the week with prior approval of Paula Durst!

July 21-25-Vacation Bible Experience: Volunteer a night or two or all to help lead younger parishioners in VBX!

Keep checking the bulletin for other opportunities in the garden or in the parish!

What is the Catholic Sharing Appeal?

The Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) is an annual diocesan initiative that invites Catholics to support the shared mission of the Church while also strengthening their own parish communities. Established in 2007, the CSA has become a vital and dependable way for parishes to raise significant funding for their parish needs, while also supporting ministries that serve people across the Diocese. Contributions to the CSA fund essential works such as Catholic education, evangelization efforts, prison ministry, Catholic Charities WV, and Camp Carlo, all of which serve individuals and families at different stages of life and faith. The appeal also supports the CSA Grant Program, which provides financial assistance to parishes, food pantries, and Catholic schools. Through shared sacrifice and generosity, the CSA allows the Church to respond to spiritual, social, and material needs, ensuring that vital ministries continue to thrive both at the parish level and throughout the wider community.



DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON

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Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala Named Tenth Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Friday, May 1, 2026

WHEELING—The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and has appointed as Bishop of that Diocese the Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. The appointment was publicized in Washington D.C. on May 1, 2026, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Menjivar-Ayala, 56, will serve as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Bishop Menjivar will succeed Bishop Mark Brennan, 79, who will remain as apostolic administrator of the diocese through July 1. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated on July 2, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Bishop Evelio Menjivar was born August 14, 1970, in Chalatenango, El Salvador. He migrated to the United States in 1990 and in 2023 became Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, notably the first Salvadoran bishop in the country.

Bishop Menjivar attended St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He attended the North American College in Rome and obtained a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome ("Angelicum") in 2002. He pursued licentiate studies at the Pontifical Scalabrinian Institute for Pastoral Theology for Human Mobility in Rome before his ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on May 29, 2004.

Bishop Menjivar's assignments in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington have included posts as parochial vicar at Mother Seton Catholic Church in Germantown; St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Bethesda; the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington; and as pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Americas Catholic Church in Washington. From 2017 to 2023, he served as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills. He speaks English, Spanish, and Italian.

He previously served as dean of Middle Prince George's County Deanery and was also a member of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Advisory Board. In 2023, Cardinal Wilton Gregory named him Vicar General of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. He currently is a member of the Priest Personnel Board, Administrative Board, the College of Consultors, and the Priest Council. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services. He is also the Episcopal Moderator of the National Catholic Ecclesial Movements and Member of the USCCB Committee on Communications.

In 2024, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Georgetown University. Throughout his ministry, he has actively supported workers and continues to promote social justice for immigrants.

Bishop Menjivar was ordained as an auxiliary bishop of Washington on February 21, 2023, by Cardinal Wilton Gregory at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

Bishop Brennan who has served the WV diocese since August 22, 2019, expressed his confidence in Bishop-designate Menjivar's leadership.

"Many faithful across the diocese and I have prayed to God for a true shepherd of the people to lead our diocese into the future. I truly believe God has answered our prayers with the appointment of Bishop Evelio Menjivar," Bishop Brennan said.

Bishop Emeritus Mark Brennan has served the diocese faithfully as a true "boots-on-the-ground" shepherd, walking with and listening to his flock, while proclaiming the Gospel with compassion, clarity, and pastoral charity. His episcopacy has been highlighted by broader lay participation in the Church's life and mission, by reassembling the lay led diocesan pastoral council for collaboration, dialogue, and discernment among clergy, religious, and laity as well as a creating a more vibrant role for the diocesan finance council. At the same time, we have been blessed by an increase of vocations to the priesthood and diaconate life and have strengthened our encouragement to the consecrated life.

He has given the Church a consistent national voice in defense of the rights of the unborn and the vulnerable, affirming the dignity of women and the protection due to children as well as standing up to defend the rights of immigrants.

Bishop Brennan has also been a true friend of Catholic education at all levels across the state. Since 2019, the diocese has expanded classes in several schools and is opening a new high school in the Eastern Panhandle. He has also been a staunch supporter of Catholic Institutions of Higher Learning, including Wheeling University and Catholic Distance University.

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Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 194

Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good beginning. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.

POEM When I am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks, and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."

The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple,"
they say, "and you, too, have come
into the world to do this, to go easy,
to be filled with light, and to shine."
— Mary Oliver

PRAYER

O SOVEREIGN GOD,
how majestic is Your presence in all the earth!
You have stamped Your glory upon the heavens.
When I consider Your heavens—
the work of Your fingers—
the moon and the stars that You have established,
what are we, that you are mindful of us?
What are we mortal beings, that you care for us?
But You have made us little less than divine
and crowned us with glory and honor!
You have given us dominion among the work of Your hands,
setting all things under our feet:
sheep and cattle alike,
and the beasts of the wild;
the birds of the heavens,
and the fish of the sea;
all that travel the paths of the deep.
O Sovereign God,
how majestic is Your presence in all the earth!
— Psalm 8

MYSTIC MORSELS

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way.
-- Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

To find holiness, do the next thing you have to do, do it with your whole heart and find delight in doing it.
-- Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.
-- Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)



Spring is springing in our garden!

There are so many ways to help – volunteer to water plants or pull weeds; donate money for maintenance costs, new plants, etc.; and help with oddball things that come up.


Let Father Paul, Natalie, or Monica (304-549-6112) know you would like to help.





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 <p>Manna Meal / Kroger</p>	<p>Pick-up Schedule</p>
<p>May 5: Bob Sherrard May 6: Dennis Thornburg May 12: Matt Leary May 13: Matt Leary May 19: Wayne Miller May 20: Ed McDevitt May 26: Anne Davis May 27: Dennis Thornburg</p>	<p>June 2: Wayne Miller June 3: Matt Leary June 9: Ed McDevitt June 10: Dennis Thornburg June 16: Bob Sherrard June 17: Anne Davis June 23: Ed McDevitt June 24: Wayne Miller June 30: Bob Sherrard</p>

BookMark

Volume 5, Number 4

The Library is open for business in Room 6!

New Book:

Arise: a 50-day journey into the mystery of the resurrection by Laura Bedingfeld

The theme for April is Easter:

Books:

- *Resurrection Psychology* by Margaret Alter
- *Is This All There Is?: on Resurrection and Eternal Life* by Gerhard Lohfink



31 Club this week

31 Club members commit to praying for vocations one day each month.

Sun	05/03	Mary Crigger
Mon	05/04	Missy Summey
Tue	05/05	Vince Stricker
Wed	05/06	Ro DeBias
Thu	05/07	John Priestley
Fri	05/08	Peg Nagem
Sat	05/09	Jane Roy, Carolyn Frye, Laura Jennings



Coffee and Cookies Volunteers

5/3 - Amanda Wines 5/17 Pam Council 5/24 - Katie Smithberger

Blessed Sacrament Parishioner Recipes

Do you have a favorite salad that you bring to Lunch Bunch? Or maybe you have a go-to recipe when you bring a dessert for a bereavement luncheon?

Please consider sharing recipes for food you have prepared for the various gatherings here at Blessed Sacrament. Eva Racadag has kindly offered to gather these recipes. We will find a way to share these recipes with you all. Eva Racadag: esracadag@yahoo.com

You can also US mail or drop off emails to our office: Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 E Street, So. Charleston, WV 25303.


Liturgical Ministries – May 02 & May 03

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	J Deegan	R Isaac	R Brennan
Altar Servers	R Brennan K Lewia	C Council	J Crane
Principal	R Teufel	R Plutro	C Frye
Eucharistic Ministers	M P Peck, B Frame J Priestley	M Belcher A Bradley T Mathias	C & P Council P Garnett
Communion to the Sick		M Belcher B Sherrard J Russo	
Greeters/Ushers	D Lewia, J Providenti	K and R Plutro	M B Abbot R Norman

Liturgical Ministries – May 09 & May 10

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	G Wright	D Burgess	K Lester
Altar Servers	J Borman D Bowles	M & G Ferrell	C Council
Principal	T Witsberger	P Musilli	R Brennan
Eucharistic Ministers	T Streit S Churchill	B Sherrard C Wirts	C Frye, J Knox
Communion to the Sick		J Lilly A Bradley M Summey	
Greeters/Ushers	D Lewia J Providenti	N and D McLaughlin	The Crane Family


Young Adult Night
 Open to those in their 20s to 30s
Friday, May 8th 6:30PM
 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
 St Albans, WV



Guest Speaker- Msgr Dean Borgmeyer
**“What Christians Believe and
 What Catholics do”**
Main entree provided please bring a side!

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**One Mission
One Day**




CCHS DAY OF GIVING

Charleston Catholic will once again be participating in the Diocese's annual Catholic Schools' giving day, **One Mission One Day**, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to replace flooring and upgrade the lighting to LED in the Commons. The current carpet was put in 12 years ago and it has weathered many adventures (and a few lunch spills!). It's time for a refresh! Please mark your calendars now and consider how you may be able to support our One Mission One Day project.

Support CCHS!


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Charleston Catholic High School is a Catholic learning community which develops the whole person in mind, heart, and soul. Through academic rigor, small classes, dedicated teachers, staff, and family support students develop integrity, grow in faith, and become engaged leaders in service to today's world and future generations. Embracing Catholic identity, Charleston Catholic offers a warm ecumenical environment enriched by students and families of all faith traditions.

Scholarship Leadership

Service Character

Family Life Food Pantry

Our Family Life Food Pantry is supported by volunteers and generosity of St Anthony's, Blessed Sacrament, and Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral.

We are not supported or affiliated with Catholic Charities.

We are open Wednesdays from 2 – 4pm and are in the alley on Dunbar Street behind the Catholic Charities office 1024 Quarrier St Charleston WV 25301.

We have been serving our community since March 2024. To date, we have served 2,666 clients. Food and housing insecurity is very real and for us who volunteer, we frequently become overwhelmed by the choices that our clients must make to provide for themselves and their families.

In March, Heartbeat of the Valley supplied us with a food donation totaling \$1800.00. What a blessing! In February, Sacred Heart Grade School's 5th Grade Class donated over 500 cans of soup and tons of cereal! Thank you, Theresa O'Leary for organizing. In the past two weeks, we have seen an influx of new clients needing assistance. A 45% increase from April last year. This past Wednesday, April 15, we saw 37 clients serving 181 individuals. Our shelves are bare.

To support our mission, we are requesting your help and support from each of the three parishes. Presently our biggest need is non-perishable food and/or monetary donations so that we can continue to operate on a weekly basis. Our clients depend upon us. Please come and visit us to see what we do. Consider being a volunteer. We would love to have you!

There are three ways to help:

- Monetary Donations – Make check payable to: Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral
On memo line: Family Life Food Pantry
Drop in collection basket or give to your parish volunteers
- Gift Cards from Aldi or Dollar Tree – give to your parish volunteers or mail to Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral
1114 Virginia St E Charleston WV 25301-2407
- Volunteer/Pray for our pantry and our clients

Our parish volunteers are: [Tina and Ron Ramirez \(304\) 552-3554](tel:3045523554)

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love “

Mother Teresa



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Parish Pastoral Council

Terry Mathias, facilitator; David Brown, Rachel Crane, Jamie Knox, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Dan McLaughlin, Jonathan Perry, John Priestley, and Ryan Walter

<p>To make an online donation You can scan this code with your phone</p>  <p>Or visit https://blessedsacrament37.flocknote.com/</p>	<p>To register as a member of our parish You can visit this website: https://blessedsacrament37.flocknote.com/</p> <p>or</p> <p>Stop by our office, introduce yourself, and fill out a registration form while visiting with our cat, Walter</p>	<p>To visit our website scan this code with your phone</p>  <p>or visit BlessedSacramentWV.org</p>
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How to Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees 1311 Byron St., PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 Fax: 304.233.4086 Phone 304.230.1504 at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms."