

Blessed Sacrament Parish November 19, 2023

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.

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	11/18	4:00 pm	+	Donnie Mathena by Ro DeBias
Sunday	11/19	9:00 am	+	Jean Haid by John and Anne Dever
		11:30 am *		The People of Our Parish
Monday	11/20			
Tuesday	11/21	Noon	+	
Wednesday	11/22	Noon	+	Bevin Keely McVay by Natalie Zellers
Thursday	11/23	Noon		Benefactors of Blessed Sacrament Church
Friday	11/24			We will not have Mass today.
Saturday	11/25	4:00 pm	+	Michelle Null by Ro DeBias
Sunday	11/26	9:00 am	+	Wesley and Marilyn Burns by Our Parish
		11:30 am *		The People of Our Parish

Mass Times & Intentions

*On Sundays at 11:30 Mass our nursery is available for children under the age of 3 years.

REMINDER - November 4 - WINTER MASS SCHEDULE. Mass on Saturdays begins at 4pm. <u>Reconciliation</u> will be from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Loretta DiGiorgi, Dakota Earl, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Bob Galloway, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Jim Roberts, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

THE SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK - A Communal Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 4 pm mass on Saturday, November 18, and the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 19.

Saturday, November 18 – Anointing of the Sick

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00 am, Room 5
- Reconciliation (Time change)- 3:00pm to 3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, November 19 – Anointing of the Sick

- Faith Formation for Adults 10:15am Meaning Making: 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generation.
- Youth Faith Formation (no Youth Music Ensemble)

Monday, November 20

- Youth Group 5:00pm 6:00pm in the Gathering Area
- Bell Rehearsal 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- OCIA 6:00pm 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B
- Parkinson's Support Group 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 21 (The office is closed.)

• **GriefShare Meeting** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Room 2

Wednesday, November 22

- **Bible Study** 10:00 am in the Library
- Bible Sharing- CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK we will resume Bible Sharing on November 29th. Weekly:

Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89811466699?pwd=UVdFVmo1SmJObUJqc3VqcytQOTdpQT09</u>

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day



- Thanksgiving Mass 1:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00pm in the Parish Hall

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00 am, Room 5
- Reconciliation (Time change)- 3:00pm to 3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, November 26

• Youth Music Ensemble – 10:00-11:00am in the Music Room (Rm. 3)

THE SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK

A Communal Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 4 pm mass on Saturday, November 18, and the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 19.

This Sacrament is not just for those who are at the point of death. People suffering under the burdens of age may be anointed. It is meant for anyone who is suffering from a serious illness: physical, emotional, mental or spiritual. The Sacrament may be received at any time during a person's illness, especially before surgery or treatment. Sacraments are for the living. Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Church. Therefore, it is preferable, as far as possible, to celebrate the rite when others can be present in the home, at the hospital, and in church.



Sunday, November 19th at the 9:00am Mass Baptism of Thomas Blatt

Christmas Stars – Catholic Charities WV: Deadline to return gifts - Sunday, Dec. 3 This is an annual gift-giving opportunity for needy children.

Help Wanted: Fr Bill Petro is looking for a housekeeper. The housekeeping would be 2 hours a month at \$24/hr. If interested please contact the office at Phone: (304) 744-5523 or Email at BSCCWV@gmail.com

November 19th and Dec 3. (No session Thanksgiving weekend)

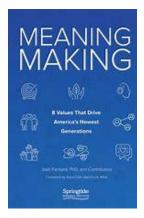
A new four week - Adult Faith Formation opportunity starts this weekend.

Meaning Making: 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generation.

Lead by Molly Linehan Belcher

Last year, when our parish participated in the Synod by holding our listening sessions, one of the topics of interest was how grandparents can engage in faith with their grandchildren. Sharing our faith with the next generation is important. Molly Linehan Belcher, parishioner, and theology teacher at

Charleston Catholic, will lead a four-week discussion for us on this topic. Molly will take us through the book *Meaning Making: 8 Values That Drive America's Newest Generation*. We hope the study of this book can lead to further conversations with the youngest generation and those who love them. In other words, if you're a member of Gen. Z... please come! If you love members of Gen Z, also come!





Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23 at 2:00 PM

Due to popular demand, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is back and will take place on Thursday, November 23 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This will be a Homecoming Celebration. All parishioners are welcome to attend as well as family, friends and neighbors. We also encourage you to reach out to those parishioners who have not been back to Mass since COVID and invite them to join us. Blessed Sacrament will be providing the turkeys, and you can bring a side dish to share if you are able. There will be a Kid's Corner with activities for the children. There will also be a very special guest. Sign-up sheets will be 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

Thanksgiving Dinner Transportation

Are you unable to drive? Would you like to attend Mass and dinner with us on Thanksgiving? Two of our parishioners, Rob Riser and David Brown, are ready to give you a ride!

The deadline to contact them is Wednesday at noon. (They need time to plan all of this, after all.)

Please call Rob Riser at 304-415-6997 or David Brown at 1-681-264-0010 to learn more or request a ride.

December 31



Monetary Donations for Christmas Food Boxes: Now – December 31 Through your donations, our parish can help the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Coalburg (near East Bank) buy \$12,000 – \$15,000 of food for a few hundred hungry families in the eastern part of our county.

November 25th through December 3rd

DONATIONS OF COATS AND BLANKETS SOUGHT FOR THE CHARLESTON AREA WARMING CENTER

For the past several years a collaborative of various service providers and community volunteers have run a temporary overnight warming station/shelter for the homeless, and those living with inadequate heating in Kanawha County. The goal of the warming station is to keep our fellow human beings warm, safe, fed, **AND ALIVE** when the temperature drops below 15 degrees. (City council recently passed a budget item that should allow that threshold to be raised to 20 degrees soon.)

Clean blankets and coats are being sought for the warming shelter, as well as for others served by United

Way. Beginning before the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday November 25 through Sunday November 26 and again all of the following weekend – Dec. 2 & 3, a parishioner will park his older and abused silver Ford Ranger pickup truck with a black truck-cap in the main church lot to collect coats and blankets. The truck-cap will be unlocked, and donations can be placed in the back. There will be a sign in the truck-cap window. If you are interested in volunteering to work at the shelter, contact:



Margaret Ann O'Neal President, Chief Professional Officer United Way of Central West Virginia One United Way Square, Charleston, WV 25301 Phone 304-340-3503 Cell: 304-673-9599 Fax 304-340-3508 moneal@unitedwaycwv.org www.unitedwaycwv.org

Christmas greetings to our seminarians.

Thank the seminarians for their generosity in responding to the Lord's call.

- Peter Russman, Donvito Cortese, and Timoth Kawash Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43235
- Deacon John Soplinski, Michael Aiello, Dominic Re, Bryan Tedeschi, Nathan Schmidt, and Michael Tupta Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727
- Clifton Mastran
 Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, 558 South Ave., Weston, MA 02493
- Joseph Derico St. John Paul II Seminary, 145 Taylor St., NE, Washington, DC 20017



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our **Surviving the Holida** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
 How to find hope for the future

SURVIVING HOLIDAYS

Blessed Sacrament Parish Tuesday, November 28, 2023 6:00--8:00pm Parish Hall

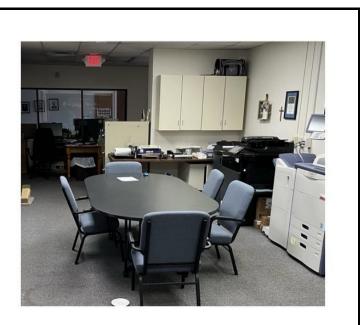
Please contact the church office at 304-744-5523 or <u>bsccwv@gmail.com</u> to register. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact one of the team members:

Pam Counsil, Team Leader, 734-664-1527 or pamcounsil@yahoo.com Ro DeBias, 304-382-3359 or rodebias@aol.com Missy Mowrer, 304-545-4776 or granmissy@gmailcom Jeanne Haas, 304-382-2631or <u>haasjeaane@hotmail.com</u> Debbie Burdette, 304-545-6917 or <u>Dburdette23@gmail.com</u> Father Paul Wharton, 304-433-7472 or <u>pjw424@gmail.com</u>



Where's Walter?

He is in the Main Office, but where? Can you find our favorite furry feline friend?



• See the answer on the last page of this bulletin



SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint Raphael Kalinowski

November 19

Joseph Kalinowski was born to Polish parents in Vilna, Lithuania in 1835. He attended the university in Vilna, where, for a time, he fell away from the practice of his faith. He was a military engineer in the Polish army and took part in the uprising against Russia in 1863. Captured by the Russians in 1864 and condemned to ten years of forced labor in Siberia, he proved himself to be a person of extraordinary compassion and charity for his fellow prisoners by caring for them in their illness and giving them his meager portions of food.

Released when he was 39, he taught school in Vilna, then became a tutor to the Polish prince, August Czartoryski, in Paris. August was later to renounce a diplomatic career to follow his vocation to the priesthood... St. Raphael entered the Carmelite Order in Linz in 1877 at the age of 42. He was ordained a priest in 1882 and, shortly after, was elected prior of Czerna. His contemporaries described him as "a living prayer." For the next twenty-five years in Carmel, he was a preacher, an administrator, a confessor, and spiritual director. When hearing confessions, he was like a father to his penitents, addressing them as "my child" or "my dear child." For him, the Sacrament of Confession was a "treasury of divine mercy." At every request, he was ready to hear confessions, and his confessionals were places of numerous conversions.

Renowned for his sanctity and his heroic status in Poland due to his years in Siberia, Raphael greatly popularized the Order and is credited with bringing about its restoration in Poland. He was distinguished in his zeal for the advancement of the Church, his efforts toward Church unity, and his love of Our Lady, Queen of Poland. For him, devotion to Mary was the yardstick of progress in the way of perfection. She was the visible sign of the action of the Holy Spirit in souls and participated, in a particular way, in the process of their sanctification. He died in Wadowice in 1902 at age 72 and was canonized by St. John Paul II in 1991. His feast is observed on November 19.

Source: https://lafayettecarmelites.org/st-raphael-kalinowski/

He is invoked as a Patron Saint of educators, railway workers, and engineers.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 72

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 for this week.

STORY A man walked into a little mom-and-pop grocery store and asked, "Do you sell salt?" "Ha!" said pop the proprietor. "Do we sell salt! Just look!" And pop showed the customer one entire wall of shelves stocked with nothing but salt—Morton salt, iodized salt, kosher salt, sea salt, rock salt, garlic salt, seasoning salt, Epsom salts—every kind of salt imaginable. "Wow!" said the customer. "You think that's something?" said Pop with a wave of his hand. "That's nothing! Come look." And Pop led the customer to a back room filled with shelves and bins and cartons and barrels and boxes of salt. "Do we sell salt!" he said. "Unbelievable!" said the customer.

"You think that's something?" said Pop. "Come! I'll show you salt!" And Pop led the customer down some steps into a huge basement, five times as large as the previous room, filled wall, floor, to ceiling, with imaginable form and size and shape of salt—even huge ten-pound salt licks for the cow pasture. "Incredible!" said the customer. "You really do sell salt!" "No!" said Pop. "That's just the problem! We never sell salt! . . .

But that salt salesman—Hoo-boy! Does he sell salt!" ...

Salt that stays on the shelf doesn't do any good at all.

Consider the Birds

It caught my eye at once, I turned the corner and stopped, looked, and smiled.

The painting of St. Francis preaching to the birds. in his black robe, his hand extended, the beloved saint faced rows of birds.

Birds in an array of colors looking at him as he spoke, "**Sweet little sisters of the sky**." I wonder if we have it backwards. And the birds are preaching to us? And we are just too busy to listen.

"Consider the birds", Jesus said. Consider the Canada Geese working together, forming a perfect V as they fly across the horizon.

Consider how the corncrakes on Iona, hidden in the grass speak up, wanting to be heard.

Consider how the swans glide across the pond, at home in the beauty of their bodies.

Consider the parrots chatter, the crows caw, the robin's song.

Consider the hummingbird finding nourishment in the beautiful flower.

Consider the wise Scarlet Tanager migrating south seeking the warmth of the sun.

Consider how the goldfinch's yellow body lights up the front laurel bush.

Consider how the rare Mandarin duck floating on a pond in Central Park brings people together to watch and feel wonder.

The beloved Saint preached to the winged congregation.

While with the essence of their being, the beauty of their form and the sound of their song: the "sweet little sisters of the sky" preach to us:

"Spread your beautiful wings and fly". - Dave Brown -



	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors Joe Deegan		Laura Jennings	Mary Pat Peck
Altar Servers	Chip Council	Will Stella Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Nancy McLaughlin	John Dever	Heather White
Communion Principal	Todd Witsberger	Mike Burgess	Rick Brennan
Chalice Minister	Susan Churchill Natalie Zellers	Ann Bradley Matt Hayes	Kathy Lester Susan Churchill
Communion to the Sick		Mike Burgess Ann Bradley Jackie Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	David Lewia Jamie Tridico	Nancy or Dan McLaughlin Shelley Nason	Jeanne Haas Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministries – November 18 & 19

Liturgical Ministers – November 25 & 26

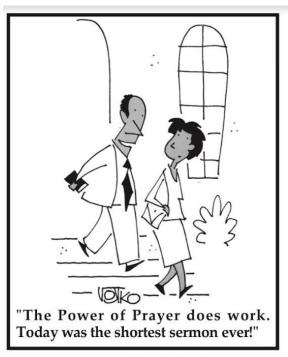
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Lectors	Tony Ciliberti	Peg Nagem	Kathy Lester
Altar Servers	Karen Lewia	Jackson Davis Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Elizabeth Leary	Rory Isaac	Mary Odin
Communion Principal	Ron Teufel	Terry Mathias	Jamie Knox
Chalice Minister	Natalie Zellers Bill Frame	Sr Fran Kirtley Ofelia Duarte	Pam Council Chip Council
Communion to the Sick		Ann Bradley Susan Bowyer David Elliott	
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Pat Cochran Brian Cornell	Shelley Nason Renee Norman

31 Club this week

Sun	11/19	Ruth L Kirk / Paul Wharton
Mon	11/20	Denise Burgess
Tue	11/21	Rick Zitzelsberger
Wed	11/22	Susan Churchill
Thu	11/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Counsil / Ro DeBias
Fri	11/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
Sat	11/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready

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

MANNIA MEAL /ZROCER BLOZ UR COLLEDIU E				
MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE				
"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."				
Matthew 25:35				
November – December				
November 22 – John Ellison				
November 29 – Don Becher				
December 6 – Dennis Thornburg				
December 13 – Tony O'Leary				
December 20 – Rob Schissler				
December 27 – Matt Leary				
Cookie and Coffee Volunteer Schedule				
November 19 - Paula Durst				
November 26 -				
Coffee December 3 - Kelly Plutro				
December 10 -				
December 17 -				
December 31 -				



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Attention: All Volunteers -- All volunteers must be Virtus certified.

The deadline to become Virtus certified is November 30. We need you! Please take time to do this now. After November 30, you must suspend your volunteer activities until this requirement is met. Again: We need you! See the instructions on the next page on becoming certified

Virtus Certification has two parts:

- A background check every 3 years.
- **Training to help you guard our children.** This includes learning how a predator grooms his/her prey; the signs of depression in children; the code of conduct for all adult volunteers in our diocese; how to report suspicious activity, etc.

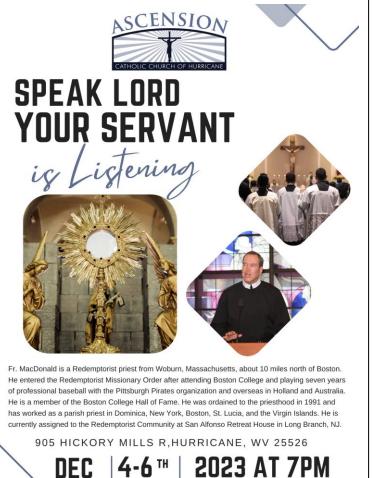
We ALL need to know these things (not just our volunteers).

You can become Virtus certified in several ways:

- If you do not have an online Virtus account: follow the instructions in Handout 1 to make an online account and take the steps needed for certification.
- If you have an online Virtus account: follow the instructions in Handout 2 to bring your certification up-to-date.
- All: Attend an in-person training session 1.5 hours (at most) of your time
- If you would like to do everything online, but do not have a computer, or would like help while you do it, sign up for an appointment to work with one of our staff members in our office on one of our computers.

Handouts and appointment sheets are in the gathering space. You can also request information by calling our office 304-744-5523 or emailing us <u>BSCCWV@gmail.com</u> or tsmathias@earthlink.net.





Mission Kick-Off Social Dec 3rd at 6pm



The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Almost Heaven Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Almost Heaven Retreats throughout the year.

https://www.wvis.org/retreats/almost-heaven-retreat Donation: \$90/night (includes retreat, retreat house accommodation, and all meals).

Embracing My Personal Journey: Learning the Art of Aging and Dying Well via Zoom

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm EST

Questions: email Sr. Carole Riley, C.P.D., PhD at wviscr@aol.com

To live is to change. Age is a gift. Dying is an art. During this program, reflective strategies are provided to assist participants in coming to terms with life and death for themselves or a loved one. Hospice, palliative care, caregivers, and helping professionals will benefit from time to process. Topics of grieving diminishment, companioning those dying, and the resources for personal integration are provided.

Donation: \$50

CEU credits are available for Social Workers (5.0 CEU), Registered Nurses, and Licensed Professional Counselors (5.75 CEU)

Register: You can register by visiting our website at Programs - WVIS or call 304.345.0926.

An Advent Retreat to lower my holiday stress - say WHAT? (Zoom Retreat)

https://www.wvis.org/retreats/advent-retreat

Donation: \$50 scholarships available by emailing WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com Register: You can register by visiting our website at Registration - WVIS or call 304.345.0926.

Living in the Gap via Zoom

A 4-week program on Thursday evenings January 18 th and 25 th and February 1 st and 8 th from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. EST

Questions: email Ms. Sally Orcutt, O.P. at sally@sayyes2yourlife.org

How do you live in the gap and why would you want to? The "gap" as identified by Thomas Keating, is the emotional space between the moment you begin to feel distressed, irritated, or anxious and the negative reaction that follows. Living in the gap invites us to live in a space of awareness. It is about increasing our understanding of the things that trip us up. This awareness allows us to respond as the person we desire to be, rather than react with a behavior that is often something we regret, as a result of being triggered.

Donation: \$70

Register: You can register by visiting our website at Programs - WVIS or call 304.345.0926.

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email wvis_sally@aol.com

Thomas Merton Charleston West Virginia Chapter via Zoom (3 rd Tuesday each month)

You are invited to join the Charleston, West Virginia chapter of the International Thomas Merton Institute on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom. Each month, the group discusses recent material from the International Merton Society and/or information from the Book of Hours.

Questions/Register: email Father Bill Petro at frbpetro42@gmail.com Sister Mary Irene Sorber, SCC 1601 Virginia St. East Charleston, WV 25311 wvismaryirene@aol.com (201) 230-2362 • From the photo on page 6: Walter is observing the office from the top of the tan cabinets while stretched out in his cat carrier.

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Our parish office is open on Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The South entrance doors are unlocked during office hours. The North entrance doors are unlocked on days that there is a Mass.



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Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com	
Chip Counsil, facilitator, Pam Counsil, Fernandes, David Lewia, Mo	crament Parish Pastoral Council: Jackson Davis, Matt Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine olly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson



How to Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

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, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees 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. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.