



Blessed Sacrament Parish

October 29, 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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	11/04	4:00 pm	+	Mike McCready by Ro DeBias
Sunday	11/05	9:00 am	+	William Lund by John and Arlene Hanna
		11:30 am *		The People of Our Parish
Monday	11/06			
Tuesday	11/07			
Wednesday	11/08	Noon	+	Kathy Wharton by Fr. Paul Wharton
Thursday	11/09	Noon	+	Not assigned
Friday	11/10	Noon	+	Charles “Bunky” Johnson by Mary Ann Johnson
Saturday	11/11	4:00 pm	+	Tina Carcione by Ro DeBias
Sunday	11/12	9:00 am	+	Mary Southam Hamilton by Beth Boyd
		11:30 am *		The People of Our Parish

*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. Reconciliation 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

Food Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets (Heart and Hand) and the Good Shepherd Food Pantry will be delivered to their destinations **this Sunday. Your generosity is so appreciated!**

Saturday, November 4

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

Sunday, November 5 – 10:00am – 11:00am in the Parish Hall

- **Faith Formation for Adults** – 10:15am
Link to Fr. Paul's presentation on **THE FINAL FOUR and MORE** [Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell, Limbo, Purgatory, Praying for the Dead, Cremation, Funerals] on Sunday morning between Masses. <https://fb.watch/nTavTYjZta/>
- **Youth Music Ensemble** - 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
- **Youth Faith Formation** – 10:15am – various rooms

Monday, November 6

- **Youth Group** – 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Gathering Area
- **OCIA** - 6:00pm – 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B

Tuesday, November 7 (The office is closed.)

- **Brown Bag Book Club** – Noon in the Library
- **BSP Lyres Club** -5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **GriefShare Meeting** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Room 2

Wednesday, November 8

- **Bible Study** – 10:00 am in the Library
- **Bible Sharing**– 6:30pm to 7:30pm in Room 5/Library and by Zoom
Weekly: <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-11-08-23/?wpdmdl=1499&refresh=65438be6578021698925542>
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86903804010?pwd=MGJyYS9qSW9LSzNGblZSM2xZcWpGZz09#success>

Thursday, November 9

- **Bells Rehearsal** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

- **Faith Formation for Adults** – 10:15am
- **Youth Music Ensemble** - 10:00 am
- **Youth Faith Formation** – 10:15am

Links to Parish Surveys online

[Adult Faith Formation Survey](#)

[What are you thankful for this year ?](#)

November 5

Youth Music Ensemble is BACK!

All children and youth currently in kindergarten and older are invited to join Mary Odin for Youth Music Ensemble on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Music Room. We will prepare musical offerings for Mass, for Christmas, and for the Epiphany concert in January. Our first meeting will be Sunday morning, November 5; we will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. each week so those enrolled in Faith Formation can get to their classes on time at 10:15 a.m. Come join us!

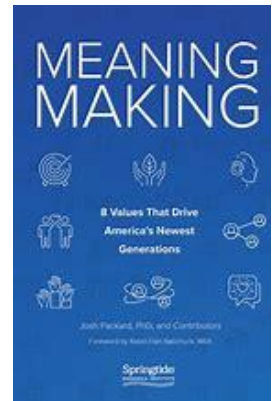
November 5th, 12th, 19th and Dec 3. (No session Thanksgiving weekend)

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!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION opportunity on November 12, 19 and December 3

Book Study: [Appalachian Pastoral Letters](#) - Donna Becher will help us explore two Letters by the Bishops of Appalachia celebrating the Catholic Church's contribution and call to action to be a light amidst so much darkness.

November 18 & 19

THE SACRAMENT of the ANOINTING of the SICK is a Sacrament of the Catholic Church which celebrates our faith in the healing touch of Christ in our lives. Jesus had deep compassion for those who were sick and the Church continues his healing mission today: "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

In the Sacrament, we pray that the sick person be healed in body, mind, and spirit. The Sacrament offers forgiveness and healing. God alone knows what kind of healing is most needed for us: that our anxieties are eased, that a wound be healed, that our fears turn to hope, that loneliness be embraced, that confusion turn to insight. The Sacrament may also help the sick person and their loved ones understand and experience suffering differently.

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.

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be having a communal on the way to the sick during the 4 PM mass on Saturday, November 18 and the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday November 19.

Music Ministry



The choir and handbell choir at Blessed Sacrament meet on Thursday evenings to prepare musical support for assembly singing. We also give special musical offerings to God during Masses and at our annual Epiphany Concert in January. We rehearse from September through May, and you can join us at any time. No previous musical experience is necessary for any group, but some music literacy is helpful to play in the handbell choir. For the Youth Music Ensemble all children and youth currently in kindergarten and older are invited to join

If you are interested in joining, please sign-up in the gathering space this weekend or contact Mary Odin at wmodin@frontier.com

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 BSCCWV@gmail.com



.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 or tsmathias@earthlink.net.

Suggestion Box - 11/05/2023

Suggestion: Ushers should remind gift bearers to wait for the cross bearer before leaving the front of the altar after bringing the gifts up!!! Shows respect and unity.

Fr. Paul's Response: It is too much to ask the ushers/greeters to give special instructions to each gift bearer at each Mass, in addition to their other ushering/greeting duties.

Instead, I have been chatting with the gift bearers while waiting for the cross bearer to return to the front of the altar. This has been working well except when the cross bearer exits after returning the cross and does not return to the front of the altar.

Suggestion: Please close the sliding brown doors before Mass. Less distractions.

Fr. Paul's Response: I couldn't agree more. It was only the talk of increasing cases of Covid that caused us to delay closing these doors until after Christmas. Once we do, the doors will remain closed until Easter Sunday.

Suggestion: To receive Communion from the priest. Communion seems less "important"/sacred when received from other church members.

Fr. Paul's Response: In those days when Christians were being put to death for their faith, the Church debated and discussed, determined, and declared that the sanctity and efficacy of the sacrament did not depend upon the holiness of the priest or deacon. Holy Communion received from the hand of a priest is no different than Holy Communion received from the hands of a lay person other than it may seem "less important" to some. I have certain physical limitations that make my life difficult. When I stand in place too long on a hard floor, my knees lock up.

Childcare Needed

A parish family is looking for someone to watch their 8-month-old son 2 days a week.
If interested, please call Anne at 304-744-5950.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Countdown to Indianapolis, Nov. 16-19

We leave in just 2 weeks!

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic high schoolers and their adult chaperones. This year, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is sending almost 70 youth and adults to NCYC in Indianapolis, and nine are from Blessed Sacrament:

Aidan Daugherty **Mitchell Ferrell**
Chris Daugherty **Roddy Ferrell**
Katherine Dent **JC Robertson** and Fearless Leader,
Lee Ann Dent **James Menefee** **Mary Odin!**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is generously subsidizing the cost of our tickets to the event, travel by bus, meals, and accommodations; **the remaining cost for each person is \$575.**

There are **two main ways** you can help us:

- 1) **Pray for us!** Pray for us as a group and individually, before, during, and after our trip, that this experience will be life-changing and formative for each of us.
Your prayers will connect your spiritual growth to ours.
- 2) **Sponsor us financially!** Make a donation to Blessed Sacrament marked "NCYC Youth Trip." By reducing our costs, you will participate in our trip in a very practical way.



We've been handmaking these gifts to trade with youth from other states. So far, we've made 100 of them!

Keep watching this space for updates—there are only **THREE** weeks left before we go!
Thanks in advance for your support!



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** 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 THE **HOLIDAYS**

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

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

Pam Council, Team Leader, 734-664-1527 or pamcouncil@yahoo.com

Ro DeBias, 304-382-3359 or rodebias@aol.com

Missy Mowrer, 304-545-4776 or granmissy@gmail.com

Jeanne Haas, 304-382-2631 or haasjeane@hotmail.com

Debbie Burdette, 304-545-6917 or Dburdette23@gmail.com

Father Paul Wharton, 304-433-7472 or pjw424@gmail.com

Saint of the Week

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint Charles Borromeo

November 4

Many years ago, Charles Borromeo helped the Church begin to live the Gospels again. He did this by living simply. Charles was born in a castle in Italy on October 2, 1538. His rich parents gave Charles a fine education. With it and with their money, he could have been or done anything! But he said goodbye to his family's money. He knew at the age of 12 he wanted to become a priest.



His uncle was Pope Pius IV, and he named the young man a cardinal and Archbishop of Milan in 1560. At that time, the Church had troubles. Many priests had forgotten that Jesus came to serve others. They refused to help the poor and hungry, the lonely and homeless. So Charles taught them how. He sent priests back to school by establishing seminaries. He was very concerned with religious education for children; he wrote a catechism for young people and built schools for them, too.

Then, when sickness came to Milan in the form of the bubonic plague, Charles rushed from house to house. He fed the hungry; he bathed the sores of the sick; he buried the dead. He put the good news of God's love into action. Finally, in 1584, Charles himself got sick and died. He was only 46 years old. He had spent his life showing people what God's love looks like. So in 1610, the Church said, "Yes! Charles Borromeo is a saint! He lived the Gospels!" He was canonized just 26 years after his death.

source: <http://saintsresource.com/charles-borromeo>

He a Patron Saint of bishops, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders.

Please keep our **SEMINARIANS** and **DEACON CANDIDATES** in your prayers.

Seminarians: Nathan Schmidt, Michael Tupta, Timothy Kawash, Joe Derico, Donvito Cortese, Clifton Mastran, Michael Aiello, Peter Russman, Dominic Re, Bryan Tedeschi, and Deacon John Soplinski.

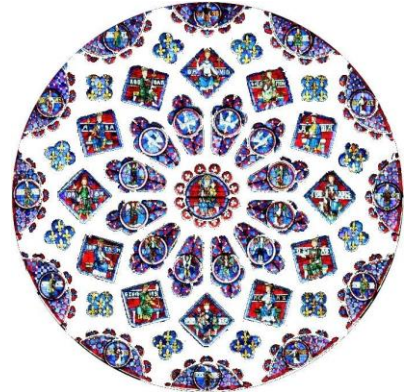
Deacon Candidates: Rick Allen, John Basil, Emarjun Brucal, Michael Brumley, John Butler, Victor Swynar, Michael Kawash, William Klug, Robert Krall, Jacob Manning, James McCullough, Thomas McFadden, Patrick Michael, Jason Miller, *Tony O'Leary*, Ron Piaskowski, *Tommy Ross*, Aaron Talbott, Bryce Timberlake, and David Torlone.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 70

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

Death is part of the future for everyone.
It is the last moment of this life
and the first of the next.
Death is the end of our present life,
it is the parting from loved ones,
it is the setting out into the unknown.
We overcome death by accepting it
as the will of a loving God, by finding him in it.
Death, like birth, is only a transformation, another birth.
When we die we shall change our state – that is all.
And in faith in God, it is as easy and natural
as going to sleep here and waking up there.



On the day I die, when I'm being carried toward the grave, don't weep.
Don't say, *He's gone! He's gone.*
Death has nothing to do with going away.
The sun sets and the moon sets, but they're not gone.
Death is a coming together.
The tomb looks like a prison, but it's really release into union.
The human seed goes down in the ground like a bucket into the well where Joseph is.
It grows and comes up full of some unimagined beauty.
Your mouth closes here and immediately opens with a shout of joy there.

Rumi - 13th century

PRAYER at time of death

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world
in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you,
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian,
May you live in peace this day,
may your home be with God in Zion,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. Amen.

STORY

A pastor was visiting with a woman before she died, talking with her about the funeral and her wishes in that regard. The woman told him she wanted to be buried with a fork in her hand and that she wanted him to stand by the casket at the viewing to explain about the fork. She went on to explain that she had always loved potlucks and church suppers, and that she remembers always being excited when they would announce towards the end of a meal that everyone should keep their forks. To her that meant that there was something special coming for dessert, like cake or pie, and not just Jello. She wanted the pastor to tell everyone that she had died firmly believing that there was indeed something much better coming!

MYSTIC MORSELS by Saint Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

- Such is the nature of faith that the greater are the obstacles it encounters, the more ardent it becomes.
- God wishes us not to rest upon anything but His infinite goodness; do not let us expect anything, hope anything, or desire anything but from Him, and let us put our trust and confidence in Him alone.
- This is the way we can easily overcome the countless difficulties we have to face day after day, which, after all, are part of our work. In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others.

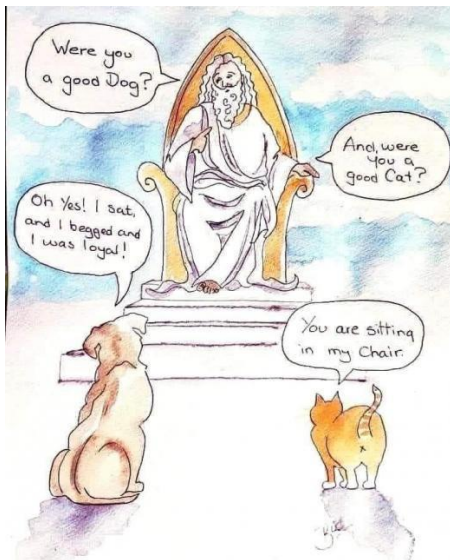
Walter



Walter CATEchist's Favorite Quotes #2

Cats are connoisseurs of comfort.
— James Herriot (1916-1995)

Even the smallest feline is a work of art.
— Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)



LOOSE PARTS





Remember and Pray
For All Souls

Edwin Belarmino
William "Bill" Ray
M'Liss Kirk
Donald Ray Mathena
John Bowyer
Bob Koleske
Wayne Bennett
Sam Femia
Elizabeth O'Leary
James E. Kraus
Anne Lordan Coerver
Philip Corkrean
Alberto Torres Lopez
Antonio Torres
Brent Conrad
Cynthia Council
Tonda Lee Neundorf
Mary Ann Severt
Jenny Eads Reeves
Dr. Michael A Santer, Jr
Timothy Barber
"Sis" Frostic
Don Kaake
Jo Nancy Bria
Steve Ritchey
John Scriptunas
Kathryn Lorene Fineran
Ignacy Ingot
Courtney Spivey
Wesley Charles Burns
Pauline Robson
Joanna Tabit
Engrid Vaughn

Barbara Nolte
Donald L. Young
Richard A Woodall
Mike McCready
Philomena Ukwuava
Fredrick Ukwuaba
Sue Joseph
Theresa Tornburg
Hugh White
Mary White
John White
Donna Long Peele
Dennis Michael Whelan
Mary Anne Wise
Michele Null
Marti Miller
Charles White
John Dyideu
Joe Fumich, Jr
Angie Lane
Laura Farnsworth
Ludy Savilla
Agnes Elder
Melba Vida
Fe Racadag
Mike Prestera
Ed Janairo
Tia Azon
Marlyn Abonal
Danilo Ella
Nathaniel Clidoro

Liturgical Ministries – November 04 & 05

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Kathleen Bors	Denise Burgess	Felix Maramba
Altar Servers	David Bowles	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Eli Simonton Nathaniel Simonton
Cantors	Elizabeth Leary	John Shawler	Heather White
Communion Principal	Todd Witsberger	Missy Summey	Kathy Lester
Chalice Minister	Tony Ciliberti Missy Mowrer	Maureen Mathias Molly Belcher	Jo Midkiff John Priestley
Communion to the Sick		Jackie Lilly Bob Sherrard Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	Susan Churchill Jeanne Haas	Nancy & Dan McLaughlin	Renee Norman Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministers – November 11 & 12

	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Alex Mansfield	Rory Issac	Tom McLane
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan	Jeff Borman Jackson Davis	Felix Maramba Pippa Maramba
Cantors			
Communion Principal	Ro DeBias	Peg Musilli	Jackie Lilly
Chalice Minister	Diane Lordan Missy Mowrer	Ofelia Duarte Chuck Wirts	Carolyn Frye Connie Lucas
Communion to the Sick		Missy Summey Tom Aluise Susan Bowyer	
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Kelly & Rob Plutro	Mary Beth Abbot Shelly Nason

Thank You

Dear Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the spiritual bouquet! I was very touched to receive the card and know that you all were praying for me. I am so appreciative of your prayers as I continue my journey with the Lord. Know of my prayers for you all as well! God Bless!

In Christ, Catherine Stodola

31 Club this week

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

Sun	11/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Mon	11/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Tue	11/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley
Wed	11/08	Peg Nagem
Thu	11/09	Carolyn Frye
Fri	11/10	Jane Roy
Sat	11/11	Joe Deegan / Tony O'Leary

MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35



November – December

November 1 – Rob Schissler
 November 8 – Don Becher
 November 15 – Matt Leary
 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 5 - Jennifer DePond
 November 12 - Paula Potter
 November 19 - Paula Durst
 November 26 -
 December 3 - Kelly Plutro
 December 10 -
 December 17 -
 December 31 -

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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.

<p>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton</p> <p>E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone: 304-433-7472 (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p>Office Manager: Natalie Zellers 304-744-5523 Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com</p>
<p>Music & Youth Director: Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Director of Religious Education Mike Granata E-mail: mikegranata3@gmail.com Phone: 304-561-8063</p>
<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Chip Council, facilitator, Pam Council, Jackson Davis, Matt Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandes, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson</p>	



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.