

Blessed Sacrament Parish

April 15, 2018 Sunday

*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, John Bullock, Jim Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Jackson Davis, 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., Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Gary Sutton, Andrew Thompson, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler, Lily Woolwine, Robin Welsh, Celine Yosucio

† Pray They Rest in Peace †

Juan José Santos, brother-in-law of Bev Schissler

Paul Zitzelsberger, father of Rick Zitzelsberger

Hazel Crowley, local bridge-builder of understanding among different religions

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

- by doing extra chores during the pastor's absence!
- by locking up each night for the pastor!
- by participating in the meeting of our Vocation Committee last Sunday!
- by participating in many different formats of prayer for Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life!
- by recommending new members for our Pastoral Council!
- by participating in the meeting of our Liturgy Committee on Tuesday!
- by volunteering at various community agencies who offer assistance to those in need!
- by facilitating our Bible Study groups!

Explanatory Mass – This Sunday!

Sunday, April 15 2:00pm (We will not have an 11:30am Mass this Sunday.)

**Please invite people from any or no religious affiliation
who would like to understand how Catholics worship each Sunday.**

**The Mass will include substantial explanations for the various parts, prayers, postures, gestures, etc.
Refreshments will be available after Mass.**

Catholic Sharing Appeal

The Catholic Sharing Appeal, or the CSA, is an annual appeal that offers funds to a **variety of ministries, services and programs** throughout our diocese. The theme of this year's appeal, "Almost Heaven", was inspired by the beauty of this wonderful state we live in. This week you will be receiving a mailing that will give you more information on the various ministries that the CSA supports. Please take time to review the materials. After prayer and discussion with your family, please make a commitment to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. You may also find more information at:

<http://csa.dwcministries.org/>

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

Lunch Bunch - This Thursday, April 19th

Mass begins at 11:30pm in our Sanctuary. Afterward, everyone is welcome to join us for lunch in our Parish Hall.

We will be having chicken pot pie. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Please mark all foods that contain nuts.

Questions? Call Jane Roy 304-768-0306

Camp Leon – deadline for campers to sign-up is this Friday April 20!

Camp Leon (for ages 7 – 13) will run from Sunday, June 10th through Saturday morning, June 16th.

Camper applications are available in the gathering space and on our website: BlessedSacramentWV.org.

Applications for Camp Leon must be received no later than **Friday, April 20, 2018**. Since space is very limited at camp, applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis with a preference for Blessed Sacrament parishioners. Please send your application(s) as soon as possible. You will be notified by mail of your child's acceptance.

Email completed applications to blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com. Please put "Camp Leon Application" in the Subject field.

Or mail completed applications to: **CAMP LEON**, Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303

Annual Parish Ministry Showcase Saturday, April 21--Sunday, April 22

After every Mass over 40 ministries will be on display with representatives ready to share the wonderful benefits of serving the parish and our local community. Please take time to learn more about the opportunities available to you and your family. All ages are encouraged to share their gifts by serving in one of these ministries. We will have "backpacks" for young adventurers to collect symbols about the various ministries.

Confirmation Preparation Program

On **Sunday, April 29th**, at the 11:30am Mass, our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, accompanied by their sponsors, will receive a welcome from the parish community to the preparation program. Candidates will commit to the preparation program with their signature and the parish will promise to pray for them. Following Mass, candidates and sponsors will gather in the parish hall for lunch and an afternoon of reflection.

Attention Graduating High School Seniors—Class of 2018!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 6th**. Your parish family will honor you at the annual Senor Mass (9:00am) and a Parish Breakfast immediately following. More information to come!

Discernment of New Members for Our Pastoral Council

What is our Pastoral Council?

Our Pastoral Council is the body of parishioners who are responsible to keep the whole parish community focused on the Mission, the Goals and the Objectives that we have discerned to be God's will for us. The current members are listed in every edition of our Sunday Bulletin Announcements. They are the primary body that advises the pastor and staff about the well-being of the parish community as it strives to carry out its Mission.

How is the Council structured?

There is no fixed number of seats on the Council.

We trust God to guide to council membership those whom God knows will best serve the needs of the parish.

The Council strives for consensus on questions that are posed rather than majority vote.

Consensus means a result that *all* members can live with.

Council members are invited to serve for 3 year terms.

The Council usually meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm from Sep through May.

Additional meetings may be called if needed.

The first meeting of the new season will be Tuesday Sep 4, 2018 at 7pm (since the first Monday is a holiday).

There is no limit to the number of terms that members can serve.

We depend on one or more volunteers to serve as the recorder of minutes for the Council.

Our faithful recorder for the last several years has been Bob Lucas.

The Council discerns one member who serves as facilitator of the meetings for a one-year term.

The facilitator consults with the members to draw up the agenda and then guides the discussion to keep the group on track during meetings.

How does one recommend new members for the Pastoral Council?

Every parishioner may recommend as many parishioners as they wish by hard copy or email, after prayer.

Every parishioner may also recommend him/herself.

Please fill out a separate recommendation form for each person to be recommended.

There is an ample supply of blank recommendation forms in the gathering space.

Ideally, the recommended person should be notified by the person making the recommendation.

The recommendation forms will be given to the persons recommended.

Those who are recommended will be invited to a gathering for information and prayerful discernment.

Please return recommendations to the pastor by Sunday April 29 by dropping it in the collection basket, or by mailing it to the parish office or by email to snowman25303@hotmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEW MEMBER RECOMMENDATION FORM 2018

After prayerful reflection, I believe that
would be a valuable member of our Pastoral Council because s/he has these qualities:

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I commit myself to pray that this person whom I have recommended
to prayerfully discern whether God may be calling him/her
to participate in the ministry of our Pastoral Council.

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person submitting this recommendation

**Reflections on being a member of our Pastoral Council from Susan Churchill
after she had completed her first three-year term as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.**

A typical meeting. Each month we meet on the first Monday evening for about two hours and usually follow this outline:

- We open with a prayer planned and offered by one of the members.
- Then we take note of good things going on in our church community.
- This is followed by a discussion of general parish concerns and any specific concerns that we have heard about or been spoken to about or have noticed.
- Following this discussion is a report of staff concerns presented by Father John as well as any items that he feels should be brought before the council that he needs advice about or feels he should inform us about.
- The goal teams often meet and then present any updates. (You may recall the entire community participated in a goal survey several years ago.) The council works to ensure the goals the community settled on are being met.
- The meeting ends with a closing prayer led by the person who opened the meeting with prayer.

What is special? That's it? That's all? Yes. But it is HOW all of this is done that makes the difference for our church community and makes for an experience in which we hope *you* might consider taking an active part for the following reasons:

- Because we recognize that our parish and mission must serve God's purposes, our Pastoral Council meetings are book-ended with prayer and prayer-driven throughout. This sets a tone for how we gather, how we work, and how we depart.
- Concerns, large and small, are given a place at the table, discussed with a sense of grace, reverence and respect, and treated without judgment. The circumstances of a concern are presented. It may be quiet before people volunteer to address an issue or ask for clarifications.
- Usually there is a very broad range of options and opinions offered – very broad!
- We listen to one another. We challenge one another. We may reach a time in the discussion where we can agree on an action, if required.
- It may be that several meetings are needed before we find agreement or consensus (an outcome that we all can accept, even if it is not our first choice).
- We don't vote. We pray that we might know through the Holy Spirit what is a good action for our church.
- I can think of only one time in my three years that a person's name was mentioned in regard to a concern and that was because it was truly integral to the situation. Usually what may be brought up as a concern from one parishioner is probably an unspoken concern by others.
- The goals that we as individuals and families in the parish suggested several years ago are taken very seriously. There are five active goals at this time. The council members see that movement is happening, that talent within the parish is organized to bring the goals to fruition, that the goals are extended and adjusted as necessary through a series of objectives set for each goal by the council. Although a council member can be a part of doing the job, meeting the objective, it is not the general case. We are there to help gather the talent that is just right to do the job. There is not much work outside of meetings unless a goal committee wants to get together or needs to assess progress.

Our hope. Finally I would add that all of us are members of groups in which we address issues some of which are very sensitive, support some leadership, make some decisions, and so on. Maybe it's your family, your department at work, your classroom, your office staff, etc. I contend that a term on our Parish Pastoral Council would profoundly affect HOW you might go about being a member of your groups. I hope you will consider beginning the personal discernment process to see if God might be calling *you* to engage in this important, humbling and very worthwhile ministry.

Our Partners in Community Service

Heart & Hand and Our Parish Dismas Men's Club

On three Saturdays (May 19, July 14, and July 28) teams of three Blessed Sacrament parishioners will drive a u-haul truck and pick up used furniture from donor's homes and deliver it to the Heart & Hand storage in South Charleston. They will distribute the furniture to families as their needs arise.

To sign up for one or more Saturdays go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4daaad2ca4f85-furniture>.

For more information please contact Ted Streit at ted@streitfamily.net

Habitat for Humanity – Build Day!

Friday, April 27th 8am – 4pm @ 807 North Hills Drive, Charleston

A fun day of service, with fellow parishioners, can be yours – just click on this link to sign-up:

<https://hfhkp.volunteerhub.com/event/index/4789678>

You do not have to be a construction expert! Just come ready to work hard for a good cause!

Manna Meal & Health Right present: Bollywood Nights

For the benefit of Manna Meal and WV Health Right

Saturday, April 28th at 6:00pm at the Charleston Civic Center

Ticket Price: \$100

Children's Therapy Clinic – Art Auction for Autism

8th Annual Art Auction for Autism Thursday, April 19th at City National Bank 10 Hale Street, Charleston 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Silent auction featuring artwork by local artists and Community Puzzle Piece Challenge entries. Enjoy snacks, wine, and live music by LoJam! Proceeds will be used for therapy services at Children's Therapy Clinic.

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality - Spiritual Direction Training Opportunities

Do you feel called to the ministry of spiritual direction? Are you searching for a training program which will prepare you to offer individual and group spiritual direction? Are you seeking the skills and experience to companion others in a directed retreat or to give the 30 Day Ignatian Exercises or the 19th Annotation Retreat in Everyday Life? Are you discerning a call to supervision in the ministry of Spiritual Direction? Consider The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality as an excellent resource to meet all of your ministerial and professional needs in the area of spiritual direction. Listed below are the training programs that The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality provides for new and experienced spiritual directors. Please contact Sr. Carole Riley, CDP, Ph.D., wvscr@aol.com, or (412) 901-4259 to register. Visit our website: www.wvis.org for further information on all of these programs.

Associate Program in Spiritual Direction

Theory of Spiritual Direction: September 7-8; October 12-13; November 9-10, 2018

Dynamics of Group Spiritual Direction: January 11-12; February 8-9; March 8-9, 2019

Advanced Peer Supervision: September 14-15; October 19-20; November 16-17, 2018

Intensive Workshop:

Methods of Directing the 19th Annotation Retreat in Everyday Life

Thursday, January 17, 2019 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Noon

Advanced Certificate in Supervision

Friday-Saturday, November 2-3, 2018 Classes begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, end at 3:00 p.m. Saturday

Friday-Saturday, March 1-2, 2019 Classes begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, end at 3:00 p.m. Saturday

Practicum for Supervision at Almost Heaven Retreat June 1-9, 2019

Other Items of Interest

Holy Hour for Vocations

This Sunday, April 15th at 2PM throughout the diocese, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Vocations Office will be sponsoring a holy hour at different churches for the purpose of praying for an increase of vocations to the diocesan priesthood for our diocese. At each of these churches, there will be a priest who will speak on his vocation story and his love of the priesthood during the holy hour. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone to ask questions to the priest about the priesthood and his life. The purpose of these events is to foster prayer for priestly vocations for our diocese and to motivate parishes to begin vocation ministries in order to foster vocations on a local level. We are encouraging everyone, especially families, to attend, not simply men discerning the priesthood because fostering vocations is the job of every person. The Charleston area Holy Hour will be at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral Sunday, April 15 at 2:00pm

Looking for Summer Work

1. College student from our parish with excellent references, lots of experience and impressive resumé seeking child care work for summer. If interested, please contact John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com for complete information.
2. Accomplished and artistic woman with scientific background is looking for jobs to help earn funds to pursue her Master's program. Open to tutoring, babysitting, companion for elderly, etc. If you would like to know more please contact John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com.
3. If you live in the South Hills pool area and need a babysitter for your children during the summer months who was a lifeguard and is currently a certified KCS teacher, please contact John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com.

Handbell Musicians of America (Area 5)

Spring Festival Concert – Free and Open to the Public!

Our Parish Bell Ringers will perform at this concert!

This Saturday, April 14th at 5:00pm at the Charleston Civic Center

Oh poop! We're out of Kitty Litter!

Kanawha Charleston Humane Association

We're currently providing care for 149 cats and kittens. Sadly, our kitty Litter supply is running critically low.

Please help our #1 pets go #2 by donating today! Please see the bulletin board for donation options.

If you would like to drop bags of kitty litter here at Blessed Sacrament, please place your donations in the office hallway (look for the sign).

Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council's 68th Annual Gathering

Understanding Our Neighbors: The Islamic Faith

Saturday, April 28th at 2:00pm at the Islamic Association of WV, 1 Valley Drive, So. Charleston.

Program: Movie "Sultan and the Saint" from 2:30 – 3:30pm

Quo Vadis Camp

Middle School Discernment Retreat June 18 – June 21, 2018

Boys in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to the Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV

Four days of spiritual talks, prayer, the celebration of the Mass, and discussion about how God guides us throughout our lives. Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including: hiking, swimming, horseback riding, sports, and fishing.

The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Camp Bosco

Huttonsville, West Virginia

July 2018 (4 weeks to choose from)

Operated by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Office of Youth Ministry

This camp is open to students in grades 3rd-12th

Cost is \$325.00 per child (Scholarships are available)

Registration is online at: www.campbosco.com

Any questions e-mail hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311

American Cancer Society Fundraiser Project

Hanging Flower Baskets are being offered by The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Teams as a way to raise much needed funds to assist those battling any type of cancer. Six plant varieties will be available: Boston ferns, Begonias, Zonal geraniums, impatiens, Million bells, and Petunias, at \$17.00 per 10" basket. **Deadline to order is April 26** and baskets will be available May 10th. Anyone wanting to support this cause, see or call Missy Mowrer 304-545-4776

Holy Days of Education: The Paschal Mystery

Sunday, April 29th at 7:00pm at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Rd., Charleston

Making our way through the Easter season we will look at the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will explore how the cross brings about our salvation and how we are opened to new life. Come, join fellow Catholics in our vicariate and learn the faith through Symbolon, the catechetical program reinvigorating the faith of Catholics everywhere.

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: First Presbyterian Church in downtown Charleston is looking to hire a part-time cook/kitchen manager. This is a team position with a co-manager. The person should be experienced in large group meal planning, purchasing and preparation and be willing to work in a Christian setting with other staff and volunteers. If you or someone you know are available for Wednesday dinners (including Tuesday planning/shopping,) monthly day-time Thursday luncheons and occasional weekend events, please contact the church office at 304-343-8961 for an application or e-mail your resume to nancy@firstpresby.com

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

<u>Pastor</u>	Rev. John H. Finnell	Cell: 1.304.377.3560 E-mail: snowman25303@hotmail.com
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<u>Music & Youth Director</u>	Mark Haas	E-mail: MarkHaasCatholic@gmail.com

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.

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