

Blessed Sacrament Parish

May 6, 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, John & Claire Johnson, 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.

† Pray They Rest in Peace †

Paul Leary, father of Matt Leary and Meg Britt

Isaac Ganim, brother of Joe Ganim (deceased) Memorial Mass Monday May 7 11:00am

Bobbie Lee Casey, mother of Rose Casey Funeral Mass Tuesday May 8 11:00am

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

- by participating in the Rite of Covenant and afternoon of reflection with our Confirmation candidates!
- by giving time, talent and treasure in the ministry of catechesis throughout the year!
- by creating prayer quilts for parishioners who have medical needs!
- by assisting with the visitation, funeral Mass and luncheon for Mike Howard!
- by assisting with the visitation, funeral Mass and luncheon for Paul Leary!
- by forgiving our schedule disruptions during this unusual week!
- by organizing our staff appreciation luncheon on Friday!
- by adoring the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for our parish and our world!
- by planning and preparing for Camp Leon!
- by keeping the parish staff up to date with our sick or shut-in members!
- by choosing not to die this week!

The family of Celine Yosuico is most grateful for countless expressions of sympathy and support. They would like all to know that among her many gifts to the world, **Celine's final one was the gift of life.** 23 and 38 year old women received her kidneys, a 24 year old woman received her liver, and a 19 year old woman with cystic fibrosis received her lungs. And in a 53 year old woman, Celine's beautiful heart beats on.



Camp Leon

Campfire Night (Friday, June 15th)

If you would like to stay overnight at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center before going home with your camper Saturday morning, call Natalie (744-5523) to make a reservation. We only have 5 rooms available to us for this purpose. Each room has one queen-size bed. Payment is required when you reserve the room, \$45 for one person / \$70 for two people / \$95 for three people and a rollaway bed.

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

Monthly Youth Night

This Sunday May 6 4:00pm to 6:30pm with special Mass at 5:30pm, Rosary at 5:00pm
All our youth are invited supper served no charge Everyone welcome at the Rosary and Mass

Living Rosary

This Sunday, May 6, at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary we need your participation to have enough "living beads" to complete the entire Rosary with our Youth Group. Please join us and bring your special prayer intentions written or printed on a small piece of paper to place before the image of Mary.

Pancake Breakfast – This Sunday!

Pancakes, sausage, coffee . . . mmm! Free of charge – bring a friend. Donations are welcomed.

St. Anne's Guild

The guild will have a lunch meeting on **Wednesday, May 9th** at 12:30pm at the IHOP on Corridor G.

Young Adults, ages 21 to 35, Your Church is Listening!

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invites all young adults ages 21-35 (married, single, divorced, widowed, lay, religious, gay, straight) **to gather at Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm.** Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and live music as we come together to pray and share stories of the joys and struggles of life as young adult Catholics in West Virginia. The evening will feature opportunities to reflect and dialogue with one another about our faith, our experiences with parish life, and our vision for the future of our Catholic Church. Members of our diocesan staff will be at the gathering to listen to your stories so that our diocese can discern ways to better serve our spiritual needs.

This free event is open to all young adults between the ages of 21 and 35, but **we ask that you RSVP to hbise@dwc.org** by Wednesday, May 9th. Child care for your children WILL BE AVAILABLE, but **please let us know** in your RSVP message so that we can be prepared with that service. We recognize that there are many things vying for our time, so we would greatly appreciate it if you decide to join us for this gathering!

ATTENTION PARENTS!!

Another special Parents Night Out is Coming!

Friday, May 18th, 6:00—9:00pm

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

Many adult and teen volunteers needed! You will assist with babysitting, craft-making, games, etc. Any time you can give during the evening of May 18th would be very helpful. Please contact Jeanne by texting 304-382-2631 or email haasjeanne@hotmail.com. Community service hours provided.

Mark Your Calendar for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 8, 9, 10 6:00—8:00pm Ages 3-100 - adult sessions too!

Crafty Companions

Crafty Companions meet again! Bring unfinished projects, knit, crochet, spin, embroider, quilt, color, scrapbook, or just hang out and chat! Can't stay the whole time? Just drop by! **Friday, May 11, 1:00 - 4:00, in Room 5/library**

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

Other Items of Interest

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/>

A note from the Development Office at the Diocese: It has been a very exciting week in the Development Office! I am excited to share with you that we are already at 36% of our overall CSA goal of \$2 million with **\$710,102 pledged with gifts from 1,377 generous families, individuals and organizations!**

Sacred Heart Yard Sale Benefit

On **Saturday June 9**, the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral Christian Service Committee will conduct its 30th annual **Yard Sale to Benefit People in Need**. They will be grateful for your **donated items to be sold**. They will be accepting donations from 5pm to 7pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 4th - 7th). They can provide receipts for tax purposes.

For more information contact: **Ron Rushworth (304) 382-7768** rrushworth62@gmail.com

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. 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.

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 Kearnsyville, WV for 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

New Assignments for Priests

Very Rev. John S. Ledford, V.F., is appointed pastor of St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale

Very Rev. Carlos L. Melocoton, Jr., V.F., is appointed pastor of St. James Parish in Charles Town

Father James R. DeViese, Jr., is appointed pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Weston, St. Boniface Parish in Camden, and Good Shepherd Parish in Glenville, with chaplaincy responsibilities at the Federal Correctional Institution in Gilmer and Glenville State College

Father John Chapin Engler, Jr., is appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish in Dunbar, Holy Trinity Parish in Nitro, and St. Patrick Mission in Bancroft, with chaplaincy responsibilities at West Virginia State University

Father José Manuel Escalante is appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Charleston, with chaplaincy responsibilities at the University of Charleston

Father Charles E. McGinnis, Jr., is appointed pastor of St. John Parish in St. Marys, and Christ Our Hope Mission in Harrisville

Father Douglas Ondeck is appointed pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Huntington, and Sacred Heart Parish in Huntington

Father James E. O'Connor is appointed pastor of St. Brendan Parish in Elkins, and St. Patrick Parish in Coalton, with chaplaincy responsibilities at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins

Father Ronald G. Prechtl is appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Spencer, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission in Elizabeth

Father Joshua R. Stevens is appointed pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Moorefield, St. Mary Parish in Petersburg, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Franklin

Father Brian Crenwelge is appointed administrator of Mater Dolorosa Parish in Paden City, and Holy Rosary Mission in Sistersville

Father Joseph M. Augustine, HGN, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling

Father Biju T. Devassy is appointed pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Morgantown, with chaplaincy responsibilities at the Federal Correctional Institution in Morgantown

Father Babu Joseph Elamurrthil is appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish in Weirton

Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, C.S.T., is appointed pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling

Father B.K. Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R., is appointed pastor of St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg, St. Anne Parish in Shinnston, and Sacred Heart Mission in Salem

Father Dominikus Baok, S.V.D., is appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery, St. Anthony Shrine in Boomer, and Good Shepherd Chapel in East Bank, with chaplaincy responsibilities at Mount Olive Correctional Complex

Father Thomas Anatharackal, C.S.T., is appointed administrator of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney, and Assumption Parish in Keyser

Father Manuel T. Gelido is appointed associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg also appointed chaplain for Hispanic ministry at St. Joseph Parish, and St. James Parish in Charles Town.

Jubilees of our Priests this year

25 years: Msgr. Kevin Quirk, Fr. Kent Durig, Fr. John Gallagher

50 years: Fr. Ron Getsinger, Fr. Pat McDonough, Fr. Bill Petro, Fr. Pat Wash

Priests retiring this year

Mrgr. Gene Ostrowski, Fr. Mario Claro, Fr. Larry Dorsch, Fr. Jim LaCrosse, Fr. Bob Periello, Fr. Rick Shoda

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

Pastor

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Music & Youth Director

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Our Pastoral Council

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| 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.

Our Contact Information:

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Our office hours are from 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday.
Web page: www.blessedsacramentwv.org

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New Tax Law Could Offer Great Financial Opportunity in Paying Catholic School Tuition

A new tax law passed late last year could offer a great financial opportunity for parents or guardians paying Catholic school tuition or wishing to send children to Catholic school.

The law contained a provision to expand “529 accounts,” tax-advantaged savings programs formerly limited to college costs, to include K-12 expenses. 529 accounts are typically begun by parents, who name their child as the designated beneficiary, and make small investments over a long period of time.

Money invested in the account grows tax-free, as long as funds are used to pay for education expenses. Beginning in 2018, up to \$10,000 in tuition at Catholic elementary and high schools is an allowable expense under both federal and West Virginia law. And it gets better – in West Virginia, taxpayers may deduct from their state taxable income any contribution they make to a 529 account.

These 529 policy changes could mean more West Virginia families are able to choose a Catholic education.

Before discussing the details of this opportunity and how families can use 529s, it is important to point out that 529 plans are investments and carry risk. Anyone thinking of investing in one should consult a financial advisor who can provide guidance tailored to individual situations.

How did it come to be that contributions are deductible on state taxes? Under federal law, states are the only entities that can found 529 plans. They then compete with each other for investments into their 529 savings plans. To encourage West Virginians to keep their college savings in-state, the state government allows unlimited deductions for investments in a 529 account.

With last year’s change in the federal definition of what is a qualified use of 529 funds, West Virginia’s definition changed as well (some state definitions have not changed, so if you have a 529 in another state, check with your plan provider if K-12 tuition expenses are allowed). The change also applies to all existing 529 accounts.

How should Catholics in West Virginia take advantage of this new option supporting educational choice? Families who are already enrolled in Catholic schools or considering future enrollment, should talk to a financial advisor about opening an account to fund their tuition costs.

The expansion of West Virginia’s 529 accounts to include K-12 expenses offers an exciting opportunity for families to access a Catholic education for their children. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, the Department of Catholic Schools at 304-233-0880 or online at www.wvcatholic schools.org.