

Blessed Sacrament Parish

July 8, 2018

*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, 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., Jo Midkiff, Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Gary Sutton, Andrew Thompson, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler, Lily Woolwine, Robin Welsh.

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

- by preparing and delivering hot meals "cooked with love" to parishioners who were recently discharged from hospitals!
- by volunteering to staff our reception desk to give our office manager more time for heavier tasks!
- by fulfilling sacristan duties for weekday and weekend Masses!
- by praying for the Church and the World before the Blessed Sacrament!
- by offering many kinds of assistance to parishioners in need!
- by keeping our gardens neat and attractive!

† May They Rest in Peace †

John Wheeler, husband to Sandy Wheeler
John Frohnappel, brother-in-law to Ken McNeil
Walter Lefkay, father to Joe Lefkay

Our New Directory! (and fabulous prizes!)

A very important step for a useful directory will be gathering **current contact information for all of our parishioners.** If you have not filled out one of our new registration forms during the past 2 weeks, please do so before or after Mass. If you would like us to mail or email a form to you, please go to our parish website at blessedsacramentwv.org or contact our parish office at 304-744-5523 / blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com

We will have a drawing from the box of registration forms this weekend, after the 11:30am Mass, for fabulous prizes. If you miss these weekends, registration forms will be available in the gathering space and on our website. **We will** also start calling and mailing parishioners for whom we did not receive new registration forms to check on their status and help them fill out a new form.

A Vocation Note

HE HAS A JOB that puts him in touch with dozens of interesting people each week: He smiles over coffee while a 95-year-old woman reminisces about her first date in 1920; he discusses Marxism with a world-class philosopher after a lecture.

Each day when he gets out of bed, he knows his work will make a difference. People knock on his door when they learn their spouses are sick, even dying. When they don't have the money to buy winter coats for their small children. Or when their parents have kicked them out of the house. He does his best to do something for them all, but he gets back even more. This is not a thankless job. Real appreciation is expressed in hugs, smiles and simple thank-you's.

His co-workers are well-trained and knowledgeable in their fields. And they are supportive, never competitive. They laugh a lot with him. Sometimes they cry with him. But they are always caring.

This job has brought out in him all sorts of hidden talents. He hadn't known what a flair he had for public speaking; now, after every talk, there are pats on the back. He hadn't known how much he liked children; now hundreds of kids know he's ticklish behind the knees. This is not a dead-end job. He is learning every day.

He is a priest. Does his job sound good to you?

New Windows

Our next energy-saving project is to **replace the metal-framed windows** in the red-brick portion of our building? (This area includes the office, all faith formation rooms, the gym, etc.)

- UV-filtering Low-E Glass and insulating argon gas.
- In summer, long-wave radiation from the sun will be reflected, keeping our building cooler.
- In winter, these windows will let in short-wave radiation from the sun as well as keep in the heat we already have.
- The U-factor is 0.27 and the SHGC is 0.29

These windows will be purchased from and installed by a local franchise of a national company, Window World.

The cost will be \$25,461.

Once again, your donations will make this improvement possible. Something we are considering, that could make sponsoring a window fun – **naming rights!** We will also have a **contest** to name a specific window – the name with the most votes wins! Please see the display in the gathering space for more information.

Two intriguing new “names” for the window (see display in the gathering area) – “Welcome” and “Hello.”

Update: Cards for Our Seminarians

Are you sending cards of support to any of our seminarians? Some of their addresses have changed with summer assignments. Please contact Peg by text at 412-580-2811 or by email at chesedpeg@gmail.com for updated info on your seminarian.

Not yet sending cards? Want to send some words of prayer and support for those preparing to serve God's children as priests? Again, contact Peg as above for up to date information. May we encourage them and lift them up in prayer!

Parish Disaster Response Team *now being formed*

Here at Blessed Sacrament we have accepted, from Catholic Charities, the challenge to form our own parish Disaster Response Team. This will include a small core group of trained and experienced planners/leaders and also a much larger pool of volunteers who are willing to be called on to go to the scene of a disaster to begin remedial service to those who may be harmed or displaced. These effort will be coordinated by the Catholic Charities Disaster Coordinator together with government and other organizations. **If YOU are interested in being part of either group, please contact our parish office! We can forward to you the substantial guidelines for the formation of our team.**

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

July 15 Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.

Do You Know Someone Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Invite and accompany them to our Summer Inquiry Sessions

Mondays July 16, August 13 7:00--9:00pm

No pressure; friendly Q& A; Refreshments

Meeting Room #5

Audience of One – Holy Hour and Reception for Catholic Young (~18 – 35) Adults

Friday, July 27

Prayer, song, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7:00pm.

A wine and cheese social will follow at 8:00pm in our parish hall.

Child-care available in our nursery.

No advance registration is required and there is no fee.

It is helpful if we know approximately how many children will be coming and their ages.

To give us that information or to ask any questions, please contact Mark Haas at:

markhaascatholic@gmail.com or call the church office at 304-744-5523.



Wild, Wonderful and Wet – Children of God

Vacation Bible School for all ages! Wednesday, Thursday, Friday August 8, 9, 10 6:00--8:00PM

Sign up now in the gathering space.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 18th

Parish Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 19

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 9 at Shawnee Park in Dunbar
Mass at 11:00am at the park

Thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, we will host well known liturgical singer and songwriter

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

in concert here at Blessed Sacrament

Friday, September 14 at 7:00pm

Admission is free but tickets **MUST** be obtained from our parish office.

There is a limit of 6 tickets per person and we require a specific name for each ticket.

We also require one contact phone number for the whole party of 6.

To get your tickets, please stop by our parish office (M – F, 9am – 3pm),

or see our music director, Mark Haas, after Mass in the choir area of the sanctuary.

A freewill offering will be taken up during the concert to help fund a new charitable project of our parish!

<https://johnmichaeltalbot.com/tour> <https://www.johnmichaeltalbot.com/events/concert-south-charleston-wv>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Michael_Talbot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmDwA6mdLlo&list=RDzmDwA6mdLlo&t=4>

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bransfield

October 28, 11:30 AM Mass

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend

November 10, 11, and 12 (Veteran's Day Weekend) at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

Questions and Registration: contact Mark Haas: markhaascatholic@gmail.com

PART-TIME JOB AVAILABLE

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality has an opening for a secretary. This is a part time position for 12 hours a week. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Molly Maloney, OSF, (304) 345-0926 or e-mail: wwissrmolly@aol.com

from Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center

HOW TO HELP MOTIVATE RECOVERY FROM ADDICTIONS

Do you know someone who struggles with substance abuse?

Are you concerned about the way drug and alcohol use have torn our communities apart?

Do you wonder if there is more you could be doing to help? There is!

Research shows that for every one person with a substance use disorder, four loved ones are negatively impacted. That means that throughout our beautiful state, many, many people are suffering.

Having a friend or loved one who abuses drugs and alcohol can feel like being on an emotional rollercoaster. How do we talk to our loved ones about their substance abuse? How can we better understand the challenges our loved ones are facing? Lecturing and arguing with our loved ones can feel hopeless and be frustrating for everyone involved.

This training is designed to help you be more effective when you talk to people about their drug and alcohol use.

KPCC Counseling is pleased to offer six FREE regional MOTIVATING RECOVERY workshops throughout the state of WV. Participants will learn how to engage persons who are abusing alcohol or drugs in various stages of their addiction and recovery: from denial and ambivalence, to preparation for change and taking a positive action.

TESTIMONIAL

"This workshop taught me what the research in evidence-based practices shows...actually being helpful is very different from what I thought it was." - Rev Barbara Chalfant

If you are interested in learning skills to help motivate recovery or in finding ways to use these skills effectively in your community, this class is for you.

This training is open to all persons, both professionals and non-professionals. Including counselors, social workers, nurses, peer recovery coaches, chaplains, clergy, and even concerned family and community members. Anyone interested in the using Motivational Interviewing as a resource for healing is welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Six CE credit hours available for LPC, SW, RN and NAADAC.

There is no cost for the training, however, there are a limited number of seats per class. Lunch is provided. Registration is required to attend.

Motivational Interviewing and CRAFT are evidence-based practices which can be highly effective in helping people make healthy choices about their behaviors. This training is sponsored by the WV Council of Churches, with generous funding from the Benedum Foundation.

Wednesday October 10 9:30am to 4:30pm at Marshall University

To register call KPCC at: (304) 346-9689 or <http://kpcc.com/events-and-workshops/>

**New Resource Guide for Relative/Kinship Caregivers
Mission West Virginia Relatives as Parents Program (WV RAPP)
provides new resource for families parenting children of their relatives**

WV RAPP on June 8, 2018 launched

A Guide to Navigating Resources and Benefits for Relative/Kinship Caregivers in West Virginia

online at <https://www.missionwv.org/rapp>. It provides information on issues relating to relative/kinship care and highlights local programs for support and assistance and may be downloaded and printed freely in whole or part.

Mission West Virginia WV RAPP partners with WV Bureau of Senior Services and the Brookdale Foundation to provide information, assistance and training to both caregivers and professionals regarding parenting education, legal and financial issues, educational and life success, etc. as well as networking and advocacy to increase awareness of relative caregiving needs and access to services for caregivers. West Virginia has one of the highest rates of relative/kinship caregiving in the nation.

For more information on the resource guide or WV RAPP, visit the website above or contact Carolyn Suppa at csuppa@missionwv.org.

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

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Our Pastoral Council

Susan Churchill, facilitator	David Elliott	Kay Margocee	Matthew Crabtree
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John Gianola	Travis Green	Tom McLane	Joe Gresham
Joe Jenkins	Molly Linehan	Rick Brennan	Vince Stricker

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.
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