

Blessed Sacrament Parish - September 9, 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:

Karen Bowling, John Bullock, Don Churchill, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Jody DeBias, Ro DeBias, Karol Dunford, Joe Eisel, Patty Farry, Marietta Fenton, Patty Geissinger, Roger Green, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, John & Claire Johnson, Joe Lynch, John Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alex Mansfield, Jr., Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Linda Suson, Gary Sutton, Andrew Thompson, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler, Lily Woolwine, Robin Welsh.

May They Rest in Peace

Barbara Fisher, mother of Jeff Schrider
Jody DeBias, our former pastor and husband of Ro DeBias

Thanks be to God for inspiring our Good Stewards:

- who put on a wonderful pancake breakfast Aug 19!
- who participated in a meeting of the liturgy committee Aug 14!
- who have begun to work as a disaster relief team!
- who did many extra chores during the pastor's absence!
- who led and participated in the holy hour for vocations Aug 19!
- who gave lots of help with the volunteer appreciation dinner Aug 26!
- who participated in the RCIA team meeting Aug 27!
- who have spoken and listened sensitively at our after-Mass listening sessions!
- who has printed out our special event posters!
- who prepared, led, recorded and participated in our pastoral council meeting Sep 4!
- who are preparing for another Kairos retreat for prisoners!

New Windows

Thank you for your very positive responses to our project to save energy costs by replacing the **windows** in the red-brick portion of our building! (This area includes the office, all faith formation rooms, the gym, etc.) The cost of this project is about \$25,000. We have received donations, **\$9,560** and affirming statements from so many. Thank you! (Of course, more donations and encouragement are always welcome!) The swap-out of new windows for old ones will probably be in September.

How does someone become Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our weekly meetings begin this Monday, September 10 at 7:00pm in Room 5. Please invite anyone whom you know may be curious, interested, wondering – or even convinced already! Our fundamental reason to exist is to share the great wealth of our faith in Jesus Christ in as many ways as we can! It's always ideal for a parishioner to accompany a guest if possible. Questions? Please contact Jeanne Haas at haasjeanne@hotmail.com.

Vocation Notes

She woke up at 15 or 16 and found something tugging at heart.

She is just a normal young lady who listened to her heart.

Hear Sister Anne Elizabeth's short story of a vocation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNyGbeHUrGE>

Announcing Our New Family Faith Formation Program!

All households are warmly welcomed to our new Family Faith Formation this fall! The goals of this program are to encourage and equip parents to live and teach their children the Catholic faith in the home as well as in the parish. "Families" include all households – no matter what the configuration – everyone is welcome.

On the **first Sunday of every month** households will gather at 1:00—2:30pm in the parish hall. After shared prayer and scripture, children in Grades 1-12 will go forth to meet with catechists while adults remain to discuss topics of faith and receive tools to strengthen the knowledge of the topics with their children at home. Childcare for younger children will be provided. [*These sessions will replace the Youth Nights of the past year.*]

Our curriculum will consist of a four-year rotation based on the four pillars of faith outline in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Liturgy, Morality and Prayer. This year, 2018/2019, the Creed which we all profess will be explored. Our first session will be on **Sunday, October 7 at 1:00-2:30pm.**

On the **third Sunday of every month**, 1:00-3:00pm, all households are invited to a gathering in the parish hall that will provide "hands on" activities. The creating of blessing cups, decorative wall crosses, Jesse trees and prayer pretzels are some of the activities planned. **Our first session will be on Sunday, October 21 at 1:00-3:00pm.**

Due to the new and unique qualities of this Faith Formation program, informational meetings will be held for parents and adults interested in participating. You may choose either to attend **Sunday, September 23 at 10:15-11:15am or Thursday, September 27 at 7:00-8:00pm.** Also, Jeanne Haas is happy to answer any questions. Contact Jeanne at 304-744-5523 or haasjeanne@hotmail.com

The staff and catechists are excited to offer this new way of forming adults and children in the faith! We hope you make plans to join us!

Our parishioner **Mike Granata** invites our prayerful support for his son Ethan who has enrolled in Pensacola Christian College with the goal of serving God's people in church ministry. If you would like to send him a message of encouragement: Ethan Michael Granata; PCC Box 2304; 250 Brent Lane; Pensacola, FL 32503.

Funeral Arrangements for Jody DeBias

Visitation: Friday, September 21	5:00pm – 8:00pm, concluding with prayer
Visitation: Saturday, September 22	11:00am – 12:00noon
Mass: Saturday, September 22	12:00noon

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 9 at Shawnee Park in Dunbar

Mass in the Grass at 11:00am

Please sign-up in the Gathering Space

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!

******* Note: We've already given away about 400 tickets! *******

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 6:00pm, Parish Office

Vocation Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 16 at 10:15am in the Parish Office.

All are welcome to join our efforts to stir up the consciousness of our people about our great need for men and women who are called to Holy Orders and Religious Life!

Confirmation Candidates' Day of Service - Sunday, September 16

Begins with the Celebration of 11:30am Mass

Service Projects 1:00-5:00pm

Catechism of *The Lord of the Rings*

Tuesday, September 14th, 7:00PM

Finding Catholicism in Middle Earth

Permanent Deacon Inquiry Group

A small group of Catholic men who are interested in learning more about the calling, life and ministry of permanent deacons will gather again here at Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday September 20** from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in our Conference Room. Coffee/tea and dessert will be served. Our presenter will be Deacon John Yaquinta from Morgantown. All parishioners, and members of any parish are most welcome. If you plan to attend, please send a brief message to: snowman25303@hotmail.com.

Parish Movie Event: "I Can Only Imagine"

Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00pm in our Parish Hall

Free for everyone. Donations are welcome. Snacks will be provided by our Dismas Men's Club.

Movie Discussion Guides will be prepared, and Discussion Time after the movie for those that wish to remain.

Movie Rating: PG (some violence) (*See the description at the end of these announcements.*)

Coming Events at Blessed Sacrament . . . continued

**New Family Faith Formation Program
Parent Information Meetings**

Sunday, September 23, 10:15-11:15am or Thursday, September 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Holy Hour for Vocations

Plan to join us Sunday, September 30 at 4:00pm in our Chapel for an hour of prayer and silence focused on calling forth and supporting those whom God is calling to Holy Orders and Religious Life today. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we will close with Benediction.

Opening Family Faith Formation Gathering

Sunday, October 7, 1:00-2:30pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bransfield - October 28, 11:30 AM Mass

Cardboard City

October 13/14

Labor for Neighbor

Sunday, November 4th

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

Our Partners in Community Service

Children's Therapy Clinic Fundraiser

19th Annual Golf Tournament



Children's Therapy Clinic provides therapy services (physical, speech, occupational and music therapies and an autism socialization program) to children with special needs in the Kanawha Valley. They serve children from low-income families and those with insufficient or no insurance coverage for their condition. Since 1935, they have helped children take their first steps, speak their first words and live more independent lives.

Star USA Federal Credit Union will host its 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Little Creek Country Club on Friday, September 7th. All proceeds will go to the Children's Therapy Clinic. For more information, call Steve or Jessica at 304-357-2319. **Please send applications to : Star USA FCU, Golf Tournament, One Cantley Drive, Charleston WV 25314.** Checks should be made payable to **Star USA FCU.**

Please indicate your level of sponsorship:

Co-Sponsorship - \$1200 (6 Months of Therapy for a Child)

Star Bright Sponsorship- \$350

Star Light Sponsorship - \$175

2 Player Team- \$200

Player Fee- \$100

Giveaway or Donation:

Participate by any of the following methods:

- Co-Sponsorship (\$1200) includes:
- Name on all Advertising, 2 Team Entry Fee, Beverages and Awards Banquet
- Star Bright Sponsorship (\$350) includes:
- Hole Sponsorship, Team Entry Fee, Beverages and Awards Banquet
- Star Light Sponsorship (\$175) includes:
- Name Placement on the Course
- 2 Player Team Fee (\$200) includes:
- Green Fee, Cart, Beverages and Awards Banquet

NAME:
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EMAIL:
TEAM MEMBER #1:
HANDICAP:
TEAM MEMBER #2:
HANDICAP:



Other Items of Interest

A NEW note about Father Patrick McDonough, pastor of St. Francis Church, Saint Albans

Father Pat has returned to his rectory! Notes of prayer and encouragement may be sent to him at: St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1023 6th Ave; St. Albans, WV 25177.

Recommendation for our Charity

and another way to support vocations to the priesthood
from Bob and Irene Galloway

Our diocese has been blessed with priests from other countries to help maintain a Catholic presence and serve parishes in West Virginia. The Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life located in Andhra Pradesh, India. They presently have three priests serving in our diocese: Logan, (Rev. Yesu Golla - 8 years), Oak Hill, (Rev Soosai Arpudam Arokiadass - 11 years), and Ravenswood, (Rev Penumaka Manikyalerao -6 years).

We have been sponsoring two HGN seminarians for a few years and we have been made aware of a pressing need at their seminary.

Saint John's minor seminary in India is in dire need of replacing the old kitchen, (circa 1980) with a sturdy and functional new kitchen. Plans have been drawn and estimated cost is \$31,500. If you would like more detail feel free to contact us at boatingcpa@gmail.com.

Tax deductible contributions can be made payable to "Heralds of Good News" and mailed to: Fr. Yesu Golla at Saint Francis Assisi Church; 561 Main Street; Logan WV 25601 and he will forward them to India.

BUENAS NOTICIAS

**A toda la Comunidad Hispana del área de Charleston,
se les invita a participar a la Misa Dominical en español.**

¿Dónde? En la Iglesia de Santa Inés 47th y 4807 Staunton Ave. Charleston, WV 25304

¿A qué hora? A las 12:30 pm.

¡Te Esperamos!

Calling All Men Ages 21-100!

Plan now to attend A Regathering of Catholic Men on **Saturday, November 3, 2018** at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center from 9:00 am-2:00 pm featuring talks by Monsignor Dean Borgmeyer, Father Brian Crenwelge and Deacon Peter Minogue on Being Closer Tied with Christ in Body, Mind and Spirit. Mark Haas will be the featured soloist. The cost for the regathering is \$50.00 with a registration deadline of October 22, 2018. For additional information contact Dr. Bob Harrison at 304-932-8246 or DRBOBWV@AOL.COM.

The Next Step

By Bob Sylvester

We are several friends trying to start a storytelling group. Our primary motivator is Dr. Joe Cronin, a Professor at Antioch University who lives in Charleston, WV. Joe has taught writing and philosophy in higher education for 27 years. He has developed a successful online writing and literature program at Antioch University, and served on the Board of the Antioch Writers' Workshop for 10 years.

Although we are not affiliated with any 12-step program or a faith-based organization, our group name, "The Next Step," is inspired by the Twelve Steps of addiction recovery and our efforts to further hone the life skills of recovery. Those not involved in addiction recovery will also benefit from and add to the richness of the group.

We hope to form a group of writers and storytellers who wish to create an open environment for people to share their experiences with a cooperative, supportive group. We look at storytelling, be it in written or oral form, as identification, healing, and creativity. We each possess the seeds of our future. Storytelling is a process of discovery, a process of finding the deeper sources and springs within ourselves from which we can give birth to a new sense of purpose and achieve growth.

Join us if you wish to share your experience, strength, and hope through storytelling. We believe that the world is a fount of creativity and that through the word, we can rediscover the foundations of who we are, and what we wish to accomplish.

Our gatherings will take place on the last three Mondays of each month at The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality, 1601 Virginia St., East, Charleston, WV, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, beginning September 10. Snacks and Wi Fi will be provided. We ask for a small, voluntary donation.

For more information please contact: Joe Cronin at jcronin@antioch.edu, 937-344-4349, or Bob Sylvester, bsyl@msn.com, 304-552-9661. A brochure can be found in the Blessed Sacrament gathering space.

Parish Movie Event: "I Can Only Imagine"
Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00pm in our Parish Hall

The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. The movie opens with Bart Millard as a 10 year old living in Greenville, Texas, with an alcoholic and abusive father Arthur (played by Dennis Quaid). Bart is dropped at a Christian camp by his mother, who has left home by the time he returns from the camp. A few years later, Bart's high school football career ends as he suffers a broken leg or ankle, and is told he will never play again. Shortly after the accident, while at school, the music director hears him singing a song, is moved by his performance, and casts him as the lead in the school production of "Oklahoma". In this role, his singing blows everyone away.

Upon graduating from high school Bart leaves Texas with his guitar to pursue a life in music. He ends up in Oklahoma City where he meets a band that would eventually become the group MercyMe. While playing at youth camps and Christian organizations, they catch the attention of producer Scott Brickell (played by Trace Adkins), who works with the band and tells Bart he needs to be more real. Bart is very defensive about these critiques. Scott gets MercyMe a Nashville showcase with many recording executives and introduces Bart to Christian music stars Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith. While the showcase goes well enough, they tell Bart he's either not good enough or not ready. Bart takes this hard and leaves the band to go home and "right some wrongs" before getting back with the band.

Bart returns home to find his father has been reading the Bible and is working to becoming a better man. Bart is skeptical, especially after all the physical abuse as he grew up. Eventually he learns of his father's grave condition (Pancreatic cancer) and that he's working on becoming a good Christian, and they bond at the end of his life. A few months later, after his father's funeral, Bart heads back to rejoin MercyMe. On the tour bus he is struck by inspiration and starts writing the lyrics to what will be the song "I Can Only Imagine."

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

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Our Pastoral Council

Susan Churchill, facilitator	Rick Brennan	Matthew Crabtree	Ann Dever	Jack Dever
John Dever	Tim Frye	John F. Gianola	Travis Green	Joe Gresham
Matt Hayes	Ken Holz	Joe Jenkins	Laura Jennings	Bob Lucas
Philip Maramba	Tom McLane	Tim Norris	Colleen O'Neill	Jocelyn Ponciano
Danny Scalise	Bob Sylvester	Reagan Whitmeyer	Tiffany Wilson	

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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