



**April 13, 2025**



**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	04/12	5:00 pm	+	Joanna Amsbary Brennan by Linda Sutton
Sunday	04/13	9:00 am		People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Martha Gresham by St. Anne's Guild
Monday	04/14			
Tuesday	04/16			
Wednesday	04/16			We will not have Mass today.
Thursday	04/17	6:00pm	+	McVay and McKinney Families by Natalie Zellers
Friday	04/18	6:00pm		Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Saturday	04/19	8:00 pm		Candidates and Catechumens
Sunday	04/20	9:00 am		Newly Initiated Parishioners
		11:30 am		Newly Initiated Parishioners

**We Remember in Our Prayers**

Richard B, Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, Mary Cole, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, John Ellison, Marietta Fenton, Bob Galloway, Mary Gargarella, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, Brad Grishaber, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, Claire Johnson, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alec Mansfield, Pam Miller, Keith Morgan, Missy Mowrer, Diane Roberts, Stan Rucker, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Crystal Wharton, Sandy Wheeler, Kevin Whelan, Urecki family

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## Hygiene Weekend

**Parishioners are encouraged to wear red for Palm Sunday**

### Saturday, April 12

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am in Room 5
- **Reconciliation** – **10:15am** and **4:00pm to 4:30pm** in the Reconciliation Room

### Sunday, April 13

- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Adult Faith Formation** – 10:15am to 11:15am - Church History – Parish Hall
- **Dismas Men's Group** - 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Conference Room

### Monday, April 14

- **OCIA Meeting** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall or Room 5
- **Pastoral Council** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 2

### Tuesday, April 15

- **BSP Lyres Club**- 5:30pm to 6:30pm

### Wednesday, April 16

- **Bible Sharing** – 6:30pm to 8:00pm – Room 5

### Thursday, April 17

### Friday, April 18

- **Stations of the Cross** – 5:30 to 6:00pm in the Worship Area.

### Saturday, April 19

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am in Room 5
- **Reconciliation** – **10:15am** and **4:00pm to 4:30pm** in the Reconciliation Room

### Sunday, April 20

## Easter Sunday

**Blessed Sacrament Parish  
Online Giving Portal**

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/bspwv>



Thank you for your generosity.

## Holy Week at Blessed Sacrament Parish

<b>April 11-12</b>	5pm, 9 & 11:30 am	Palm Sunday begins in the Parish Hall
<b>April 17</b>	6pm	Holy Thursday: Foot Washing, Eucharistic Procession & Adoration
<b>April 18</b>	Noon 6pm	Stations of the Cross Good Friday: Passion Reading, Veneration of the Cross
<b>April 19</b>	8pm	Easter Vigil
<b>April 20</b>	9 & 11:30 am	Easter Sunday Masses: Renewal of Baptismal Promises



Please return your Rice Bowls (a fundraiser for Catholic Relief Services during Lent) this weekend and next weekend. We will have a small cart in the gathering area where you can place them.

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## April 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

We will have a garden in the chapel for a Holy Thursday vigil until midnight.

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## April 19

### Easter Vigil Reception, at 10:15 PM (approx.)

Please join us at the Easter Vigil Reception immediately following the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 19 to help us welcome our new members to the parish family. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. You are invited to bring a dish to share if you are able. Sign-up sheets will be available starting this weekend in the gathering space. Please sign up if you are planning to attend so that we can properly plan. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Terry Mathias at 304-741-0045 or [tsmathias@earthlink.net](mailto:tsmathias@earthlink.net).

## April 24



### Lunch Bunch: Please note the date change!

Friends, In deference to Holy Week, Lunch Bunch has been moved back one week to April 24th. We will still begin with noon Mass, and our menu this month will be homemade chicken potpies. Please feel free to participate by bringing a salad, side dish, or dessert. Cleanup assistance afterward is also appreciated. Most important though is that all are welcome!

Kathy Monahan and the Lunch Bunch Team

## BookMark

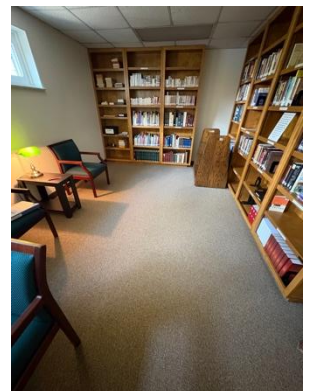
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Welcome to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Library! We exist to serve you, our Parish Patrons.

The Library is open for business in Room 6! The theme for April is Easter.

- (Adult) *The Passion of Christ* by Erika Geiss
- (Adult) *Spirituality for Lent and Easter* by Gerard F. Baumbach
- (Pre-School) *The Story of Easter* by Brundage
- (Juvenile) *The Easter Story* by Carol Heyer

The Blessed Sacrament Library contains books, CDs, and DVDs that reflect a strong catholic emphasis. Questions? Comments? Just email me at [BSCCLibrary@proton.me](mailto:BSCCLibrary@proton.me). John C. Priestley II



## New Roof (over our worship area) and Solar Panel Array – updated (again) article.

### We're almost there!

When I became your Pastor in June 2022, a remarkable project was nearing completion and soon to go online: the Solar Panels on the school roof. It has made a huge difference in our electric bill as evidenced when no solar power was harvested for more than a few weeks due to ice and snow. We owed \$6,245 to Appalachian Electric Power. Fr. John Finnell and the Finance Council were understandably proud of the fact that it was paid up front by parishioners.

The Energy Efficiency Committee recommended and the Finance Council agreed our Capital Improvement Project for this year will be to replace the church roof (worship area) and install solar panels. The panels atop the school produce 64% of our energy usage. New panels on the church roof will bring this up to 85%. We are still eligible for government and N.G.O. grants if work begins in 2025. These grants may not be available in 2026. We have a strong possibility of a \$50,000 grant from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to help with the project.

New Roof - \$98,128.                  New Solar Array - \$97,451.                  Project Total - \$195,579.

Here is how we hope to finance this improvement.

\$50,000	Grant from the Diocese
\$25,000	Distribution from Endowment Fund
\$120,579	Donations from Parishioners

We have already received **\$100,350** with another **\$16,000** pledged. **This means we only need \$4,229 more!** Wow! Your donation can help us reach our goal. I ask that whatever you donate be both an expression of your heart felt appreciation for Blessed Sacrament Parish and be in addition to, and not a replacement of, whatever you regularly give. Please place your offering in the collection basket and write Building Project in the memo. The parishioners of Blessed Sacrament are well-known for acts of generosity. Our first solar panel project was an excellent example of our ability to come together, and I am confident that this second phase will be equally successful. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts and commitment to care for our common home.

Fr. Paul

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Natalie [bsccwv@gmail.com](mailto:bsccwv@gmail.com) or me [pjw424@gmail.com](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com) Thank you. God bless you.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK :

Saint Julia Billiard

April 8

Mary Rose Julia Billiard was born on July 12, 1751, northern France. Julie knew the catechism by heart by the age of seven, when she began teaching it to her friends. At the age of 14, she took a vow of chastity. Then, she devoted her life to serving the sick and the poor. Julie knew that she wanted to enter the religious life. Julie was admired for her beautiful embroidery and lace. She sold these items in her family's store and donated to local churches and to the nearby Carmelite convent.

When Julie was 16, robbers invaded her home and shot her father as she stood by helplessly. He recovered from the incident. But, the trauma caused Julie, who was then 23, to become paralyzed and a complete invalid. Julie spent twenty-two years confined to her bed. However, she continued to do God's work. During this time, she received the Eucharist daily and spent four or five hours in contemplative prayer, Julie spent the remainder of her day making altar linen and lace for the altar. She also taught the village children catechism in preparation for First Communion from her bed.

During the French Revolution, Julie opened her home as a hiding place for loyal priests, which forced her to flee and hide from danger. Throughout her suffering and trials, she steadfastly trusted in God's goodness. Her motto was: "Oh, qu'il est bon, le bon Dieu" (Ah, how good the good God is!").

After her confessor instructed her to pray a novena, Julia was miraculously healed of her paralysis on June 1, 1804, and resumed her work. At the age of 53 on October 15, 1804, Julie and her very good friend, Françoise Blin de Bourdon, along with two other women, made their vows as Sisters of Notre Dame dedicated to the education of the poor as well as young Christian girls and the training of catechists. In January 1816, Julia became ill. After three months of pain that she patiently endured in silence, she died praying on April 8, 1816 in Namur, Belgium in the motherhouse at the age of 64. Saint Julia Billiard a Patron Saint of educators and teachers, against poverty; bodily ills; disease.

source: <https://findthesaint.com/saints/saint-julie-billiard/>

# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 142

*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.*

Still He Walked

He could hear the crowds screaming “crucify” “crucify”...  
He could hear the hatred in their voices,  
These were his chosen people. He **loved** them,  
And they were going to **crucify** him.

He was beaten,  
bleeding and  
weakened...  
his heart was broken,  
**But still He walked.**

He could see the crowd as he came from the palace.  
He knew each of the faces so well. He had created them.  
He knew every smile, laugh, and shed tear,  
But now they were contorted with rage and anger...  
his heart broke,  
**But still He walked.**

Was he scared?  
You and I would have been,  
so his humanness would Have mandated that he was.  
He felt alone.  
His disciples had  
left,  
denied, and even  
betrayed him.

He searched the crowd for a loving face  
and he saw very few.  
Then he turned his eyes to the only one that mattered  
and he knew that he would never be alone.  
He looked back at the crowd,  
at the people who were  
spitting at him,  
throwing rocks at him and  
mocking him  
and he knew that because of him,  
they would never be alone.  
**So for them, He walked.**

The sounds of the hammer striking the spikes echoed through  
the crowd.  
The sounds of his cries echoed even louder.  
The cheers of the crowd,  
as his hands and feet were nailed to the cross,  
intensified with each blow.

Loudest of all was the still small voice  
inside his heart that whispered

“I am with you, my son.”

And God’s heart broke.

He had let his son walk.

Jesus could have asked God to end his suffering,  
But instead he asked God to forgive.  
Not to forgive him,  
but to forgive the ones who were persecuting him.  
As he hung on that cross,  
dying an unimaginable death,  
He looked out and saw,  
not only the faces in the crowd,  
but also, the face of every person yet to be,  
And his heart filled with love.

As his body was dying, his *heart was alive*.  
Alive with the limitless, unconditional love  
he feels for each of us.

***That is why He walked.***

When I forget how much My God loves me,  
I remember his walk.  
When I wonder if I can be forgiven,  
I remember his walk.  
When I need reminded of how to live like Christ,  
I think of his walk.  
And to show him how much I love him,  
I wake up each morning, turn my eyes to him,  
And I walk.

— written by Carrie McCutcheon

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

<b>Sun</b>	04/13	Mike Granata / Jeni Riser
<b>Mon</b>	04/14	Shelley Nason / Kathy Pojman / Heather Pilcher
<b>Tue</b>	04/15	Musilli Family
<b>Wed</b>	04/16	Mary Odin / Connie Jarzynski / Theresa O’Leary / Pippa Maramba
<b>Thu</b>	04/17	Bowles Family
<b>Fri</b>	04/18	Mary Burriss / Ruth Conrad
<b>Sat</b>	04/19	Ruth L Kirk / Paul Wharton

**Upcoming Seminarian Birthdays.**

Birthday cards keep us connected - cards are a small gesture that make someone feel thought of in a way that email does not achieve. Please consider sending a card to:

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Michael J. Tupta - Pontifical North American College 00120 Vatican City State

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Clifton Mastran - Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary 558 South Avenue Weston, MA 02493

Peruvian owls always hunt in pairs.  
It's because they are Inca hoots.



**MANNA MEAL**

SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

**MANNA MEAL/KROGER  
PICK UP SCHEDULE**

**APRIL**

April 15 Matt Leary  
 April 16 Edd McDevitt  
 April 22 Dennis Thornburg  
 April 23 Kelley Endres  
 April 29 Don Becher  
 April 30 Anne Davis

**Liturgical Ministries – April 12 & 13**

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	J Priestley J Deegan	P Council T DiPiero	T McLane S Churchill
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C Council D Bowles	M Mathias J Mattix	J Crane J Mattix
<b>Principal</b>	J McGarrity	R Plutro	R Brennan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	D Lewia S Franciss	B Sherrard O Duarte	C Frye J Midkiff
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		J Lilly B Sherrard M Summey	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	K McNeil J Providenti	P Cochran B Cornell	M B Abbott T Greene T Champe

### Holy Thursday

	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	C Stricker
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C Council R Brennan
<b>Principal</b>	T Mathias
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	R DeBias
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	R Norman S Nason

### Good Friday

	6:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>	R DeBias
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C & V Stricker
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	D McLaughlin & B Schissler

### Liturgical Ministries – April 19 & 20

	8:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	P Nagem R Brennan V Russo	P Nagem	K Lester
<b>Altar Servers</b>	K Lewia J Matics		J Shawler R Brennan
<b>Principal</b>	V Stricker	P Musilli T Streit	C Frye J Knox
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Sub Needed</b>	A Bradley J Aluise M Hayes	C & P Council P Garnet
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		T Aluise S Bowyer A Bradley	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	D Lewia J Providenti	B Cornell D McLaughlin S Nason	T Greene R Norman A Sites





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Our parish office is open 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.

**Second Collections - cash, envelopes, or checks made out to Blessed Sacrament may be placed in a marked box in the Gathering Space.**

 <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Online Giving Portal</a></p>	 <p>Give Trees Online To support Blessed Sacrament (all funds raised will go to our Garden Project), click here: <a href="https://blessedsacramentwv.givetrees.online/cause/give-a-tree/">https://blessedsacramentwv.givetrees.online/cause/give-a-tree/</a>        or click on the QR code:</p>
<p><b>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton</b>        E-mail: <a href="mailto:pjw424@gmail.com">pjw424@gmail.com</a>        Cell Phone: 304-433-7472        (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deacons</b>        Deacon Tony O’Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 /        email: <a href="mailto:aoleary@dwc.org">aoleary@dwc.org</a>        Deacon Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003 /        email: <a href="mailto:tross@dwc.org">tross@dwc.org</a></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council:</b>        Terry Mathias, facilitator, Chip Council, Rick Brennan, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher,        Dan McLaughlin, Jonathan Perry, Katie Smithberger, Charlie Wilson</p>	

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**DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON**

**How to Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children**

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. 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, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop’s designees 1311 Byron St., PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 Fax: 304.233.4086 Phone 304.230.1504 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. You may also visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.”