

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

## April 14, 2024



**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	04/13	5:00 pm	+	John Lordan by Mary Alice Gentry
Sunday	04/14	9:00 am		The People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
Monday	04/15			
Tuesday	04/16			
Wednesday	04/17	Noon		Blessings for Tristan Steele and Mary Jo Yackley by Missy M.
Thursday	04/18	Noon	+	Dr. Joe Fernandes by Kathleen & Bob Groom
Friday	04/19	Noon	+	John Lordan by Mary Burriss
Saturday	04/20	5:00pm	+	Joseph DeBias by Ro DeBias
Sunday	04/21	9:00 am	+	Linda Geronilla by Kathleen & Bob Groom
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish

### We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Loretta DiGiorgi, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Bob Galloway, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, Brad Grishaber Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, Claire Johnson, Anita Lorenzo, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Keith Morgan, Diane Roberts, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Sandy Wheeler, and the Urecki family



### Hygiene Weekend

### Hygiene Products for Rehabilitation Centers and Quick Response Teams

On the second Sunday of each month, parishioners are encouraged to donate hygiene products (especially sanitary napkins, shampoo, and toothpaste). Our Tithe Fund uses

monetary donations to purchase items for these kits. A hygiene kit is used to hold personal care items that clean, comfort, and groom a person's body. Our hygiene kits are used by women and men in addiction recovery or emergencies. Please contact Rory Isaac at [roryisaac823@gmail.com](mailto:roryisaac823@gmail.com) or Mary Odin at [wmodin@frontier.com](mailto:wmodin@frontier.com) if you wish to help.

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, April 13

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

## Sunday, April 14

- **Faith Formation for Students** – 10:15am
- **Blessed Sacrament Symposium –The Problem and Mystery of Suffering I** - 10:15am

## Monday, April 15

- **OCIA** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B
- **Parkinson's Support Group** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Conference Room

## Tuesday, April 16 (The office is closed.)

- **Liturgy Committee** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Office

## Wednesday, April 17

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Room 5
- **Bible Sharing** – 6:30pm in Room 5 and Zoom

**Study Guide:** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/april-17-2024/?wpdmdl=1721&refresh=66192f883894f1712926600>

**Zoom link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/tZ0lduisqD0sE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORP/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj\\_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY](https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/tZ0lduisqD0sE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORP/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY)

## Thursday, April 18

- **Lunch Bunch** after the Noon Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Youth Meeting** – 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Gathering Area
- **Bell Rehearsal** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

## Friday, April 19

## Saturday, April 20

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

## Sunday, April 21

- **Faith Formation for Students** – 10:15am
- **Blessed Sacrament Symposium –The Problem and Mystery of Suffering II** - 10:15am

## April 18

Please join us for Lunch Bunch on Thursday, April 18th, following noon Mass.

Whatever the food, the companionship and celebration will be joyous, so plan to attend and invite friends and family.

The Lunch Bunch Team

### Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.



## + Blessed Sacrament Symposium +

How do people of faith deal with the misery and mystery of suffering and evil in the world? Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote a bestselling book *Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?* You are invited to come in person or live stream the three part exploration of this topic on line or in person or online in the Church. Presenters and panelists may include some of the following: Molly Linehan-Belcher, Mary Odin, Terry Matthias, Tony O'Leary, and Tommy Ross.

April 14 - 10:15 am - The Problem and Mystery of Suffering I - in the church/streamed  
How Christians Need to Discuss the Topic, Bad Solutions and So-so Solutions

April 21- 10:15 am - The Problem and Mystery of Suffering II- in the church/streamed  
More So-so Solutions

April 28- 10:15 am - The Problem and Mystery of Suffering III- in the church/streamed  
Towards a Solution and the Christian Response to Suffering

These presentations are open to the public. Here's an idea. Invite a friend or lapsed Catholic to come to the 9am Mass with you, enjoy coffee with cookies, and listen to the presentations. Discussion and questions will follow.



### “Many hands and cheerful hearts make light work.”

We have many tasks to do that will benefit everyone and will take a little of time if you volunteer to help us with them. We will post these tasks here and on a corkboard in the gathering area. (Let Natalie know if you would like to help: 304-744-5523 or [BSCCWV@gmail.com](mailto:BSCCWV@gmail.com))

The following would be great for parent/child teams:

### Counting Hosts



Placing hosts in baggies in groups of 25 and 50

Time Requirement: every two weeks

This helps the people who set the Lord's Table for each Mass.

### Message Board



Changing the messages on our sign at the corner of E Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Time Requirement: 10 minutes – 1 hour  
Perhaps once a month

## **April 20 – May 5: Food Drive for Good Shepherd Food Pantry, Coalburg**

We will have a Spring food drive for the needy starting next weekend. Crackers and soup, bags of rice and beans, boxes of cereal and cans of meat, peanut butter, etc. All the things you have so generously donated in the past. Please bring your donations to the walkway between the gathering area and the parish hall.

## **Upcoming Flooring Project**

**What is it?** We will have asbestos floor tiles removed and replaced with new flooring.

**Where?** The first and second floors of the original school building.

**Why?** Asbestos is a health hazard.

### **Yes, I know, but why now?**

The initial project was to replace the carpet in the first floor hallway. Since removal of the carpet could break the floor tiles underneath it, the tiles were tested for and found to contain asbestos. These tiles were used throughout the school building.

After consultation with John Reardon, Director of Buildings and Property for our Diocese, Finance Council recommended we remove the asbestos now rather than later. None of us wanted people in the future regretting that we didn't take care of this when we could.

### **How will we pay for it?**

The total cost will be about \$80,000. Our parish has applied for a 50% matching grant from our Diocese. (Some may remember the Diocese gave us a matching grant of \$15,000 to replace two HVAC units last year.) Also, we have funds that were set aside in prior years for capital projects like this.

### **Who was involved in the decision-making process?**

Parish Staff, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and several parishioners who had helpful experience and wisdom to share.

**When?** Late July through mid-September. Packing up will be in earnest beginning July 1.

### **What kind of inconveniences will there be?**

An awful lot! That's why we're doing this in the summer when things slow down activity-wise.

Our meeting rooms and office cannot be used during this project. Neither can our gym and parish hall as they will be storage areas for all the stuff moved from the office and meeting rooms.

The south entrance will be closed for most of the project. We will ask the more able-bodied to park in the south parking lot and walk around to our north entrance for Mass.

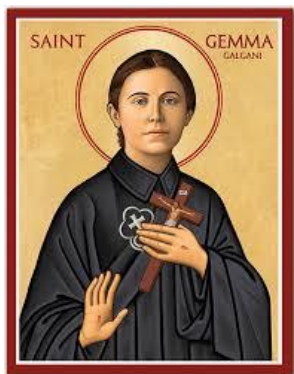
We will have a temporary office set up in the community room, near the parish hall.

### **How can we help?**

Be patient and kind with each other. Everyone will be inconvenienced by this.

Prayers for the safety of the workers and the sanity of our staff are welcome, and oatmeal raisin cookies.





Saint Gemma Galgani was canonized not for her ecstasies, the stigmata she bore or for her prophecies. She was canonized for her virtue. . . Although the ridicule and accusations hurt Gemma, she never complained or retaliated. Instead, she forgave those who hurt her and prayed for them. . .

Gemma was born on March 12, 1878 in the region of Tuscany, Italy. She was the fourth of eight children, and the oldest daughter. . . Gemma was so devout and intelligent, it was decided she should be Confirmed at age 7. . . . She received First Holy Communion at age 9, years earlier than was customary at the time. The priest at the school said he was afraid she would die from longing if he didn't let her receive. She received her First Communion on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. . . In 1897, her father lost everything. All of his

property and income were seized because of poor business decisions. He died penniless that same year. With no inheritance to help them, Gemma and her younger siblings were taken in by relatives. . .

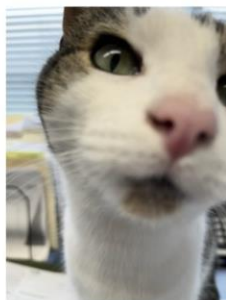
She returned to Lucca to live with another family and became seriously ill. Her spine became curved and inflamed. She had lesions on her scalp and lost her hair. She suffered in agony for more than a year. She had visions of St. Gabriel Possenti (who at the time was not yet beatified), Jesus, Mary, and the devil. She endured surgery without chloroform on tumors on her spine and head. Then on Feb. 23, 1899, St. Gabriel told her in a vision that if she wanted to recover, she needed to pray a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Novena ended on March 3, the first Friday of the month. She confessed her sins, received Holy Communion, and was healed.

Gemma believed her healing was a sign to enter religious life, but none of the communities would receive her, fearing that she would become sick again. Gemma refused to become embittered about not being able to realize her lifelong dream. She surrendered her plans to Jesus and became content with a domestic life with relatives. . .

Gemma continued her intense prayer life, suffered manifestations of Christ's Passion, and served the poor as much as her health would allow. In 1903, she became sick with tuberculosis and died on April 11. Because of her love for the Passionists and their love for her, the Sisters of the Passionists gave the family a habit for her for her burial. In testimonies for her beatification, witnesses said that no one could tell by being with her that Gemma suffered so much. They said she was joyful and truly beautiful with a graceful, peaceful presence.

source: <https://www.catholicidaho.org/post/saint-gemma-galgani>

Saint Gemma is a Patron Saint of many, including pharmacists, students, those suffering with headaches and those struggling with temptations.



## Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler #3

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

**The answer can be found elsewhere in your bulletin.**

# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 94

*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.*

POEM            Laughter

What is laughter? What is laughter?  
It is God waking up! O it is God waking up!  
It is the sun poking its sweet head out  
From behind a cloud  
You have been carrying too long,  
Veiling your eyes and heart.

It is Light breaking ground for a great Structure  
That is your Real body – called Truth.

It is happiness applauding itself and then taking flight  
To embrace everyone and everything in this world.

Laughter is the polestar  
Held in the sky by our Beloved,  
Who eternally says,

Yes, dear ones, come this way,  
Come this way towards Me and Love!

Come with your tender mouths moving  
And your beautiful tongues conducting songs  
And with your movements – your magic movements  
Of hands and feet and glands and cells – Dancing!

Know that to God's Eye,  
All movement is a Wondrous Language,  
And Music – such exquisite, wild Music!"

O what is laughter, Hafiz?  
What is this precious love and laughter  
Budding in our hearts?

It is the glorious sound  
Of a soul waking up!  
— Hafiz

## PRAYER

## Help Me to Hear

Holy One,  
give me a quiet heart,  
and help me to hear the still,  
small voice that speaks within me.  
It calls me to come close to You  
and to grow in Your likeness.  
It teaches me to do my work faithfully,  
even when no one's eye is upon me.  
It counsels me to judge others kindly  
and to love them freely,  
for it persuades me to see divinity  
in everyone I meet.  
Help me, O God,  
to come to the end of each day  
feeling that I used its gifts wisely  
and faced its trials bravely.  
— Chaim Stern

## MYSTIC MORSELS

Get up, open your eyes, and pattern your life after the unlimited goodness and love God has shown to all creatures. Then you'll know perfect joy of soul, and you won't be so small-hearted that you have no room either for yourself or your neighbors.

— Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need

— Saint John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

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

<b>Sun</b>	04/14	Shelley Nason / Kathy Pojman
<b>Mon</b>	04/15	Moon Musilli and Peg Musilli
<b>Tue</b>	04/16	Mary Odin / Connie Jarzynski / Theresa O'Leary / Pippa Maramba
<b>Wed</b>	04/17	Bowles Family
<b>Thu</b>	04/18	Mary Burriss
<b>Fri</b>	04/19	Ruth L Kirk / Paul Wharton
<b>Sat</b>	04/20	Denise Burgess



**MANNA MEAL**  
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT  
**MANNA MEAL/KROGER**  
**PICK UP SCHEDULE**

### APRIL

April 16	Rob Schissler
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April 23	Dennis Thornburg
April 24	Don Becher
April 30	John Ellison

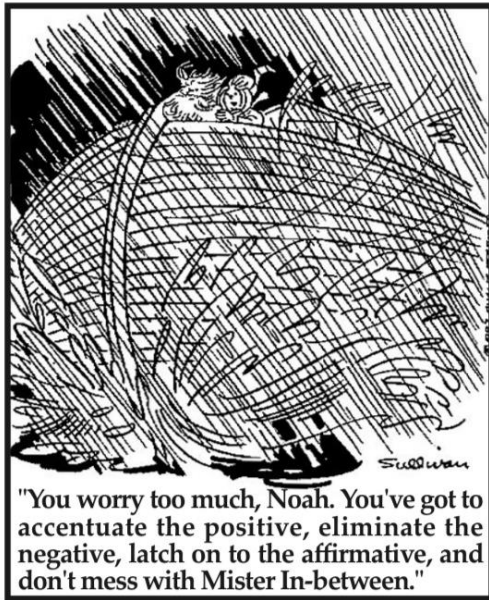
### Liturgical Ministries – April 13 & 14

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Tommy Ross	Peg Nagem	Mary Claire Davis
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vince & Carla Stricker	Jeff Borman Maureen Mathias	Felix & Pippa Maramba
<b>Cantors</b>	Rory Isaac	Charlie Wilson	Heather White
<b>Communion Principal</b>	John McGarrity	Terry Mathias	Jackie Lilly
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	David Lewia Tony Ciliberti	Ann Bradley Molly Belcher	Jo Midkiff Rick Brennan
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Ann Bradley Molly Belcher Missy Summey	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Bev & Rob Schissler	Kelly Plutro Jeanne Haas	The Crane Family

### Liturgical Ministries – April 20 & 21

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Joe Deegan	Patty Frame	Don Becher
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rick Brennan Will Stella	Jackson Davis Liz James	Vince & Carla Stricker
<b>Cantors</b>	Nancy McLaughlin	Jack Dever	Rory Isaac
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Ro DeBias	Mike Burgess	Jamie Knox
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	Bill Frame Missy Mowrer	Bob Sherrard Peggy Musilli	Kathy Lester John Priestley
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Laura Hayes Bob Sherrard Mike Burgess	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	David Lewia John Providenti	Brian Cornell Sue Manahan	Mary Beth Abbott Anna Sites





"You worry too much, Noah. You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and don't mess with Mister In-between."

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"My piano teacher is very religious. She keeps closing her eyes and saying, 'Good Lord!'"

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## SPECIAL COLLECTION FLOOD RELIEF



Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St. Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

# ROOT AND BRANCH

## Interfaith Discussion Group

Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 7:00 PM



Victor Urecki,  
Rabbi



Mark Atkinson,  
Moderator



Molly Linehan Belcher,  
Theology Teacher,  
Charleston Catholic High School



Nasir Abdussalam,  
Imam

Please join us for a FREE panel discussion about  
Old Testament passages from the points of view  
of Judaism, Catholicism and Islam.



There will also be a tribute to  
Monsignor Edwin Sadie.

Woman's Club of  
Charleston  
1600 Virginia St. E  
Charleston, WV 25311

Open to the Public

**The answer to Walters Puzzler — a map**

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

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Our parish office is open on  
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.

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<b>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council:</b> Chip Council, facilitator; Jackson Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson	



**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."