

Blessed Sacrament Parish April 21, 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	04/20	5:00 pm	+	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
Monday	04/22			
Tuesday	04/23			
Wednesday	04/24	Noon		Blessings for Brad Williams and Joe Meyer by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	04/25	Noon	+	Buddy Scalf by Priscilla Scalf
Friday	04/26	Noon		Blessings for Denise Leppla by Missy Mowrer
Saturday	04/27	5:00pm	+	John Lordan by Tom & Ruth Kirk
Sunday	04/28	9:00 am		The People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Gilda Goulart by Ruth Odin

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

Blessed Sacrament Symposium

On Sunday, April 21, at 10:15 am in the church and (hopefully online), The Mystery of Suffering and Evil, Part 2, will take place. Following a brief review of Part 1, the Panel will explore more so-so solutions. There will be time for questions and comments. Molly Linehan-Belcher, Terry Mathias, Mary Odin, and Fr. Paul will be present.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

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

Monday, April 22

- **OCIA** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B

Tuesday, April 23 (The office is closed.)

- **BSP Lyres Club** – 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 24

- **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/bible-share-04-24-2024/?wpdmdl=1725&refresh=6620726aee0841713402474>

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZ0lduisqD0sE923wHROSzXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY

Thursday, April 25

- **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 26

Saturday, April 27

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

Sunday, April 28

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

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

Our Spring food drive to fill the shelves in Coalburg begins this weekend. Crackers and soup, bags of rice and beans, boxes of cereal and cans of meat, peanut butter, etc. Small cans are especially appreciated, as many of the clients do not have transportation. Please bring your donations to the walkway between the gathering area and the parish hall.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.



“Many hands and cheerful hearts make light work.”

We have many tasks to do that will benefit everyone and will take a little 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

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.



Organize Small Kitchen

Organizing and putting up items in our small kitchen – Perhaps every other week

Time Requirement: 30 min to 1 hour

Contact Mike in advance at Mikegranata3@gmail.com



Message Board



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

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



Dry Wall repair

Dry wall repair in Office
Materials will be provided

Time Requirement: 1-2 hours

Contact Mike in advance at Mikegranata3@gmail.com





Love to Cook? Angels for the Ailing needs your help.

We provide comfort by making and delivering food for those who are sick, recuperating, recovering from surgery, or adjusting to new life circumstances by providing loving service to God's people.

These meals are provided on a temporary basis and are not a long term commitment.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Anne Dever anneh.dever@gmail.com

HELP NEEDED FOR CARPENTRY PROJECT AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Several members of the Parish Dismas Club have worked to clear out the old boiler room and reposition things like electrical boxes so that the space can be converted to a much-needed storage area. The floor of the boiler room is, unfortunately, well below the entrance to the room.

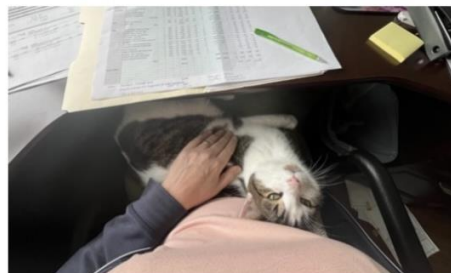
A project to place a wooden floor in the boiler room making it even with the entrance (kind of like a deck) is being planned for May 2, 3, 4, and 6th if needed (for you non-retirees note that the 4th is a Saturday). We would like to form a crew or crews (you don't need to commit to every day) to perform the work. Basic carpentry skills are a plus, but unskilled labor is also helpful.

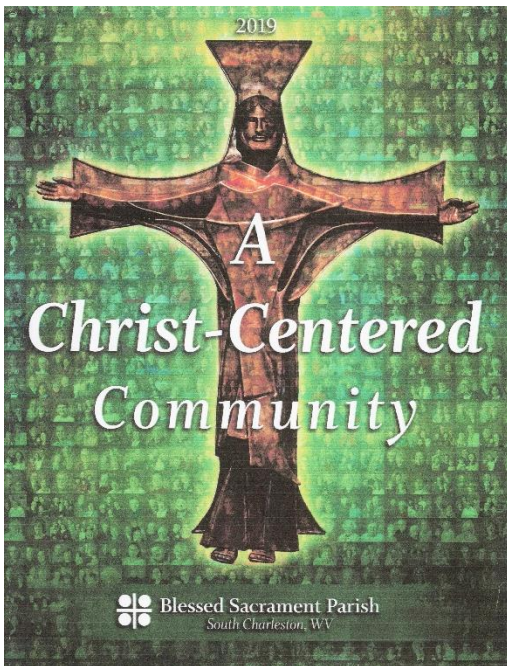
We are also looking for volunteers to prepare lunch. If you can help please contact Ted Streit (ted@streitfamily.net); Terry Ricketts (terry.l.ricketts@gmail.com); or Don Becher (donbecher@gmail.com)



Walter at Work

helping Natalie on the Garden Project. We will soon be asking your help with this project. You can read more elsewhere in this week's bulletin.





New Pictorial Directory!

Look for information about this directory in the gathering space.

We are happy to tell you we are putting together a new pictorial directory for our parish. Once again, our parishioner (and professional photographer and graphic designer) Michael Switzer will take beautiful portraits and design the directory.

We hope to share not only contact information for everyone, but also share information about skills (babysitting, lawn mowing, tax prep, etc.) and companies that our parishioners own, with everyone in our parish.

Each household with their portrait and contact information in the directory will receive a free directory.

For this to be a useful guide for everyone, we need each person/household to try their best to:

- 1) Verify your contact information. More about this later. *
- 2) Have your portrait made - or choose to reuse your portrait from the last pictorial directory.

We have a limited number of sessions available for having a new portrait made. Sign up soon! You will find sign-up sheets in the gathering area near the big windows.

The dates when new picture sessions are available:

May 28 - 30

June 2 - 4

June 16 - 18

If you would like to reuse the beautiful portrait Michael made for you in the last directory, let us know by noting your preference on the sign-up sheets by the big wooden doors in the gathering space. We have copies of pages from our prior directory there to help you in your decision.

***Next weekend** we will share our idea for ads to help us cover the publishing cost of the directories. We will also have a packet of information for each of our parish households.

This packet will contain:

- 1) Your contact information - as it appears in our records. Please correct/add/cross-out as needed to have so we have the correct information. Return it to us by mail, drop it off in the office, or place it in a collection box in the gathering space.
- 2) Information about each member of your household as it appears in our records (birthday, sacraments received, etc.). Please correct/add/cross-out as needed. Return it to us by mail, drop it off in the office, or place it in a collection box in the gathering space.
- 3) A few questions about skills you have and would like to share, businesses you own that you would like our parishioners to know about, and others.

If you are unable to come to church to sign up for a portrait session, or to pick up your packet of information, let us know: Please contact Natalie 304-744-5523 or email BSCCWV@gmail.com if you have any questions



SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint Anselm of Canterbury April 21

Saint Anselm of Canterbury was a remarkable figure in medieval Christian theology and philosophy, known for his adherence to the monastic lifestyle and his willingness to stand up against powerful politicians. He was also a passionate advocate for the poor, speaking out against the slave trade and dedicating much of his life to helping those in need.

In addition to his advocacy work, Anselm was also a prolific writer, producing many influential works on the existence and nature of God. His most famous contribution to philosophy is his ontological argument for the existence of God, which continues to be debated and studied by scholars today. He also tackled the problem of evil, arguing that it is not a positive reality but rather the absence of good, and that it is the result of human free will.

In addition to his philosophical work, Anselm also made significant contributions to theology. He is particularly known for his work on the doctrine of the atonement. He believed that human beings owed a debt to God because of their sin, and that this debt could only be paid through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This theory of atonement, which is known as the satisfaction theory, continues to be a topic of discussion and debate among theologians today.

Despite his reluctance to take on a leadership role, Anselm was eventually appointed as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Even in this position of power, however, he remained committed to his principles and continued to speak out for what he believed in. His advocacy for the poor and his opposition to the slave trade continued throughout his life, and his teachings and writings continue to be a source of inspiration for many people today.

Overall, Anselm's life and work represent a powerful example of the importance of standing up for what is right, even in the face of opposition and adversity. His commitment to the monastic lifestyle, his writings on the nature of God, and his advocacy for the poor and marginalized continue to inspire people to this day.

source: <https://young-catholics.com/394/st-anselm-of-canterbury/>

Saint Anselm of Canterbury is a Patron Saint of philosophers and theologians.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 95

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 The Good Shepherd

While walking alone in the darkness of night
I saw beaming down a beautiful light
It lighted the pathway so I could see
It felt like someone was beckoning me

It led me to pastures so fertile and green
The most welcoming sight I had ever seen
Shepherders sitting so solemn and still
With sheep that were grazing all over the hill

Then there I saw Him...from whence this light came
He looked straight at me...then uttered my name
A powerful force drew me to His side
I knelt at His feet...and in solace I cried

He lovingly placed His hand on my head
Said child...don't fear...but trust Me instead
I drew you from darkness...from pain and from fear
To answer the prayers you sent Me to hear

A peace unlike any that I've ever known
Told me that I was no longer alone
His warmth and compassion pulled me from the cold
And now I am part of this Good Shepherd's fold

Loved and protected...totally free
This life was so perfectly planned out for me
No more to be struggling along in the night
Everything changed...when I saw the light...
— Deborah Bell



MYSTIC MORSEL

In our sickness we need a savior, in our wanderings a guide, in our blindness someone to show us the light, in our thirst the fountain of living water which quenches for ever the thirst of those who drink from it. We dead people need life, we sheep need a shepherd, we children need a teacher, the whole world needs Jesus!

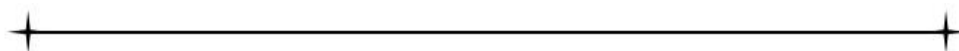
—Saint Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215)

STORY

May years ago, one of England's leading actors was asked to recite for the pleasure of his fellow guests. He consented and asked if there was anything special that his audience would like to hear. After a moment's pause, an old clergyman present said: "Could you, sir, recite to us the Twenty-third Psalm?" A strange look passed over the actor's face; he paused for a moment, and then said: "I can, and I will, upon one condition; and that is that after I have recited it, you, my friend, will do the same." "I?" said the clergyman, in surprise. "But I am not an elocutionist. However, if you wish it, I will do so."

Impressively, the great actor began the psalm. His voice and his intonation were perfect. He held his audience spellbound; and as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the guests. Then, as it died away, the old clergyman arose and began the psalm. His voice was not remarkable; his intonation was not faultless. When he had finished, no sound of applause broke the silence—but there was not a dry eye in the room, and many heads were bowed.

Then the actor rose to his feet again. His voice shook as he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the old clergyman and said: "I reached your eyes and ears, my friends; he reached your hearts. The difference is just this—I know the Twenty-third Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd."



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.

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

Sun	04/21	Rick Zitzelsberger
Mon	04/22	Susan Churchill
Tue	04/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Counsil / Ro DeBias
Wed	04/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
Thu	04/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready
Fri	04/26	Kelley Endres
Sat	04/27	John Finnell

 <p>MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>April 23 Dennis Thornburg April 24 Don Becher April 30 John Ellison</p>
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Liturgical Ministries – April 20 & 21

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

Liturgical Ministries – April 27 & 28

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Geri Wright	Denise Burgess	Mary Pat Peck
Altar Servers	David Bowles Chip Counsil	Gary & Madison Ferrell	Eli & Nathaniel Simonton
Cantors	Joe Deegan	Ryan Walter	Heather White
Communion Principal	Vince Stricker	Ted Streit	Rick Brennan
Chalice Minister	Anne Davis Ro DeBias	Chuck Wirts Jackie Aluise	Jo Midkiff Missy Summey
Communion to the Sick		Tom Aluise Susan Bowyer Jackie Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	Jeanne Haas Jamie Tridico	Sue Manahan Dan McLaughlin	T Champe Shelley Nason Anna Sites



Family Life Center Pantry

FOOD PANTRY

open to all parishioners in Need

In response to the challenges posed by the pandemic and other economic difficulties, we've established a pantry to support our parish communities. This initiative aims to address emergency needs and significantly impact lives within our area.



PANTRY OFFERINGS

- Emergency Food Supplies
- Home Care Essentials
- Personal Care Items

OPERATING HOURS

- Tuesdays: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
- Wednesdays: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Thursdays: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION


1024 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV



SUPPORT OUR PANTRY

We encourage weekly/monthly donations of gift cards or monetary contributions to sustain our efforts. Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament Church (note: "Family Life Pantry" in the memo section). Your generosity helps us keep our shelves stocked.

Contact for Assistance or Volunteering: Tina Ramirez at (304) 552-3554



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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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, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms."