



## Blessed Sacrament Parish April 23, 2023

*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	04/22	5:30pm	+ Mary Ellen Daigle by Karen and David Lewia
Sunday	04/23	9:00am	+ Emmanuel Collias by Nancy Collias
		11:30am	The Intentions of Our Parish Family
Monday	04/24		No Mass
Tuesday	04/25		No Mass
Wednesday	04/26		No Mass
Thursday	04/27	Noon	+ Catherine Halloran by Tim & Cheryl DiPietro
Friday	04/28	Noon	+ Joseph DeBias by Ro DeBias
Saturday	04/29	5:30pm	+ Philip Corkrean by Waskiewicz Family
Sunday	04/30	9:00am	Charlene Zimmerman by Missy Mowrer
		11:30am	The Intentions of Our Parish Family

### **We Remember in Our Prayers**

Barbara Baldy, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Loretta DiGiorgi, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Rita Finnell, Skip Finnell, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler

*Pray She Rests in Peace  
Elizabeth O'Leary niece of Tony O'Leary*

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council:** Chip Council, facilitator, Rick Brennan, Pam Council, Jackson Davis, Matt Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandes, Mike Granata, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson

## **This week at Blessed Sacrament**

### **Saturday, April 22**

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5

### **Sunday, April 23**

- **First Communion Class** – 10:15am to 11:15am in Room 2
- **Book Club** Oscar Romero: His Life and Writings -10:15am in the Community Room
- **Youth Faith Formation** - 10:15am to 11:15am in the Church

### **Monday, April 24**

- **Hope Beyond Today** – 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the library
- **Creation Care** – 7:00pm in the community room

### **Tuesday, April 25 (The office is closed)**

- **PURLS** – 7:00pm in the conference room

### **Wednesday, April 26**

- **Bible Study** – 10:00 am Room 5
- **No Mass**
- **Lectio Divina** -1:00pm Conference Room

### **Thursday, April 27**

- **Mass at Noon**

### **Friday, April 28**

- **Scriptural Rosary** – 11:15am in the chapel
- **Mass at Noon**

### **Saturday, April 29**

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

### **Sunday, April 30**

- **First Communion Class** – 10:15am to 11:15am in Room 2
- **Book Club** Oscar Romero: His Life and Writings -10:15am in the Community Room
- **Youth Faith Formation** - 10:15am to 11:15am in the Church

### **April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Vocations Committee will place a box in the foyer to collect your spiritual offerings for seminarian John Soplinski.

## We have a new Director of Religious Education!



We are pleased to welcome one of our own to be our new Director of Religious Education, Mike Granata. Mike is faith filled, cheerful, humble, organized, outgoing, and willing to do whatever it takes to help grow the Faith Formation of children, youth, and adults. So much of what he did in 35 years at Appalachian Electric Power is finely suited for his new position: building caring relationships, helping teams perform, strategic planning, problem solving, and enabling effective communication to improve achieve goals. Please pray for Mike and offer him your encouragement, support, and help as we grow in faith, hope, and love at Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it takes a while to make the right choice. But, like making something from scratch, it is well worth the time and effort.

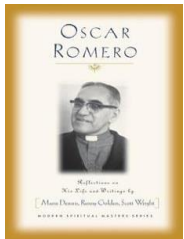
**May God's blessings be upon him and us as we seek to do God's will.**

## One of our seminarians is having a birthday.

Michael Tupta is a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's in Maryland and his birthday is April 24th. Birthday cards keep us connected, cards are a small gesture that make someone feel thought of in a way that email does not quite achieve.

Please consider sending a card with messages of prayer and support to: Michael Tupta c/o Mount Saint Mary's Seminary 16300 Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

## April 23<sup>rd</sup>



**On Sunday, April 23, between the Masses,** we will begin a study of Oscar Romero: His Life and Writings.

Let us know if you will be able to join us so we can have enough books. [BSCCWV@gmail.com](mailto:BSCCWV@gmail.com)

## April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday May 27th at the Cathedral in Wheeling seminarian John Soplinski will be ordained as a deacon. We would like to support him by presenting him with a Spiritual Bouquet from our parishioners. We will place a box in the foyer to collect your spiritual offerings.

Some suggestions to offer would be: Saying a rosary, Masses, Stations of the Cross, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, giving alms, acts of Penance, spiritual reading, visits to the sick.

We will provide paper and pens or you may drop off cards with personal notes. Everything will be sent to him.

The box will be in the foyer from April 23rd till May 14th.

Thank you. The Vocations Committee

**Attention 2023 Graduating High School Seniors!**

**Our annual Senior Sunday is coming up on May 14 during 9:00 Mass!**

All high school seniors should have received a letter in the mail with all the details. If you are graduating from high school this year and have not received a letter from our staff, please accept our apology and contact Mary Odin at [wmodin@frontier.com](mailto:wmodin@frontier.com) as soon as possible!

You are invited to send a picture of yourself and a short bio to be included in the worship aid that morning. Formal portraits and candid photos are equally fine. Send your photos to Mary Odin at [wmodin@frontier.com](mailto:wmodin@frontier.com), please!

Thanks in advance for allowing us to celebrate this achievement with you,  
and **congratulations to all!**



*Looking in the fridge over and over and expecting different results is the definition of insanity.*

**31 Club this week**

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

<b>Sun</b>	04/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Council / Ro DeBias
<b>Mon</b>	04/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
<b>Tue</b>	04/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready
<b>Wed</b>	04/26	Kelley Endres
<b>Thu</b>	04/27	John Finnell
<b>Fri</b>	04/28	Bernie Mabe / Lucy, Henry, & Katie Smithberger
<b>Sat</b>	04/29	Irene Galloway / Therese Cox



## Weekly Email from *Father Paul Wharton*

April 22, 2023

When in his youth he was asked which he preferred, Martin Buber thought he preferred books to people. Books are easy to handle, easy to open and to close, to remove or place back on the shelves. Books are manna from heaven, while humans are like hard, brown bread on whose crust he breaks his teeth. But as he grew older, Buber changed his mind. "I knew nothing of books when I came forth from the womb of my mother, and I shall die without books; I shall die with another human hand in my own."

These thoughts came to mind as I considered this week's email. My second biggest regret in the past twelve months was the brouhaha or controversy created by a committee of parishioners and staff to design a new logo. Most parishioners didn't realize there already was an unofficial official logo. Few of them knew where it was from or what it meant. People were given the opportunity to weigh in. Check the bulletin for the results and comments.

What makes Blessed Sacrament Parish what it is are those connections we have with one another through our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. When we pray together, play together, learn together, minister together, we are Blessed Sacrament Parish. When we support, encourage, appreciate one another, and carry on the work and mission of the Church in the world we are most the Body of Christ. Priests, logos, and even buildings come and go, but . . . "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)



## Blessed Sacrament Logo Voting Results Survey Monkey and Paper ballot



### Existing Logo

and all previous variations of this logo

**Votes for: 17**

#### Tell us what this logo says to you.

- That the Eucharist should be carried to the 4 corners of the earth and that Jesus died on the cross for us. It also says what has been the standard of this parish for years, "In the kingdom of God, we receive what we need, and we give what we can." This logo is on our tabernacle and the original columbarium!
- Christ reaching out to be present in all directions
- We are united by the cross. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and me.
- Blessed Sacrament
- Unity/Caring
- This design looks like a community of people gathered with Christ as the center
- We are Blessed Sacrament Parish, a Christ-centered community and Jesus Christ is present here in our Eucharist.
- All seasons, basic elements. The tabernacle in our chapel
- We are a community with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- It represents the Cross and the Eucharist.
- Body of Christ, Welcome
- Makes me discern
- Cross with body of Christ, reminds me of home and unity
- Tradition. I feel like it has been this logo for a long time, and truly expresses how our congregation is centered around each other. Why change something that is not broken?
- (comment about the new logo) Commercial – Comic Like.
- (comment about the new logo) No, this looks like a cartoon to me.



### Proposed New Logo

**Votes for: 36**

#### Tell us what this logo says to you.

- The Eucharist is at the center of our faith
- Very nice! What our name represents – the Holy Eucharist and what our mission is with the words and symbols.
- I like the host with the cross and the chalice. It also includes the "old" logo. It's bold and modern.
- Christ and community – sacramental presence
- The picture of the Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist) reiterates our name, which is cool.
- I can get the cup and Eucharist here. It's Christian!
- The cup says it is the Body and Blood and Christ
- The body and blood of Christ
- All-inclusive
- Eucharist is important to us.
- Blessed Sacrament both the Body and Blood of Christ
- To me, the logo represents what we as Catholics believe in the celebration of the Eucharist. The symbol of the chalice and host remind us of the last supper.
- This is a visual image of the Blessed Sacrament. No guesswork.
- We celebrate the Eucharist and are a welcoming community while also including our past design
- I am not left to wonder what it means. I also like the previous logo incorporated.
- Catholic, probably liberal
- Reminds I am a part of a Catholic community and should be demonstrating my faith as such.
- That we, as congregation, can happily embrace change.
- It includes the cross and hosts from the "old logo" and it reflects the body and blood of Christ as well as a symbol of the baptismal font...
- More pleasing to the eye.
- We offer ourselves to the God who gave/gives us God's self.
- A parish that honors the Blessed Sacrament
- Symbol of the Eucharist which is the Blessed Sacrament
- Combines new and old.
- It show who we are and keeps the original design
- What we stand for
- We are Catholic – and proud of it!
- The host and chalice is my belief
- The importance of the eucharist
- Bold - modern

## Blessed Sacrament Logo Voting Results - Continued

### Old Logo--What does this design say to someone seeing it for the first time?

- That Christ's gift to us is to be shared with all (the four corners of the world)
- Christ plus 4 hosts
- Filling in all the parts/needs
- Christ is present here. For new parishioners we can say, "Let's go to our chapel where I will explain our logo to you."
- Eternity, Blessed Sacrament, Planning
- It shows something holy because this is a holy place.
- Body of Christ, Welcome
- Makes them think
- Simplicity of our mission, Christ-centered
- The love of Jesus Christ and the church is centered around the congregation at Blessed Sacrament
- (comment about the new logo) Church that is making a commercial.

### New Logo--What does this design say to someone seeing it for the first time?

- The same I hope (The Eucharist is the center of our faith)
- Blessed Sacrament is named for the Holy Eucharist and who we are as a parish
- The name of the church and the Eucharist are clearly visible
- Just easier to decipher the sacramental focus of this church
- Seeing the host and chalice, I think most people would at least think "church" and probably "Catholic church"
- You can get the cup and Eucharist here. You are Christian.
- Faith
- This is the Blessed Sacrament
- Welcoming
- There is a focus on the Host and Cup
- Faith filled community
- We are a Christ-centered community celebrating the body and blood of our Lord
- Our emphasis is on Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. No guesswork.
- Welcome
- Good vibes
- It includes the "A Christ Centered Catholic Community: which tells others that we are a community that supports everyone who come in
- What the parish is about....community.
- 1. "Oh a Catholic Church" / 2. I like their "slogan/mission statement"
- A Christ centered church
- Body/Blood of Christ – the Catholic most holy sacrament (blessed)
- We are Catholic – we believe in the Eucharist.
- Welcome
- Welcome
- It says we are catholic by the host and chalice and it gives our family's name
- Our name with the chalice
- It reads "Blessed Sacrament"

**Thank You to all who voted and answered the questions.**

**Based on the parish voting results. We will be moving forward with.....**





April 23, 2023 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The two disciples had every reason and opportunity to see that it was Jesus walking beside them. They knew that the tomb was empty and the women who had discovered it had relayed what the angel had told them: Jesus was alive. It had only been three days since he had died. Yet, even as he was in their midst, the two disciples' eyes were prevented from recognizing it was Jesus. Only when he broke bread with them did they perceive and understand. Jesus walks beside us as well, but perhaps our eyes, like those of the two disciples, are prevented from recognizing him. What clouds our vision? It could be fear, doubt, despair, as on that road to Emmaus. Or maybe it is pride or hardness of heart. Like the early disciples, we must speak to Jesus, and tell him our story. Jesus comes to meet us, and we in turn have an opportunity to encounter him in many ways, most particularly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. No matter how frantic or chaotic our lives may have become, attending Mass serves as an anchor, and a reminder of Jesus' presence with us every day.

**PRAY** Pray with the psalmist: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It took them a minute to "get it," but once the disciples recognized Jesus they didn't hesitate. They made a hasty return to Jerusalem to share the news with the other disciples: "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Having encountered Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they felt compelled to share the Good News of his resurrection with others. As Catholics, we can ask the Lord for eyes to see Jesus in our daily lives and especially at Mass. Nourished by the Eucharist, we can share our love for Jesus and our hope in the resurrection with others we encounter. Wherever we are and whatever we do, we can rest assured that Jesus walks alongside us.

## Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 42

*Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good start. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.*

**STORY** A frequently told story that may or may not have happened has a good and truth-filled message. Philip was an eleven year old Down syndrome child who was in a Sunday School class with eight other children. Easter Sunday the teacher brought an empty plastic egg for each child. They were told to go out of the church building onto the grounds and put into the egg something that would remind them of the meaning of Easter. All returned joyfully. As each egg was opened there were exclamations of delight at a butterfly, a twig, a flower, a blade of grass, then the last egg was opened. It was Philip's and it was empty! Some of the children made fun of Philip. "But, teacher," he said, "teacher, the tomb was empty." A newspaper article announcing Philip's death a few months later noted that at the conclusion of the funeral eight children marched forward and put a large empty egg on the small casket. On it was a banner that said, "The tomb was empty."





## POEM

### One Night of Comfort

One night as I lay sleeping  
soft winds blew across my face  
like a brand new day  
in the middle of the night.

One night as I lay sleeping  
the sun rose in my heart  
and my whole body felt  
like one glorious smile.

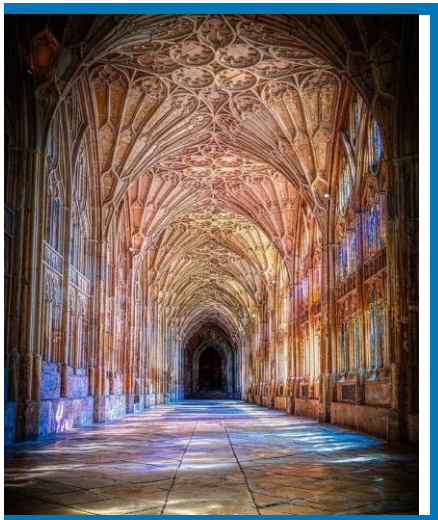
One night as I lay sleeping  
a petal from a beautiful flower  
opened up and invited me in  
and I drifted into the sweet nectar.

One night as I lay sleeping  
I remembered the wind,  
the sun and the flower, and I knew  
God was holding me.  
— Linda R. O'Connell

## MYSTIC MORSEL

If you think that love is great, know this: the way God loves is greater than what you can ever imagine, and if you want to find this love you must leap over all you know and fall into a love so deep and wide that nothing else matters.

— Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)



## Prayer

God the Father,  
source of everything Divine,  
You are good  
surpassing everything good  
and just surpassing everything just.  
In You is tranquility,  
as well as peace and harmony.  
Heal our divisions  
and restore us to the unity of love,  
which is similar to Your Divine nature.  
Let the bond of love  
and the ties of Divine affection  
make us one in the Spirit by your peace  
which renders everything peaceful.  
We ask this through the grace, mercy,  
and compassion of Your only Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
— Saint Dionysius of Alexandria (190-265)

**Liturgical Ministers – April 22 & 23**

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Gerri Wright	Denise Burgess	Pam Council
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rick Brennan	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Tommy Ross Eip Shawler
<b>Cantors</b>	Nancy McLaughlin	John Dever	Olivia Hayes
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Ron Teufel	Rob Plutro	Jackie Lilly
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	Todd Witsberger Tony Ciliberti	Matt Hayes St Fran Kirtley	Carolyn Frye Kathy Lester
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Molly Linehan-Belcher Laura Hayes Mike Burgess	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	John Providenti Susan Churchill	David Elliott Ken McNeil	Shelly Nason Anna Sites

**Liturgical Ministers – April 29 & 30**

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Tommy Ross	Brian Caldwell	Felix Maramba
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Carla Stricker Vince Stricker	Jackson Davis Jeff Borman	Felix Maramba Pia Maramba
<b>Cantors</b>			
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Ro DeBias	Missy Summey	Carolyn Frye
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	Missy Mowrer Bill Frame	Bob Sherrard Chuck Wirts	Jackie Lilly Kathy Lester
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Jackie Lilly Susan Bowyer Ann Bradley	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Nancy & Dan McLaughlin	Linda & Greg Ayers

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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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