



**April 06, 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	04/05	5:00 pm	+	Joanna Amsbary Brennan by Ro DeBias
Sunday	04/06	9:00 am		People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Mary Jo Doeringer by Our Parish
Monday	04/07			
Tuesday	04/08			
Wednesday	04/09	Noon	+	Funeral Mass Roxanne Boggess
Thursday	04/10	Noon		Blessings for Catherine and Steven by Susan Bowyer
Friday	04/11	Noon	+	Jerry Roy by Bill & Patty Frame
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

**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



**There will be a funeral Mass for Roxanne Boggess at Noon on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be visitation prior to the Mass beginning at 11:00am and a luncheon to follow.**

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, April 05

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

## OCIA Third Scrutiny

## Sunday, April 06

- Faith Formation for Students - 10:15am to 11:15am
- Adult Faith Formation – 10:15am to 11:15am

## Monday, April 07

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

## Tuesday, April 08

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

## Wednesday, April 09

- GriefShare Workshop – 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 2
- Bible Sharing – 6:30pm – 8:00pm in Room 5

Study Guide: <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-04-02-2025/?wpdmdl=2277&refresh=67e54d1eb10911743080734>

## Thursday, April 10

- Youth Group – 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Bells Rehearsal – 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 – 8:00pm

## Friday, April 11

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

## Hygiene Weekend

**Palm Sunday - Parishioners are encouraged to wear red.**

## 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
- Dismas Mens' Group - 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Conference Room

### Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Giving Portal

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



Thank you for your generosity.

## Candy! Candy! Candy! for our Easter Egg Hunt

We hope you will consider bringing a bag of snack-size candy for the hunt. The candy needs to be able to fit inside a plastic egg.

We will have baskets in the gathering area where you can put your donations **this weekend, Sunday, April 6th.**



### Saturday, April 12 **Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00am**

(10:00am - Our middle and high school youth groups will fill the eggs before hiding them for our younger parishioners.)

## 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

### April 17

#### Holy Thursday Vigil

We will have a garden in the chapel for a Holy Thursday vigil until midnight. Please let us know you will be here by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

### 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 [tmathias@earthlink.net](mailto:tmathias@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



**Where's Walter?**  
 This is the only rarely-visited Reconciliation Room. While Walter can't go to confession, you can on Saturdays at 4pm or any time by appointment 304 433-7472

**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.
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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 **\$85,350** with another **\$31,000** 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.

## WHY I AM STILL CATHOLIC

Why I am a Catholic? Because I believe it's all true. C. S. Lewis said that was really the only reason for being a Christian, and the supposed benefits—fellowship, comfort, beauty, peace, even the prospect of salvation—were all by the way, and secondary to the question of whether the events described in the Gospels really happened. When, through many twists and turns, and futile efforts to avoid it, I came to believe all that, then there was nothing else but to become a Catholic. And it's still true, so I stay. When the novelist Walker Percy became a Catholic late in life, his friends wondered why he would do such an odd thing. He told them, "What else is there?" Just so.

Aquinas wrote that "believing is an act of the intellect, assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace." True, and for me a long process that took up practically all of my life, and moved contrariwise to the way St. Thomas expressed it. The intellect is a tricky creature, and can generate infinite arguments against a movement as weighty as conversion. Here I was influenced by Simone Weil, one of my chief spiritual guides, who, while pursuing the life of a saint, never joined the church. But she did write something that stuck in my mind like a burr: that we are called to a pure love of God, and that this consists in being equally thankful for our afflictions as we are for our blessings. And I thought, that's the answer, if you could do that, if your intellect and will could do that, then that would be the end of all arguments. You wouldn't have to be afraid anymore, of anything.

As it turned out, however, you can't get there from here; at least, not alone. You have to be moved by God through grace, which I didn't really understand, and so I sort of hung uncomfortably on the fringes of the religion until, at a particular place and time, I was treated to an unusually spectacular outpouring of grace, and was converted. I had thought it was something you figured out, or accepted, like a proposition in philosophy, but I discovered it was a lot more like falling in love. I think it would be impossibly difficult to fall out of it now, not being at all the same person I was.

— Michael Gruber

## Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 141

*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

*For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5.21

Righteousness is not being right;  
it's being in harmony,  
being in tune with God, and one another.

We are chronically out of tune;  
but Christ meets us, matches our flat notes,  
makes a love song with our wayward noise.

We try to make a solo,  
but God sings along and makes a duet,  
a whole chorus, a symphony, a choir of angels.

Despite our discord  
we become part of God's beautiful harmony.  
We become the righteousness of God.

This miracle, this flash of genius,  
music where there was none,  
can become the song of one's life.

As we listen,  
as we tune ourselves to this grace,  
our lives become more and more beautiful.  
— Steve Garnaas-Holmes at Unfolding Light

**PRAYER**     May I See

Lord, cure me of my blindness,  
My short-sightedness.  
Where there is hostility,  
May I see the fragility;

Where there is self-righteousness,  
May I see the fear;  
Where there is a hardness,  
May I see the tender;

Where there is stubbornness,  
May I see the doubt;  
Where there is so much need,  
May I see the plenty;

Where there is helplessness,  
May I see the strength;  
Where there is selfishness,  
May I see the loss;

Where there is hate,  
May I see the pain;  
Where there is violence,  
May I see the light within to peace;

And where there is imperfection,  
May I see God's everlasting love.  
— Andrea Carey

**MYSTIC MORSELS**

One day a soldier asked an elder whether God grants pardon to sinners. The elder answered, "Tell me, my good friend, if your cloak is torn do you throw it away?" the soldier replied, "No. I mend it and continue to use it." The elder concluded, "If you take good care of your cloak, will not God be merciful to his own image?"  
— Desert Fathers (and Mothers)

If a box is filled with salt, it cannot be filled with sand, and if our hearts are filled with hatred of our neighbor, how can God fill them with His love? We must forgive others, for on no other condition will our own sins be forgiven. It is as simple as that. There can be and there will be no mercy toward us unless we ourselves are merciful.  
— Blessed Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)

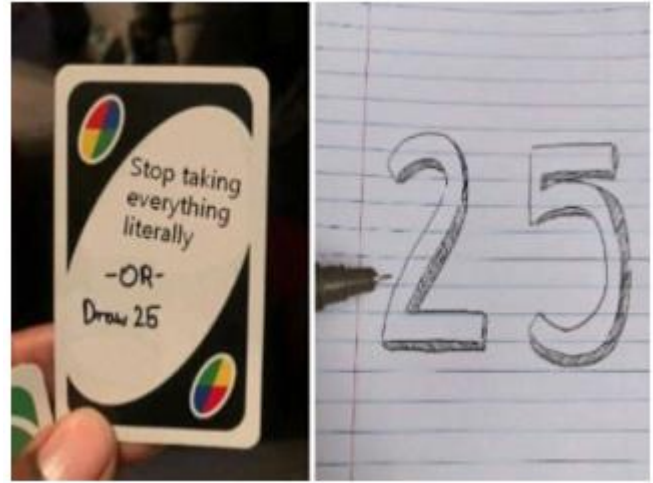
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## Vacation Bible School

**SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

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

<b>Sun</b>	04/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
<b>Mon</b>	04/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley / Elizabeth Battle
<b>Tue</b>	04/08	Peg Nagem
<b>Wed</b>	04/09	Carolyn Frye
<b>Thu</b>	04/10	Jane Roy / Patricia Dever / Anne Dever
<b>Fri</b>	04/11	Joe Deegan / Tony O'Leary / Mary Pat Peck
<b>Sat</b>	04/12	Nancy McLaughlin / Victoria Russo

**Upcoming Seminarian Birthdays.**

Birthdays 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 to:

**April 16th**

Peter Russman - The Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43235

**April 24th**

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

 <p><b>MANNA MEAL</b> SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p> <p><b>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</b></p>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>April 8 Matt Leary          April 9 Anne Davis          April 15 Matt Leary          April 16 Edd McDevitt          April 22 Dennis Thornburg          April 23 Kelley Endres          April 29 Don Becher          April 30 Anne Davis</p>
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### Liturgical Ministries – April 5 & 6

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	M P Peck	P Council	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	W Stella K Lewia	G & M Ferrell	F & P Maramba
<b>Principal</b>	V Stricker	M Burgess	M Summey
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B Frame R DeBias	M Belcher M Hayes	J Knox J Priestley
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		M Belcher M Burgess L Hayes	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	J Haas J Tridico	N & D McLaughin	The Crane Family

### Liturgical Ministries – April 12 & 13

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>			
<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





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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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**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.”