



Blessed Sacrament Parish

August 4, 2024

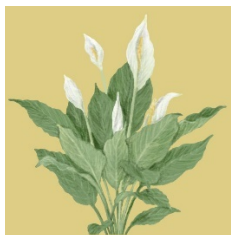
**We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a Christ-Centered Community,
Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts,
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People.**

Mass Times & Intentions

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	08/03	5:00 pm	+	Patrick Dever by Mike & Denise Burgess
Sunday	08/04	9:00 am		The People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Buz Mowrer by Missy Mowrer
Monday	08/05			
Tuesday	08/06			
Wednesday	08/07	Noon		Blessings for Fred Mowrer by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	08/08	Noon	+	Sylvester & Marie Edquist by Sue Bowyer
Friday	08/09	Noon	+	Timothy Wharton by Joan Fernandes
Saturday	08/10	5:00pm	+	Sam Carcione by Ro DeBias
Sunday	08/11	9:00 am	+	Mary Spradlin by Mary Ann Johnson
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish

We Remember in Our Prayers

Mary Beth Abbot, Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, 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, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alec Mansfield, Keith Morgan, Diane Roberts, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Sandy Wheeler, Kevin Whelan and the Urecki family



May They Rest In Peace

Gwendolyn King, a former parishioner, died late last month. A funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Saturday, August 3rd at 11:00am.

Our Building will not have internet service until late next week.

We will not be able to stream our weekend Masses.

Our office will be closed so our staff can work at home where they have internet service.

We can check phone and email messages from our homes, so please leave messages.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 03

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

Sunday, August 04

Monday, August 05

Tuesday, August 06 (The office is closed.)

- **BSP Lyres Club Harp Ensemble** - 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 07

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Parish Hall
 - **Bible Sharing** —<https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-08-07-24/?wpdmdl=2023&refresh=66ac193f856f11722554687>
- Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, August 08

Friday, August 09

Hygiene Sunday Hotel-size items are very welcome. Home-size shampoos and body wash, non-alcoholic mouthwash, sanitary napkins, and deodorant are needed.

Saturday, August 10 - Blessing for students and educators

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

Sunday, August 11

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.



If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church with the possibility of becoming Catholic (if so desired), please call or text Deacon Tommy Ross (304) 590-5003 or Fr. Paul Wharton (343) 433-7472. There is an informal get together for everyone interested on Monday, August 12 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Please use the entrance on the North Side of our facilities.

REMINDER: on July 29th the South Entrance to the Church will be sealed off until August 17th. All entry to the Church will be through the North Entrance.



A Quiet Play Area is available in the breezeway. Parents/Caregivers, feel free to utilize this space if you and your child need a brief break during Mass.

Please ensure your children are supervised at all times.

HEARTFELT THANKS to the volunteers and participants who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a success.



FR. PAUL WISHES TO REMIND YOU:

I will **NEVER** ask anyone to buy gift cards for me to give away.

I will **NEVER** be stuck in a foreign country since I have no Passport.

I will **ONLY** send you an email from pjw424@gmail.com

I will **ONLY** text you from my cell phone (304) 433 7472

NO Blessed Sacrament Staff member will **EVER** ask you to buy a gift card for them. Only do so, if he or she asks in person and puts the cash in your hand!

We received the following request for temporary living quarters.
If you are able to help this person and her family, please contact her at viola3us@yahoo.com

Dear Fr. Paul Wharton,

I have a humble request to make regarding accommodation.

I am a new Exchange Research Associate at West Virginia State University and I will be resuming on September 2nd, 2024. I will be coming to WV from NC with my family (my husband and child), but I have a challenge as to where I will be staying for a while to focus, do my documentation, settle down, and thereafter look for accommodation.

I look forward to your positive response.

Viola A. Nicholas-Okpara, PhD Nutritional Biochemistry



Flooring Schedule

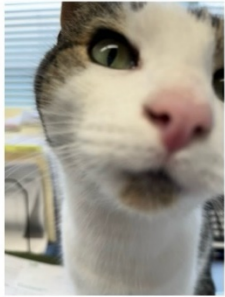
July 29th - The South Entrance to the Church will be sealed off until August 17th.

All entry to the Church will be through the North Entrance. Please consider making the North Parking spaces available for Parishioners who may need assistance getting into Church. The South Parking lot will still be open. The parish Business Office will be relocated to the Community Room. Parish Office will be operated under normal hours.

August 17th -South Entrance will be reopened.

New Flooring installation will start and run through September 9th. The Parish Business Office will continue to function from the Community Room until September 9th.

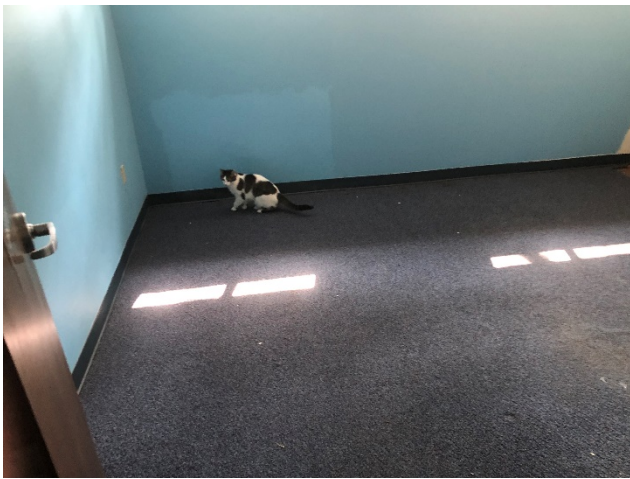
Sept 9th -Furnishing will be moved back from Parish Hall / Gym to old School and Offices.



Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler #6

First, think of the color of the clouds. Next, think of the color of snow. Now, think of the color of a bright full moon. Now answer quickly what do cows drink?

The answer can be found elsewhere in your bulletin.



St. Francis of Assisi School
St. Albans, WV

St. Francis of Assisi is looking for workers for their after school program. Hours for the program are 2:30-6:00, Monday through Friday, but hours and days worked are flexible! Workers must be at least 16 years of age or older, and must complete the Virtus program. Please contact Erin Sikora (esikora@sfsww.com) or call Kelly Oxley, office manager, at 304-727-5690 for details.

Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - August 2, 2024

Some thoughts from Deacon Tommy is Ross worth further reflection. Blessed Sacrament Parish is blessed to have a wonderful stable of preachers who act as prisms for God's Deacon Emeritus John Hannah, Deacon Tony O'Leary, Deacon Ross, Pastor Emeritus Father John Finnell, Father Bill Petro, and Paul Wharton



*Word.
Tommy
Father*

Jesus goes all the way to Nazareth, but the people . . . don't accept Him. The grace for us is that we know this story! We know that all we have to do is this: go to Jesus, invite him in, **BE PRESENT** to Him. We have to go to him in prayer, be open to his invitation for us to love and serve Him. There are many examples of this in the Bible.

- In the Gospel of Luke, we hear about Zacchaeus climbing a tree just to see Jesus. He is hungry to see Jesus. And Jesus affirms Zacchaeus' desire and invites him down. And Zacchaeus climbs down to meet Jesus.
- Also in Luke, we learn about the centurion in Capernaum who sends for Jesus to come to his house and heal his servant. Then the centurion, realizes what he asks and goes out to Jesus and says to Him the line we all say every week "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof."
- Then in John's Gospel Jesus is invited /called to Bethany to come help his friend Lazarus. Lazarus has been dead for four days. Jesus goes to him, but not all the way, He calls Lazarus out. And Lazarus walks out of the tomb to meet Jesus.

Again and again, whether in Capernaum or Nazareth or Bethany, Jesus wants to be there. He **is** there. He Wants to save us. All we need is to be present to Him. And when we are not present, He waits, like he waited for Zacchaeus to climb down from the tree, for the centurion to admit he was not worthy, and for Lazarus to walk out of the tomb. And like them, We must be active participants. We must ask Jesus to come. And we must get up to meet him. . .

So, how do we do all of this? . . . In order to be present to Christ, we must pray. We can pray that we are not so quick to judge those who are too young, or too old, or too smart or too familiar. We must pray that we not dismiss those that may be saying something that we just don't understand or that we disagree with.

We can pray that we can give the prophets around us right now the time to make their case. We can pray that when we are called to share the prophetic message of Christ that we have the courage to speak and that we are accepted in our own home town.

Deacon Tommy



SAINT OF THE WEEK :

Saint Lydia

August 3

The 1st century St. Lydia Purpuraria was born in Thyatira, a city southeast of Pergamum. She is also known as Lydia of “Thyatira,” “Purpuraria,” and of “Philippi”. Philippi is where she met St. Paul. She was Saint Paul's first convert in Philippi. She was so excited about Paul's message that she and her entire household were baptized. She then invited Paul and his companions to stay at her house. Because women did not possess the same equality rights as modern women, it appears unusual that Lydia would be capable of inviting a group of foreign men to her house without a man's consent. She was a religious seeker.

Though she was a Gentile by birth, Lydia worshiped the God of the Jews. Lydia insisted on giving hospitality to Apostle Paul and his companions in Philippi. She was also a merchant of purple cloth, making her a patron saint of purple cloth. It took thousands of mollusks to make only an ounce of dye. Because of this, purple cloth was rare and expensive, it was worn only by royalty, rich and important people. Her wealth allowed her to live independently in a spacious house. People think that Lydia was a servant but no one knows. Many Christian denominations recognize Lydia of Thyatira as a saint, though her feast day varies greatly. In the Catholic church her feast day is August 3rd. Devotion to St. Lydia is greater in the Orthodox Church than in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church, and this is evident by the myriad of icons depicting this woman. The Orthodox Churches have given her the title of “Equal to the Apostles,” which signifies her importance and level of holiness.

Pour out upon us, Lord, the spirit of knowledge and love of you, with which you filled your handmaid blessed Lydia, so that, serving you sincerely in imitation of her, we may be pleased by our faith and our works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

source: <https://www.syromalabargw.org/saint-of-the-day/august-3rd-st-lydia-purpuraria-by-alisha-justin>

Saint Lydia is the Patron Saint of cloth dyers.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 110

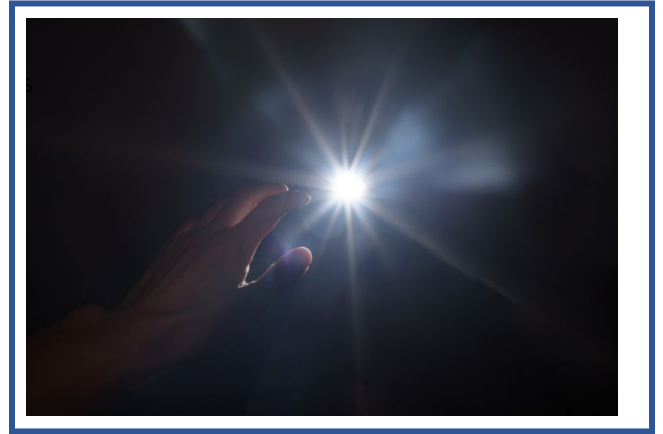
Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good beginning. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.

PRAYER

God, ever-faithful and true,
you call your Church
to be one as you are one
to be holy as you are holy, and
to be mindful that you send us
to be IN the world and not of it.
In your gracious kindness, help us
to grow closer to you and each other,
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
to share our faith within and outside our parish,
to reach out in love to those in need, and
to become and be who you want us to be. Amen!
— Author Unknown

POEM

Holiness, it transpires,
is not living hermit-like
in the rarefied air
of a mountain peak,
filling up days
in meditation and prayer,
spending nights seeking God
in the star-sprinkled sky.
It's transcending the messiness,
the turmoil of our lives;
quelling impatience
with the people we love;
opening hearts
to the needy, the other;
sowing sparks of light
in every mundane hour.
— Elizabeth Topper



MYSTIC MORSELS

The soul does not grow by addition but by subtraction.

— Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

Remember this. When people choose to withdraw far from a fire, the fire continues to give warmth, but they grow cold. When people choose to withdraw far from light, the light continues to be bright in itself but they are in darkness. This is also the case when people withdraw from God.

—Saint Augustine (354-430)

STORY *(from last Sunday's homily)*

Once upon a time there was a woman who was very greedy and wicked. She died and did not leave a single obvious good deed to her name. The devil came and took her and threw her into a lake of fire. Her guardian angel tried desperately to remember any time the woman helped the needy that could be reported to God. After a while, the angel stood before God and said, "She once gave a piece of stale bread to a beggar." God answered, "Take the bread and hold it out to her; let her take hold and be pulled out of the lake of fire. If she can be pulled out, she can come to heaven. But if the bread breaks, she stays where she is."

The angel flew to the woman and held out the bread to her. "Grab hold of the bread and I'll pull you out of the lake." Slowly, the angel pulled out the woman. Other sinners in the lake realized what was happening and they began to hang onto her to be pulled out as well. The wicked and greedy woman kicked them saying, "It's *my* piece of bread, not yours!" And as soon as she said that, the bread broke, and she fell back into the lake of fire."


CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS HIRING!



**CHARLESTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SEEKS A
MOTIVATED, ENERGETIC, AND ORGANIZED
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT. CANDIDATES SHOULD BE TEAM ORIENTED,
FLEXIBLE, AND ORGANIZED WITH STRONG
COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTER SKILLS. JOB
RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INVOLVE INTERACTION WITH
CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL FAMILIES,
COORDINATION WITH FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION,
AND
DATA ENTRY/ MANAGEMENT. INTERESTED CANDIDATES
SHOULD SEND A RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO
COLLEEN.HOYER@CHARLESTONCATHOLIC-CRW.ORG**

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

Sun	08/04	Missy Summey
Mon	08/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Tue	08/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Wed	08/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley
Thu	08/08	Peg Nagem
Fri	08/09	Carolyn Frye
Sat	08/10	Jane Roy

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Key Blessed Sacrament Ministries for the Ailing

Transportation Provide rides to and from church, as well as doctor's appointments.

David Brown
davarr@gmail.com
Home: 681-265-1094
Cell: 681-264-0010

Angels for the Ailing Provides 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.

Anne Dever
anneh.dever@gmail.com

Pastoral Needs: Confessions, anointing, counseling, home visits, etc.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton
E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com
Cell Phone: 304-433-7472
(For emergencies only after 8:00pm)

Liturgical Ministries – August 03 & 04

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors			
Altar Servers	V & C Stricker	M Mathias	R Brennan
Cantors			
Communion Principal	R DeBias	M Burgess	M Summey
Eucharistic Ministers	N Zellers T Ciliberti	M Belcher J Aluise	C & P Council
Communion to the Sick		T Aluise M Belcher M Burgess	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	K & R Plutro	S Nason A Sites

Liturgical Ministries – August 10 & 11

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors			
Altar Servers	C Council W Stella	J Borman	F & P Maramba
Cantors			
Communion Principal	V Stricker	R Plutro	R Brennan
Eucharistic Ministers	D Lewia T Streit	B Sherrard C Wirts	Pat Garnet J Priestley
Communion to the Sick		D Elliott B Sherrard S Bowyer	
Greeters/Ushers	J Haas J Providenti	D Elliott P Cochran	K McNeil J Tridico

Answer to Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler = Water

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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<p>Music & Youth Director: Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Terry Mathias, facilitator, Chip Council, David Lewia, Katie Smithberger, Charlie Wilson, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Rick Brennan, Dan McLaughlin, Jonathan Perry</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, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms."