

Blessed Sacrament Parish – December 18, 2022

*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*

Our parish office is open on Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The South entrance doors are unlocked during those hours.

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We stream our Masses on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BSCWV/>
for anyone who cannot come to Mass in person.

Mass Schedule

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	12/17	4:00pm	+	Patrick Burriss
Sunday	12/18	9:00am	+	John Gianola
		11:30am	+	Sam Femia
Monday	12/19			
Tuesday	12/20			
Wednesday	12/21	Noon	+	Joe Johnson
Thursday	12/22	Noon		Priest's Intention
Friday	12/23	Noon	+	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Salamie
Saturday	12/24	4:00pm		Priest's Intention
		7:00pm	+	Peggy Uhler
		Midnight		Priest's Intention
Sunday	12/25	10:00am		Our Parish Family

We Remember in Our Prayers

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

Pray They Rest in Peace

Buz McCormick and Fr. Pat McDonough
(Funeral arrangements are incomplete for both.)

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat	12/17	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		11:00am	Manna Meal Christmas caroling	St. John's Episcopal Church
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		4:00pm	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
			Christmas Food Baskets Donations	
Sun	12/18	9:00am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		10:15	Youth Music Ensemble (grades 1-12)	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		2:15pm	Blue Christmas Service	Sanctuary
		3:00pm	Communal Penance Service	Sanctuary
Mon	12/19	6:00pm	RCIA/OCIA	Library
		6:00pm	Parkinson's Support Group	Parish Hall
Tues	12/20		Our Office is Closed Today	
		5:30pm	BSP Lyres Club Harp Ensemble	Parish Hall
Wed	12/21	10:00am	Bible Study	Library
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
		1:00pm	Lectio Divina	Gathering Area/Conference Room
Thur	12/22	Noon	Mass	Chapel
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri	12/23	11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
Sat	12/24	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		4:00pm	Mass - Christmas Vigil	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		7:00pm	Mass - Christmas Vigil	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		Midnight	Mass - Christmas Day	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
			Christmas Food Baskets Donations	
Sun	12/25	10:00am	Mass - Christmas Day	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/

Please welcome Dr. Bob Pennington as our new Director of Religious Education.

Bob is originally from Huntington and recently returned home to West Virginia to join the Theology department at Charleston Catholic High School. He most recently served as the Director of the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral program of Religious Studies, Theology, and Leadership at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida. He is passionate about Catholic education and is eager to listen to everyone's insight as we move forward with events and programs for all ages as we move into the new year. He will be working about 20 hours a week. Please be on the lookout for updates in the bulletin and the website with his parish email address and contact information.



Father Paul is grateful for the hard work, helpful advice, and honest feedback of the Search Committee: Rick Brennan, Ellen Bullock, Chip Counsil, Jeanne Haas, Fr. John Finnell, Matt Hayes, Cindy Manning, Tim Norris, Mary Odin, and Alice Ruhnke. Chip Counsil helped keep us on task and especially in recent months.

Once again, we express appreciation to Jeanne Hass for her dedication and diligence for more than two decades. She was a true blessing to so many through the years.

Blue Christmas Service

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Some of us are feeling blue dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and several other trials make parties and joviality painful for us. A **BLUE** Christmas service seeks to acknowledge whatever shade of **BLUE** we may have, support one another, and find comfort and strength in God. Blessed Sacrament Parish will hold a blue Christmas Service on **This Sunday, December 18 at 2:15 pm**. It is open to the public.

Communal Penance Service – This Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm

Youth Music Ensemble for grades 1-12

Everyone in first grade through youth group age is invited to join in preparing music for offerings during **4:00 Christmas Eve Mass** and for the Epiphany concert on **Friday, January 6**. We sing and play instruments, and we hold rehearsals **between Sunday morning Masses** to make it easy on families who come from a distance. Mary Odin is our fearless leader. :)

In Memory of . . . Listing (Deadline: This Sunday 12/18)

We will compile a list of deceased loved ones we would like to remember this Christmas. Their names will be included in our worship aid for that weekend and our bulletin. To have your person's name included, add their name to a list you will find in the gathering space or call our office/send us an email. Donations are welcome toward the poinsettias that will decorate our sanctuary on Christmas. Because we must order the poinsettias before we have the In Memory of . . . List, we may not have enough poinsettias for everyone who places a name on the list.



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December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers, too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

ACTION "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.

Liturgical Ministers – December 17/18

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Carla Stricker	Mary Claire Davis	Rick Brennan
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan	Eli Simonton Nathaniel Simonton	Tommy Ross Bob Danielson
Cantors	Joe Deegan	Jack Dever	Heather White
Communion Principal	Christine Fernandes	Terry Mathias	Kathy Lester
Communion to the Sick		Missy Summey Ann Bradley Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	John Providenti Mike Granata	Barbara Williams Jeanne Haas	Rene Norman Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministers – December 24

	4:00pm	7:00pm	Midnight
Lectors	Mychal Schultz	Rick Brennan	Kathy Lester
Altar Servers	Jackson Davis Maureen Mathias	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Rick Brennan
Cantors	Dave Haas	Nancy McLaughlin	John Dever
Communion Principal	Terry Mathias Linda Matheny	Vince Stricker	Volunteer Needed
Greeters/Ushers	Pluto Family	John Providenti	Jeanne Haas Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministers - Christmas - December 25

	10:00am
Lectors	Mary Pat Peck
Altar Servers	Chip Council
Cantor	Need Volunteer
Communion Principal	Carolyn Frye
Communion to the Sick	Volunteers Needed
Greeters/Ushers	Brian Cornell and Shelley Nason

Holy Moments - A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life by Matthew Kelly

One of our parishioners donated many copies of the newest book by Matthew Kelly. Please take one home this weekend. You will find them on tables near both entrances as well as on the credenza in the gathering area. (Note: If you enjoy it and want to give copies of it to people you know, there is a way to order 6 free copies. Just follow the directions on the last page in the book.)

If I was to create a church sign



Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 26

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.

Broken Pieces

If you are broken by life trials
and weary from life's defeats.
If you have been badly battered
and have no joy or peace.
Give God your broken pieces
so He will mold them back in place.
He can make them better than before
with a touch of His sweet grace.

If your dreams have been shattered
after much struggle and pain.
Even if your life seems hopeless
God can restore you again.
God can take broken pieces
and He can make them whole.
It matters not how badly broken
God has the power to restore.

So we are never without hope
no matter the shape we are in.
God can take our fragmented lives
and put them together again.
So if you're broken beyond measure
and you don't know what to do.
God specializes in broken things
so His glory can shine through.
--Lenora McWhorter



Some truths are as remarkable as they are simple, and this is one such truth:
God's nature is to give and give and give, without measure,
and God does this at all times—
but especially when we are down and out, lost and lonely;
God asks only that we take what comes in this gift,
which is nothing less than God's very self,
and when we refuse to do this
we deny who we are and, finally, kill God.
So open yourself to this gift and
ready yourself for this truth and so learn to become God's joy.
— Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

More Items of Interest

End of Year Donations

To be sure your donations are included in your 2022 donations statement, we need to receive your donations in-person by **Sunday, December 25th**. *

If your donations are mailed by you or your bank to us, please note two things:

- Our address has changed – Please use this address: 305 E St., So. Charleston, WV 25303
- Ensure the postmark date is before December 31.

***Our office will be closed during the week following Christmas. Donations received during the January 1 Masses will be counted toward your 2023 donations statement.**

If you would like to donate the value of a stock sale to us, please contact Krissie Benson with our Diocese **before December 15th**. Krissie can walk you through the process. Call: 304-233-0880.

Camp Leon 2023

Camp Leon will be the week of June 11. We will send out camp staff applications toward the end of January and camper applications in February.

Employment Opportunity at St. Anthony—St. Anthony has a position open for a part-time Facilities Maintenance/Groundskeeper. Responsibilities include performing maintenance and minor repairs to the church facilities (e.g. painting, plumbing, etc.) and upkeep of the church grounds. This position is limited to 20 hours each week. Successful candidate must be able to pass a background check prior to hiring. St. Anthony is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in this position, please contact Katy Layne at 304-380-3260 or the church office at 304-342-2716.

FORMED- The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from?

Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. Check it out by following this link!

[The True Meaning of Christmas with Dr. Michael Barber - FORMED](#)

Not yet a member of FORMED? It's easy to join!

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish by entering name, city and/or zip code
3. Enter your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

For questions, please feel free to contact Karen Lewia at Qkarenlewia@gmail.com or call 207-869-0664.

Are you Being Called?

What is our Pastoral Council?

Our Pastoral Council is the body of parishioners who are responsible to keep the whole parish community focused on the Mission, the Goals and the Objectives that we have discerned to be God's will for us. They are the primary body that advises and works with the pastor and staff about the well-being of the parish community as it strives to carry out its Mission. All parishioners of all ages are eligible to serve on the council and to recommend new members.

How is the Council structured?

The Council strives for consensus on questions that are posed rather than majority vote. Consensus means a result that all members can live with, even if it is not our strongest preference. Council members serve a 4-year term. The Council usually meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm.

There is no limit to the number of terms that members can serve. There is also no limit to the number of parishioners who can serve on the Council.

Traditionally, the first meeting of the new Council Session will be in January. However, the retirement of our Pastor, Deacon, and Pastoral Associate and the breaking in of our new Pastor has thrown us off this timeline.

How does one recommend new members for the Pastoral Council?

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for yourself and for all parishioners. Every parishioner may recommend as many people as they wish. Any parishioner may also recommend him/herself. There will be an ample supply of blank recommendation forms in the gathering space after each Mass for the next 3 weeks.

Those who are recommended will be invited to attend our next meeting and a time of prayerful discernment.

Please send your recommendations to Blessed Sacrament by January 8

- by dropping it in the collection box,
- by mailing it to the parish office
- by emailing to blessedsac@suddenlinkmail.com

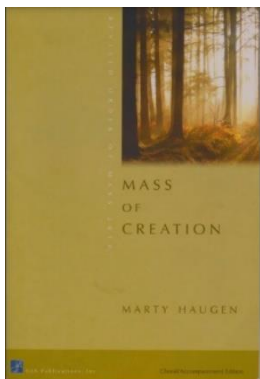
If you would like to reach out to any member of the Pastoral Council for more information, please see the list below:

Chip Council, Matt Davis, Rick Brennan, Pam Council, John F. Gianola, Tim Norris, Ken Holz, Jack Dever, Anne Dever, Laura Jennings, Katie Smithberger, Joe Gresham, Philip Maramba, Matt Hayes, David Lewia, and Charlie Wilson

31 Club this week

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

Sun	18	Patty Frame
Mon	19	Andrea Null Herrick
Tue	20	Sandy Wheeler Denise Burgess Moon Musilli and Peg Musilli
Wed	21	John Finnell
Thu	22	Susan Churchill Ro DeBias
Fri	23	Ron Teufel Tim Frye Mary Alice Gentry
Sat	24	Mary Ellen Providenti Mary Gargarella



Glory to God in the Highest! A new Mass setting is coming!

Beginning on the Christmas Eve, December 24, we will sing our Mass parts to music from Marty Haugen's *Mass of Creation*, one of the best-known Mass settings in the United States today. Because of its familiarity among Catholics, portions of *Mass of Creation* were used for the Papal Mass in Washington DC on April 17, 2008. You can remind yourself of its melodies or learn them for the first time so you can sing with confidence by following the link below. for our assembly parts is found in the back of "Breaking Bread," hymns #884-888.

Happy singing! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KINw95UY8Ag>

Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Epiphany Concert: Friday, January 6 - Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary

Creation Care Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18, 2022

The promise made to Ahaz is fulfilled in Jesus as today's gospel reading announces Jesus is "God with us," the long-awaited Davidic messiah, the savior of his people as his Jewish name Yeshuah ("one who saves") indicates. His realm is not limited to one kingdom as was Ahaz's, nor to one people, as the Israelites thought. His realm embraces all creation; this universality, and his saving power, is outlined in the responsorial psalm. Christ is Lord over the entire earth: the whole world and those who are a part of it – and even beyond.

All the more reason why we, as followers of Christ, are called to recognize the intrinsic value of creation and uphold our duty to care for earth, our common home.

† Passage from Laudato Si':

God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things...Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. (77)

Prayer:

May we be open to new ways of understanding the implications of Jesus' reign over all of creation, and also our duty to care for it.

This is excerpted from a resource provided by Catholic Climate Covenant in collaboration with the Integral Faith Team, a group of male and female religious, priests, and lay people dedicated to serving the Church. www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/

Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule

December 21	Greg Ayers
December 28	John Ellison
January 4	Matt Leary
January 11	Greg Ayers
January 18	Don Becher
January 25	Tony O'Leary
February 1	John Ellison
February 8	Matt Leary
February 15	Don Becher

GABRIEL PROJECT

of West Virginia, Inc.

Get behind our Diaper Drive!



What: Diaper Drive to collect diapers, training pants and baby wipes (or the funds to buy them!) for babies in need in the Kanawha Valley.

All diaper sizes, especially large sizes (4, 5 or 6).
All sizes of training pants. Unscented baby wipes.

When: Now through December 31, 2022

How: Buy a package (or more!) of diapers, training pants and/or baby wipes at your local grocery or discount store and donate them to us. Or shop online for direct delivery to:

Gabriel Project of West Virginia
1207 Jefferson Road
South Charleston, WV 25309

Phone: 304-205-5865

Unsure of what to purchase? Use our "wish list" registries:

Walmart: <https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood>
Type 25301 into your location box, hit enter, then scroll down and click on Gabriel Project of West Virginia

Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1QRMNNMYMTA>

Target: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/gpbabyitems>

Why: Diapers are the most requested baby item by our clients. The average child uses over 2,700 diapers in their first year alone. Diapers are not covered by public assistance. For low-income families it is a difficult choice between buying a sufficient quantity of diapers and other essential household needs.

Diapers collected during our drive will go directly to families in our community. Please donate!



To: Parishioners in the Greater Charleston Area

RE: Annual Catholic Charities Christmas Day Collection

We're sure you're wondering how your donations were use from last year's collection. At Catholic Charities, we meet each person or family where they are, and we build relationships and provide guidance to empower them to reach their goals. In Charleston and surrounding areas, we were able to serve over **539 families**, offering utility and/or rent assistance at an estimated **\$82,400**, distributed approximately **1,000 M25** (Matthew 25) food and personal care bags to our city's homeless population, and so much more.

With your help, our plans for next year are to establish a "grandparents as parents" program, provide a veteran's outreach, and partner with local pregnancy outreach centers to protect our city's most vulnerable.

We are encouraging you to contribute as best you can by giving to the second collection at all the Christmas Masses. You can also, give Online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org or by dropping off your donation at our Charleston office at 1024 Quarrier Street, Charleston 25301.

If paying by check, please make sure you insert "Catholic Charities" on the memo line.

Donations collected locally will go to support the programs and services Catholic Charities West Virginia provides in the greater Charleston area. You can learn more about how your donation is helping people by following us on social media or visiting our website.

On behalf of all those whom we are called to serve, we want to extend our sincere "thank you" from all of us at Catholic Charities.

The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

Reading I Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound;

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Reading II Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia Luke 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:

today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christmas Vigils and Midnight Christmas Mass:

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Mass on Christmas morning:

Gospel Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

Our Pastoral Council

Chip Counsil, co-facilitator	Matt Davis	Rick Brennan	Pam Counsil	John F. Gianola
Tim Norris, co-facilitator	Ken Holz	Jack Dever	Anne Dever	Laura Jennings
Katie Smithberger	Joe Gresham	Philip Maramba	Matt Hayes	David Lewia
				Charlie Wilson

Council members are always grateful to hear about any concerns our parishioners have.

If you do not know any of the members personally, you may send a note or email to our parish office for them.

Items for the Bulletin – Deadline

Tuesday afternoon is the deadline for all articles, notices, corrections, etc. for the bulletin that will be published for the weekend.

Our Mailing Address: 305 E St

You may have noticed the sturdy outdoor mailbox near our south entrance. With it we can have dependable mail delivery whether our building is locked or unlocked. (During COVID, we needed a PO Box for our mail delivery.) **Please change our address in your contacts list back to 305 E Street, So. Charleston, WV 25303.**

Other Items

St. Paul Radio - West Virginia.....Presents Catholic radio on: WLUX 1450 AM Dunbar; WNUX 89.7 FM Beckley; WOUX 105.3 Parkersburg Visit www.sprwv.org for a link to stream Catholic radio to a smart phone

The Catholic Spirit Our diocesan newspaper, <http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/>

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Go to www.dwc.org to find a directory for all priests (active and retired), religious, diocesan employees, parish addresses, etc.

The main telephone number is 304-233-0880. The main address for our diocese is P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees 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. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Diocesan Financial Audit <https://dwc.org/2021-auditors-report/>