

# Blessed Sacrament Parish – December 25, 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	12/24	4:00pm		Priest's Intention
		7:00pm	+	Peggy Uhler
		Midnight		Priest's Intention
Sunday	12/25	10:00am		Our Parish Family
Monday	12/26			
Tuesday	12/27			
Wednesday	12/28	Noon	+	Peggy Uhler
Thursday	12/29	Noon	+	Dorothy Johnson Scheiman
Friday	12/30	Noon	+	Donna Duda
Saturday	12/31	4:00pm		Priest's Intention
Sunday	1/1	9:00am	+	Kathy Wharton
		11:30am		Our Parish Family

## Pray She Rests in Peace

Cynthia Council, mother of Chip Council

## 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

## This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
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 & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
		7:00pm	Mass - Christmas Vigil	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
				<b>Special Collection: Catholic Charities, WV</b>
Sun	12/25	Midnight	Mass - Christmas Day	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
		10:00am	Mass - Christmas Day	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
Mon	12/26		<b>Our Office is Closed Today</b>	
Tues	12/27		<b>Our Office is Closed Today</b>	
Wed	12/28		<b>Our Office is Closed Today</b>	
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
Thur	12/29		<b>Our Office is Closed Today</b>	
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri	12/30		<b>Our Office is Closed Today</b>	
		11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
Sat	12/31	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		4:00pm	Mass – Vigil – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
				<b>Christmas Food Baskets Donations</b>
Sun	1/1	9:00am	Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
		11:30am	Mass - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Sanctuary & <a href="https://facebook.com/BSCWV/">facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>

### 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.)

During this joyous time, we remember our deceased family members and friends, including:

Judy Dumont

Nora Corkrean  
Vincent E. Stricker  
Ann Stricker  
Jeanne Stricker Miller  
Dan Mathess

Robin Townsend  
Jessica Perry

Don and Timmy Miller

Toni Van Meter

Michael Habenschuss

Jim & Jeanette Providenti  
Sam & Betty Tallarico

Debbie Herrington  
Mary Jaram  
Members of the McCune and  
Cibrik families

Francis White

Randy and Brian Bowles  
Members of the Bowles and  
Zain families

Joanie Schaffer  
Karol Dunford

Jim & Juanita Johnson  
Dave Baker

A.O. & Syble Hubbard  
Arlie Hubbard, Jr.  
G.C. & Betty Frame  
Myrna Kay Frame

Don Churchill

Paul Manahan  
Jane Case

Bill & Georgette Bain  
Bruno & Chloe Aluise  
Linda & Jim Higgins

Adelina and Tullio  
Agnes and Mike  
Michael and Nancy  
Justin and Louise  
John

Amy, John, Agnes, Aladdin,  
Larry, and Carol

John Maier  
Fr. Leon Alexander  
Dani Hedrick  
Richard & Rita Long  
Mary & Lloyd Burgess  
Shanklin Peebe  
Bill McDavid  
Jennifer Starsick  
Scrappy Miller

“Rocky” Wood

Lili Woolwine

Members of the Anderson and  
Summey families

Bill & Estelle Ayers  
Louie & Lena LeRose

Paul "Scrappy" Miller

Bill Abbot  
Neenan family members  
Lucy Tierney

Dr. George L. & Mary S. Hamilton  
George W. & Losie K. Hamilton  
Henry Baum & Mary T. Southam

Buz Mowrer  
Members of the Mowrer and  
Grassman families  
Meyer family members

Members of the Burriss and  
Sullivan families

Hoffmann family members  
Groom family members

St. Anne's Guild members

Members of the Schowalter and  
Lordan families

Martin & Katherine Perry  
Louis & Mary Ann Gargarella  
Louis Daniel Gargarella

Jeremy Werness  
Larain Means

Members of the King and  
Jackson families

Virginia Alexander

Lillian DiGiorgi

Members of the O'Reilly and  
Paletta families

Tabitha Peters

Sandy Bria  
Brooke Johnson

Mary McLaughlin  
William & Barbara Harold

Elias Munoz  
Theresa Thornburg  
Maria Thornburg  
Orville Thornburg  
Mary Young  
David Young  
Rosemary Young

Buz McCormick

Bunky Johnson

Members of the Summey and  
Anderson families

Bernard Stricker

James H. Drenman

## Notes from our new Director of Religious Education: Bob Pennington

**GOOD NEWS! Youth and Adult Faith Formation programs will return in January.**

Here is a link to a Parish Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XSL22XZ>) so we can learn the days and times that parents would prefer Youth Religious Education programs. The link to the survey will also be found in your email.

**More GOOD NEWS! 1st Communion Class registration will open January 2.**

More details will be shared at the Sunday Masses January 1.

**Also, we are looking for someone to help with Youth Faith Formation classes.**

Date and time of programs to be announced. If you or someone you know may be a good fit for this, please contact me at: [rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com](mailto:rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com)

**Last, I welcome all parishioners to email me if they would like to share insights about past or present activities related to religious education.** I invite people to share whether they served as a ministry leader, teacher, parent, student, or any other capacity whatsoever. I've heard from several people after Mass about how much they enjoyed RCIA and other faith formation programs and it would be of great help to me to hear specifics by email. My email is: [rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com](mailto:rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com)

### **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 Council, Jeanne Haas, Fr. John Finnell, Matt Hayes, Cindy Manning, Tim Norris, Mary Odin, and Alice Ruhnke. Chip Council helped keep us on task and especially in recent months.

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

Join us on Friday evening,  
January 6, 2023 for our annual



**Concert**  
**6:00-7:00pm**  
**at Blessed Sacrament.**

Featuring the musicians of our adult choir,  
our handbell choir, our youth ensemble,  
our harp ensemble, and vocal and instrumental soloists.

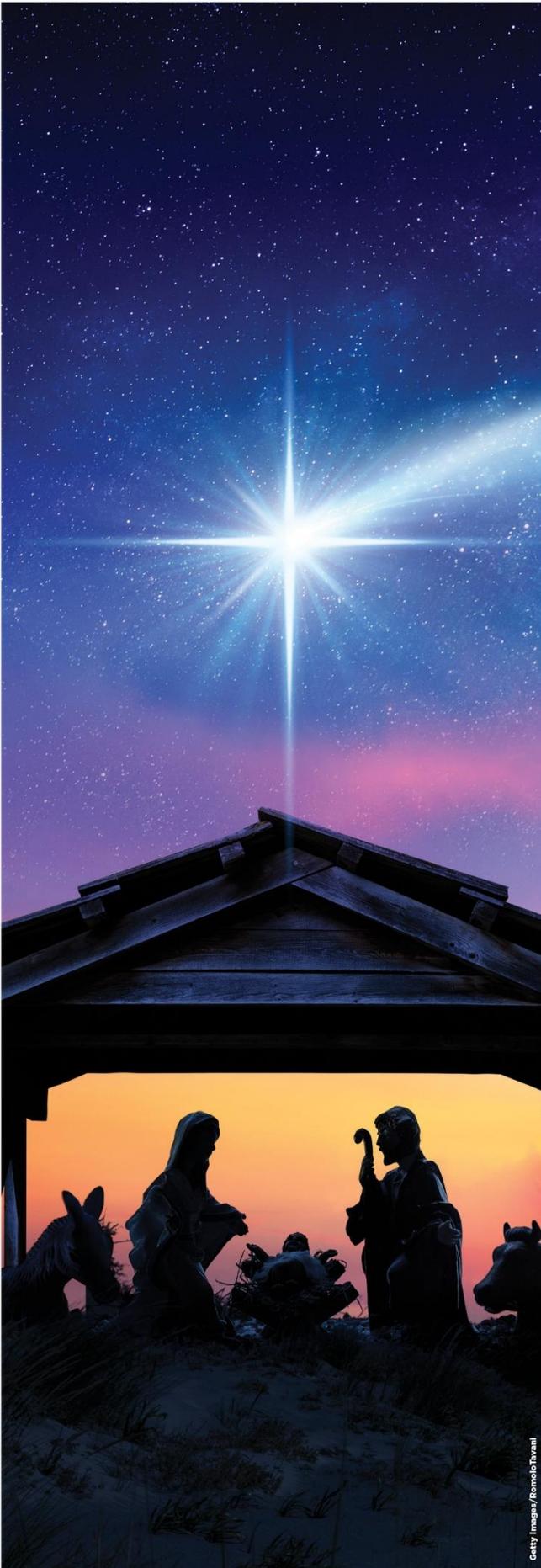
Light refreshments will be served  
in the Parish Hall following the concert.

**Come celebrate the season with us!**

**A new Permanent Diaconate Formation Program  
is about to begin.**

**Are you discerning a call to this vital ministry?**

**Please speak with Fr. Paul who can share more  
information with you about this ministry and  
program.**



December 25, 2022

# The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

The day we have been awaiting has arrived: Christ is born! All of our Christmas preparations – wrapping gifts and preparing holiday meals to be shared among family and friends – are meant to glorify and reflect God’s own work for and in us. That is, God’s greatest gift of himself, clothed in mortal flesh, who would one day offer himself as the bread of life: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” Jesus came to the world in the form of the most helpless of us all, a newborn infant, so that through him we would be reconciled to the Father, for “to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.” We celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord, for Christ is our salvation! It is through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are adopted into God’s family and receive the fullness of his grace. The fullness of God’s truth is revealed in Jesus Christ. “The Lord has made his salvation known”; “he has spoken to us through the Son.” Let us give thanks and rejoice this day!

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Today’s Gospel reading reminds us that John the Baptist testified to the light of Christ before Christ had yet publicly appeared. Sharing the Good News is not optional! Even the earth proclaims the Good News in Isaiah, “announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, ‘Your God is King!’” Indeed, Christ the King – God in human flesh – has arrived. Just as John was sent before the Lord to proclaim his coming, so are we charged: Sent out to the world to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, “so that all might believe.”

**WITNESS** How might you go out and proclaim the coming of the Lord? Don’t forget: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ isn’t limited just to speaking to others. It includes *living* as Christ did – feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and the poor, defending the helpless – because we are Christ’s body in the world.

## Liturgical Ministers – December 24

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

## Liturgical Ministers - Christmas - December 25

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

## Liturgical Ministers – December 31/January 1

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Joe Deegan	Peg Nagem	Mary Pat Peck
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Chip Council	Gary and Madison Ferrell	Tommy Ross Eip Shawler
<b>Cantors</b>	Matt Leary	Rory Isaac	Need Volunteer
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Tony Ciliberti	Peggy Musilli	Todd Witsberger
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Mike Burgess Laura Hayes David Elliott	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Mike Granata John Providenti	Shelley Nason	Ken McNeil Emilie McNeil

## More Items of Interest

### **Creation Care Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 25, 2022**

The messages of the readings for the three masses on Christmas might be gathered together under two major themes: God coming to us in human flesh, thus being a genuine part of creation; and the restoration of the people. Each of the first readings is taken from Isaiah. The first proclaims the birth of a royal son who will rule the people in peace. The second identifies that king as the savior of his people. The third states that God will work through that king to restore a broken nation.

As we gaze at the manger scene, do we recognize him? Are we open to hear his teaching? Are we ready to allow him to transform us and the world of which we are a part? When it comes to caring for creation, are we prepared, as Mary and Joseph were, to do whatever is necessary to help fulfill the Lord's plan, and "eager to do what is good"?

† Passage from Laudato Si':

Grace...found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within, he comes that we might find him in this world of ours. (236)

Prayer:

May the transformation for which we pray will embrace the entire created world, let us pray to the Lord.

*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/](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/)*

**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.

### **Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule**

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
February 22 . . . . .	Tony O'Leary

## 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](mailto: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.*

<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>	Tina McCready      Jane Ann Grishaber
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26</b>	Davis Family
<b>Tue</b>	<b>27</b>	Karen Lewia & David Lewia
<b>Wed</b>	<b>28</b>	Bernie Mabe & Chuck Mabe
<b>Thu</b>	<b>29</b>	Sister Molly Maloney
<b>Fri</b>	<b>30</b>	Jim Scharf
<b>Sat</b>	<b>31</b>	Sister Carole Riley      Carla Stricker

## Why and How to Have Mass Offered for One's Intention

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Special graces are obtained for whom or what intention the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons — the souls in purgatory, remembrance for someone who is deceased, healing of one who is sick, thanksgiving, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, a worthy or special intention such as peace in the world, etc. The intention is for whom or what the priest is praying as he celebrates Mass. Whenever and wherever the Eucharist is celebrated, the Church shares in the graces of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Because there are more requests for Mass Intentions that can be fulfilled in a year, we are implementing a new policy for scheduling.

1. All Mass intentions need to be scheduled with Natalie at the parish office.
2. Mass Intentions are only scheduled one year at a time, namely the First Sunday of Advent through the Solemnity of Christ the King.
3. To ensure that the recently deceased may be remembered at a Sunday (or Saturday night) Mass or weekday Mass in a timely fashion, some dates will not be assigned an intention until a few weeks ahead of time.
4. The scheduled dates are subject to change if the Mass schedule changes.

Mass Intentions are filled on a first come first served basis. Certain dates are excluded. Some days there will be no Mass or Mass may be postponed. If so, it will be rescheduled. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per Daily Mass intention, and \$20.00 per Sunday Mass intention. Requests with no offerings are welcome and will be accepted. Mass Intentions are published in the Bulletin.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"I don't think Dr. Cuthbertson's kids eat apples, 'cause it would keep their Daddy away."

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# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 26

*Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good start.*

The feast day of your birth resembles You, Lord  
Because it brings joy to all humanity.  
Old people and infants alike enjoy Your day.  
Your day is celebrated from generation to generation.  
Kings and emperors may pass away,  
And the festivals to commemorate them soon lapse.  
But Your festival will be remembered until the end of time.  
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.  
At Your birth heaven and earth were reconciled,  
Since You came from heaven to earth on that day  
You forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt.  
You gave us so many gifts on the day of your birth:  
A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick;  
Spiritual light for the blind;  
The cup of salvation for the thirsty;  
The bread of life for the hungry.  
In the winter when trees are bare,  
You give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.  
In the frost when the earth is barren,  
You bring new hope to our souls.  
— Saint Ephraim the Deacon



If we want to celebrate Christmas authentically, we need to contemplate this sign: the frail simplicity of a tiny newborn child, the meekness with which he is placed in a manger, the tender affection with which he is wrapped in his swaddling clothes. That is where God is. With this sign, the Gospel reveals a paradox. It speaks of the emperor, the governor, the high and mighty of those times, yet God does not make himself present there. He appears not in the splendor of a royal palace, but in the poverty of a stable; not in pomp and show, but in simplicity of life; not in power, but in astonishing smallness. In order to meet him, we need to go where he is. We need to bow down, to humble ourselves, to make ourselves small. The newborn Child challenges us. He calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and to turn to what is essential, to renounce our insatiable cravings, to abandon our endless yearning for things we will never have. We do well to leave such things behind, in order to discover, in the simplicity of the divine Child, peace, joy and the luminous meaning of life. (Pope Francis (1936-))

If in your heart you make a manger for Love's birth,  
Then God will once again become a child on earth. (Angelus Silesius 1624-1677)

What good is it that Christ was born years ago if he is not born now in your heart?  
— Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

# 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/1s/1QRMINNMYMTA>

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!***

# The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God – January 1, 2023

## Reading I                      Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

## Responsorial Psalm              Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

**R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R. May God bless us in his mercy.**

## Reading II                      Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

## Alleluia                      Hebrews 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel                      Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem 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.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## **Our Pastoral Council**

Chip Council, co-facilitator	Matt Davis	Rick Brennan	Pam Council	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.sprmv.org](http://www.sprmv.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](http://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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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