

Blessed Sacrament Parish – February 5, 2023

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

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/BSCCWV/>
for anyone who cannot come to Mass in person.

Mass Schedule

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	02/04	4:00pm		The Intentions of Our Priest
Sunday	02/05	9:00am	+	Don Churchill by Susan Churchill
		11:30am		The Intentions of Our Parish Family
Monday	02/06			
Tuesday	02/07			
Wednesday	02/08	Noon	+	Oswald Fernandes by Joan Fernandes
Thursday	02/09	Noon	+	Richard & Diana Salame by Richard Salame
Friday	02/10	Noon	+	Joe Fernandes by Joan Fernandes
Saturday	02/11	4:00pm		The Intentions of Our Priest
Sunday	02/12	9:00am		The Intentions of Our Parish Family
		11:30am		The Intentions of Our Priest

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 & Arlene Hanna, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, and Rabbi Victor Urecki Sandy Wheeler

We Pray She Rests in Peace ~ Patty Geissinger sister-in-law of Jean Wood

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Souper Bowl of Caring weekend				
Sat	02/04	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		4:00pm	Mass – Vigil	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Sun	02/05	9:00am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		10:15am	Youth Faith Formation Meeting	Sanctuary
		10:15am	First Communion Class	Room 2
		11:30am	Mass – Rite of Acceptance	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Mon	02/06	5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	OCIA/RCIA	Library
		6:00pm	Energy Efficiency Meeting	Room 2
Tues	02/07		Our Office is Closed Today	
		Noon	Brown Bag Book Club	Library
Wed	02/08	10:am	Bible Study	Room 5
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
		1:00pm	Lectio Divina	Conference Room
Thurs	02/09	Noon	Mass	Chapel
Fri	02/10	11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel
		Noon	Mass	Chapel
Souper Bowl of Caring weekend / Hygiene Products weekend / Sustainable Food Display				
Sat	02/11	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room
		4:00pm	Mass - Vigil	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Sun	02/12	9:00am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		10:15am	First Communion Class	Room 2
		10:15am	Youth Faith Formation	Sanctuary
		11:30am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		1:30pm	Book Club – “Breathing Under Water”	Library
			Dismas Men's Group	Room 6

From the Director Religious Education

GOOD NEWS!

1st COMMUNION CLASS is meeting every Sunday from 10:15am to 11:15am in Classroom 2. The first meeting was a success due to the leadership of our Youth Catechist Ms. Olivia Hayes! If you missed our first class, don't worry, please attend this week's class on February 5th and every Sunday throughout Spring! We will again meet in the Sanctuary first to welcome any new families into the class. Please also email me if you would like to attend and I can put your family and child's name on our registry. And, if anyone has any questions please contact me at: rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION class will meet Sunday, February 5th in the Sanctuary at 10:15-11:15am.

Please **REGISTER** for some of our upcoming **ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**.

Below you will find the program for our **LENTEN SYMPOSIUM**. We hope you can make it to at least one of our three scheduled events in the Parish Hall.

COMING SOON: "Coffee, Cocoa, and Questions" an opportunity for all parishioners, young and old, and in-between, to submit anonymous questions either in-person in the submission box on the Religious Education table. Or, please go to our **SURVEY MONKEY** link where you can type one or more questions with complete and secure anonymity. After questions are submitted a respondent like Fr. Paul would answer the questions in a town hall style event. The first meeting is in the Parish Hall at the new Adult Faith Formation time of 10:15-11:15am, with our inaugural session on February 12, so please submit your questions at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/252W85K>.

COMING SOON: In conjunction with the West Virginia Institute of Spirituality, and St. Francis Hospital, Blessed Sacrament Parish will host "Celebrate the Spirit: Recovery from Addiction" (tentative) on March 22 in the Parish Hall. Details forthcoming.



West Virginia Institute for Spirituality upcoming programs - for more information or to register go to <http://wwis.org/upcoming-programs/>

Wisdom Jesus by Cynthia Bourgeault, An 8-week Lenten Book Study via Zoom
Tuesdays, February 14th – April 4th

Listening to God's Call - 12-week Group Spiritual Direction Zoom Tuesdays, Feb 21st – May 9th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Praying Our Experiences - 5-week Group Spiritual Direction -Zoom Tuesdays, Feb 28th – March 28th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Quench Your Spiritual Thirst

Blessed Sacrament Lenten Symposium

- WHAT:** Come learn about essential beliefs and practices for every Catholic seeking to live out and grow in faith. Lent is a fitting time to better understand the history and practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will consider how certain sins can become habitual and how spiritual dryness afflicts us. There are steps we can take to deal with both. Finally, there will be a thought-provoking experience of Jesus and the Woman at the Well.
- WHEN:** Part I: Wednesday, February 15 @ 7pm
"Reconciling Reconciliation"
Part II: Wednesday, March 1 @ 7pm
"Habitual Sin and Spiritual Dryness"
Part III: Wednesday, March 8 @ 7pm
"Woman at the Well"
- WHERE:** Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in South Charleston, WV
- WHY:** To grow in your continuing Catholic faith formation.
- HOW:** **PLEASE REGISTER** by signing up at the Religious Education Table in the Gathering Space OR by clicking on the Survey Monkey link below.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9XDJGL>
- WHO:** Fr. Paul Wharton, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, a diocesan priest for 40 years, Prison Chaplain, Dean, Vicar, Teacher, and more.
- Molly Linehan Belcher, Theology teacher & Campus Minister at Charleston Catholic High School, Master of Theology. Member, Catholic Committee of Appalachia and JASMER Land Trust. Soon to be member of Blessed Sacrament Parish Council.
- Nancy McLaughlin, Assistant Academic Advisor at Charleston Catholic High School. Member of the Blessed Sacrament Music and Usher/ Greeter Ministries and a member of the *Quasi Caelum Schola*.
- Bob Pennington, DRE at Blessed Sacrament Parish, a Doctor of Theology, published author, public speaker, and theology teacher at Charleston Catholic High School.

Events to Mark on Your Calendar!

February 11th & 12th – Hygiene Sunday (see article)

February 4th & 5th and February 11 & 12– Souper Bowl Sunday -Our youth will collect donations of money and soup to benefit a local food pantry. You can vote for who you hope wins the Super Bowl by placing your donations with that team's table/bucket in the gathering area.

February 26th – Faith in Film Series (see article below)

Hygiene Sunday - Saturday and Sunday, February 11 & 12

What is a Hygiene Kit?

A hygiene kit is used to hold personal care items that clean, comfort, and groom a person's body. Most hygiene kits are used for homeless people, or emergency situations like natural disasters. These kits are meant to be used as a short-term solution until regular supplies and facilities are available.

What Items are Needed for Hygiene Sunday?

For both men and women:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash or bar of soap, shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, deodorant, lip balm, disposable razor

Additional items for women's kits only:

Hairbrush, feminine napkins (not tampons; napkins are more universally used)

Additional items for men's kits only:

Comb, shaving cream

Join Us for the Faith in Film Series – Social Justice Offering

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight For Equality 1 hr. 41 min. Rated TV-MA
Sunday February 26, 2023 2:00 PM Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality follows 30 years of Equal Justice Initiative's (EJI) work on behalf of the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. The film won the **Emmy Award for Outstanding Social Issue Documentary**, and is the winner of the **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications's 26th annual Vision Award** and a **Peabody Award**. Told primarily in his own words, *True Justice* shares Bryan Stevenson's experience with a criminal justice system that "treats you better if you're rich and guilty than if you're poor and innocent." The burden of facing this system is explored in candid interviews with associates, close family members, and clients.

This feature documentary focuses on Bryan Stevenson's life and career—particularly his indictment of the U.S. criminal justice system for its role in codifying modern systemic racism—and tracks the intertwined histories of slavery, lynching, segregation, and mass incarceration. Highlighting watershed moments involving cases and clients, *True Justice* offers a rare glimpse into the human struggle that is required when the poor and people of color are wrongly condemned or unfairly sentenced, and explores the personal toll it takes. Tracing the trajectory of the Court since the 1857 *Dred Scott* decision, which ruled that African Americans are not citizens, *True Justice* shows how the Court has long sanctioned inequality, oppression, and violence. Illuminating the power of memory in cultural change, the film instills hope for a brighter American future.

The film also documents the monumental opening of EJI's Legacy Museum and its National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which is dedicated to the more than 4,400 African American victims of lynching. These sites are part of EJI's effort to engage the nation in a new era of truth and justice. As part of the campaign, EJI is working with communities to recognize lynching victims by collecting soil from lynching sites and erecting historical markers.

Movie snacks and drinks will be provided by our Men's Dismas Club. Admission is free, and open to all (free will donations gladly accepted). Please invite family, friends, and neighbors.

Ministry Highlight – Eucharistic Ministry

The **Principal Minister at the Altar** responsibilities include: the preparation of the bread, wine and vessels before Mass, the preparation of the altar during Mass, the distribution of the Body of Christ and the cleaning of the vessels after Mass. Those who are called to this ministry must, above all else, know how to be truly present to others in the moment they have. They are brothers and sisters in this very body and blood they are sharing, and not only speak their own faith in saying "Body of Christ," they call forth the faith of the one receiving.



Communion Ministers to the Sick and Shut-in take consecrated hosts to those members of our parish who have requested that the sacrament be brought to them in their home, hospital or long-term care facility. Ministers follow a prescribed ritual in the distribution of Holy Communion. Ministers share the recordings of the Mass to parishioners who have previously requested them.

Training is provided for all Communion Ministries. A person may serve in all or some of these three communion ministries.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please sign-up in the gathering space or email bsccwv@gmail.com

"Lord, help us be mindful."



The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer, prayed by Rev. Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

22 churches raised \$5,700 in that first year. Since its inception, over 305,000 schools, businesses, and congregations of all faiths have raised more than \$175 million in monetary and food donations. Last year, 4,355 groups contributed over \$3.5 million of food and monetary donations to 2,655 local charities.

This weekend and the weekend of the Big Game, the youth of Blessed Sacrament invite you to bring cans of soup, boxes of crackers, and/or virtual soup (\$1 = 1 can) donations to help our brothers and sisters who are hungry in West Virginia.

You can root for your favorite team, either the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles, by placing donations on your team's table in the Gathering Space.



Thank you for helping us live out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially #2: Call to Family, Community, and Participation and #4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.



We would like to know what you think of three possible logos for our church. We will use this logo on letterhead, signs, youth t-shirts, website and more.

You can see the candidates and/or vote two ways: either in the gathering space or by clicking the survey link below <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZL9GJPH>

Our staff worked with one of our parishioners, Michael Switzer, who is a local professional photographer and graphic designer, to develop these logo possibilities.

Voting will close on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd



 <h2 style="margin: 0;">Creation Care Recipe of the Month-February</h2> 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Cranberry Herb Quinoa</p> <p><i>A flavorful side dish. Serve with beans and a green salad for a filling meal.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ingredients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 1/2 cups quinoa • 3 cups vegetable broth • 1 large stalk celery, diced • 2 medium carrots, finely diced • 1 small yellow onion, diced • 2 tsp dried parsley • 1/4 cup dried cranberries • 1/4 cup shelled salted pumpkin seeds • 1/2 tsp sea salt 	<p style="text-align: center;">Instructions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rinse quinoa thoroughly prior to cooking to remove residue. 2. Add all ingredients to a sauce pan and bring to a boil over medium high heat. 3. Reduce heat to medium low and cover with a lid. Cook for about 20 minutes. 4. Remove from heat and allow to set for about 10 minutes. Fluff with a fork and serve. <p style="text-align: right;">(10 servings)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Eating “lower on the food chain” is a powerful way to answer Pope Francis’ call to Care for Creation.</p> <p>Why? It can help reduce the amount of water, land, energy, chemicals, transportation, refrigeration and packaging we use. It can also help reduce stress on our livestock and its handlers, lower grocery bills, improve personal health, and keep us in solidarity with people with less means.</p> <p>How to do it? Choose ingredients that are in-season, organic, locally grown, with simple or no packaging, and contain no meat and little dairy.</p> <p><i>Praise Be to God for His generosity — the soil and water, plants and animals that sustain us, and for the farmers who labor. Bon appétit!</i></p> <p>Check https://nebo.sistersofmercy.org/files/documents/resources/Justice/Mercy-Meatless-Mondays.pdf for more recipes, reflections and information.</p>	

Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule

February 8 Matt Leary
February 15 Don Becher
February 22 Tony O’Leary

MANNA MEAL'S EMPTY BOWLS

A simple meal with a big mission: nourish our community one bowl at a time.

February 6, 2023
4:30-6:30PM



Manna Meal depends on the generosity of our community—on people like you—to ensure that the hungry can eat. When you donate to Manna Meal, you're giving a neighbor hope, access to a community, fuel to keep moving forward, and nutrition for the soul.

Join us for dinner on February 6th from 4:30-6:30PM!

Dinner is available for takeout or in-person dining from 4:30pm–6:30pm.

Orders include a ceramic bowl made by a WV artist—that you can keep!—and a meal of soup, salad, bread, and dessert.

Your contribution ensures that every member of our community can eat.

Let us cook for you!

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Place Your Order for Dine In or Takeout





Hello Camp Leon 9th Graders!

It's hard to believe that you are old enough to be a Willing Worker, but it's true! Your days as a camper are over, but now you may be able to continue your Camp Leon experience through service.

In a perfect world, we need 10 willing workers for camp to run properly. As shown on this email, we only have five rising 9th graders that were campers from last year. If you have any friends, tell them to apply. You can earn 72 hours of community service! If we

have a rush of applications for willing workers, preference for willing workers will be given to members of Blessed Sacrament Parish, those that have an adult staff member working at Camp Leon for the week, and the six of you who were campers last year!

If you are interested (and we hope you are), please complete the staff card. You can return the staff card by

1. Click on the google link below and fill out the form online.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3WtPp-IXhYfHUgcr3A4weiTzan_hvzUB7746DcqwHBFm7yQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

2. Printing out the attached camp staff card (To print see the second to last page) and emailing it to paulaLdurst@gmail.com or blessedSac@suddenlinkmail.com or

(PLEASE MAKE SURE TO USE paulaLdurst -- there is another account without the L who is not associated with Blessed Sacrament)

3. Printing out the attached camp staff card (To print see the second to last page) and sending it by regular mail to Blessed Sacrament, 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303.

Also, if emailing in your staff card, please put "Camp Leon" and your name in the subject line. If possible, we would like all staff applications by March 1. We will be sending out camper applications in the next week or so.

We will be doing staff shirts again this year, so please note your t-shirt size on the staff card.

For questions about Camp details, please contact Paula Durst at paulaLdurst@gmail.com or Bob Lilly at Robert.j.lilly@gmail.com

Excitedly awaiting your camp staff application!

Paula and Bob

To print see the second to last page of this bulletin

**CAMP LEON 2023
STAFF CARD**

- ☐ Yes. I would love to work at Camp Leon between June 11 and June 18, 2023
☐ No. Wish I could.

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zipcode:

Phone: Home:

Cell:

Work:

Email:

Birthdate if under the age of 21:

If over 18, have you completed Virtus? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tshirt size: ☐ XXL ☐ XL ☐ L ☐ M ☐ S

CHECK THE POSITIONS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor/Jr. Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifeguard | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Skits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Night Watchman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> Photos/Certificates/Carnival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Willing Worker Czar/Czarina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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2. Regular mail to Blessed Sacrament, 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303.

February 5, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

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

It's amazing how one interaction can brighten an otherwise gloomy day. I love a nice sunrise on a wintry morning or a crackling fire on an autumn night. But whatever the weather, nothing quite lights up my day like a shared laugh with a friend, a snippet of real conversation with my teen son, or a hot cup of coffee delivered by my husband. In today's reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount, telling the disciples: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We, too, can be light for others – through good deeds large and small, ordinary and extraordinary. As we go about our days, we can ask the Lord to show us how to serve others. We will have days when we don't feel up to the task but, like St. Paul, we can ask the Holy Spirit to light the way.

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**You are the salt
of the earth, you
are the light of
the world.”**

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used images that resonate with us as much as they did with his followers 2,000 years ago: salt and light. Salt serves many purposes, preserving our food and giving it flavor, for example. And of course we cannot live without light. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." Like the disciples we, too, can be salt and light for others by giving witness to our faith. What that involves will be different for each of us. For ideas, we can turn to today's reading from Isaiah, which calls us to share our bread, shelter the oppressed and clothe the naked. In doing so, our light "shall break forth like the dawn."

ACTION We all know people we'd call "the salt of the earth." Who are those people in your life? Make a list of the characteristics they exhibit or actions they take that you can learn from and try to imitate. Ask God for the grace to see and do likewise for his glory.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 31

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.



POEM Great achievement

The universe will not applaud you
for astonishing accomplishments.
Angels won't go around talking about you
for your notable achievements.
God doesn't care if you succeed.

What gives the Beloved joy
is that—even in your limited circumstances,
with only the gifts the Spirit gives you,
without notice, reward or acclaim—
you act justly, love mercifully,
and walk humbly with God.
That really is all God asks.
That is enough to give God deep joy,
deep joy.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes in *Unfolding Light*
www.unfoldinglight.net Published January 24, 2023

PRAYER

Let there Moments in Your Presence

Days and the years vanish,
and we walk sightless among miracles.

God, fill our eyes with seeing
and our minds with knowing;

let there be moments when Your Presence,
like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk.

Help us to see, wherever we gaze,
that the bush burns unconsumed.

And we, clay touched by God,
will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder:
How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know
it!

Blessed is the Eternal One, the Holy God!

— Chaim Stern

MYSTIC MORSELS

by Saint Jerome Emiliani (1486–1537); Feast February
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If then you remain constant in faith, in the face of trial,
the Lord

will give you peace and rest for a time in this world and
forever in the next.

God He is asking you to grow continually in your
confidence in Him alone and not in others. For God,
as I said before, does not work in those who refuse to
place all their confidence and hope in Him alone. But
he does impart the fullness of His love upon those who
possess a deep faith and hope; for them he does great
things.

Liturgical Ministers – February 4 & 5

	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	Philip Maramba	Victoria Russo	Rick Brennan
Altar Servers	Karen Lewia	Eli Simonton Nathanial Simonton	Jeanne Jarrett
Cantors	Nancy McLaughlin	Jeanie Walter	Rory Isaac
Communion Principal	John McGarrity	Rob Pluto	Todd Witsberger
Communion to the Sick		Moly Blecher Jackie Lilly Bob Sherrard	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike & Pat Habenschuss	P Cochran Sue Mananhan	A Sites R Norman

Liturgical Ministers – February 11 & 12

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Ro Debias	Terry Mathias	Rory Isaac
Altar Servers	Chip Counsil	Bob Danielson Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Joe Deegan	John Dever	Heather White
Communion Principal	Vince Stricker	Peggy Musilli	Sally Cline
Communion to the Sick		Tom Aluise Missy Summey Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike Granata David Lewia	Dan & Nancy McLaughlin	Ken McNeil Emilie McNeil



31 Club this week

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

Sun	2/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Mike Burgess
Mon	02/06	Ro Debias
Tue	02/07	Lou Ann Lynch Kelly / Mike Roderick / Sue Nelsen
Wed	02/08	Peg Nagem / Heidi Adams & Kevin Adams / Brian Cornell
Thu	02/09	Carolyn Frye
Fri	02/10	Jane Roy
Sat	02/11	Tony O'Leary / Joe Deegan / Mary Pat Peck



Do you want a life of
Heroic Sacrifice?

Is God Calling YOU to be a Priest of Jesus Christ?

**Come join us
for a weekend of prayer
and discernment**

March 3-5
Priest Field Pastoral Center
4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430

To complete an application visit WVPriests.org



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™ CONFERENCE SERIES

Join us for the **second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference** presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This one-day conference provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more.

February 11, 2023 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

St. Michael Church | Wheeling, WV

Mass Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan

Speakers: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and more!

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual. Early Bird discount available through January 9. Scholarships available upon request. On-site childcare (2-12yrs) available with pre-registration. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

February 12, 2023 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Sir 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Reading 2 - 1 Cor 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,*

and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter

will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,

Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.

But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne;

nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

Our Pastoral Council

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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.

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