Blessed Sacrament Parish – February 12, 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/BSCWV/ for anyone who cannot come to Mass in person.

Mass Schedule

Day	Date	Time		Intention	
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	
Monday	02/13				
Tuesday	02/14				
Wednesday	02/15	Noon		Gretchen Steele by Missy Mowrer	
Thursday	02/16	Noon	+	Buz McCormick by Ro DeBias	
Friday	02/17	Noon	+	Mary Jane Mowrer by Missy Mowrer	
Saturday	02/18	4:00pm	+	Patty Geissinger by Blessed Sacrament Parish	
Sunday	02/19	9:00am		The Intentions of Our Priest	
		11:30am		The Intentions of 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 & Arlene Hanna, Rob Hrezo, 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

This Week at Blessed Sacrament - Saturday the 11th to Friday the 17th

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	
Souper Bowl of Caring / 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	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	
Sun	02/12	9:00am	Mass	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		10:15am	First Communion Class	Room 2	
		10:15am	Youth Faith Formation Adult Faith Formation "Coffee, Cocoa and Questions"	Church Parish Hall	
		11:30am	Mass	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		1:30pm	Book Club – "Breathing Under Water"	Library	
		7:00pm	Dismas Men's Group	Room 6	
Mon	02/13	6:00pm	OCIA/RCIA	Library	
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall	
		7:00pm	Pastoral Council	Zoom	
Tues	02/14		Our Office is Closed Today		
Wed	02/15	Noon	Mass	Chapel	
		1:00pm	Lectio Divina	Conference Room	
		7:00pm	Lenten Seminar "Reconciling Reconciliation	Parish Hall	
Thurs	02/16	Noon	Mass	Chapel	
			Lunch Bunch	Parish Hall	
		6:00pm	Finance Council	Library	
Fri	02/17	11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel	
		Noon	Mass	Chapel	
Sat	02/18	9:00am	Men's Bible Sharing Group	Room 5/Library and Zoom	
		3:00pm	Reconciliation	Reconciliation Room	
		4:00pm	Mass - Vigil	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	
Pancake Breakfast					
Sun	02/19	9:00am	Mass	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		10:15am	First Communion Class	Room 2	
		11:30am	Mass	Church & facebook.com/BSCWV/	

From the Director Religious Education

1st COMMUNION CLASS is meeting every Sunday from 10:15am to 11:15am in Classroom 2. If you missed our first two classes, don't worry, please attend this weeks' class on February 12 and every Sunday throughout Spring! Parents can drop off and pick up their child directly in Room 2 of the Parish classrooms past the parish office. Please also email me if you would like to attend and I will register your child. If anyone has any questions please contact me at: rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION class will meet Sunday, February 12th in the Sanctuary at 10:15-11:15am.

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.

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will consider how certain sins cans become habitual as 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 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D9XD]GL

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.



West Virginia Institute for Spirituality upcoming programs - for more information or to register go to http://wvis.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

Events to Mark on Your Calendar!

Souper Bowl of Caring this weekend

Sustainable Food Display this weekend – see article

Blessed Sacrament Lenten Symposium – Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00pm

Lunch Bunch – Thursday February 16th after the noon mass

Pancake Breakfast!! - Sunday February 19th between masses

Ash Wednesday February 22nd – Masses at Noon and 6:00pm

Faith in Film Series – Social Justice Offering February 26th - True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight For Equality

"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, 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, the Kansas City Chiefs or the Philadelphia Eagles, by placing donations on your team's end of the table in the Gathering Space.

If you don't have a favorite team, you can root for the commercials in the middle!







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.

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH THIS WEEK!

After a very pleasant January Lunch Bunch (thanks to all who took pity on us and helped out!), our team is improving our planning and organization! We're happy to announce that we WILL have a noon Mass and lunch at no charge, for all ages this Thursday, February 16! Menu: Chicken Pot Pie made by none other than Jane Roy (so you KNOW it will be delicious)! If you can bring a salad or dessert, or if you have any special dietary needs, or if you would like to contribute a door prize, or if you can help with clean up, please contact John Finnell at 304-377-3560 or snowman25303@hotmail.com. He will relay the info to the rest of the team as needed: Kathy Monahan, Steve Rist and Mary Pat Peck.

Creation Care Team

"Together with the social responsibility of businesses, there is also the social responsibility of consumers. Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral - and not simply an economic act."

 Pope Francis reiterating from Benedict XVI's 2009 encyclical Caritas in Veritate

The Creation Care Team has been taking a look at how they shop for their food, and why they choose what they do. The team is hosting a display aimed to share information that's helped them on this journey. They identified that a combination of consumer awareness, along with the understanding that the Church cares for all who produce food and calls for good stewardship of the land for future generations, was necessary to them in this process. Throughout this time, the benefits of purchasing the most local ingredients possible, continue to repeat. With this in mind, the exhibit shares the following:

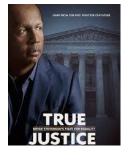
- A list of in-season produce.
 - o In-season produce is the least energy intensive to grow
- A list of organic produce ideas
 - o Organic produce is grown without adding synthetic pesticides.
- A list of (grocery store alternative) local produce growers
 - Often, local growers welcome consumer feedback while taking special care and pride in the way they grow their produce, for their own community
 - Additionally, they may increase local food security and agriculture economy
- An invitation to the annual Winter Blues Market
 - The Winter Blues Market is sponsored by the WV Div. of Agriculture and will be held on Saturday, February 25, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center from 1-5 p.m. It is free for the public to attend. More than 60 vendors from across WV will be on hand to sell products grown and sourced right here
 - Additionally, there is an option to attend lunch with the Creation Care Team on this day as well signup at the table

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 (IJT) 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

<u>Award</u> and a <u>Peabody Award</u>. 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.



Ministry Highlight – Liturgical Environment Committee

This committee's purpose is to mark the liturgical seasons of the church using decorations, such as flowers, candles, fabrics, etc. The focus is on liturgical and seasonal elements to enhance our worship space. Dates and times vary.

If you like to be creative, this ministry is a great way to glorify God with your talent. If you would like to come and help decorate especially at Christmas and Holy Week, please sign up in the gathering space or email us at bsccwv@gmail.com

Even if you have worked with us before, please sign up so that we can make sure that we have your correct information.



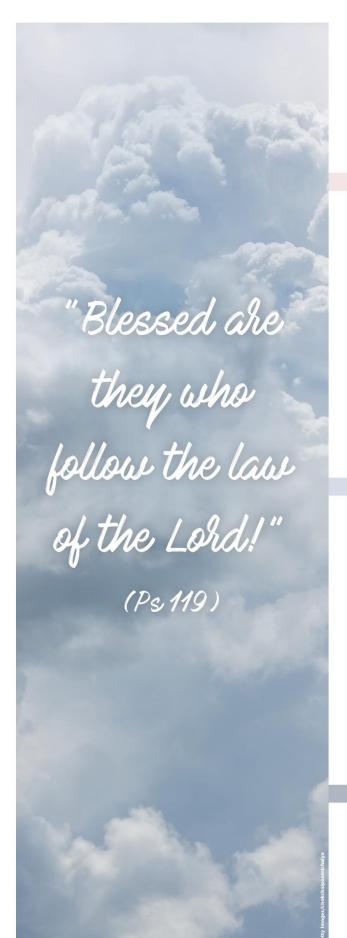
31 Club this week

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

Sun	02/12	Nancy McLaughlin
Mon	02/13	Mike Granata
Tue	02/14	Shelley Nason / Kathy Pojman
Wed	02/15	Moon Musilli and Peg Musilli
Thu	02/16	Mary Odin / Connie Jarzynski / Theresa O'Leary Pippa Maramba
Fri	02/17	Bowles Family
Sat	02/18	Mary Burriss

Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule

February 15 Don Becher February 22 Tony O'Leary



February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Just the other day some of my friends agreed on a new way to approach the new year: Select one word, a kind of mantra for 2023. Ironically, even though I am indecisive to a fault, I had no trouble deciding on mine: "Choose." I often get stuck, whether it's deciding which online clothing purchases to return, what to order on the menu ... and don't get me started on major life decisions. Today's reading from Sirach reminds us of the choice that matters most: If we *choose* to keep the commandments, they will save us. "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." We are well into 2023, but it bears reminding that each day we have an opportunity to choose anew: To follow God's law, fulfilled in the words and example of Jesus. He will show us the way. "If you trust in God, you too shall live."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've probably all heard the term "quiet quitting" by now. It's a workplace phenomenon where employees do the bare minimum rather than going above and beyond. I thought of that phrase when reading Matthew's Gospel today. How many of us Christians have "quietly quit," doing the minimum required – going to Mass on Sunday, being faithful to our spouse, not resorting to violence when we get angry with someone. Jesus challenges us to go above and beyond the Ten Commandments. You shall not kill, but you should not stay angry either. You shall not commit adultery, but you shall also love your spouse with your whole heart. Today's readings challenge us to rediscover God's law and challenge ourselves to go "above and beyond" in our daily lives.

PRAY Pray today's psalm (119): "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!" How might you specifically follow the law of the Lord just a little bit better, or above and beyond, today? Each day?

Liturgical Ministers – February 11 & 12

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am	
Lectors	Ro Debias	Terry Mathias	Rory Issac	
Altar Servers	Chip Counsil	Bob Danielson Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross	
Cantors	Joe Deegan	John Dever	Heather White	
Communion Principal	Vince Stricker	Missy Summey	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	

Church Mice

FOLKS, PLEASE BEAR WITH US OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AS WE DO SOME WORK TO IMPROVE OUR WEBSITE!



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Liturgical Ministers – February 18 & 19

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am	
Lectors	Patti Frame	David Elliott	Philip Maramba	
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan Karen Lewia	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Jeanne Jarrett	
Cantors	Dave Haas	Rory Isaac	John Shawler	
Communion Principal	Tony Ciliberti	Peggy Musilli	Kathy Lester	
Communion to the Sick		David Elliott Susan Bowyer Molly Linehan Belcher		
Greeters/Ushers	David Lewia John Providenti	Pat Cochran Jeanne Haas	Anne Sites Shelly Nason	

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 32

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

POEM:

Please can I have a God not fossilized, hardened, stiff, unshaken, not contained in creeds and testimonies, judgments and stone tablets, but in the wound breaking open.

Please can I have a God who asks me to worship at the altar of mystery, to lay aside certainty, and curl up in the hollow of a great stone down by the river, to hear the force of it rushing past.

Please can I have a God with questions rather than answers, who is not Rock or Fortress or Father, but sashays, swerves, ripens, rages at the rape of the earth.

Please can I have a God whose voice is the sound of a girl, long silent from abuse, now speaking her first word, who is not sweetness or light, but the fierce utterance of "no" in all the places where love has been extinguished.

Please can I have a God the color of doubt, the shape of uncertainty, who sees that within me dwells a multitude, grief and joy, envy and generosity, rage and raucousness, and anoints every last part.

Please can I have a God who rolls her eyes with me at platitudes and pronouncements and walks by my side in the early morning across the wet field, together bare-footed and broken-hearted, who is both mud and dew.

Please can I have a God who is the vast indifference of forest and night sky, who is both eclipse and radiance, silence and scream, who is everything slow and dark and moist, who is not measured, controlled, but ecstatic and dancing.

Please can I have a God who is not the flame, but the flickering, not bread, but the chewing and swallowing, not Lover and Beloved, but the making love, not the dog, but the joyful exuberance when I come home.

— Christine Valters Paintner





PRAYER:

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace. — Saint Augustine (Confessions)

MYSTIC MORSELS:

- Doubt is but another element of faith.
- God is best known in not knowing him.
- God gives where he finds empty hands.
- Be what you see; receive what you are.
- Eternity is the now that does not pass away.
- A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

--Saint Augustine (354-430)

February 19, 2023 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them:

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading 2

1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: *God catches the wise in their own ruses*, and again: *The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.* So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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 Maram	ba	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/