

Blessed Sacrament Parish – January 15, 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.

Telephone (Parish Office): 304.744.5523 E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com

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Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone for Emergencies: 304-433-7472

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Office Manager: Natalie Zellers Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com

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	01/14	4:00pm	+	Mr & Mrs Richard Suhlaymee
Sunday	01/15	9:00am	+	Robert & Rita Domin
		11:30am		Intentions of Our Parish Family
Monday	01/16			
Tuesday	01/17			
Wednesday	01/18	No Mass		
Thursday	01/19	Noon	+	Sylvester & Marie Edquist
Friday	01/20	No Mass		
Saturday	01/21	4:00pm		Intentions of Our Priest
Sunday	01/22	9:00am		Intentions of Our Parish Family
		11:30am		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 Hanna, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, Rabbi Victor Urecki and Sandy Wheeler

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat	01/14	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	01/15	9:00am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		11:30am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Mon	01/16		Our Office is Close Today	
		6:00pm	Parkinson's Support Group	Conference Room/ Parish Hall
		6:00pm	OCIA/RCIA	Library
Tues	01/17		Our Office is Closed Today	
Wed	01/18	10:00am	Bible Study	Library
		Noon	No Mass this Week	
Thur	01/19	Noon	Mass	Sanctuary
			Lunch Bunch to follow Mass	Parish Hall
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri	01/20	11:15am	Scriptural Rosary	Chapel
		Noon	No Masses this Week	
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Important Information About the Parish Office

Through the month of January our office manager, Natalie, will be recovering from surgery and working from home. During this time, you can leave a message on our office phone at 304-744-5523 or send us an email at BSCCWV@gmail.com. If you need to come into the Blessed Sacrament office, please call before you come to be sure that someone is there to help before you make the trip. Our Fr. Paul can be reached at 304-433-7472.

From the Director Religious Education

GOOD NEWS! 1st Communion Class registration is now open! Our first class will be January 29th from 10:15am to 11:15am in the Sanctuary. This will serve as a general introduction to our Volunteer Minister, Olivia Hayes, a Blessed Sacrament parishioner and student. To join or to learn more, please contact me at: rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com

Make your VOICE heard! A link to the Adult Faith Formation Survey is below. You can also access it using the church website. Hard copies are available in the Gathering Space: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QQX7BN>

We need a VOLUNTEER to lead our Youth Faith Formation classes that will take place between the two Sunday Masses. If you or someone you know may be a good fit for this, please contact me at: 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: rpenningtontheologian@gmail.com

Shawna B
@theproestdwarf

One of my favorite very specific image genres is cats that look completely unprepared for the realities of parenthood.



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Sometimes you just have to pick yourself up and carry on



Volunteers Needed!



We will be highlighting one of our many ministries every week.
All of our ministries will appreciate volunteers.

One of the ministries most in need of new volunteers are the Ushers/Greeters!

Greeter/Ushers are old and young, male and female, families and single folks. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry. Greeters arrive about 20 minutes before Mass and say hello to people as they arrive. They answer questions about our facility, hand things out, and generally make us feel welcome. Greeters also help us to recruit individuals and families to bring up the Bread and Wine during the Offertory. Some of their tasks are quite visible, such as passing the plates for the collection and directing the communion procession. They also prepare the church before Mass and hand out bulletins as we leave. They take on many small tasks that help Mass to run smoothly and minimize distractions so that we can all pray. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space or email the office at BSCCWV@gmail.com

One of our seminarians is having a birthday.

Nathan Schmidt is a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's in Maryland and his birthday is January 21st. Birthday cards keep us connected, cards are a small gesture that make someone feel thought of in a way that email does not quite achieve.

Please consider sending a card to: Nathan Schmidt c/o Mount Saint Mary's Seminary 16300 Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Donation Statements

If you would like to have a statement of your donations to our parish in 2022, please call our office (304-744-5523) or send us an email (BSCCWV@gmail.com) with your request. Let us know the email address you prefer, or if you need the statement mailed to you by US post.

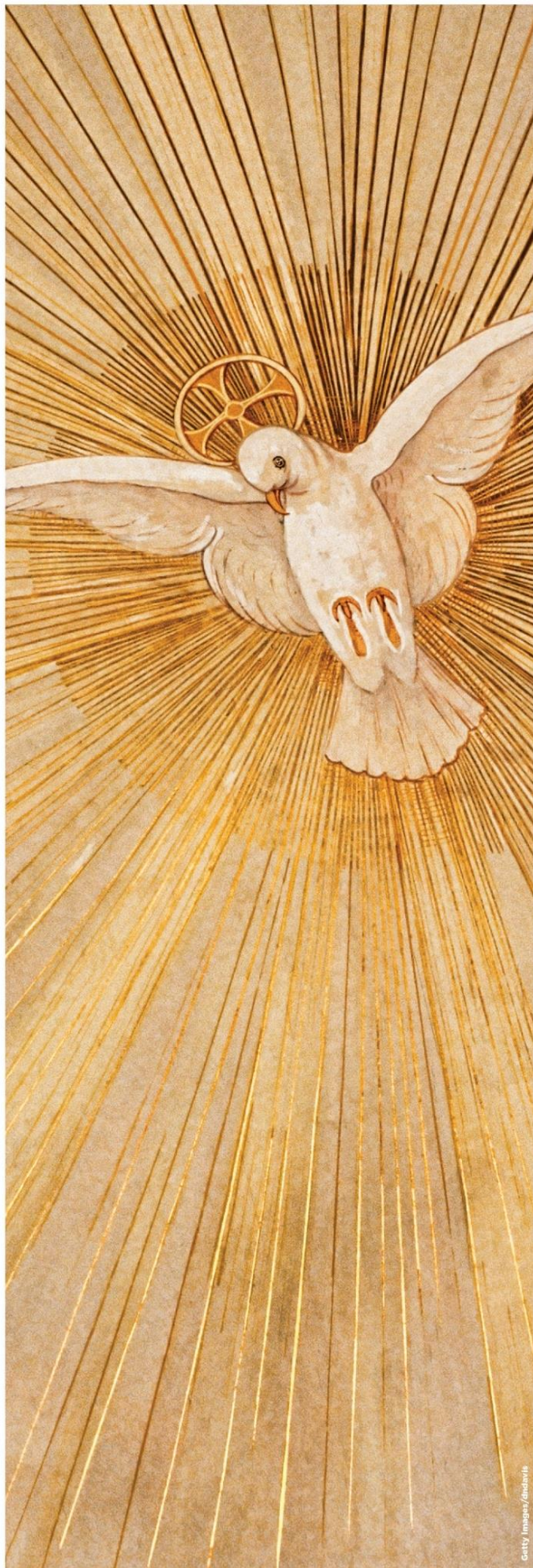
Events to Mark on Your Calendar!

Thursday January 19th - LUNCH BUNCH - THE NEXT GENERATION

With much gratitude for Jane Roy's decades of service, a new team has been welcomed by Father Paul to keep our tradition alive! We are: Kathy Monahan, Mary Pat Peck, Steve Rist and John Finnell. We're happy to announce that we WILL have a noon Mass and lunch for all ages on Thursday, January 19! If you would like to help prepare some soup or sandwiches, please email John at snowman25303@hotmail.com or call/text 304-377-3560.

Poinsettia Plants

Please take home one (or more) of the Poinsettia plants.
They are located in the South entrance breezeway.



January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I'm not sure I've ever seen a dove close up. The dove is a powerful symbol for Jews and Christians alike, representing love and a deep sense of peace. The dove has special significance for Christians, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him ... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." The Baptist further testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. The *catechism* (701) reminds us that John the Baptist not only paved the way for Jesus, but for all of us who followed: "The Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized." Through our baptism, we can follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist by telling others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us what we need in order to become messengers of love and peace to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During his 1988 campaign, President George H.W. Bush used the phrase "a thousand points of light" to describe volunteers "spread like stars throughout the nation, doing good." This phrase came to mind as I listened to the reading from Isaiah, in which the Lord vows to make Israel "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." John the Baptist baptizes with water to prepare the people for Jesus' coming. As we settle into the dark days of winter, today's readings challenge us to become points of light to others, leading them to Christ. How we do that will differ for each of us – praying for others, visiting an elderly relative, writing that letter we've been putting off. We may not be prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist, but we have the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us.

PRAY Today's psalm reminds me of the popular hymn, "Here I am, Lord." While I love the melody, the psalmist offers a simple spoken version that we can pray to point ourselves in the direction of Jesus each day: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 29

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:

I am neither a man of letters nor of science,
But I humbly claim to be a man of prayer.
It is prayer that has saved my life,
Without it I would have lost my reason long ago.

If I did not lose my peace of soul,
In the midst of my many trials,
It is because of the peace
That came to me through prayer.

One can live several days without food,
But not without prayer.
Prayer is the key to each morning
and the lock to each evening.
It is a sacred alliance between God and us.

Let everyone try this experience, and they will find
That daily prayer will add something new to their lives,
Something which cannot be found elsewhere.
— Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



MYSTIC MORSELS:

Pray night and day. Pray when you are happy and
pray when you are sad.
Pray with fear and trembling, and with a watchful
and vigilant mind,
that your prayer might be acceptable to the Lord.
—Theodoros the Ascetic (7th Century)

Our Lord revealed to me two conditions necessary
for prayer. One is a right attitude. A right attitude
prays for God's will to be done, to His glory. The
other necessity is a complete trust in God.
— Saint Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

The only way to pray is to pray; and the way to
pray well is to pray much.
If one has no time for this, then one must at least
pray regularly.
But the less one prays, the worse it goes.
—John Chapman (1865-1933)

PRAYER: Collect my Thoughts

Lord, take my poor heart.
It is often so far from you,
lost in a thousand things
and in the trifles that
fill up my everyday life.
Lord, only you can collect
the thoughts of my heart
and have it concentrate on you,
who are the center of all hearts,
and the Lord of all souls.
Only you can bestow
the spirit of prayer,
only your grace is able to
allow me to find you
amidst this multitude of things,
amidst the distractions of everyday life,
you, the one necessity, the one person with
whom my heart can become still.
—Karl Rahner, SJ

Liturgical Ministers – January 14 & 15

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Gerri Wright	Irene Galloway	Diane Lordan
Altar Servers	Vince Stricker Carly Stricker	Eip Shawler Chip Council	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Nancy McLaughlin	Matt Leary	Heather White
Communion Principal	John McGarrity	Missy Summey	Kathy Lester
Communion to the Sick		Tom Aluise Missy Summey Bob Sherrard	
Greeters/Ushers	Michael Granata John Providenti	Rob & Kelly Plutro	Greg & Linda Ayers

Liturgical Ministers – January 21 & 22

	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	Alec Mansfield	Laura Jennings	Kathy Lestor
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan	Bob Danielson Maureen Mathias	Jeanne Jarrett
Cantors	Dave Haas	Jack Dever	Mary Odin
Communion Principal	Ron Teufel	Jackie Lilly	Linda Matheny
Communion to the Sick		Jackie Lilly David Elliott Laura Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	David Lewia John Providenti	Brian Cornell Sue Manahan	Greg & Linda Ayers

Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule

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

31 Club this week

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

Sun	01/15	Connie Jarzynski
Mon	01/16	Connie Jarzynski
Tue	01/17	Bob Galloway / Bowles Family
Wed	01/18	Ruby Moore / Patty Frame
Thu	01/19	Andrea Null Herrick
Fri	01/20	Sandy Wheeler / Denise Burgess / Moon & Peggy Musilli
Sat	01/21	John Finnell

January 22nd - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Is 8:23—9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles.

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading 2

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

Alleluia

Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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.sprmw.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/>