

Blessed Sacrament Parish – January 22, 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	01/21	4:00pm	The Intentions of Our Priest
Sunday	01/22	9:00am	The Intentions of Our Parish Family
		11:30am	The Intentions of Our Priest
Monday	01/23		
Tuesday	01/24		
Wednesday	01/25		No Mass
Thursday	01/26		No Mass
Friday	01/27		No Mass
Saturday	01/28	4:00pm	The Intentions of Our Parish Family
Sunday	01/29	9:00am	The Intentions of Our Priest
		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 Hanna, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Bradley Smith, Rabbi Victor Urecki and Sandy Wheeler

In Remembrance

Beth Boyd provided the beautiful flower arrangement for our altar last weekend in memory of her father, Dr. George L. Hamilton.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat	01/21	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	01/22	9:00am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
		11:30am	Mass	Sanctuary & facebook.com/BSCWV/
Mon	01/23	6:00pm	OCIA/RCIA	Library
		7:00pm	Creation Care	Room 2
Tues	01/24		Our Office is Closed Today	
Wed	01/25	10:00am	Bible Study	Room 5 / Library
			No Mass	
		1:00pm	Lecto Devina	Conference Room
Thur	01/26		No Mass	
		5:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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In Loving Memory - John F. "Buz" McCormick

John F. "Buz" McCormick, 81 of Scott Depot, WV, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Putnam Center in Hurricane, WV on December 11, 2022. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 4th 2023 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, in South Charleston, WV. Visitation will be held the day of from 11am-12:30pm. Private inurnment will be held directly after at the church in the columbarium.

https://www.bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/John-Mccormick-20/?fbclid=IwAR2UU-eJj_x8TQHf2F3crAFyzuSp_5I5hZy6v12BpPDz3oXe9mUB6-aFZME#!/Obituary

From the Director Religious Education

GOOD NEWS!

1st COMMUNION CLASS registration is now open! Our first class will meet Sunday, January 29 in the Sanctuary at 10:15am to 11:15am. The first meeting will serve as a general introduction for parents with our Volunteer Minister, Olivia Hayes, a Blessed Sacrament parishioner and student. To register your child, or to learn more, please contact me at: rpenningontheologian@gmail.com.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION class will meet Sunday, January 29 in the Sanctuary at 10:15-11:15am. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Make your VOICE heard! A link to the Adult Faith Formation Survey is below. The survey will only remain open until Sunday night, January 29. You can also access it using the church website. And, hard copies are available in the Gathering Space. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QX7BN>

Please consider VOLUNTEERING 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 to lead our youth, please contact me at: rpenningontheologian@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: rpenningontheologian@gmail.com

Film Night

As you know Rick Brennan has been in charge of Film night historically at BSP. He will continue to serve as Volunteer Coordinator of this Religious Education ministry program. He and I would like to gather the opinion of the parish as to best date/time for the 1st and subsequent monthly film & faith offerings...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVL73XY>



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.



A big THANK YOU to all who contributed food, labor and good company to our wonderful Lunch Bunch this week! The next one will be Thursday, February 16.

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

Alter Servers

Altar Servers are an important part of the Mass.

They carry the candles in the procession at the beginning and end of the Mass. During the Mass, they assist the priest with the missal for prayers, help to set up the table and assist the priest during the offertory with the presentation of the gifts and the preparation of the bread and wine. There are other duties on special events such as carrying the incense and censer.



If you are interested in becoming an altar server please sign up in the gathering space. Or contact the office at BSCCWV@gmail.com

Sunday Comics



Painting:
"The arrival of the electric bill"
Oil on canvas



Events to Mark on Your Calendar!

February 3rd – Feast of St. Blaise - Fr Paul will bless throats during the noon Mass on Friday

February 4th - _Gabriel Project Swingin’ with Sinatra & Elvis (see article)- The Gabriel Project of WV is hosting a Swingin’ with Sinatra & Elvis dinner and show on Saturday, February 4, 2023. The event will take place in the ballroom of the Little Creek Golf Course, [99 Fairway Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia](#). For more information, call the Gabriel Project at 304-205-5865 or email: metrovalley@gabrielwv.org.

February 4th & 5th – Souper Bowl Sunday - On the weekend of February 4th/5th, 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.

Theological Reflections from Dr. Bob Pennington

January 19, 2023

When Fr. Paul asked me if I wanted to write the weekly email message while he was on vacation I was excited to accept, but my mind immediately raced. I thought to myself:

“What topic do I choose? Hmmmm, let me think, its not Lent yet...Easter is too far away,” so I ruled those topics out. Then, I checked the Liturgical calendar for inspiration. I noticed the conversion of Saint Paul coming up, and, conversion is one of my favorite topics. But, it’s also a Lenten topic...so, I passed. Then, inspiration came! “I’ll say something about my favorite Biblical passage –Matthew 25:35-46.” In that passage Jesus tells his disciples, among other things, to “welcome the stranger,” (a teaching we see Jesus’ disciples live out in Luke 24:13-35 when they were on their way to Emmaus and encountered a stranger and extended their hospitality.) But, why is this biblical story important for to me to share with you? Because I came to Blessed Sacrament as a stranger...but I no longer feel like a stranger because of all of you! I feel welcomed!

Indeed, so many people generously shared their time, wisdom, and insights with me in such a way that I feel an abundantly blessed to now be a member of our Blessed Sacrament community as we all strive in our collective mission as members of the Catholic Church.

With gratitude,
Bob Pennington

Gabriel Project Announces Swingin’ with Sinatra & Elvis Dinner & Show

The Gabriel Project of WV is hosting a Swingin’ with Sinatra & Elvis dinner and show on Saturday, February 4, 2023. The event will take place in the ballroom of the Little Creek Golf Course, [99 Fairway Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia](#).

Guests will spend an early Valentine’s Day evening with the Chairman of the Board Frank Sinatra and the King of Rock ‘n Roll Elvis Presley, both personified by regional entertainer Lee Dean. Lee’s two hour interactive show will have guests singing, cheering, laughing, tapping time to the music, and dancing. You’ll truly feel in the presence of these two music legends.

Tickets include a delicious Italian pasta dinner buffet and show. A cash bar will also be available. Doors open at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. The musical performance begins at 7 pm.

The event is open to the public with limited ticket availability. Individual tickets are \$65 each and a table for eight persons is \$500. Tickets can be ordered online at [gabrielwv.org](#).

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Gabriel Project’s Metro Valley Chapter which provides essential baby items, such as cribs, car seats, diapers and formula, to low income families in the Kanawha Valley.

For more information, call the Gabriel Project at 304-205-5865 or email: metrovalley@gabrielwv.org.





January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10–13, 17 | Mt 4:12–23 or Mt. 4:12–17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Since the Fall, the world has been riddled with strife and divisiveness. From the disobedience in the Garden, to Cain and Abel, to conflicts and wars throughout the centuries, it's clear that we humans are prone to picking sides and fighting over them. We hear about this even within the early Church from St. Paul in today's second reading. There were rivalries, and Christians were saying things such as, "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Cephas." But Paul wisely asks: "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Clearly not. There is only one source of Truth – Jesus Christ – and Paul never hesitated to refuse credit for himself, and to instead glorify the Lord in his word and deed. This is the model set for us – to refuse to set ourselves or God-made-in-our-own-image over and against the Triune God who created us. Christ came to unite us with himself and to one another, in reconciliation with the Father. His words are now our words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Pray for the grace to come together as the body of Christ so that we can be his hands and feet in the world and carry out the work he began.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Jesus Christ the kingdom of God enters into human history, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for his people. Christ inaugurated the kingdom on earth, and as members of his Church we are responsible for continuing to build it – here and now. As Christ called his first disciples and made them "fishers of men," so he calls us, that we might go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

PRAY The Lord has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where we cannot go physically or in person, we can go in prayer. Bring before the Lord all who yet need to hear his voice and repent and believe. Pray for those who are persecuted for their belief in Jesus Christ.

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

Liturgical Ministers – January 28 & 29

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Tony Ciliberti	Rory Isaac	John Priestly
Altar Servers	David Bowles	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Joe Deegan	John Dever	Heather White
Communion Principal	Ro DeBias	Terr Mathias	Carolyn Frye
Communion to the Sick		Ann Bradley Susan Bowyer Mike Burgess	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike & Pat Habenschuss	Jeannie Haas Shelly Nason	Ken McNeil Emilie McNeil

Manna Meal Pick Up Schedule

January 25 Tony O'Leary
 February 1 John Ellison
 February 8 Matt Leary
 February 15 Don Becher
 February 22 Tony O'Leary

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.

STORY

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.
A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."
An objective person looked and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."
A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."
A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.
A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.
A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."
A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."
A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind."
A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."
A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."
An optimist said, "Things could be worse."
A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."
Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

Fill Yourselves with Water

Fill for yourselves water from
the living fountain of the Lord,
because it has been opened for you.
And come all you thirsty and take a drink,
and rest beside the fountain of the Lord.
Because it is pleasing and sparkling,
and perpetually refreshes the self.
For much sweeter is its water than honey,
and the honeycomb of bees
is not to be compared with it;
Because it flowed from the lips of the Lord,
and from the heart of the Lord.
And it came boundless and invisible, and
until it was set in the middle they knew it not.
Blessed are they who have drunk from it,
and have refreshed themselves by it.
Hallelujah.
— Odes of Solomon (XXX)



MYSTIC MORSELS

If we wish to quench our thirst,
we must lay aside books which explain thirst and take a drink.
— Jean-Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751)

In our sickness we need a savior, in our wanderings a guide, in our blindness someone to show us the light, in our thirst the fountain of living water which quenches for ever the thirst of those who drink from it.
— Saint Clement of Alexandria (c. 150-215)

PRAYER:

O God, You are my God and thus shall I be
first every morning to seek You out.
My soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You
as though I were parched in an arid land, as
though exhausted in a land without water.
Surely I have seen You in the sanctuary;
I have merited to see Your power and glory.
And, as Your mercy is better than life itself,
my lips shall always praise You.
Surely I shall bless You during my lifetime;
in Your name shall I lift up my hands in blessing.
You satisfy my soul no less than do fat and marrow;
therefore shall my mouth sing songs of Your praise with joyful lips.
— Psalm 63:2-6



31 Club this week		
<i>31 Club members commit to praying for vocations one day each month.</i>		
Sun	1/22	Susan Churchill / Don Churchill / Ro Debias
Mon	1/23	Ron Teufel / Tim Frye / Mary Alice Gentry
Tue	1/24	Mary Ellen Providenti / Mary Gargarella
Wed	1/25	Tina McCready / Jane Ann Grishaber
Thu	1/26	Davis Family
Fri	1/27	Karen & David Lewia
Sat	1/28	Bernie & Chuck Mabe

January 29th -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

R. (Mt 5:3) **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

Reading 2

1 Cor 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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/>