



January 26, 2025

**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.**

Mass Times & Intentions

Day	Date	Time		Intention
Saturday	01/25	4:00pm		People of Our Parish
Sunday	01/26	9:00 am	+	Timothy McVay by Natalie & Jim Zellers
		11:30 am	+	Steve Wilson by Vicki Wilson
Monday	01/27			
Tuesday	01/28			
Wednesday	01/29	Noon		NO MASS
Thursday	01/30	Noon		NO MASS
Friday	01/31	Noon		NO MASS
Saturday	02/01	4:00 pm	+	Stan McKinney by Natalie & Jim Zellers
Sunday	02/02	9:00 am	+	Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
		11:30 am		People of Our Parish

We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, Mary Cole, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Bob Galloway, Mary Gargarella, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, Brad Grishaber, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, Claire Johnson, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alec Mansfield, Keith Morgan, Diane Roberts, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Sandy Wheeler, and Kevin Whelan



May She Rest In Peace

Joanna Asbary Brennan, sister of Margaret McGarrity

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 25

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am in Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, January 26

- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Adult Faith Formation** – 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Community Garden Meeting** – 10:15am to 11:15am in the Parish Hall
- **The Survey – Disciple Maker Index – will be available in paper format after 9:00am Mass.**

Monday, January 27

- **OCIA Meeting** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall
- **Liturgical Committee Meeting** – 6:00pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

Tuesday, January 28

- **BSP Lyres Club in the Worship Space** – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 29

- **Bible Study** – 10:00am to 11:00am in Room 5
- **GriefShare Workshop** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Room 2
- **Bible Sharing** – 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Study Guide:** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-01-29-2025/?wpdmdl=2232&refresh=6792a9e5efe911737664997>
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdzZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, January 30

- **Youth Meeting at Church** - 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- **Bells Rehearsal** – 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00 – 8:00pm

Friday, January 31

After all Masses there will be the BLESSING OF THROATS in which we seek healing through the intercession of Saint Blaise.

Saturday, February 01

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am in Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- **Appalachian Pastoral Celebration** – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, February 02

- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Adult Faith Formation** – 10:15am to 11:15am

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Giving Portal

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/bspw>



Thank you for your generosity.

Abandoned Plates, Bowls, Trays, etc.

This weekend is the final weekend to claim various trays, plates, bowls, etc. from a table in the gathering area. These items were left in various places in our building. We will take those items that remain after this weekend to Heart and Hand next week.

**We will have a prayer quilt for Alec Mansfield this weekend.
It will be available for prayers and knot tying after all 3 Masses.**



Prayer Quilt Ministry

This ministry began in 2010. Over 150 quilts have been given to parishioners or members of their families in the past 14 years. Friendship teams and families might find this is a fun and prayerful activity to adopt.

Most of the quilts are assembled by tacking. It requires basic sewing skills that can be learned through any number of YouTube videos. Blessed Sacrament can purchase/reimburse the cost of sewing materials. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about this ministry by contacting Erica Bartholow: 304-657-9809 or ebartholow90@gmail.com

New Safety Measures for Our Church

On Monday, February 10th, we will begin keeping our building locked during the week.

*****(See exceptions below.)**

Why are we doing this?

We often have volunteers and staff working on their own in various parts of our building during the week. We also have groups who meet here in the evenings. We can improve their safety by limiting access to only those people who have a legitimate need to be in our building.

***Exceptions

Wednesdays - Our building will be unlocked from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Noon Masses (not on Wednesdays) - Our building will be unlocked from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Lunch Bunch - Our Building will be unlocked from 9:00am - 3:00pm

And other times as needed.

How does this system work?

Individuals who need to come in (at a time when the building is locked) can ring a doorbell/camera at our north entrance. Staff members can see and speak with the individual before letting them in.

Is this enough?

Hopefully. If not, we can adjust.

Questions/Comments/Additional Security Ideas?

Please share these with Father Paul (pjw424@gmail.com) or drop a note in our suggestion box in the gathering area.

Saturday, February 1st from 1:00pm – 4:00pm Appalachian Pastoral Celebration - Parish Hall

Gathering for 50th Anniversary of *This Land is Home to Me*

On February 1, 1975 twenty-six Appalachian Bishops signed a pastoral letter that came from years of listening to the voices of the people of Appalachia through the efforts of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia (CCA). The letter, *This Land Is Home To Me*, is often described as prophetic in its call to listen to voices in the small spaces where people are impacted in hidden and dramatic ways.

"For it is in the weak things of this world
which seem like folly,
that the Spirit takes up
and makes its own."

- Appalachian Bishops, *The Land Is Home To Me*, 1975

Today, CCA members and friends continue to work and listen with the marginalized and disenfranchised in our region. Please join Blessed Sacrament Parishioners and CCA Members, for a **social gathering around beans, cornbread and fellowship on the 50th anniversary of the signing of *This Land Is Home to Me* Feb. 1, 2025 2-4pm in Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall**. All are welcome! If you're able, please email Molly Linehan Belcher (mollylinehanbelcher@gmail.com) to have a general head count. But come even if you haven't submitted an RSVP. *This Land Is Home To Me* can be read [here](#).

For those who would like to stay for Mass, it will begin at 4:00pm.

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open Now!

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in growing in our discipleship. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to reflect more of Christ's love in our community.

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together let's embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The first step in this process is assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Blessed Sacrament. The survey is for every member in your household age eighteen or older.

Take the DMI survey now by clicking the link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x1a236>

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- A report of the findings will be shared later in the spring.

If you prefer to complete a paper copy, we have planned three sessions after Mass with our Survey Coordinator, Jackie Lilly, where you will have an opportunity to provide your input.

Sunday, January 12 after 11:30 Mass

Thursday, January 16 before the noon Mass and after Lunch Bunch

Saturday, January 18 after 4:00 Mass

Sunday, January 26 after 9:00 Mass

At Blessed Sacrament Parish, we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship. *Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.*

January 26th

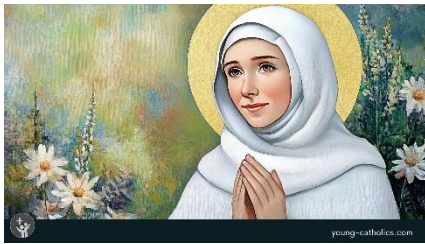
Adult Faith Formation Offering

History of the Catholic Church: Part I "The Early Years"

Blessed Sacrament will begin a four-part series on the History of the Catholic Church. Part I "The Early Years" is comprised of 8 sessions, covering the period from Christ through the first 300 + years. Each session will consist of a video presentation (approx. 32 minutes) and discussion time.

Part I will begin on January 26 and run through March 30 or April 6. Sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. Video will be from "The Catholic Church: A History" by William Cooke, Ph.D. As available with their schedules, our Deacons may provide insight into the presentations.

Each session and topic will be distinct, so all are welcome to attend when able.



SAINT OF THE WEEK : Saint Angela Merici January 27

St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines. She was born on 21 March, 1474 in Desenzano, a small town on the shore of Lake Garda in Lombardy. When Angela was only 10 years old, she and her older sister became orphans. They went to live with their uncle in Salo, where they led a quiet and devout Catholic Christian life. After her sister's death,

Angela was inspired by the Holy Spirit to dedicate herself to God and to give her life in service to the Church to help everyone grow closer to the Lord.

When Angela was 20-years-old, she returned to Desenzano. She found that around her hometown there were many young girls who had no education and no hope. Her heart was moved. She also became distressed by their ignorance and upset at the parents who had not educated them. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Angela became convinced there was great need for a better way of teaching these young girls. So, she opened her own home to them and began to teach them herself. She devotedly taught them the Catholic Christian faith. By her example and instruction, she taught them how to pray and participate in the sacramental life of the Church.

In 1535 she began the Order of the Ursulines in Brescia. This was a community of women and girls who sought to follow Christ while living among their neighbors, families and those in need. These women had little money and no power but were bound together by their dedication to education and commitment to Jesus Christ and service to His Church. The Ursulines opened both schools and orphanages and in 1537, Angela was elected "Mother and Mistress" of the group. St. Angela Merici died on January 27, 1540.

source: <https://www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au/catholic-identity/Pages/About-St-Angela-Merici.aspx>

She is the patron saint of sickness, disabled and physically challenged people, and those grieving the loss of parents.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 134

Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good beginning. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.

STORY about last Sunday's Gospel about the Wedding Feast at Cana: Many years ago, Johnny Carson was interviewing an eight-year-old boy. The boy was invited to appear on the Tonight Show because he had rescued two friends from a coal mine outside his hometown here in West Virginia. At one point, Johnny asked him if he attended Sunday School. When the boy said he did, Johnny questioned, "What are you learning in Sunday School?" "Last week," the boy replied, "our lesson was about how Jesus went to a wedding and turned water into wine."

The audience burst in to laughter and applause. Keeping a straight face, Johnny asked, "And what did you learn from that story?" The boy squirmed in his chair. It was clear he hadn't really thought about this. But then he lifted up his face and said, "If you're going to have a wedding, make sure you invite Jesus and Mary!"

And that is one of many messages. Make sure you invite Jesus and Mary to *be* with us whatever we face do, however we are, whenever we run short, wherever we live and Jesus will make a difference in our lives here, now, and forever.

POEM and PRAYER

Mom knows best

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."
And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?
My hour has not yet come."
His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."
—John 2.3-5

Leadership is nudging someone into their next step
the moment before they know they're ready.

Even Jesus had to be prompted by someone
who knew his gifts, and who saw the moment.

Sometimes we ourselves are pure water,
unaware we are about to be turned to wine.

God, help me be open to the moment
and the nudging of [your] Spirit, who sees.
— Steve Garnaas-Holmes in *Unfolding*



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

Sun	01/26	Kelley Endres / John Wharton
Mon	01/27	Fr. John Finnell / Joan Wilson
Tue	01/28	Bernie Mabe / Smithberger Family / Edd McDevitt
Wed	01/29	Irene Galloway / Therese Cox
Thu	01/30	Jim Scharf / Jack Dever
Fri	01/31	Carla Stricker
Sat	02/01	Mary Gargarella / Bev Schissler

Upcoming Seminarian Birthdays.

Birthdays cards keep us connected - cards are a small gesture that make someone feel thought of in a way that email does red. Please consider sending a card to:

February 10th

Dominic Re – Mount St. Mary’s Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727


February 16th

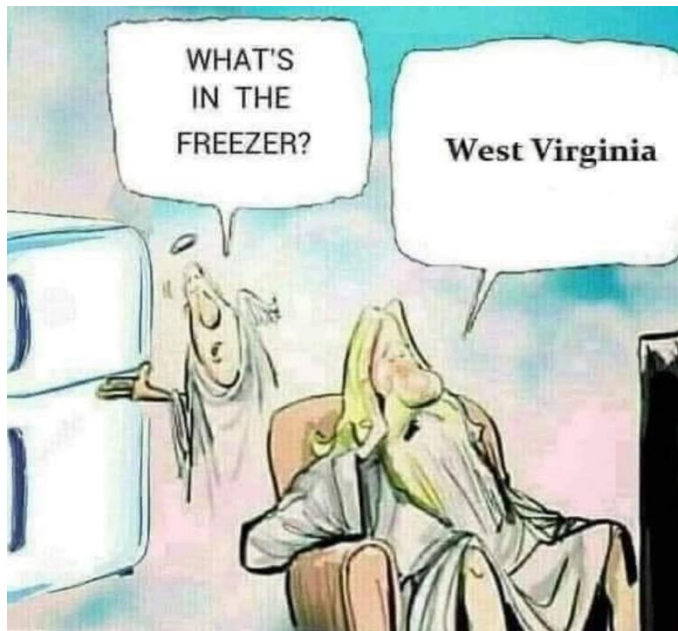
Joe Derico - Pope St. John Paul II College Seminary 145 Taylor Street NE, Washington, DC 20017



SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School
 Sunday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE for Camp Leon
 Sunday, June 15 through Saturday, June 21, 2025

 <p>MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p> <p>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</p>		
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>January 28 Don Becher January 29 Don Becher</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>February 4 Don Becher February 5 Anne Davis February 11 Dennis Thornburg February 12 Kelley Endres February 18 Matt Leary February 19 Anne Davis February 25 Dennis Thornburg February 26 Kelley Endres</p>	



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JANUARY 24, 2025 BSP Weekly Email

There has been dramatic growth in the eastern panhandle since the year 2000. Three new, large church complexes were built from scratch. I was invited to say a few words at a Catholic Charities Fundraiser in September 2013 in Martinsburg, WV as the newest priest in the Vicariate. This is how I began my remarks. “When I was named the Pastor of Saint Leo the GREAT (think of Tony the Tiger) I felt proud of being a priest in Inwood. But then I learned that the Church in Charles Town was called Saint James the GREATER. I felt sad until I realized they were talking about how much in debt the parishes were?”

During the long history of the Catholic Church, there have been only a few saints given the title of “Great” for their contributions to the church. Three saints who were popes customarily carry the title “the Great”: Pope Leo I (reigned 440-461), Pope Gregory I (590-604), and Pope Nicholas (858-67). Other “Greats” include Anthony, Basil, Leo, Albert, and Gertrude. The Church has never officially granted the title “Great” to any of these saints; they have been designated such by popular acclamation at the time of their deaths and by the witness of subsequent history.

Today – Friday, January 24 - is the Feast of Saint Anthony. There was a write-up about this oldest living known saint who is believed to have been 105 years old. Last Friday - January 17 was the birthday of Mohammed Ali who styled himself as “The Greatest.” A great many saints teach the most important virtue for becoming a saint is humility. Saints credit God’s grace for all the good they accomplished through their words and actions.

Here are two of the best definitions of humility I’ve heard through the years. First, “humility is seeing yourself as God sees us,” That is, lovable, gifted, and - yes - imperfect but trying to become and be who God wants us to become and be. Second, CS Lewis wrote. “Humility is not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less.” In other words, denying our gifts and putting ourselves down is not being humble. Humility is thinking of God and others before ourselves.

Father Paul

Liturgical Ministries – January 25 & 26

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	R Brennan	MC Davis,	P Frame
Altar Servers	J Carpenter	M Mathias	J Crane J Matics
Communion Principal	M Summey	R Plutro	K Lester
Eucharistic Ministers	T Streit S Churchill	A Bradley P Musilli	C Frye J Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		A Bradley T Aluise J Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	J Tridico D Lewia	B Cornell S Manahan	M B Abbott S Nason T Champe

Liturgical Ministries – February 01 & 02

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	G Wright	R Isaac	R Brennan
Altar Servers	K Lewia	J Carpenter J Camenter	C Council J Crane
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	T Mathias	R Brennan
Eucharistic Ministers	T Ciliberti R DeBias	L Hayes M Hayes	J Knox J Priestley
Communion to the Sick		L Hayes S Bowyer M Summey	
Greeters/Ushers	P & M Habenschuss	K & R Plutro	K McNeil T Greene

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Our parish office is open Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The South entrance doors are unlocked during office hours. The North entrance doors are unlocked on days that there is a Mass.

Second Collections - cash, envelopes, or checks made out to Blessed Sacrament may be placed in a marked box in the Gathering Space.

<p>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone: 304-433-7472 (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p>Deacons Deacon Tony O’Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 / email: aoleary@dwc.org Deacon Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003 / email: tross@dwc.org</p>
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How to Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. 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, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop’s designees 1311 Byron St., PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 Fax: 304.233.4086 Phone 304.230.1504 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. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.”