



January 05, 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	01/04	4:00pm	+	Mike & Mary Paterno by Jim & Natalie Zellers
Sunday	01/05	9:00 am	+	Brent Savage by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Savage
		11:30 am		People of Our Parish
Monday	01/06			
Tuesday	01/07			
Wednesday	01/08	Noon	+	Robert & Rita Domin by Jeff & Monica Patton
Thursday	01/09	Noon	+	Sylvester & Marie Edquist by Susan Bowyer
Friday	01/10	Noon	+	Fr. Matthias O'Reilly by Our Parish
Saturday	01/11	4:00 pm	+	Rose Covey by Jim & Natalie Zellers
Sunday	01/12	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, Kevin Whelan and the Urecki family



**Sunday January 12th at 9:00am Mass
Baptism and First Communion of Jamie Mattix**

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 04

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

Sunday, January 05

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

Monday, January 06

- **OCIA Meeting** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall
- **Energy Efficiency Meeting** – 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 2

Tuesday, January 07 (Our office is closed on Tuesdays)

- **Brown Bag Book Club** – 12:00pm to 1:55pm in Room 5
- **BSP Lyres Club in the Worship Space** – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 08

Thursday, January 09

Friday, January 10

- **Eucharistic Adoration- Exposition** is at 6 p.m. with song and prayer and Benediction is at 7 p.m.

Hygiene Sunday

Saturday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 12

- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Dismas Men's Group** - 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Conference Room

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Giving Portal

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/bsp>
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Thank you for your generosity.

Merry Christmas from your Staff (including Walter)!



Mike Granata, Mary Odin, Theresa O'Leary, Tony O'Leary, Father Paul, Tommy Ross, Natalie Zellers

A Note

Dear Blessed Sacrament friends,

I have decided to resign my position as pianist here at church. I have been playing here for 13 years, and it's been a difficult decision to consider. There are issues I need to tend to, and quite honestly, after decades of being a church musician, moving from the piano bench to a La-Z-Boy sounds very good.

This is a spirit-filled church, very fortunate to have such dedicated, true believers. I've made some friends for life here and plan to still attend. I've played piano somewhere for 60 years, and no church I've ever attended has felt as warm and real as you folks. Thank you for being so welcoming and appreciative of my music.

John Ellison

*Thank You John for your many years of beautiful music that helped to enhance the Mass for us.
- Blessed Sacrament Parish*

Why I am Still Catholic # 5

Why am I a Catholic? There should be no such question, for the answer is right before all our eyes. All we need to do is open them and let in the light. The light of Christ: The love of Christ.

Why would I want any other God, when the One True God had boundless love, so much so that he would forgive us anything?

To quote St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "No one can make me frightened anymore, because I know what to believe about His mercy and His love; I know that, in the twinkling of an eye, all of our thousands of sins would be consumed as a drop of water cast into a blazing fire."

I ask again: which other God would I want when I can have the one who would forgive ANYTHING? And I ask you, which other church has Christ present to them at EVERY SINGLE MASS? Which other church has Christ present, so that we may consume him, and have Him present within us, and have Him there to invigorate us, and keep us going?!

There are so many more uncountable reasons why I am a Catholic. We know that there will be no paradise on earth; in the end, that it will be even better. It will be HEAVEN, where God Himself dwells. God's arms are open to everyone.

All this can bring comfort, that our God has such a compassionate heart, that he gives us the best, and only the best. That he welcomes anyone and everyone to join him in the eternal feast.

That is why I am Catholic.

— Violet Bruno, age 13

January 10th

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the second Friday of this month, January 10th, in the main worship space. Exposition will be at 6 p.m. with song and prayer. Benediction will be at 7:00 p.m., with song and prayer. All are invited to spend quiet time with Christ at any time during this one-hour window, whether it be for two minutes or the whole hour.

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens Tuesday this Week!

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 (10-15 minutes to complete) beginning this Tuesday, January 7 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

Saturday, January 18 after 4:00 Mass

Sunday, January 26 after 9:00 Mass

If you have an adult family member

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 15



Our first gathering will be Wednesday, January 15th 6:00 - 7:30pm in Room 2. If you are suffering the pain of grief from the loss of a loved one, consider attending the first several sessions; then decide if this workshop is for you.

Please contact the church office at 304-744-5523 by January 9th to register. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact one of the team members:

Pam Council, Team Leader, 734-664-1527 or pamcouncil@yahoo.com

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Jeanne Haas, 304-382-2631 or haasjeanne@hotmail.com

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New Wednesday Morning Bible Study to Begin!!

Faith, Hope and Love: The Seven Catholic Epistles by Steven Binz will start on Wednesday, January 15 at 10AM in room 5 and on Zoom. New people are always welcome. Notify Jeanne Haas [304.382.2631] if you would like more information or to register. Here is a description of this new Bible Study:

Because the seven letters provide a unique window into early Christian theology and practice, they should ideally be read together. Known as the "pillars" of the community in Jerusalem, James, Peter, and John offer the church a collection of letters that serves as a complementary, non-Pauline apostolic witness. The great Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love recur throughout these letters and form a thematic unity within the collection. These letters sought to address the challenges encountered by the whole church: refuting false teachings, strengthening believers in the ethical practice of the faith, and upholding their strength in the face of oppression from others.



SAINT OF THE WEEK : Saint Basil the Great

January 2

St. Basil the Great is a revered figure in the history of Christianity and is widely recognized as the patron saint of hospitality and learning. Born in the 4th century in modern-day Turkey, St. Basil was an influential theologian, bishop, and monastic leader who made significant contributions to the development of Eastern Orthodox Christianity. St. Basil is known for his strong sense of hospitality, which he expressed through his tireless efforts to care for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. He established a network of monasteries and hospitals in which he and his followers provided food, shelter, and medical care to those in need. This remarkable act of charity was a defining characteristic of St. Basil's life and ministry, and it earned him the title Father of Monasticism in the East.

In addition to his work in hospitality, St. Basil was also renowned for his contributions to learning and education. He was a prolific writer, producing numerous treatises and homilies that shaped the development of Eastern Orthodox theology and liturgical practices. He also established a school of higher learning in which he taught grammar, rhetoric, and philosophy, as well as the scriptures. This school was highly regarded in its time and helped to establish St. Basil as one of the foremost leaders of Christian learning in the East.

In recognition of his legacy of hospitality and learning, St. Basil was canonized as a saint by the Eastern Orthodox Church and is revered to this day as one of its greatest saints. In conclusion, St. Basil the Great is the patron saint of hospitality and learning because of his remarkable contributions to the care of the poor and sick, as well as his leadership in the development of Eastern Orthodox theology and education. He remains an inspiration to all who seek to embody the ideals of charity, hospitality, and learning in their lives. source :

<https://christianapostles.com/st-basil-the-great/> Saint Basil is one of three Holy Hierarchs in the Orthodox Church and one of thirty-six Doctors of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a Patron Saint of hospital administrators, reformers, monks, education, exorcists, and liturgists.

From the Vocations Committee

Travis Moger, a seminarian, was ordained as a deacon December 21, 2024. He will be ordained as a priest in June of 2025. Please send a card of congratulations, prayers, and support. His address is: 17345 Legacy Terrace, Roundhill, VA 20141

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


Sun	01/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Mon	01/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Tue	01/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley / Elizabeth Battle
Wed	01/08	Peg Nagem
Thu	01/09	Carolyn Frye
Fri	01/10	Jane Roy / Patricia Dever / Anne Dever
Sat	01/11	Joe Deegan / Tony O'Leary / Mary Pat Peck

Upcoming Seminarian Birthdays.

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:

January 20th

Nathan Schmidt – Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

 MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT		
MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE		
JANUARY January 7 Matt Leary January 8 Anne Davis January 14 Don Becher January 15 Kelley Endres January 21 Matt Leary January 22 Don Becher January 28 Don Becher January 29 Don Becher	FEBRUARY 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	



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LET'S HAVE **Camp Leon** REUNION !!!

Who would be interested in ...

1. Having some kind of get-together / reunion
2. Helping to plan it



My contact info is :

Megan Carr



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Facebook I.D.: [megan.carr.589](https://www.facebook.com/megan.carr.589)

Liturgical Ministries – January 4 & 5

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	T Ciliberti	B Caldwell	S Churchill
Altar Servers	W Stella D Bowles	E & N Simonton	C Council
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	T Streit	J Knox
Eucharistic Ministers	T Ciliberti M Mowrer	M Hayes C Wirts	J Midkiff C Frye
Communion to the Sick		D Elliott J Lilly T Aluise	
Greeters/Ushers	P & M Habenschuss	P Cochran D Elliott	T Greene R Norman

Liturgical Ministries – January 11 & 12

	4:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors			
Altar Servers	K Lewia	M Mathias	R Brennan
Communion Principal	John McGarrity	Peggy Musilli	Jackie Lilly
Eucharistic Ministers	N Zellers R DeBias	M Belcher J Aluise	C & P Council
Communion to the Sick		M Summey S Bowyer M Belcher	
Greeters/Ushers	J Tridico J Providenti	K & R Plutro	A Sites S Nason T Champe

ROOT AND BRANCH

Interfaith Discussion Group



Victor Urecki,
Rabbi



Molly Linehan Belcher,
Theology Teacher,
'Charleston Catholic High School'



Mark Atkinson,
Moderator



William Myers,
Pastor



Nasir Abdussalam,
Imam

Please join us for a theological panel discussion focusing on the similarities and differences between Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and Islamic viewpoints.

Monday
January 6, 2025
@ 7:00 PM

Woman's Club of Charleston
1600 Virginia St. E
Charleston, WV 25311

Free & open to the Public!

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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.”