



Blessed Sacrament Parish

June 02, 2024

**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	06/01	5:00 pm	The People of Our Parish
Sunday	06/02	9:00 am	+ Doris Wilson by Mary Ann Johnson
		11:30 am	Blessings for Fr. Chapin's Health by St. Anne's Guild
Monday	06/03		
Tuesday	06/04		
Wednesday	06/05	Noon	+ Susan Lovell by Fr Paul
Thursday	06/06	Noon	Blessings for Steven and Catherine by Sue Bowyer
Friday	06/07	Noon	+ Genevieve Shmellik by Garland Underwood
Saturday	06/08	5:00pm	+ Tim Wharton by The Bowles Family
Sunday	06/09	9:00 am	+ Pat Dever by The Burgess Family
		11:30 am	The People of Our Parish

We Remember in Our Prayers

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

Deacon Candidates and Their Wives

Tommy and Kathy Ross and Tony and Theresa O'Leary

First Communion Candidate

Grayson Herscher

I am grateful for the encouraging words, cards, texts, and emails at the death of my brother Tim. These spiritual works of mercy lift me up. I am especially grateful that Tim returned to the Church & sacraments earlier this year.

Fr Paul

This Week at Blessed Sacrament



Blessed Sacrament
Parish
Feast Day

Saturday, June 01

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, June 02

Monday, June 03

- **Energy Efficiency Meeting** - 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Room 2

Tuesday, June 04 (The office is closed.)

- **Brown Bag Book Club** - 12:00pm to 1:55pm in the Library
- **BSP Lyres Club** – 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 05

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Room 5
- **Bible Sharing** – 6:30pm in Room 5 and Zoom

Study Guide: <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-06-02-24/?wpdmdl=1872&refresh=66587950a0a181717074256>

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/tZ0lduisqD0sE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPq/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AcDvnGMBxOZFTRY

Thursday, June 06

- **Youth Meeting Welcome the 6th Graders Party** - 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Gathering Space
- **Bell Rehearsal** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, June 07

Second Collection for Peter's Pence Hygiene Sunday

Saturday, June 08

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- **First Communion** for Grayson Herscher

- **Reception for the New Deacons** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, June 09

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.



With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God
His Excellency

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston
invites you to attend the

Ordination to the Diaconate

through the Imposition of Hands
and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit
on

Friday, the seventh day of June
two thousand twenty-four
at three o'clock in the afternoon
at the

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1114 Virginia Street, East
Charleston, WV

To see the ordination of our
parishioners
Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross
as Permanent Deacons on
Friday, June 7th at 3:00pm
click on the link to the
Sacred Heart Basilica
website and scroll down to the
live stream.

Pray for our Deacon Candidates and their wives.

Tony O'Leary

Tony O'Leary has been a Blessed Sacrament parishioner for 25 years and has lived most of his life in Kanawha County, having grown up in Cross Lanes. Prior to Ordination, Tony has been involved in parish & diocesan youth, marriage preparation, and prison ministries, and many hours in the Camp Leon kitchen. He has also been active liturgical ministries and is a past Pastoral Council facilitator. Tony and his wife, Theresa, married in 1993 and have three adult children, Patrick (wife Shelby), David, and Colleen.



Tommy Ross



Tommy Ross started his Catholic journey in 2010 after he and his lovely wife, Kathy, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. After being baptized at Blessed Sacrament at the 2012 Easter Vigil, Tommy quickly became involved in parish life. He joined the RCIA, now OCIA, Team where he is still a member. He & Kathy also organized the parish picnic and were greeterushers for many years. Tommy grew up mostly in Dunbar, has lived on the East End of Charleston most of his adult life. He has taught 5th grade at Chamberlain Elementary School in Kanawha City for the past 17 years.

Who is a Deacon? A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or “orders,” of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not be served.” The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

When will they be ordained? Friday June 7 at 3:00 pm in Sacred Heart Basilica in Charleston, WV. Tony and Tommy have been preparing for this day for four years after completing a thorough screening application process. They had years of challenging reading and study. They have spent countless hours in prayer and spiritual direction, including two five-day retreats.

What is a Permanent Deacon? Simply put, a permanent deacon is a deacon who is not transitioning into the priesthood. Deacons who will be ordained priests are referred to as transitional deacons. Just as all bishops are first ordained priests, so too are all priests first ordained deacons. Yet not all priests are consecrated bishops, and not all deacons are ordained priests. A deacon is a cleric, a man chosen by God and ordained by the Church in the order of service. Hence, a deacon participates in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

What are these "various ministries" of the Deacon? All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, presbyters and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only **WHAT** a deacon does, but **WHO** a deacon is, that is important.

Will Tony and Tommy be assigned to our parish after their ordination? We don't know yet. The Bishop places Deacons where he believes they can be of greatest service to the Church and the Bishop. We are hopeful they will be with us here at Blessed Sacrament Parish for many years.

How can I see the ordination? The Ordination Mass is open to the public but seating is extremely limited due to clergy and reserved seating for 20 families. There will be an overflow viewing area at Sacred Heart where you can watch on TV. You are encouraged to watch online to avoid an anticipated overflow crowd. Tommy and Tony will be at all three weekend Masses on June 8 and 9. There will be a dinner on Saturday and two simple receptions on Sunday.

What do parishioners need to keep in mind about Deacons?

Married Deacons have two equally important vocations imposed on them by two sacraments — Marriage and Holy Orders. There will be times when the needs of their families take precedence over the parish. Due to family and work responsibilities, their availability will be limited. Who they are with is and what they do for us will be a blessing.

A Prayer for our Deacons to Be

Lord Jesus, we pray for Tony, Tommy, and all those preparing for ordination to the Diaconate here in West Virginia. . We asked you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions, let them never be crushed; in their doubts, never despair; in temptation, never destroyed; and in times of trial, never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness, send them your Spirit, and help them praise you. By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. Amen.



Hygiene Weekend

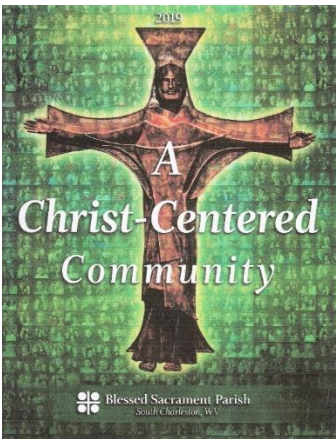
Hygiene Products for Rehabilitation Centers and Quick Response Teams

On the second Sunday of each month, parishioners are encouraged to donate hygiene products (especially sanitary napkins, shampoo, and toothpaste). Our Tithe Fund uses monetary donations to purchase items for these kits. A

hygiene kit is used to hold personal care items that clean, comfort, and groom a person's body. Our hygiene kits are used by women and men in addiction recovery or emergencies. Please contact Rory Isaac at roryisaac823@gmail.com or Mary Odin at wmodin@frontier.com if you wish to help.



Save the Date Vacation Bible School July 22-26



Pictorial Directory We are wrapping up the first stage of preparing a new pictorial directory. If you have not yet verified your contact information with us, you can send us an email with your current information, and we will check it against our database. (Or pick up the data sheet with your name on it in the gathering area, check it/correct it, and place it in the box for these.)

If you have not yet signed up for one of the new portrait appointments, do so now! Photo sessions begin May 28th.

The dates when new picture sessions are available:

June 2 – 4 June 16 – 18

Walter CATEchist's Favorite Quotes #3

A cat has absolute emotional honesty:
human beings. . . may hide their feelings,
but a cat does not.

– Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Never try to out-stubborn a cat.

– Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988)



BookMark

Volume 2, Number 1

Welcome to the Blessed Sacrament Library! We exist to serve you, our Parish Patrons.

The Library will be closed soon during the asbestos abatement project. Holdings will be inventoried and reviewed for possible withdrawal. When we reopen, we should be sporting a somewhat “leaner and meaner” profile.



Parents: Do you have children that have outgrown their age-appropriate books? Please consider making a book donation if you are able. We would love to update our Childrens’ section with newer titles.

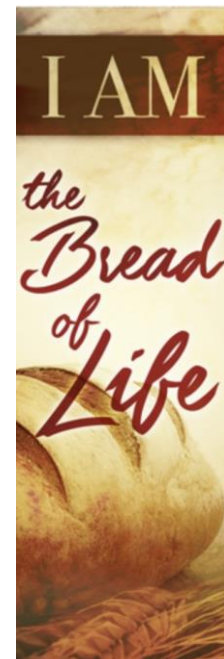
The Blessed Sacrament Library contains books, CDs, and DVDs that have been carefully curated to appeal to your interests. If you do not find something to interest you, let me know so that I can attempt to get a title. Questions? Comments? Just email me at BSCCLibrary@proton.me. John C. Priestley II

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 101

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.

PRAYER

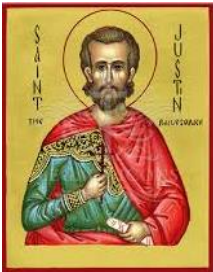
Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me. Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me. Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me. Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me. Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.



MYSTIC MORSELS

Do you wish to honor the body of Christ?
Do not ignore him when he is naked.
Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk,
only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad.
He who said: "This is my body" is the same who said:
'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and
'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me' ...
What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices
when your brother is dying of hunger.
Start by satisfying his hunger and then with what is left
you may adorn the altar as well.
— Saint John Chrysostom (347-407)

You need not seek him here or there,
he is no further than the door of your heart;
there he stands patiently awaiting
whoever is ready to open up and let him in.
He longs for you a thousand times more than you long for him.
— Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)



SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint Justin Martyr

June 1

The Church recalls the witness of St. Justin, one of the earliest martyrs. He was brutally killed in the year 165 AD, unwilling to offer worship to the emperor and gods of Rome. Fidelity to Christ was more important to him than even his own life. Saint Justin was a man of prodigious intellectual gifts that he placed at the service of the Church's mission. The Church, faced with the opposition of the Roman state, had to struggle to survive. Professing the Christian faith was considered to be treason, punishable by death. Further, Christians were cultural outsiders, the elites of Roman culture had their own gods and values, and to many of the Romans, Christian faith just seemed odd, if not unintelligible. Justin took it upon himself to make the case for the Christian faith, presenting reasoned arguments as to the "what and why" concerning the beliefs and practices of the Church. . .

We might not experience the Church as being dangerously subversive, but for Justin, the Church was considered to be a threat, and was dealt with as such. Christians were persecuted. Their property was seized. Their institutions were closed. Their worship was ridiculed. Bishops and priests were arrested. And men and women like Justin, who presented Christian beliefs as credible, and the Christian way of life as worthwhile, were considered public enemies. The Church's way of life necessitated risk and sacrifices, and because men and women like Justin were willing to take the risk and make the sacrifices, the Church not only survived, it flourished and grew.

Central to Justin's witness was that the Church was a public reality, not a private club. The Church existed to engage and create public culture. The purpose of the Church was to be seen and heard, as it had a message and a mission that was for everyone, not just for a privileged few. . . Justin believed that Jesus Christ is the way, and he would die rather than deny his faith in Jesus Christ. For this reason, above all, the Church remembers him and recalls his courage.

source: <https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/the-dangerous-saint-justin/>

Saint Justin is a Patron Saint of philosophers, apologists, and lecturers




People in the Bible struggled with the same challenges we face today. Here we see Samson trying to give his cat a pill...



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

Sun	06/02	Joan Fernandes / John McGarrity
Mon	06/03	Sister Frances Kirtley / Marla Weiner
Tue	06/04	Missy Summey
Wed	06/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Thu	06/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Fri	06/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley
Sat	06/08	Peg Nagem

 <p>MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p> <p>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>June 4 Don Becher June 5 Kelley Endres June 11 Dennis Thornburg June 12 Matt Leary June 18 Dennis Thornburg June 19 Tony O'Leary June 25 John Ellison June 26 John Ellion</p>
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Liturgical Ministries – June 01 & June 02

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	T O'Leary	T McLane	P Council
Altar Servers	C Council W Stella		J Borman J Davis
Cantors			
Communion Principal	J McGarrity	C Fernandes	K Lester
Chalice Minister	R DeBias N Zellers	M Belcher P Musilli	R Brennan J Knox
Communion to the Sick		T Aluise J Lilly A Bradley	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	K & R Plutro	The Crane Family

Liturgical Ministries – June 08 & 09

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	P Council	P Maramba	K Lester
Altar Servers	R Brennan	M Mathias	F & P Maramba
Cantors			
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	M Burgess	R Brennan
Chalice Minister	Deacons	Deacons	Deacons
Communion to the Sick		S Bowyer M Burgess M Summey	
Greeters/Ushers	S Churchill J Providenti	P Cochran B Cornell	S Nason R Norman T Champe

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June 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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Monsignor Sadie Gathering Space
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Our parish office is open on
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.

<p>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone: 304-433-7472 (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p>Office Manager: Natalie Zellers 304-744-5523 Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com</p>
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<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Chip Counsil, facilitator; Jackson Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson</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."