



Blessed Sacrament Parish

June 23, 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	06/22	5:00 pm	+	Gerald Meyer by Missy Mowrer
Sunday	06/23	9:00 am	+	Mary Spradlin by Ruth Conrad
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish
Monday	06/24			
Tuesday	06/25			
Wednesday	06/26	Noon	+	Raymond Wharton by Father Paul
Thursday	06/27	Noon	+	Sister Judy Teufel by Joan Fernandez
Friday	06/28	Noon	+	Becki Graham by Sandy Williams
Saturday	06/29	5:00pm	+	Patrick Dever by Jeff & Barbara McLaughlin
Sunday	06/30	9:00 am		The People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Jean & Stan McKinney by Natalie & Jim Zellers

We Remember in Our Prayers

Mary Beth Abbot, Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, 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, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alec Mansfield, Keith Morgan, Diane Roberts, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Sandy Wheeler, Kevin Whelan and the Urecki family

Do You Know someone interested in the Catholic Church? NOW is a good time for you to invite anyone who may be interested in the Catholic Church to get in touch with our parish office. We will have several summer sessions, and weekly sessions will start September 12th at 6:00pm. Please accompany anyone who you know who might be interested. These sessions are “no pressure” and friendly gatherings! The first summer session will be Monday, July 18 at 6:00pm in Room 5. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the church office at 304- 744-5523 or Tommy Ross at 304-590-5003 or rossondixie@gmail.com (mailto:rossondixie@gmail.com)

Thank you 

Dear Friends at Blessed Sacrament,

Thank you for the lovely blue patchwork pattern prayer quilt. I was a bit overwhelmed with the quilt and the card, but I certainly appreciate it. The support of my friends at Blessed Sacrament has certainly filled my heart with peace and gratitude.

Thank you again and I pray that each of you will be blessed in turn for your good works.

Love, Mary Beth Abbot

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Would you like to learn more about our prayer quilt ministry? Would you like to help create quilts for our parishioners who have long-term health issues they are working through?

Please contact Erica Bartholow - ebartholow90@gmail.com/304-657-9809.

Would you like to request a prayer quilt for yourself or another parishioner?

Please contact Natalie - bsccwv@gmail.com/304-744-5523.

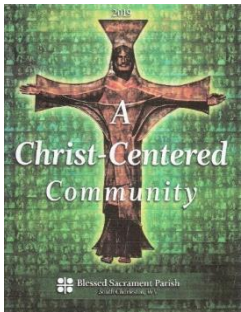
Heart and Hand - Bedding Program

Help foster happiness in children without a permanent home.

Many families in our area are struggling as children enter foster care. In order for these children to have a safe home, foster parents must have a twin bed for each child upon their arrival. Heart and Hand wants to help these families. 100% of your donation will buy beds or bedding for a child without a permanent home.

To learn how to donate to this program, please pick up one of the flyers in the gathering area.

Pictorial Directory!



The final three days in which you can schedule an appointment to have your portrait made for our new directory are June 30th and July 1st and 2nd.

Sign up sheets are in the gathering area. Professional photographer (and parishioner) Michael Switzer will meet with you here in a temporary studio in the community room (near the parish hall).

Upcoming Flooring Project Late July through the first week of September

We are planning to have the asbestos floor tiles in the first and second floors removed and replaced with new flooring, which will be a combination of vinyl and carpet. This decision was made due to the health hazard posed by asbestos. The initial plan to replace the carpet in the first-floor hallway led to the discovery of asbestos-containing tiles throughout the building.

After consulting with John Reardon, Director of Buildings and Property for our Diocese, the Finance Council recommended addressing the asbestos issue now to prevent any future regrets. The total cost of the project is estimated to be around \$80,000, and we have applied for a 50% matching grant from the Diocese, along with funds set aside from previous years for capital projects.

The decision-making process involved various parties, including Parish Staff, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and knowledgeable parishioners. The project will cause significant inconveniences, such as the closure of certain areas, limited parking access, and the temporary relocation of office spaces.

During this period, we ask for patience, kindness, and prayers for the workers' safety and our staff's well-being. Additionally, oatmeal raisin cookies are always welcome to lift spirits during this time.



Vacation Bible School

Blessed Sacrament will be Hosting a Vacation Bible School - July 22 - 26, 2024.
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will consist of a week of fun, learning, and growing in faith. The theme this year is Splash Canyon — God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride. It features an array of river-related bible stories paired with lessons, a reference to the Catechism, and a Mighty Saint's Story. We will have a component for adults as well. If you would like to attend, please contact the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office bsccwv@gmail.com or Mike Granata mikegranata3@gmail.com

June 29 & 30

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Bulletin Announcement
Fr. Walter Ostrowski SVD

Fr. Walter Ostrowski SVD will be at *Blessed Sacrament Parish on June 29-30, 2024* to celebrate Masses and to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania, Fr. Walter was ordained a priest in 1965. His dedication to service led him to Ghana, where he spent three years in ministry. Upon returning to the United States, he devoted himself to hospital ministry in Pittsburgh and various locations in the eastern region. Later, Fr. Walter assumed the role of Mission Director, a position he held for over 30 years. Presently, he is stationed at Divine Word Missionaries in East Troy, Wisconsin.

Nearly 6,000 active Divine Word Missionaries minister in the far corners of the world. They build hospitals to care for the sick and schools to educate the poor. They teach the hungry to farm and provide life's necessities such as water, food and shelter. These priests and Brothers help those neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future. They also foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world. This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the missionary work of the Divine Word Missionaries. To meet some of the people Divine Word Missionaries help, please read the [stories](https://missionimpact.svdmissions.org/mission-update) at <https://missionimpact.svdmissions.org/mission-update>.



The Charleston Office of the Gabriel Project of WV (formerly Metro Valley Gabriel Project) has moved to St. Marks United Methodist Church, 900 Washington Street, Charleston. This move was necessitated by the closure of Asbury Methodist Church. Our hours will be the 2nd Mondays of each month and all Thursdays (except holidays). Off street parking is available behind the church.

The phone number remains the same (304-414-4666) If you wish to visit the office for any reason, please call to make sure someone is available to greet you. Monetary donations should be made to the Gabriel Project of WV and mailed to P.O. Box 4663, Charleston, WV 25364.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Patty Frame at 304-610-2800 or email her at plframe42@gmail.com.

VIRTUS Safe Environment News for Our Employees and Volunteers

To help us all best protect the children in our care (here and elsewhere), we will begin sharing short, monthly articles to help us keep our children's safety in the forefront of our minds.

You will see these articles in our bulletin (once each month) and posted on our bulletin board.

Beginning in July, you will receive an emailed prompt from the VIRTUS record-keeping system that a new monthly article is available for you to read through your online VIRTUS account. If you do not want this reminder, simply click "unsubscribe" at the bottom of the email.

Key Blessed Sacrament Ministries for the Ailing

Transportation Provide rides to and from church, as well as doctor's appointments.

David Brown
davarr@gmail.com
Home: 681-265-1094
Cell: 681-264-0010

Angels for the Ailing Provides comfort by making and delivering food for those who are sick, recuperating, recovering from surgery, or adjusting to new life circumstances by providing loving service to God's people. These meals are provided on a temporary basis and are not a long-term commitment.

Anne Dever
anneh.dever@gmail.com

Pastoral Needs: Confessions, anointing, counseling, home visits, etc.

Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton
E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com
Cell Phone: 304-433-7472
(For emergencies only after 8:00pm)

SHARED WISDOM from the Worldwide Web — Growing By Going Beyond

We have all seen a toddler crawling around a room, eagerly eying furniture that can be used for leverage when the time comes for “pulling-up.” We have also seen, that toddler reach the pull-up stage and move to walking “with no holds.” We rightly praise and encourage such behavior. We know that growth is only achieved by going beyond present circumstances. What we sometimes forget is, that we (adults) need to grow also. That growth, though it may be imperceptible to the eye, is still real growth. Let us consider some things we need to move beyond in order for us to grow spiritually.

Our achievements will only be as high as our highest goals. If we aspire to be pew-warmers only, that is all we will be. Our minds will not be engaged in the private study of the word of God and our faith will not be challenged by the word’s clash with the world in our daily life. We dare not be content with “just being religious.” Here is a challenge for us: “Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1). That ought to raise our goal.

There is no doubt about it, in this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33), or trouble. Persecution is to be expected (2 Timothy 3:12). Further, physical accidents and health failures occur regularly, as does death. Christians are not immune to any of these things. Therefore, when these occur in our lives, we must deal with them in a realistic, optimistic manner. This in no way minimizes the importance of our own health or the personhood of those we love. However, if we cannot accept the loss of something or someone that/who is truly gone from this life, we will suffer serious mental and spiritual consequences.

We all have certain limitations. They may be in our physical makeup or circumstances. However we can move beyond some of those limitations. For example, we may hold a job that pays minimum wages. However, that does not mean that we, or the job, are insignificant. We can work enthusiastically at any job we may hold (Ecclesiastes 9:10). We can do the best we can with what God has given, and be satisfied in the realization that we have done so.

Growth, by its nature means moving beyond the present circumstance to even better circumstances. If we approach it in that manner, even the most disheartening of circumstances can be faced with courage and optimism. Let us go beyond...and grow. — Lance Cordle



Walter’s Purr-fect Puzzler #5

What gets wet while drying?

The answer can be found elsewhere in your bulletin.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 104

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.

POEM

The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us,
but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock
Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock.
Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus.
What are we to fear?
Death? Life to me means Christ, and death is gain.
Exile? The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord.
The confiscation of goods? We brought nothing into this world,
and we shall surely take nothing from it.
I have only contempt for the world's threats,
I find its blessings laughable.
I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth.
I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good.
I concentrate therefore on the present situation,
and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence.
—Saint John Chrysostom (347-407)



MYSTIC MORSELS

They who set out to sail unfurl the sails at first when they encounter a favorable wind but then undo it when an adverse wind comes at them; the sailors do not discharge the ship because the wind is against them. They wait quietly for a while or wrestle with the storm, then they sail on again. So it is with us; when an adverse wind is against us, let us complete our voyage without fear, having unfurled the cross instead of a sail.
— Saint Synkletike (a Desert Mother) (d. 350)

We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God. If at times we are somewhat stunned by the tempest, never fear. Let us take breath, and go afresh.
— Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

PRAYER

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.
— Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

**It's inappropriate to
make a dad joke if
you're not a dad.**

It's a faux pa.

If by "crunches" you
mean the sound bacon
makes when you eat it,
then yes I do crunches.



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

Sun	06/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Counsil / Ro DeBias
Mon	06/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
Tue	06/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready
Wed	06/26	Kelley Endres
Thu	06/27	John Finnell
Fri	06/28	Bernie Mabe / Lucy, Henry, & Katie Smithberger
Sat	06/29	Irene Galloway / Therese Cox



MANNA MEAL
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

**MANNA MEAL/KROGER
PICK UP SCHEDULE**

JUNE

June 25 John Ellison

June 26 John Ellion

Liturgical Ministries – June 22 & 23

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	R DeBias	M C Davis	T McLane
Altar Servers	K Lewia	R Brennan	M Mathias
Cantors			
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	Mike Burgess	J Lilly
Chalice Minister	M Mowrer A Davis	A Bradley J Aluise	J Priestley J Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		T Aluise A Bradley M Belcher	
Greeters/Ushers	J Hass J Providenti	B Cornell S Manahan	J Tridico S Nason

Liturgical Ministries – June 29 & 30

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	P Frame	S Churchill	
Altar Servers			
Cantors			
Communion Principal	V Stricker	Terry Mathias	R Brennan
Chalice Minister	B Frame R DeBias	S Churchill O Duarte	C & P Council
Communion to the Sick		S Bowyer Joan Fernandes J Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	P Cochran J Haas	John Crane Shelley Nason

Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler #5 Answer — A Towel

Second Collections - cash, envelopes, or checks made out to Blessed Sacrament may be placed in a marked box in the 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>Deacons Tony O’Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003</p>
<p>Office Manager: Natalie Zellers 304-744-5523 Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com</p>	<p>Director of Religious Education Mike Granata E-mail: mikegranata3@gmail.com Phone: 304-561-8063</p>
<p>Music & Youth Director: Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Chip Counsil, facilitator, Christine Fernandes, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher Bernie Mabe, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Dan McLaughlin Jonathan Perry, Katie Smithberger, Charlie Wilson</p>	

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DIocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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.”