



Blessed Sacrament Parish

March 10, 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	03/09	5:00 pm	+	John Lordan by St. Anne's Guild
Sunday	03/10	9:00 am		For Our Candidates as they prepare for the Easter Vigil
		11:30 am		For the People of Our Parish
Monday	03/11			
Tuesday	03/12			
Wednesday	03/13	Noon	+	Robert Grassman by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	03/14	Noon	+	John Lordan by Arlene Hanna
Friday	03/15	Noon	+	Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
Saturday	03/16	5:00pm		Blessings for Tim Williams by Missy Mowrer
Sunday	03/17	9:00 am		For the People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Shawn Bogges by Betty Denny



We Remember in Our Prayers

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

OCIA Candidates and Their Sponsors

Johnathan Adkins and John Crane, Janie Adkins and Rachel Crane, and Judy Bailey and Jesse Linehan-Belcher

Deacon Candidates and Their Wives

Tommy and Kathy Ross and Tony and Theresa O'Leary

First Communion Candidates

Emily W, Elin B., Grayson H, Gabriela T, Kylan F



March 17

There will be a communal Penance Service from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Palm Sunday March 24



Parishioners are encouraged to wear the color red on Palm Sunday

Sunday March 10

+ Blessed Sacrament Symposium +

On Sunday March 10 at 10:15 - 11:15 am, in the church, Sue Barazi from the Islamic Center will give a presentation on **THE MEANING** of **RAMADAN** which this year is from March 10 - April 9. Ramadan is sometimes called "Islamic Lent."

On Sunday March 24 at 10:15 - 11:15 am, there will be a showing of the thirty minute **MOVIE** *The Man Who Planted Trees*. It is actually paints a true story and is sure to lead to interesting discussion. We will be using the big screen in the Parish Hall.

March 8-14, 2024 Catholic Sisters Week is about to begin!

The web site for: [Catholic Sisters' Week website](#)

One resource for your prayer and reflection is the Abundant Hope series offered by the National Religious Vocation Association. Here's one by Sister Deirdre Griffin, SSJ who ministers at the U.S.-Mexico border as an immigration attorney through Maryknoll. Praying with and for Deirdre connects us with the migrant people she serves, and the work for justice.

[Sister Deirdre Griffin, SSJ \(Springfield, MA\) living and working in El Paso, TX](#)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUaIGzwudaI&list=PLe7ypxdO8n8EdYYMpV-7LMbrG_SGJzLH7&index=28

March 11



Must See Movie — Cabrini

PG-13

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Saint Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

LINK TO TRAILER
<https://youtu.be/cBCQmrD9jIM?si=y-MQ-iYlp0FE4nRM>

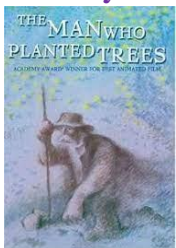
<https://youtu.be/cBCQmrD9jIM?si=y-MQ-iYlp0FE4nRM>

Father Paul and Mary Odin invite you to join them at the 11:55 am showing on Monday March 11 at the Marquis Theaters in South Charleston. For those who care to, we will gather at the nearby Olive Garden to eat and talk about the movie.

Thursday March 21



Sunday March 24



On **Sunday March 24** at 10:15 - 11:15 am, there will be a showing of the thirty-minute **MOVIE** *The Man Who Planted Trees*. It actually paints a true story and is sure to lead to interesting discussion. We will be using the big screen in the Parish Hall.

**Candy! Candy! Candy! for our
Easter Egg Hunt**
We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on
Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00am

We hope you will consider bringing a bag of snack-size candy for the hunt. The candy needs to be able to fit in a plastic egg.

We will have baskets in the gathering area where you can put your donations this weekend through Sunday, March 17th.

Our middle and high school youth groups will fill the eggs before hiding them for our younger parishioners.



Easter Vigil Reception, March 30 at 10:00 PM (approx.)

Please join us at the Easter Vigil Reception immediately following the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, March 30 to help us welcome our three new members to the parish family. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. You are invited to bring a dish to share if you are able. Sign-up sheets will be available starting this weekend in the gathering space. Please sign up if you are planning to attend so that we can properly plan. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Terry Mathias at 304-741-0045 or tmathias@earthlink.net. There will not be a dinner this year on Easter Sunday.

<p>Suggested Dishes to Bring</p> <p>FINGER FOODS SUCH AS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetable trays Cheese/Crackers Sliced salami, etc. Meatballs Hummus/Pita bread Fresh fruit Cookies Bar cookies Brownies 	<p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <p>Organize food on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm</p> <p>Clean up parish hall on Saturday, March 30 after meal.</p>
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Employment Opportunity—Seeking a part-time Office Manager for St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills parishes. Responsibilities are varied and include maintaining parishioner records plus sacramental records, parish financial records, the bulletin, etc. A working knowledge of QuickBooks and Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Publisher is preferred.

This position is limited to 20 hours each week. The successful candidate must be able to pass a background check prior to hiring. Equal opportunity employer.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office at 304-342-2716 by Friday, March 22, 2024.

Thank You **Michele Bays**
Office Manager - St. Anthony & Our Lady of the Hills



To repurpose old, blessed Easter candles from prior years, we are going to cut them into 8" sections so these can be used in prayer spaces, on memory tables, etc. They are all a little grubby from being in storage. Some of the sections will be plain. Some will have colored, decorative wax on them. If you think you would be interested in having one or more of these sections, please let Natalie know: BSCCWV@gmail.com or 304-744-5523.

A Good Place to Sit

I like my pillow, my fancy bed,
My cat tree and the bathroom sink.
Each has its time and fills a need,
but a box is best when I want to think.

Walter's Favorite Poems



Suggestion Box

If we chant the Our Father, why don't we finish with the chant on the last part?

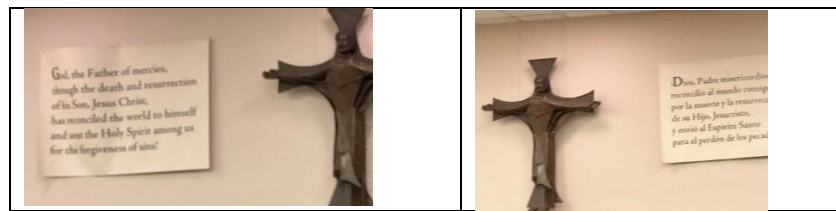
Father Paul can't chant very well. When Father doesn't chant, most listeners are going to recite rather than chant. But kudos for noticing that and for asking a good question.

One of the "steps" in the angled pre row (down from the Baptismal font) needs white tape to indicate the drop off. There was once a chair in that spot.

Thank you for pointing this out! We've placed tape on that step.

There has been a request to take down the banners at the back of the church.

We would like to remove them, store them, and perhaps use them in a different area of the church.



SAINT OF THE WEEK:

Saint John of God

March 8

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred. He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor. He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order. John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Osorio.

The utter humility of John of God, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realized his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love.

source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-god/>

Saint John is a Patron Saint of hospitals, the sick, nurses, firefighters, alcoholics and booksellers

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 90

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 Cosmos

“For God so loved the cosmos...”
—John 3.16

The Greek word is *kosmon*.
Not some, not even just earthlings,
not even just Earth.
The whole cosmos. Everything.
The point is not that certain humans
are rewarded for thinking certain things
about a certain divine-human,
but that the entire universe
be made whole,
by love,
by God being with-and-in every bit of it,
even the ugly, hurting bits.
There’s no part of the cosmos God doesn’t love.
There’s no one who gets anything different.
There’s no other tribe to which you belong.
Step over the little lines you’ve drawn, then,
and belong.
— Steve Garnaas-Holmes *Unfolding Light* www.unfoldinglight.net



PRAYER A Prayer in Communion with All Creation

Creator God, mystery of love that sustains the universe:
In the beginning, you called forth all that is.
To this day, you accompany your creation on its journey through time.
All you have created rightly gives you praise.
We join our voices with the sublime choir of creation that ceaselessly sings your praise.
With all that exists, we worship you, Giver of life, and Source of all flourishing.
We confess, before you and all creation,
 that we have not always mirrored your care for your world.
We lament the wounds we have inflicted on the earth community,
 and commit ourselves to changing our ways.
Send out your Spirit, Creator God, and renew the face of your earth.
Awaken in us passionate love and generous care for creation,
so that we may join with its countless voices in singing your praise. Amen.
— Teresa Berger

MYSTIC MORSEL

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then,
for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.
— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)



Help is Needed

Our parish is looking for a few parishioners to prayerfully consider serving the Lord and our parish as new members of our Pastoral Council for three-year terms.

What is our Pastoral Council? Our Pastoral Council is the body of parishioners who are responsible to keep the whole parish community focused on the Mission, the Goals, and the Objectives that we have discerned to be God's will for us. They are the primary body that advises and works with the pastor and staff about the well-being of the parish community as it strives to carry out its Mission. All parishioners age 18 and above who are a baptized and confirmed Catholic and an active practicing member of the parish are eligible to serve and new members will begin to serve in May 2024.

How is the Council structured? The Council consists of the Pastor, an occasional Staff member, and nine or more parishioners serving three-year staggered terms. It meets on the second Tuesdays of the month at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The Council strives for consensus on questions that are posed rather than majority vote. Consensus means a result that all members can live with, even if it is not our strongest preference.

How does one recommend new members for the Pastoral Council? Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for yourself and everyone. You may recommend it to as many people as you like. You may also recommend yourself. There will be nomination forms in the gathering space after each Mass for the three weeks.

What happens next?

Please nominate one or more parishioners, perhaps yourself. The Pastoral Council nominating committee will review the nominations and contact those who are nominated to see if they are willing to prayerfully consider possible membership. Those who are recommended will be invited to attend an orientation and discernment process. The purpose is to better understand the commitment one is making. It will also include a prayerful discernment seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing new members.

Please make your nomination(s) to Blessed Sacrament by March 31, 2024

- by dropping it in the collection basket
- by mailing it to the parish office
- by emailing to bsccwv@gmail.com

If you would like to reach out to any member of the Pastoral Council for more information, please see the list below: Chip Counsil, Terry Mathias, Jackson Davis, Molly Linehan Belcher, Christine Fernandes, Jack Dever, Anne Dever, Katie Smithberger, Philip Maramba, David Lewia, and Charlie Wilson

Nominating Someone for Pastoral Council:

After considering the role of Pastoral Council we invite you to nominate yourself or someone else to the Pastoral Council ministry. Council members serve three-year terms and may serve up to two consecutive terms. Please fill out the attached nomination form and return it to the Pastoral Council Selection Committee via the Parish Office or collection basket or email to bccwv@gmail.com by March 31, 2024.

Eligibility:

- A baptized and confirmed Catholic
- At least 18 years of age
- An active practicing member of the parish
- Not an employee of the parish

Pastoral Council Nominations

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

I make this nomination for the following reasons:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

I make this nomination for the following reasons:

Liturgical Ministries – March 9 & 10


	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	John Priestley	Denise Burgess	Mary Claire Davis
Altar Servers	Chip Council Karen Lewia	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Carla Stricker Vince Stricker
Cantors	Elizabeth Leary	John Shawler	Olivia Hayes
Communion Principal	Vince Stricker	Mike Burgess	Kathy Lester
Chalice Minister	David Lewia Bill Frame	Chuck Wirts Peggy Musilli	Terry Mathias Maureen Mathias
Communion to the Sick		Mike Burgess Missy Summey Tom Aluise	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike Granata John Providenti	Dan McLaughlin Kelly Plutro	Shelley Nason Renee Norman

Liturgical Ministries – March 16 & 17

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Tony O'Leary	Laura Jennings	Don Becher
Altar Servers	David Bowles Rick Brennan	Will Stella Madison Ferrell	Felix Maramba Pippa Maramba
Cantors			
Communion Principal	Ro DeBias	Rob Plutro	Jackie Lilly
Chalice Minister	Natalie Zellers Ted Streit	Ann Bradley Jackie Aluise	Chip & Pam Council
Communion to the Sick		Ann Bradley Laura Hayes Joan Fernandes	
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Brian Cornell Jeanne Haas	Mary Beth Abbott Anna Sites

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


Sun	03/10	Jane Roy
Mon	03/11	Joe Deegan / Tony O'Leary
Tue	03/12	Nancy McLaughlin
Wed	03/13	Mike Granata
Thu	03/14	Shelley Nason / Kathy Pojman
Fri	03/16	Moon Musilli and Peg Musilli
Sat	03/16	Mary Odin / Connie Jarzynski / Theresa O'Leary / Pippa Maramba



MANNA MEAL
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

**MANNA MEAL/KROGER
PICK UP SCHEDULE**

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Matthew 25:35

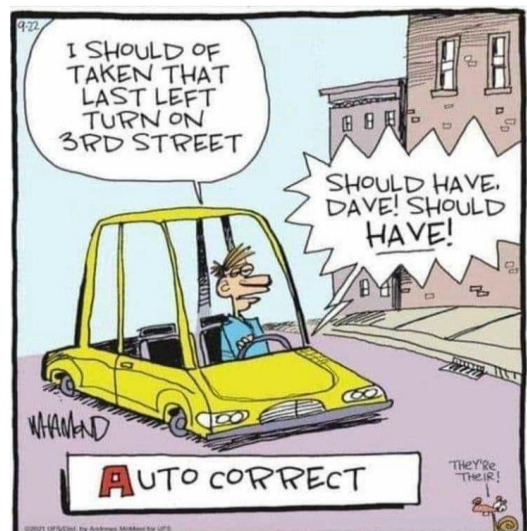


MARCH

March 12 Dennis Thornburg
 March 13 Matt Leary
 March 19 Tony O'Leary
 March 20 Don Becher
 March 26 John Ellison
 March 27 John Ellison

APRIL

April 2 Dennis Thornburg
 April 3 Kelley Endres
 April 9 Matt Leary
 April 10 Tony O'Leary
 April 16 Rob Schissler
 April 17 Rob Schissler
 April 23 Dennis Thornburg
 April 24 Don Becher
 April 30 John Ellison





The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Silent Directed Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Silent Directed Retreats throughout the year. These retreats can be made via Zoom or in person at the retreat house in Charleston, WV. During your retreat, you will engage in meditation rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition. Following the CDC Guidelines, we are respecting limits for in-house registrations.
Questions/Schedule: Email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com
Donation: \$85-\$136 based on room selection/night (includes retreat, retreat house accommodation, and all meals). Zoom retreats are \$60 - \$90 per day.

WVIS 2024 Lent Retreat via Zoom

Friday (March 15th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm) and Saturday (March 16th from 9:00 am – 2:45 pm)

Questions: email Associate Spiritual Director, Cindy Boland, MA. at cbol.cb@gmail.com

Our retreat theme is “A time to be rooted more deeply into the mystery, love, and care of God.” For many home gardeners, nurseries, and garden centers now is the time for germinating seeds. It is a time to allow seeds, with proper nourishment, air, warmth, and light to sprout, take root, and develop in readiness and strength so they are ready to be planted into gardens and flower beds to mature and bear fruit. Proper germination time is important for a plant to develop well and be abundant. We are seeds of God’s love planted in the heart of God. And, like all seeds we need time to be quiet and be nourished by the breath, light, and warmth of God. Please join us.

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$50. Scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com

Register: Visit our website at [Lent Retreat 2024 - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

Transitions: Danger or Opportunity via Zoom

Saturday (March 9) – 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Questions: email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com

During life transitions, we often find ourselves in what is known as “liminal space.” The word liminality comes from the Latin word “limen” which means threshold. New thresholds or being in some form of transition (geographical, emotional, physical, or situational) describe the life experience for all of us. Understanding how to experience the transition process healthily can make a difference in whether we see the transition as an opportunity or a threat/crisis. During this Zoom conference, we will explore the work of several noted theorists whose work on healthy transition can serve as a guide.

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$50. Partial scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com

Register: Visit our website at [Programs - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

19th Annotation Spiritual Exercises

St. Ignatius of Loyola, who created the 30-day Spiritual Exercises during the 16th century, knew even then that some people would not be able to take 30 days away from their regular responsibilities to make a 30-day retreat. The 19th Annotation (Retreat in Daily Life) is often done by individuals who work full-time or who have other life commitments (like children living at home). To allow these individuals to enter the gift of making the 30-day Spiritual Exercises, the 19th Annotation is extended over approximately nine months. Learn more about the 19th Annotation by visiting the WVIS website (www.wvis.org) and clicking on Retreats/19th Annotation Retreat in Daily Life dropdown along the top of the page. WVIS has a number of spiritual directors who have received an Advanced Certificate in offering the 19th Annotation. You are invited to reach out to one or more of these individuals to see who might be the right fit for your journey.

Questions/Register: email wviscr@aol.com

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email wvis_sally@aol.com

Thomas Merton Charleston West Virginia Chapter via Zoom (3rd Tuesday each month)

You are invited to join the Charleston, West Virginia chapter of the International Thomas Merton Institute on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Each month, the group discusses recent material from the International Merton Society and/or information from the Book of Hours.

Questions/Register: email Father Bill Petro at frbpetro42@gmail.com

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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</p> <p>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>
<p>Music & Youth Director: Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Director of Religious Education Mike Granata E-mail: mikegranata3@gmail.com Phone: 304-561-8063</p>
<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>	
<p align="center">Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Chip Council, 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.”