

MARCH 14, 2025

Ever since I learned that September 19, my birthday, is International Talk Like a Pirate Day, I have been fascinated by these quirky holidays that have flourished ever since the Internet has become a part of everyday life. According to its website, The International Day of Awesomeness (March 10) is a celebration of awesomeness. People are awesome every day, frequently don't realize it, and their feats of awesomeness are rarely recognized. We aim to fix that, with a special day to both perform and celebrate feats of awesomeness!”

It continues, “How Can I Celebrate the International Day of Awesomeness? The easiest way to celebrate The International Day of Awesomeness is to be awesome. You could organize a group of your friends to perform feats of awesomeness with...The International Day of Awesomeness should be fun and not taken too seriously).” March 10 was chosen because it is the birthday of Actor Chuck Norris around whom countless jokes and memes have been created about how absolutely amazing he is.

For someone or something to be awesome it must be terrific, extraordinary, amazing, breathtaking, overwhelming, inspiring great admiration, reverence, apprehension, or fearful wonder. It is clearly overused and applied to things and people that are not really awesome. Now when the apostles experienced the transfiguration of Jesus with Moses and Elijah as found in Sunday's gospel, they truly felt awe. Next weekend we hear of Moses experiencing the awe-some presence of God in the burning bush.

Mark your calendars for the closest to being awesome celebration the Church has at the Easter Vigil on April 19. We will celebrate it here beginning at 8:00 pm. Holy Thursday and Good Friday are nearly as profound.

The following letter will be shared in our bulletin this weekend also.

Dear Parishioners,

When I became your Pastor in June 2022, a remarkable project was nearing completion and soon to go online: the Solar Panels on the school roof. It has made a huge

difference in our electric bill as evidenced when no solar power was harvested for more than a few weeks due to ice and snow. We owed \$6,245 to Appalachian Electric Power. Fr. John Finnell and the Finance Council were understandably proud of the fact that it was paid up front by parishioners.

The Energy Efficiency Committee recommended and the Finance Council agreed our Capital Improvement Project for this year will be to replace the church roof (worship area) and install solar panels. The panels atop the school produce 64% of our energy usage. New panels on the church roof will bring this up to 85%.

We are still eligible for government and N.G.O. grants if things work begins in 2025. These grants may not be available in 2026. We have a strong possibility of a \$50,000 grant from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to help with the project.

New Roof - \$98,128. New Solar Array - \$97,451. Project Total - \$195,579.

Here is how we hope to finance this improvement.

\$50,000	Grant from the Diocese
\$25,000	Distribution from Endowment Fund
\$120,579	Donations from Parishioners

Now for some **GREAT** news. Several weeks ago, I explained the project to some of our most generous donors. We have already received \$57,000 with another \$31,000 pledged. This means we are already 73% of the way towards our goal!

Your donation can help us reach our goal. I ask that whatever you donate be both an expression of your heart felt appreciation for Blessed Sacrament Parish and be in addition to, and not a replacement of, whatever you regularly give. Please place your offering in the collection basket and write Building Project in the memo. Any grants or rebates we receive from the government will be set aside for future capital projects.

The parishioners of Blessed Sacrament are well-known for acts of generosity. Our first solar panel project was an excellent example of our ability to come together, and I am confident that this second phase will be equally successful. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts and commitment to care for our common home.

Fr. Paul

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Noteworthy News

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING will be held right after our 11:30 am Mass this Sunday March 16. We are beginning phase 2 and are looking for ideas, insights, interest, and feedback. Everyone is welcome to come and see. Please check out our bulletin to learn more.

LUNCH BUNCH is set for this Thursday, March 20th at noon. See the bulletin for more information.

POEM

A voice said,

*This is my Son, my Chosen;
listen to him!"*

—Luke 9.35

The command is not to believe,
or even to remember,
but to listen.

In stillness,
apart from the screaming news,
listen.

Let your fears and opinions
sit quietly in the corner
and talk amongst themselves;
let them go; ignore them.

In silence, listen
even if only to the sound
of your own breathing, listen
for the silence
that is God,
the cloud
that is unknowing,
the presence
you can trust without feeling.

And if nothing comes to you,
keep the silence.
Honor the cloud.
Keep listening.

— Steve Garnaas-Holmes *Unfolding Light*

MYSTIC MORSELS

God doesn't need our praise. He *enjoys* our praise.
— Benedictine monk from the movie Into Great Silence

Anything big enough to occupy our minds is big enough to hang a prayer on.
George MacDonald

PRAYER Soul of Christ – Anime Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me;
Within your wounds hide me;
separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

CARBONATED GRACE

Chuck Norris Jokes:

Chuck Norris' tears cure cancer. Too bad he has never cried.
Chuck Norris can dribble a bowling ball.
Chuck Norris can play the violin with a piano.
Chuck Norris makes onions cry.
Outer space exists because it's afraid to be on the same planet with Chuck Norris.
When Chuck Norris does a pushup, he's pushing the Earth down.
Chuck Norris is the reason why Waldo is hiding.
Chuck Norris doesn't wear a watch. He decides what time it is.
Chuck Norris does not get frostbite. Chuck Norris bites frost.