



**March 23, 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	03/22	5:00 pm	+	Scott Yoho by Ro DeBias
Sunday	03/23	9:00 am		Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
		11:30 am	+	Shawn Boggess by Betty Denny
Monday	03/24			
Tuesday	03/25			
Wednesday	03/26	Noon	+	Joanna Amsbary Brennan by Bill & Patty Frame
Thursday	03/27	Noon	+	Maddox Potter by Susan Bowyer
Friday	03/28	Noon	+	Bob Wharton by Father Paul
Saturday	03/29	5:00 pm	+	Joanna Amsbary Brennan by Ro DeBias
Sunday	03/30	9:00 am	+	Hamilton & Southam Families by Beth Boyd
		11:30 am		People of Our Parish

**We Remember in Our Prayers**

Richard B, Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, Mary Cole, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, John Ellison, 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, Pam Miller, Keith Morgan, Missy Mowrer, Diane Roberts, Stan Rucker, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Crystal Wharton, Sandy Wheeler, Kevin Whelan, Urecki family



**We will have a prayer quilt for Michael Potterfield this weekend. It will be available for prayers and knot tying after all 3 Masses.**

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, March 22

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am in Room 5
- Reconciliation – 10:15am and 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

## OCIA First Scrutiny

### Sunday, March 23

- Faith Formation for Students - 10:15am to 11:15am
- Adult Faith Formation – 10:15am to 11:15am

### Monday, March 24

- OCIA Meeting - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall or Room 5

### Tuesday, March 25

- Diocesan Music Reading w/David Anderson - 6:00pm to 8:30pm

### Wednesday, March 26

- Bible Study – 10:00am to 11:00am in Room 5
  - GriefShare Workshop – 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 2
  - Bible Sharing – 6:30pm – 8:00pm in Room 5
- Study Guide: <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-03-26-25/?wpdmdl=2272&refresh=67dd5e75a12831742560885>

### Thursday, March 27

- Youth Group – 5:00 – 6:00pm
- Bells Rehearsal – 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 – 8:00pm

### Friday, March 28

- Stations of the Cross – 5:30 to 6:00pm in the Worship Area

### Saturday, March 29

- Men's Bible Sharing- 9:00am in Room 5
- Reconciliation – 10:15am and 4:00pm to 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room

## OCIA Second Scrutiny

### Sunday, March 30

- Faith Formation for Students - 10:15am to 11:15am
- Adult Faith Formation – 10:15am to 11:15am
- Communal Reconciliation Service at 3:00pm

### Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Giving Portal

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



Thank you for your generosity.

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**  
Communal Reconciliation Service on **March 30 at 3pm**

**Please take a Bread of Life packet for this Lenten Season.**

“Bread of Life” (John 6:35), symbolizes that Jesus is the source of spiritual nourishment and eternal life. It is this year’s Lenten theme. While the theme is the basis of our altar decorations, a few parishioners donated seasonal bread recipes. The Youth Group graciously put the recipes together, which you will find on the Lenten material table in the Gathering Space. **You are welcome to take a packet and invite to add your own family bread recipe.**

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**DAILY MASS** - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12 noon

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**

- o Saturdays at 10:15 am and 4pm in the Reconciliation Room
- o any time by appointment at a mutually convenient time
- o Communal Reconciliation Service on March 30 at 3pm



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

- o Friday March 28 5:30 pm
- o Friday April 04 5:30 pm Adoration 6:10 pm
- o Friday April 11 5:30 pm
- o Friday April 18 12 noon

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** - Sunday 10:15am - 11:15 am in our School Room 2

Do You Love Me? - A Practical Guide to Catholic Prayer & Spirituality

- o March 23 — Conversing
- o March 30 — Following
- o April 06 — Choosing

**CHURCH HISTORY: VIDEO & DISCUSSION** - Sundays 10:15 - 11:15 am in Parish Hall

- o March 23 — Latin Theology and Saint Augustine
- o March 30 — Popes and Bishops in the Early Middle Ages
- o April 06 — Saint Benedict and His Rule

**MORE OPPORTUNITIES**

- o Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00am Room 5
- o Wednesday Evening Bible Sharing 06:30pm Room 5
- o Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Sharing 09:00 am Room 5

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Update from Catholic Charities about Flooded Areas in Southern WV

**URGENT NEED!** 471 households are in immediate need of assistance with getting the mud and yuck removed from their homes that was left behind by the flood waters. There are 5 organizations with teams in the hardest hit areas working diligently to get to them one by one, but MORE is needed. If you or your team would be willing to help out with muck outs please contact Sandy Keener at WVVOAD at 304-553-0927 or [sandrakeener@wvvoad.org](mailto:sandrakeener@wvvoad.org) Please share this information in your bulletins, e-mail contacts, and social media.

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**CAMP LEON.** If you have not signed your child up for Camp Leon and they plan to attend as a camper, the deadline to submit the application is March 31 in order to be given preference. After March 31, Blessed Sacrament parishioners will not be given preferential treatment for camper spots and will be accepted based on the date of their application and as space allows. We can only accept 52 female campers and 52 male campers, so space is limited. The link to submit camper applications is as follows:

<https://forms.gle/RpqmuyNTQi4pBFDH8>

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# Vacation Bible School

## SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 20 to Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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### Community Garden

**We invite you to contribute to our garden project to help us nurture and create something beautiful together. Your generous donations will make a difference!**

We are making great strides in our community gardens! The Cross Garden will feature the EverGrove Raised Garden Bed with accessible higher beds and a wildflower centerpiece. In the Rain Garden, river birch trees are being considered. The Marian Garden will include peaceful elements such as benches and a stone statue of Mary, while the Orchard Garden explores three options like yellow transparent apples. Additionally, we are discussing rain barrels for water collection, sourcing materials, and other important tasks, including a fundraising initiative using etched paving stones. Exciting times lie ahead as we grow together! Checks made out to Blessed Sacrament with "Garden" in the memo line can be placed in the collection basket, mailed to us, or handed to Natalie or Father. Donations can also be made through our online giving portal - with "Garden" noted in the memo box.

### Garden Work Party

**On Saturday, April 5**, we hope to have many hands making light work of a few preliminary garden projects. Start-time is not yet set – more about that next week. Please check your calendars and sign up in our gathering area.

#### There are a variety of tasks:

- picking up stones and building a pile of them
- picking up trash that has blown into the garden
- A woodworker from Huntington will cut down the giant walnut tree for us. He will also take the trunk and large limbs away. \*\*\*
- bringing a chainsaw and cutting up firewood from the smaller walnut tree limbs
- raking and bagging leaves
- raking and picking up walnuts, stems, and little branches and bagging them
- taking firewood home

Another task, possibly for a team of people, would be to provide lunch for everyone. Or we will purchase lunch from a local restaurant for everyone.

\*\*\* Walnut trees ARE beautiful and provide shade. However, they also make a chemical called juglone which kills neighboring plants. Juglone is found in the vegetative buds, leaves, stems, nut hulls, and roots of walnut trees. One reason we are having the walnut tree removed is that nothing can be grown under or near the walnut tree in our garden. A second reason is that it has a very large limb hanging the sidewalk and parking area along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and this branch is cracking away from the trunk of the tree.



**UPDATE: We received an additional \$1,600 in donations for this important investment in our property. Thank you!**

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Natalie [bccwv@gmail.com](mailto:bccwv@gmail.com) or me [pjw424@gmail.com](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com) Thank you. God bless you.

## Parish Pastoral Council – 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 aged 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 prayerful discernment seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing new members. Nomination forms can be found in the gathering area.

**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](mailto: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: Terry Mathias, facilitator, Chip Council, Rick Brennan, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Dan McLaughlin, Jonathan Perry, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson.

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

<b>Sun</b>	03/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Council / Ro DeBias
<b>Mon</b>	03/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
<b>Tue</b>	03/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready / Melissa Coleman
<b>Wed</b>	03/26	Kelley Endres / John Wharton
<b>Thu</b>	03/27	Fr. John Finnell / Joan Wilson
<b>Fri</b>	03/28	Bernie Mabe / Smithberger Family / Edd McDevitt
<b>Sat</b>	03/29	Irene Galloway / Therese Cox

# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 139

*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**

Out of my need and my helplessness I cry to You  
Knowing You are One, and we who cry are many,  
Knowing that without illusions I am weak  
And without rationalizations I am naked,  
Knowing that before You I must cover my head  
And seek to hide my thought with shame.  
Knowing that You are far off, still I pray to You,  
For You are the source of all help and all strength.  
Love me better than I have loved,  
And protect me better than I protect my own.  
Teach me to pray, teach me to believe;  
Teach me to be one in my heart as You are One.  
I am to You nothing, You are to me God;  
Therefore I beg of You: hear me, help me, teach me.  
— Ruth Brin



## **MYSTIC MORSEL/POEM**

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;  
Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise,  
God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things;  
And when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today  
will take care of you today and every day.  
He will either shield you from suffering or will give you  
unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and  
imaginings.  
— Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light.  
May good luck pursue you each morning and night.  
May your troubles be less and your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness come through your door.





**SAINT OF THE WEEK :**

Saint Patrick

March 17

Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in *Confessions*. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. Saint Patrick is a Patron Saint of engineers, those afraid of snakes/for protection against snake bites.

source : [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=89](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89)



## Family Life Pantry News

We are happy to share the following information about the Family Life Pantry in Charleston.

The pantry, located at 1024 Quarrier Street, offers emergency food supplies, home care essentials, and personal care items.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to Regional Family Resource Network (who has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the pantry). And mail it to PO Box 450 Hurricane WV 25526.

Gift cards and cash are also still welcomed. Please speak with Tina Ramirez (304-552-3554 or [RamirezT@marshall.edu](mailto:RamirezT@marshall.edu)) if you would like more information.




### Liturgical Ministries – March 22 & 23

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	J Deegan	T DiPiero	T McLane
<b>Altar Servers</b>	W Stella K Lewia	J Borman	C Counsil
<b>Principal</b>	V Stricker	T Streit	R Brennan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T Ciliberti R DeBias	A Bradley C Wirts	P Garnet J Knox
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		M Summey A Bradley T Aluise	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	D Lewia J Providenti	Pat Cochran S Nason	Crane Family

### Liturgical Ministries – March 29 & 30



	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	J Priestley	V Russo	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	C & V Stricker	G & M Ferrell	R Brennan
<b>Principal</b>	J McGarrity	M Burgess	J Lilly
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	T Streit S Churchill	B Sherrard O Duarte	R Brennan P Garnet
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		L Hayes M Burgess B Sherrard	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	P & M Habenschuss	B Cornell D Elliott	M B Abbot A Sites T Champe

 <b>MANNA MEAL</b> SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT	<b>MANNA MEAL/KROGER                  PICK UP SCHEDULE                  March &amp; April</b>
<b>MARCH</b> March 25 Don Becher March 26 Edd McDevitt	<b>APRIL</b> April 1 Dennis Thornburg April 2 Kelley Endres April 8 Matt Leary April 9 Anne Davis April 15 Don Becher April 16 Edd McDevitt April 22 Dennis Thornburg April 23 Kelley Endres April 29 Matt Leary April 30 Anne Davis

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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 style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Online Giving Portal</a></p>	 <p>Give Trees Online To support Blessed Sacrament (all funds raised will go to our Garden Project), click here: <a href="https://blessedsacramentwv.givetrees.online/cause/give-a-tree/">https://blessedsacramentwv.givetrees.online/cause/give-a-tree/</a>        or click on the QR code:</p>
<p><b>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton</b>        E-mail: <a href="mailto:pjw424@gmail.com">pjw424@gmail.com</a>        Cell Phone: 304-433-7472        (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deacons</b>        Deacon Tony O’Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 /        email: <a href="mailto:aoleary@dwc.org">aoleary@dwc.org</a>        Deacon Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003 /        email: <a href="mailto:tross@dwc.org">tross@dwc.org</a></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](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.”