



Blessed Sacrament Parish

March 24, 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 | 03/16 | 5:00 pm | Deacon Candidates Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross |
| Sunday | 03/17 | 9:00 am | Judy Bailey, and John and Janie Adkins by Our Parish |
| | | 11:30 am | + Clark Adkins by Our Parish |
| Monday | 03/18 | Noon | Blessings for Brad Grishaber by Jane Ann Grishaber |
| Tuesday | 03/19 | | |
| Wednesday | 03/20 | | No Mass |
| Thursday | 03/21 | 6:00pm | Deacon Candidates Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross |
| Friday | 03/22 | 6:00pm | (no Mass intention) |
| Saturday | 03/23 | 8:30pm | John and Janie Adkins, and Judy Bailey by Our Parish |
| Sunday | 03/24 | 9:00 am | For the Education of Seminarians by Our Parish |
| | | 11:30 am | People of Our Parish |

We Remember in Our Prayers

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, Brad 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, Diane 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



A funeral Mass will be celebrated for **John Daniel Johnson** next **Tuesday, March 26 at noon**. Visitation will be prior to the Mass, beginning at 11:00am. **A luncheon will follow the Mass.**

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Parishioners are encouraged to wear the color red for Palm Sunday.

Saturday, March 23

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00 am, Room 5
- **Easter Egg Hunt** -11:00am in the Parish Hall
- **Reconciliation** - 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, March 24

- **The Man Who Planted Trees** – 10:15am to 11:00 in the Parish Hall
- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am

Monday, March 25

- **OCIA** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B
- **Bell Rehearsal** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 26 (The office is closed.)

Funeral Mass for John Daniel Johnson at 11:00am in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 27

- **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-03-27-24/?wpdmdl=1695&refresh=65fb7b38982ce1710979896>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89811466699?pwd=UVdFVmo1SmJObUJqc3VqcytQOTdpQT09>

Thursday, March 28

- **Holy Thursday Mass** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Second Collection for the Holy Land

Friday, March 29

- **Stations of the Cross** - **noon** in the Sanctuary
- **Good Friday Liturgy** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Easter

Saturday, March 30

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5
- **Easter Vigil** – 8:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **Easter Vigil Reception** – 10:00pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 31

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, March 28th

Mass at 6:00pm

Good Friday, March 29th

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Liturgy at 6:00pm



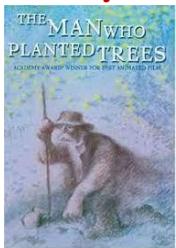
Easter Vigil, Saturday March 30th

Mass at 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Mass at 9:00am and 11:30am

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 paints a true story and is sure to lead to interesting discussion. We will be using the big screen in the Parish Hall.



Holy Thursday Adoration - Sign-Ups

Please let us know when you will be here on the sign-up form in the gathering area. 30-minute time slots are available from 8:00pm Thursday through 8:00am Friday.

(You do not need to sign-up. Come when you can. The sign-up sheet is to help us have at least two people present throughout the night.)

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 tsmathias@earthlink.net. There will not be a dinner this year on Easter Sunday.

Suggested Dishes to Bring

FINGER FOODS SUCH AS:

Vegetable trays
Cheese/Crackers
Sliced salami, etc.
Meatballs
Hummus/Pita bread
Fresh fruit
Cookies
Bar cookies
Brownies

Volunteer Opportunities

Organize food on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm

Clean up parish hall on Saturday, March 30 after meal.



Prayer Quilt Ministry

A very precious ministry needs new organizers and quilt-makers.

This ministry began in 2010. Over 150 quilts have been given to parishioners or members of their families in the past 14 years. Friendship teams and families might find this is a fun and prayerful activity to adopt. Most of the quilts are assembled by tacking. It requires basic sewing skills that can be learned through any number of YouTube videos. Blessed Sacrament can purchase/reimburse the cost of sewing materials.

Please let us know if you would like to learn more about this ministry. BSCCWV@gmail.com and 304-744-5523. We will also have a sign-up sheet where you can note your interest in the gathering area for the next two weeks or so.

+Blessed Sacrament Symposium - Upcoming Events+

March 24 - 10:15 am - **Movie: The Man Who Planted Trees & Discussion** in Parish Hall

April 07 - 10:15 am - **The Problem and Mystery of Suffering I** - in the church/streamed
How Christians Need to Discuss the Topic, Bad Solutions and So-so Solutions

April 14 - 10:15 am - **The Problem and Mystery of Suffering II**- in the church/streamed
More So-so Solutions

April 21 - 10:15 am - **The Problem and Mystery of Suffering III**- in the church/streamed
Towards a Solution and the Christian Response to Suffering



Ever been audited?

On Tuesday, March 12, we all were. That was the day when independent auditors arrived at our Blessed Sacrament office to evaluate our methods, record-keeping, and compliance with the Virtus Child Protection policies of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Literally hundreds of us here at Blessed Sacrament have completed the education and other requirements to become Virtus-certified, Natalie has it all documented and beautifully organized, and the auditors were very impressed. This week, we learned that we not only passed the audit, but you might say we got an A+. They especially liked Natalie's "Wall of Fame" poster with all our names on it in the Gathering Space, so much that they're going to share that idea with other parishes.

So, congratulations, people of Blessed Sacrament!

You passed with flying colors!

Walter inspects a
First Grade Faith
Formation Project:
Planting Seeds
that will grow.





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.

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 Council, Terry Mathias, Jackson Davis, Molly Linehan Belcher, Christine Fernandes, Jack Dever, Anne Dever, Katie Smithberger, Philip Maramba, David Lewia, and Charlie Wilson

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 Nomination

Name of Nominee:

I make this nomination for the following reasons:



Father Paul's Weekly Email - March 22, 2024

Just the other day, I agreed to come to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of my High School Graduation on September 7-8 in Wheeling. High School Graduations can be special to different people in different ways. For those for whom high school was a difficult time for whatever reason, graduation is a liberating experience. "Thank God it's over!" But for many, graduation is a positive experience and turning point. There are warm memories, a sense of accomplishment, and excitement about what lies ahead.

This will be my class's first reunion. Some have died, others have disappeared without a trace, and we who have survived have aged greatly and retired (except for me). Have you ever attended one of your High School Reunions? They can be fun, scary, surprising, awkward.

If you were baptized or professed the Catholic Faith, were confirmed, and first received the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, you are blessed for several reasons. You grew in knowledge and faith in the group process Rite of Christian Initiation (now Order of Christian Initiation), you can remember the experience, and (unlike virtually all Catholics) you know your anniversary of being fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Your day is the Easter Vigil every year.

We have three candidates who will profess their faith, be confirmed, and receive Holy Communion on Saturday, March 30 at 8:30 pm: Judy Bailey, and John and Janie Adkins. If you entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, come celebrate your anniversary. If not, come and experience the holiest and most beautiful liturgy in the Catholic Church. In either case, show your support for our newest members and welcome them. Please plan to join in the food and refreshments immediately following the Vigil.

Did You Know

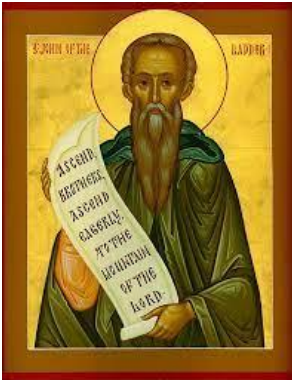
Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil is one Liturgy over three days?

The origin of how we celebrate these began in Fourth Century Jerusalem?

The Washing of Feet is optional, but the Eucharistic Procession and Adoration is not?

The Easter Vigil is the most solemn and beautiful Liturgy the Church Celebrates?

Due to smaller numbers, empty seats inside the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, the difficulty of opening the wall, and excellent cameras, the overflow crowd (if any) will be in the Parish Hall and shown on the Big Screen?



SAINT OF THE WEEK :

Saint John Climacus

March 30

The origins of this super-luminary of the Church (Saint John Climacus) are forever shrouded in mystery because of his complete renunciation of the world. However, we do know that Saint John was born in the second half of the 6th century. The future Abbot of Sinai entered the monastery of his repentance at the age of sixteen, offering himself as a well-pleasing sacrifice to Christ our God. From the beginning he began conquering the passions and avoided the traps of the evil one through his extreme humility and total obedience to his spiritual father, Abba Martyrius. But his Elder did not tonsure him until he reached the age of twenty, after testing his humility as a novice for four years. . .

The disciple John passed the next nineteen years in the “blessed freedom” that total obedience brings. Following the repose of his tutor in Christ, he entered the “arena of solitude” by retreating to Tholas, a solitary place near the monastery church, where other hermits lived. Thus he continued his divine ascent, step by step, for the next forty years, continually subduing his passions and attaining the heavenly virtues. John struggled to keep his virtues hidden, but when God judged that the time had come for him to edify others, he took in disciples.

Like “a second Moses” he came out of the desert when the Lord later charged him to become the head of the “new Israel” which was the Monastery founded by the Emperor Justinian in 548, at the foot of Mt Sinai. On the day of his enthronement as the Abbot, with 600 pilgrims attending, the Prophet Moses was seen delegating instructions to the stewards. Later, Abba John, the Abbot of Raithou, having heard of the exemplary life of the monks of Sinai, entreated Saint John to explain how those struggling in the angelic life may be saved. St John wrote his treatise of thirty homilies in the form of a “Ladder” of thirty steps, on how one can progress from virtue to virtue. This “Ladder of Divine Ascent,” for which St John is surnamed, has become the preeminent guide in the evangelical life, for both Orthodox laymen and monastics, putting the Gospel into practice. After having climbed this lofty ladder, and having reached the Heavens, St John reposed in the Lord at the age of eighty.

source: <http://www.byzantinedw.com/John Climacus.html>

Liturgical Ministries – March 23 & 24

| | 5:00pm | 9:00 am | 11:30 am |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Lectors | Pam Council | Rory Isaac | Kathy Lester |
| Altar Servers | Rick Brennan | Liz James Jackson Davis | Eli Simonton Nathaniel Simonton |
| Cantors | Mary Odin | Ryan Walter | Olivia Hayes |
| Communion Principal | Ron Teufel | Ted Streit | Rick Brennan |
| Chalice Minister | Diane Lordan Need Volunteer | Bob Sherrard Ofelia Duarte | Jo Midkiff Kathy Lester |
| Communion to the Sick | | Molly Belcher Jackie Lilly Bob Sherrard | |
| Greeters/Ushers | Pat & Mike Habenschuss | Brian Cornell Shelley Nason | Ken & Emilie McNeil |

Upcoming Flooring Project

What is it? We will have asbestos floor tiles removed and replaced with new flooring.

Where? The first and second floors of the original school building.

Why? Asbestos is a health hazard.

Yes, I know, but why now?

The initial project was to replace the carpet in the first floor hallway. Since removal of the carpet could break the floor tiles underneath it, the tiles were tested for and found to contain asbestos. These tiles were used throughout the school building.

After consultation with John Reardon, Director of Buildings and Property for our Diocese, Finance Council recommended we remove the asbestos now rather than later. None of us wanted people in the future regretting that we didn't take care of this when we could.

How will we pay for it?

The total cost will be about \$80,000. Our parish has applied for a 50% matching grant from our Diocese. (Some may remember the Diocese gave us a matching grant of \$15,000 to replace two HVAC units last year.) Also, we have funds that were set aside in prior years for capital projects like this.

Who was involved in the decision-making process?

Parish Staff, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and several parishioners who had helpful experience and wisdom to share.

When? Late July through the first week of September

What kind of inconveniences will there be?

An awful lot! That's why we're doing this in the summer when things slow down activity-wise.

Our meeting rooms and office cannot be used during this project. Neither can our gym and parish hall as they will be storage areas for all of the stuff moved from the office and meeting rooms.

The south entrance will be closed for most of the project. We will ask the more able-bodied to park in the south parking lot and walk around to our north entrance for Mass.

We will have a temporary office set up in the community room, near the parish hall.

How can we help?

Be patient and kind with each other. Everyone will be inconvenienced by this.

Prayers for the safety of the workers and the sanity of our staff are welcome, and oatmeal raisin cookies.

Liturgical Ministries – Holy Thursday and Good Friday

| | Holy Thursday 6:00pm | Good Friday 6:00pm |
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| Lectors | John Priestley | Rick Brennan |
| Altar Servers | | |
| Cantors | Dave Haas | Rory Isaac |
| Communion Principal | | |
| Chalice Minister | Ro DeBias Tony Ciliberti | |
| Greeters/Ushers | Linda Dunmire Matt Dunmire | Shelley Nason Susan Churchill |

Easter Liturgical Ministries – March 30 & 31

| | Easter Vigil 8:30pm | 9:00 am | 11:30 am |
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| Lectors | Diane Lordan, Peg Nagem Kathleen Bors | TBA | Felix Maramba |
| Altar Servers | JacksonDavis Liz James | Need Volunteer | Need Volunteer |
| Cantors | John Dever, Matt Leary, Nancy McLaughlin, Charlie Wilson | Rory Isaac | Heather White |
| Communion Principal | | | |
| Chalice Minister | Missy Mower Bill Frame | Rob Plutro Susan Churchill | Jo Midkiff John Priestley |
| Communion to the Sick | | Mike Burgess Missy Summey Laura Hayes | |
| Greeters/Ushers | John Providenti David Lewia | Dan McLaughlin Kelly Plutro | Mary Beth Abbot Shelley Nason Tristan Champe |

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 92

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 Still He Walked

He could hear the crowds screaming “crucify” “crucify”...
He could hear the hatred in their voices,
These were his chosen people. He loved them,
And they were going to crucify him.
He was beaten, bleeding and weakened...his heart was broken,
But still He walked.
He could see the crowd as he came from the palace.
He knew each of the faces so well. He had created them.
He knew every smile, laugh, and shed tear,
But now they were contorted with rage and anger...his heart broke,
But still He walked.
Was he scared? You and I would have been, so his humanness would
Have mandated that he was. He felt alone. His disciples
Had left, denied, and even betrayed him.
He searched the crowd for a loving face and he saw very few.
Then he turned his eyes to the only one that mattered
And he knew that he would never be alone.
He looked back at the crowd, at the people who were spitting
At him, throwing rocks at him and mocking him and he knew
That because of him, they would never be alone.
So for them, He walked.
The sounds of the hammer striking the spikes echoed through
The crowd. The sounds of his cries echoed even louder,
The cheers of the crowd, as his hands and feet
Were nailed to the cross, intensified with each blow.
Loudest of all was the still small voice inside his
Heart that whispered “I am with you my son”,
And God’s heart broke.
He had let his son walk.
Jesus could have asked God to end his suffering,
But instead he asked God to forgive, Not to forgive him,
But to forgive the ones who were persecuting him.
As he hung on that cross, dying an unimaginable death,
He looked out and saw, not only the faces in the crowd,
But also, the face of every person yet to be,
And his heart filled with love.
As his body was dying, his heart was alive. Alive with
The limitless, unconditional love he feels for each of us.
That is why He walked.
When I forget how much My God loves me,
I remember his walk.
When I wonder if I can be forgiven,
I remember his walk.
When I need reminded of how to live like Christ,
I think of his walk.
And to show him how much I love him,
I wake up each morning, turn my eyes to him,
And I walk.



— written by Carrie McCutcheon

PRAYER May We Never Be Forsaken

O Christ our Lord,
 from your cross
 you cried out
 as one forsaken by the Father,
 and by your death
 you redeemed humanity
 which was lost through sin.
 We humbly pray,
 that we may truly believe
 that we will never be forsaken by you,
 and that our trust
 in your eternal power and Godhead
 may always be steadfast.
 Graciously hear our prayers,
 and make us to serve you always
 according to your good will and pleasure.
 — Mozarabic Prayer

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

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| Sun | 03/24 | Mary Ellen Providenti |
| Mon | 03/25 | Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready |
| Tue | 03/26 | Kelley Endres |
| Wed | 03/27 | John Finnell |
| Thu | 03/28 | Bernie Mabe / Lucy, Henry, & Katie Smithberger |
| Fri | 03/29 | Irene Galloway / Therese Cox |
| Sat | 03/30 | Jim Scharf / Jack Dever / Diane Lordan |

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|  <p>MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p> <p>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</p> <p>"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35</p>  | <p>MARCH</p> <p>March 26 John Ellison March 27 John Ellison</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>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</p> |
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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.

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| <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> |
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| <p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p> | |
| <p>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> | |



St. Paul Catholic Radio: WLUX 1450 AM Dunbar; WNUX 89.7 FM Beckley; WOUX 105.3 Parkersburg

The Catholic Spirit - Our diocesan newspaper, <http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/>



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."