



Blessed Sacrament Parish

March 03, 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	03/02	4:00 pm		Blessings for Father Dean Borgmeyer by Missy Mowrer
Sunday	03/03	9:00 am	+	Don Churchill by Susan Churchill
		11:30 am		For the People of Our Parish
Monday	03/04			
Tuesday	03/05			
Wednesday	03/06	Noon		Blessings for Justin Hatten by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	03/07	Noon	+	Sylvester & Marie Edquist by Susan Bowyer
Friday	03/08	Noon	+	John Lordan by Mary Ann Johnson
Saturday	03/09	5:00pm	+	John Lordan by Mary Ann Johnson
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



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, 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



Time Change – March 9th

Beginning on Saturday, March 9th our Saturday Mass begins at 5:00pm on the recommendation of the Liturgy Committee and the Pastoral Council. This is the week that daylight savings time begins.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Priests; Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection - March 2-3, 2024

This special second collection will help support the PHRA, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

Saturday, March 02

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00 am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 3:00pm to 3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, March 03

- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am

Monday, March 04

- **OCIA** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B
- **Energy Efficiency Meeting** – 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 05 (The office is closed.)

- **Brown Bag Book Club** - 12:00 to 1:55 pm in the Library
- **Liturgy Committee Meeting** – 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 06

- **Bible Study The People of the Passion** - 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-03-06-24/?wpdmdl=1682&refresh=65e08861d7a5b1709213793>

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

Thursday, March 07

- **Youth Meeting** – 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Gathering Area
- **Bell Rehearsal** – 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 08

- **Stations of the Cross** - 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 09 TIME CHANGE Mass begins at 5:00pm

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00 am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation** - 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, March 10

- **The Meaning Of Ramadan** - 10:15am to 11:15am in the Sanctuary
- **Faith Formation for Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am
- **Dismas Men's Group** - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

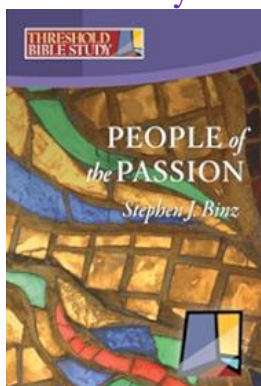
Rite of Election

CONGRATULATIONS to our three candidates, their sponsors, and Tommy Ross who participated in the RITE of ELECTION with Bishop Mark Brennan at Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday February 18. They were chosen for initiation at the Easter Vigil.



L to R – Tommy Ross (OCIA coordinator), John Crane, John Adkins, Bishop Mark Brennan, Judy Bailey, Jesse Belcher, Rachel Crane, Janie Adkins.

Wednesday March 6



A NEW BIBLE STUDY TO START!

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin *The People of the Passion*, a study by Stephen Binz on Wednesday, March 6 at 10AM. The study meets in Room 5 and on Zoom.

For more information contact Jeanne Haas at 304-382-2631

Here is a brief description of *The People of the Passion*: Suffering seems to bring out the best and the worst in our human nature. Some people are overcome with hopelessness that leads to despair; others are filled with courage that leads to heroism. Still, others exhibit a wide range of responses that reveal their character: trust, generosity, steadfastness, cowardice, greed, and pride. The people of the passion in this book are the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus.

Well-known characters include Peter, Pilate, and Mary Magdalen; lesser-known include Simon of Cyrene, the daughters of Jerusalem, and the woman who anointed Jesus.

Sunday March 10

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."

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 is actually 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.

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

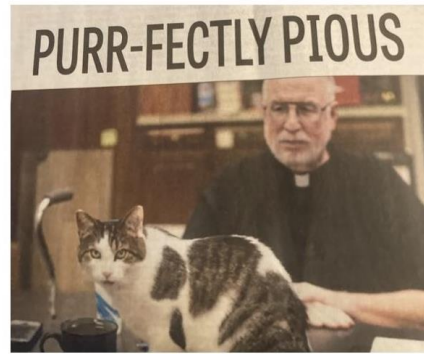
Volunteer Opportunities

- Organize food on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm
- Clean up parish hall on Saturday, March 30 after meal.



Walter CATechist News

Walter CATechist now has an Instagram account, which Ruth Odin is curating for us from Dublin. He already has an international following. Walter himself is now following the Instagram accounts of the Pope, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the USCCB, and several others. He also is directing his followers to the Blessed Sacrament website and encouraging them to read the bulletin. <https://www.instagram.com/waltercatechist/> <https://www.instagram.com/waltercatechist/>



Where's Walter?



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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK : Saint Katharine Drexel

Katharine Drexel of Philadelphia is known for many things: heiress to a banking fortune, fierce advocate for the poor, foundress of the American religious order Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and canonized saint in the Catholic Church. Her greatest accomplishment may have been her role in the struggle for racial justice in America.

Drexel's birth in 1858 was traumatic; her mother died a month later and doctors expected to lose the baby as well. But the weak baby grew stronger and eventually was sent, with an older sister, to live with relatives. After her father's remarriage she and her sister came home. . .

Drexel's family was one of the wealthiest in America. . . The Drexels were a French-Catholic family, deeply religious and intensely philanthropic. Her father had an active prayer life; her mother opened up the family house three times every week to feed and care for the poor. They gave roughly the equivalent of \$11 million to charitable causes annually. . .

As a young woman, accompanying her parents on a trip to the American West, Drexel was struck by the poverty of Native Americans, who were then being forced from the rapidly shrinking frontier onto reservations. At the death of Katharine's parents, the three Drexel sisters inherited the bulk of their massive estate. Picking up the thread of her earlier trip to the West, Katharine began to devote a significant amount of her personal fortune to missionary and charity work among American Indians, starting with the establishment of the St. Catherine Indian School in Santa Fe in 1887. Later, she visited Pope Leo XIII in the Vatican to ask him to send missionaries to staff the Indian missions she had financed. He turned the request back on her: the missionary she needed, the Pope suggested, was herself. After consulting with her spiritual director, and to the disbelief of Philadelphia society, she decided to become a Catholic nun and devote her inheritance and talents to missionary and charitable work among Native Americans and African Americans. . .

To Katharine, education was the key to opportunity. The bulk of the order's efforts went into developing a network of 145 missions, 12 schools for Native Americans, and 50 schools for African Americans throughout the South and West. . . Drexel was also actively involved in public affairs and an outspoken advocate for the rights of poor blacks and Native Americans. She supported petitions to Congress to increase aid to reservation schools; wrote letters to newspaper editors whose reporting on Indian affairs she found to be biased; and started a letter-writing campaign in support of a federal anti-lynching law. . .

Katharine's travels and work continued until 1938, when a stroke left her almost completely immobile and forced her to give up leadership of the Sisters.

source: <https://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/hall-of-fame/st-katharine-drexel/> Saint Katherine is a Patron Saint of Racial Justice and Philanthropy

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 89

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.

How We are to Love God

God commands us to love Him with all our heart and soul and strength,
and God commands us to love ourselves as we should,
and then our neighbors as ourselves.

First, we are to love God with all our heart.

That means our thoughts should always be in God.

We must also love God with all our soul.

That means until death we must speak nothing but the truth.

We must also love God with all our strength.

That means everything we do each day, we do only for the Lord.

We must also love ourselves as we're commanded.

That means we must focus —not on our own self-interests —but on God's will.

We must also love our neighbors as ourselves.

That means we shouldn't act, think, or speak

towards our neighbors in any way that we

wouldn't want them to act, think, or speak towards us.

These instructions are necessary for salvation and healing.

Nobody can gain grace any other way.

—Marguerite Porete, *The Mirror of Simple Souls*—

MYSTIC MORSELS

It is a lesson we all need – to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path.

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

– Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

Saint Katharine Drexel Prayer:

Ever loving God, you called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to the Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church, that we may be one in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Liturgical Ministries – March 2 & 3


	4:00 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Patty Frame	Susan Churchill	Kathy Lester
Altar Servers	Rick Brennan Will Stella	Jeff Borman Maureen Mathis	Eli Simonton Nathaniel Simonton
Cantors	Joe Deegan	Jeanie Walter	Heather White
Communion Principal	John McGarrity	Ted Streit	Jami Knox
Chalice Minister	Tony Ciliberti Need Volunteer	Molly Linehan-Belcher Marueen Mathias	Rick Brennan Jo Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		Susan Bowyer Molly Linehan-Belcher Jackie Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	Pat or Mike Habenschuss John Providenti	Brian Cornell Jeanne Haas	John/Scarlett/Thatcher Crane Anna Sites

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	Rob Plutro	Kathy Lester
Chalice Minister	David Lewia Bill Frame	Chuck Wirts Peggy Musilli	Terry Mathias Maureen Mathias
Communion to the Sick		Laura Hayes Missy Summey Tom Aluise	
Greeters/Ushers	Mike Granata John Providenti	Dan McLaughlin Kelly Plutro	Shelley Nason Renee Norman

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

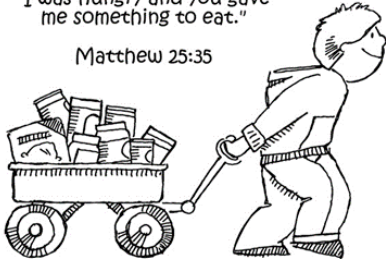
Sun	03/03	Sister Frances Kirtley / Marla Weiner
Mon	03/04	Missy Summey
Tue	03/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Wed	03/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Thu	03/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley
Fri	03/08	Peg Nagem
Sat	03/09	Carolyn Frye



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 5 Don Becher
 March 6 Kelley Endres
 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

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What this guy said he did in less than a week will make you question everything!



Why did this man order 300 cubits of gopher wood? The reason will shock you!



Israelites are halted at the Red Sea. You won't believe what happens next!



Top ten commandments. No. 7 will blow your mind!



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♪ I've been ♪
through the desert on
a horse with no name ♪

It's Jim
damnit.

His

Where's Walter? Walter is the Reconciliation Room. Here people can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a priest. God's love and mercy is abundant. Fr. Paul is available for this sacrament one hour before Saturday Mass and anytime by appointment.

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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>
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<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Chip Counsil, facilitator; Jackson Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandes, 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."