



**March 30, 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	03/29	5:00 pm	+	Roxanne Boggess by Our Parish
Sunday	03/30	9:00 am	+	Hamilton & Southam Families by Beth Boyd
		11:30 am		People of Our Parish
Monday	03/31			
Tuesday	04/01			
Wednesday	04/02	Noon	+	Virginia Bozek by the Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thursday	04/03	Noon	+	Jeanne Heagle by Patty & Bill Frame
Friday	04/04	Noon	+	Roxanne Boggess by Our Parish
Saturday	04/05	5:00 pm	+	Joanna Amsbary Brennan by Ro DeBias
Sunday	04/06	9:00 am		People of Our Parish
		11:30 am	+	Mary Jo Doeringer by 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 Barbara Breese this weekend. It will be available for prayers and knot tying after all 3 Masses.**

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## 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 ←

### Monday, March 31

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

### Tuesday, April 01

- Brown Bag Book Club - 12:00 to 1:55pm
- BSP Lyres Club- 5:30pm to 6:30pm

### Wednesday, April 02

- 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-04-02-2025/?wpdmdl=2277&refresh=67e54d1eb10911743080734>

### Thursday, April 03

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

### Friday, April 04

- Stations of the Cross – 5:30 to 6:00pm in the Worship Area
- Eucharistic Adoration- Exposition is at 6:10 p.m. with song and prayer and Benediction is at 7 p.m.

### Saturday, April 05

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

## OCIA Third Scrutiny

### Sunday, April 06

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

### 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

**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

**LENT 2025**

Blessed Sacrament Parish



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

- 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 30 — Following
- o April 06 — Choosing

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

- 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

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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**MARCH 31 CAMP LEON Deadline.** 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>



**Saturday, April 12 Easter Egg Hunt** - more details soon

## Candy! Candy! Candy! for our Easter Egg Hunt

### We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th

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

We will have baskets in the gathering area where you can put your donations this weekend through Sunday, April 6th.

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

April 5



### Community Garden Work Party

On Saturday, April 5, we hope to have many hands making light work of a few preliminary garden projects.

Please sign up in the gathering area or just show up!

We might need a couple of “pop-up” sun shades for the day if anyone would be willing to bring them please let us know.

There are a variety of tasks – here is a rough schedule of when they will happen:

- 9:00am - A woodworker from Huntington will cut down the giant walnut tree for us. He will also take the trunk and large limbs away – free of charge. \*\*\*
  - If you could help him as he needs help, please come. You may drive his truck, or pull a rope, or roll a log, etc.
- 10:00am - bringing a chainsaw and cutting up firewood from the smaller walnut tree limbs.
  - If you don't have a chainsaw, you could help drag or hold limbs as they are cut up.
  - Firewood will need to be dragged to the E Street sidewalk for easy pickup by anyone wanting firewood.
- 11:00 – 1:00pm (If you have them, please bring a rake and work gloves)
  - picking up stones and building a pile of them
  - picking up and bagging trash that has blown into the garden
  - raking and bagging leaves
  - raking and bagging walnuts, stems, and little branches
  - 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. **We will have lunch available at noon!**

\*\*\* 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.

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## OCIA - Light Meals Needed

Our OCIA team will continue to meet until May 19th.

If you could provide a light meal for this group - about 20 people - please sign up in the gathering area. The dates when meals are needed are noted on the sign-up sheet. Or contact Gina McCune: [gina\\_mccune@yahoo.com](mailto:gina_mccune@yahoo.com) or 304-342-7507

## April 19

### Easter Vigil Reception, at 10:15 PM (approx.)

Please join us at the Easter Vigil Reception immediately following the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 19 to help us welcome our 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](mailto:tsmathias@earthlink.net).

## New Roof (over our worship area) and Solar Panel Array – updated article

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 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

We have already received **\$62,100** with another **\$31,000** pledged. This means we are **already 78%** 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 [bsccwv@gmail.com](mailto:bsccwv@gmail.com) or me [pjw424@gmail.com](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com) Thank you. God bless you.

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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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## 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.

### **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>	03/30	Jim Scharf / Jack Dever
<b>Mon</b>	03/31	Carla Stricker
<b>Tue</b>	04/01	Mary Gargarella / Bev Schissler
<b>Wed</b>	04/02	Joan Fernandes / John McGarrity
<b>Thu</b>	04/03	Sister Frances Kirtley / Marla Weiner / Wayne Miller
<b>Fri</b>	04/04	Missy Summey
<b>Sat</b>	04/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker

### **Upcoming Seminarian Birthdays.**

Birthday cards keep us connected - cards are a small gesture that make someone feel thought of in a way that email does not quite achieve. Please consider sending a card to:

#### **April 16th**

Peter Russman - The Pontifical College Josephinum 7625 N High Street, Columbus, OH 43235

#### **April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Michael J. Tupta - Pontifical North American College 00120 Vatican City State



**SAINT OF THE WEEK :**

Blessed Maria Candida

March 21

Maria Barba was born on January 16, 1884 in Catanzaro, Italy, as the 10th of twelve children, to Giovanna Florena, a noblewoman, and Pietro Barba, an appeals court judge. From the time Barba made her first Holy Communion at the age of ten, she had a special devotion to the Eucharist and developed what she called her 'vocation for the Eucharist', feeling deeply not being able to receive Communion frequently. This devotion was nurtured by Carmelite spirituality, inspired by her reading *The Story of a Soul* by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

Barba desired to become a professed religious in her adolescence but her parents forbade this and she was forced to wait two decades for her to realize her dream; she entered the order after her parents died though alienated her brothers in the process who refused to ever see her due to their resentment towards her decision. These years of waiting were ones of deep interior sufferings for Maria & in the end bore witness to her remarkable strength of spirit & fidelity to God's call. Throughout this time of trial, she was constantly sustained by deep Eucharistic devotion, now the center of her life.

She entered the Discalced Teresian Carmel at Ragusa, Italy on 25 September 1919, taking the name Maria Candida of the Eucharist. Upon completion of her formation period five years later, she was elected prioress of the community, a position she held almost continuously until 1947. In 1933, Maria Candida began writing the book *Eucharist: True Jewel of Eucharistic spirituality* as a record of her own personal experiences and reflections on Eucharistic meditation. She was diagnosed with a tumor in her liver and after a long period of painful illness, Maria Candida died in 1949, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity. Blessed Maria is a Patron Saint for Eucharistic Ministers.

source: <https://www.facebook.com/1992220427721913/photos/a.1992222451055044/2990146351262644/?type=3>

## Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 140

*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.*

### MYSTIC MORSEL

God hears no more than the heart speaks;  
and if the heart be dumb, God will certainly be deaf.  
— Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of kings,  
You have power over life and death.  
You know even things that are uncertain and obscure,  
and our very thoughts and feelings are not hidden from You.  
Cleanse me from my secret faults,  
and I have done wrong and You saw it.  
You know how weak I am,  
both in soul and in body.  
Give me strength, O Lord,  
in my frailty and sustain me in my sufferings.  
Grant me a prudent judgement, dear Lord,  
and let me always be mindful of Your blessings.  
Let me retain until the end Your grace  
that has protected me till now.  
— Saint Ephraim of Syria (306-373)

**POEM**            After the Party

He threw a party for me, to welcome me back!  
After I'd gone and lost all his wealth,  
I'd broken his heart, shamed his fame,  
Yet here he is, calling my name.

I am worn and weary, dirty and weak,  
Was hoping to quietly fall at his feet;  
Pleading my faults in submission meek,  
Yet I saw him, come running to greet.

My brother is angry and so are his friends,  
The servants - they wonder if Dad's lost his head!  
A party? – they said, for this one? who strayed?  
A party He said – for I'd prayed and prayed.


After the party, I've shed many tears,  
Counting the losses and the wasted years,  
I battle the guilt, the fear and the shame,  
Yet, once again, I hear him calling my name.

After the party, when others didn't believe,  
And when I was too afraid, to step out and live;  
I see his eyes, and remember how it felt  
To be back in his arms, safe and alive...!

As the years, have gone by, I no longer mope,  
I've slowly, but surely, come to know well  
That my father has a plan – a future and a hope!  
As I securely, in his care and presence dwell.

I know above all, that I am my father's child,  
And that 'He', my lot and my portion provides.  
Though trials may come, and temptations wild,  
I'll rest in peace, as his love, forever abides...!  
— Charumathi R Rao



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

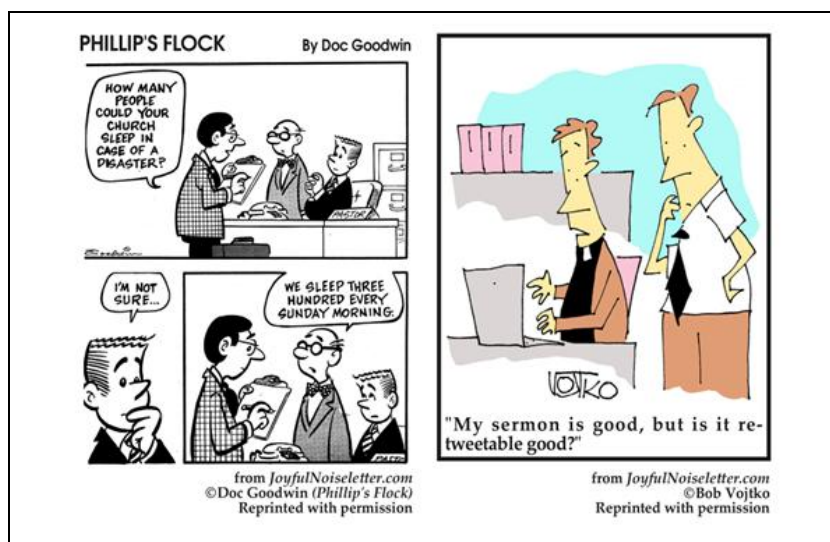


## Liturgical Ministries – March 29 & 30

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	J Priestley	V Russo	S Churchill
<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 D Lewia	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 S Nason	M B Abbot A Sites T Champe

## Liturgical Ministries – April 5 & 6



	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	M P Peck	P Council	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	W Stella K Lewia	G & M Ferrell	F & P Maramba
<b>Principal</b>			
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>			
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>			
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	J Haas J Tridico	N & D McLaughin	The Crane Family



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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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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music &amp; Youth Director:</b>        Mary Odin        E-mail: <a href="mailto:wmodin@frontier.com">wmodin@frontier.com</a>        Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Therapy Cat</b>        Walter        Email: <a href="mailto:WalterCatechist@gmail.com">WalterCatechist@gmail.com</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.”