



## Blessed Sacrament Parish May 21, 2023

*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	05/20	5:30pm	+	Geoff Mountford by David and Karen Lewia
Sunday	05/21	9:00am	+	Jo Nancy Bria by Brenda Horn
		11:30am		For the people of our parish
Monday	05/22			
Tuesday	05/23			
Wednesday	05/24	Noon	+	Donald Mathena by St. Anne's Guild
Thursday	05/25	Noon	+	Mike McCready by our parish
Friday	05/26	Noon	+	Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
Saturday	05/27	5:30pm	+	Pat & Mike Geissinger by Mary Ann Johnson
Sunday	05/28	9:00am	+	Donnie Mathena by the Bowles Family
		11:30am		Blessings for Kevin Roberts and Zackery Mowrer

### We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Loretta DiGiorgi, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Bob & Kathleen Groom, Mary Lou Hammock, John & Arlene Hanna, Gary Hoskins, Rob Hrezo, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Linda Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler



### First Communion

May 20th at the 5:30pm Mass – **Penelope Adams**

May 21st at the 11:30am Mass – **Troy Shehl and Hudson Gannon**

May 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30pm Mass – **Grace Wiseman**

## **This week at Blessed Sacrament**

### **Saturday, May 20**

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation**- 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

### **Sunday, May 21**

- **Romero Book Study** – 10:15am to 11:15am in the Community Room
- **Camp Leon Staff Meeting** – 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

### **Monday, May 22**

- **Hope Beyond Today** – 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Community Room
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom
- **Creation Care** – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Room 2

### **Tuesday, May 23 (The office is closed)**

- **BSP Lyres Club harp ensemble** – 5:30 pm to 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom
- **Purls Ministry** – 7:00 pm to 8:00pm in the Conference Room

### **Wednesday, May 24**

- **Bible Study** – 10:00 am Room 5
- **Liturgy Meeting** – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm by Zoom
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

### **Thursday, May 25**

- **CCHS Senior Day of Reflection** – 7:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Youth Meeting – HS** – 5:00pm
- **Handbell rehearsal** – 6:00pm
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom
- **Choir rehearsal** – 7:00pm

### **Friday, May 26**

- **Scriptural Rosary** – 11:15am to 11:45am in the Chapel
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

**This is Pentecost Weekend – Try to wear a flame color to Mass.**

### **Saturday, May 27**

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00am, Room 5
- **Reconciliation**- 4:30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – 6:30pm to 7:00pm by Zoom

### **Sunday, May 28**

- **Chittister Book Study** – 10:15am to 11:15am in the Community Room

**After the May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Masses please feel free to take one of the live plants (kalanchoe) home.** The kalanchoe is a succulent and is fairly easy to grow indoors when placed in the right conditions. It grows 12 inches wide by 18 inches tall and needs a temperature of between 60 – 85 degrees F. Low humidity and four hours of direct sunlight — as well as 14 hours of darkness for 6 to 11 weeks — are musts, too. Be sure to place it in well-draining soil; over-watering or letting it sit in wet soil can cause root rot. Like other succulents, an occasional, thorough watering is all it requires. <https://www.birdsandblossoms.com/gardening/drought-tolerant-gardening/growing-kalanchoe-indoors/>

## **May 21**

### **Vocations**

Our seminarians are coming to Sacred Heart in Charleston on Friday, June 2nd. There will be a meet and greet reception from 5:30pm till 7pm in the Sacred Heart reception room next to the church. This is an opportunity for all who have been praying and writing to them to meet the group. Deacon John Sopinski, Joseph Derico, Timothy Kawash, Donvito Cortese, Michael Tupta and Nathan Schmidt will be there. Dominic Re and Bryan Tedeschi will already have left for their summer assignments. Please come out to welcome them.

## **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Creation Care Team Discernment Meeting Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. in room 2**

This is an important meeting, as we'll be discussing the future direction and leadership of the Creation Care Team. We will be taking a hiatus during the summer months and would like your input regarding what happens after the break, if anything. We will be discussing possible next steps and hope to discern: Who? How? Why? And even If? So, we hope to see you Monday, May 22 at 7:00 pm. in room 2, across from the library.



## **June 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **PARISH FAITH IN FILM SERIES**

Fr. Stu: Reborn Rated PG-13 Length 2 hr. 4 min.

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

When: Sunday, June 4, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

Based on a true story, Father Stu: Reborn is an unflinchingly honest, funny and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long (Mark Wahlberg) moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. While scraping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen (Teresa Ruiz), a Catholic Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the longtime agnostic starts going to church to impress her. But surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION LEADERS are WANTED and NEEDED.

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Staff wishes to thank **Rick Brennan** and **Kathy Lester** for leading two Book Study and Discussion mini-courses in the Spring. We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with future opportunities.

- Wednesday Night Bible Study and Sharing on the coming Sunday Gospel. At least two or three Facilitators are needed to work with Fr. Paul to make this happen. Timeline: late Spring or early Summer.
- Presenters for an adult component for our Vacation Bible School on the Parables. Timeline: July 24 - 28 early evenings.
- Future Book Study and Discussion Facilitators (time and topics to be determined).

Please contact Fr. Paul or Mike Granata if you are interested or for more information. Be on the lookout for Survey Monkey Questions coming soon. Kindly pray for our current and future leaders and also for discernment about someday becoming one.

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## Suggestions Box

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### Do the doors on the North entrance need repair? Is this a fire code violation?

(Background: We have two sets of doors at our north entrance (facing 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The pair that includes the automatic door are unlocked when we have a Mass or other large event. The other pair remain locked. There are signs on these locked doors indicating the other pair of doors should be used.)

Is this a fire code violation? No. If we have a fire and people need to get out quickly, they can exit through the locked as well as the unlocked doors. The lock only stops people coming in.

Do they need to be repaired? These doors, like most of our entrance doors, have funny little things that aren't quite right but the doors still function. Because kicking/shoving are necessary to get this set to lock firmly, we leave them locked and ask that they not be used. (Emergencies are, of course, the exception.)

## 31 Club this week

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

<b>Sun</b>	05/21	Rick Zitzelsberger
<b>Mon</b>	05/22	Susan Churchill
<b>Tue</b>	05/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Counsil / Ro DeBias
<b>Wed</b>	05/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
<b>Thu</b>	05/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready
<b>Fri</b>	05/26	Kelley Endres
<b>Sat</b>	05/27	John Finnell

## MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE



**MANNA MEAL**  
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

May 24 Tony O'Leary  
May 31 Rob Schissler  
June 7 Greg Ayers

June 14 Matt Leary  
June 21 Tony O'Leary  
June 28 Rob Schissler

**Join us for VBS at Blessed Sacrament  
on July 24th through 28th.**

### **Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed**

Dig into vacation Bible school! Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and other activities will help us dig deeper to reveal the treasures in Jesus' parables. Children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in the Early Childhood component, while children in grades K–5 (or K–8) have their own Bible school.

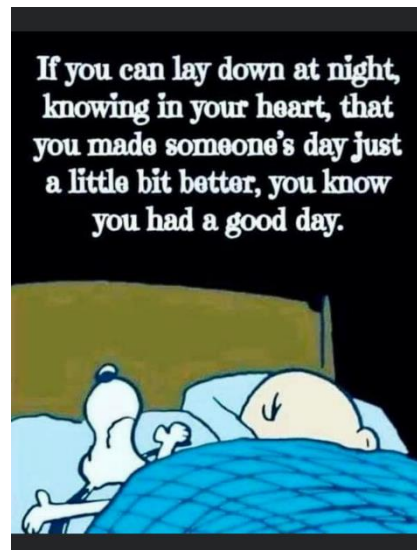
Vacation Bible school is not just for children!

Adults and youth play key roles. There are several ways you can participate:

- Act in the dramas
- Lead music and worship
- Coordinate crafts
- Facilitate games
- Guide children from one area to another
- Help with registration
- Prepare and serve snacks
- Serve as prayer partners

A Survey Monkey is available to gauge Parish interest <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/95L75VY>

See Elizabeth James if you are interested in volunteering. Email: [bethjames98@gmail.com](mailto:bethjames98@gmail.com) Number: (304) 505-3832





## Congratulations to the class of 2023!

Luke Dent  
Alexander Franck  
Sully Groom  
Kennedy Jones  
Philip Maupin

Cole Newhouse  
James Odin  
Madison Palmer  
Mason Phillips

Maria Providenti  
Beto Torres  
Anthony Vickers  
Nicholas Waller  
Austin Willard

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*



**Luke Dent**

"I am graduating from George Washington High School. My future hopefully consists of 4 years of college at West Virginia State University. I haven't decided exactly what it is I want to do, but I am eager to figure it out. My favorite memory at Blessed Sacrament was my last church basketball game. We won and my Grandma and Gramps were there to see it."



**Kennedy Jones**

"I am graduating from Sissonville High School. I am planning on attending James Madison University in the fall. My favorite memory of Blessed Sacrament is helping with Bible School in the summer."



**Philip Maupin** is graduating from homeschool with Laura Mason. He says, "Right now, I'm having fun working for the Charleston Dirty Birds, and I hope to have some kind of permanent employment with them or something closely related to this type of work. Everything is really up and in the open for me right now."

My best memories are of Deacon John. When I was little, my mom didn't like it when I wore my red hat in church, but Deacon John just to be ornery would encourage it, and even wear a red hat, too, just to show his support. Father John also encouraged my hat wearing. We all laughed about it. Then, when I was 12, I was hospitalized because of bad migraine headaches, and Deacon John came to visit me and cheered me up. He always cheered me up."





**James Odin**

James is graduating from homeschool and will attend American University in Washington, D.C. this fall. He plans to major in History. James says, "I most enjoyed playing chimes with the Youth Group."



**Maria Providenti**

Maria is graduating from George Washington High School. She says, "My favorite memory at Blessed Sacrament is all the times I would rush to get a donut after Mass, as well as playing on the basketball court. I plan to attend Marshall University, where I will study nursing and continue my cheerleading career. With a nursing degree, I hope to go into Labor and Delivery."



**Anthony Vickers**

Anthony is graduating from George Washington High School. He says, "I plan on attending BridgeValley in the fall to major in Cyber Security. I have very fond memories of all the years I attended classes for Faith Formation, and just attending mass with my great grandparents, grandparents, parents, and all of my family members.





## Creation Care Recipe of the Month-May



### Maple Nut Granola

A tasty breakfast snack, serve with (plant-based) milk or yogurt.

#### Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp flaxmeal
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 2 cups oats
- 1/2 cup pecans or walnuts
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup golden raisins

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325°F.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk the flaxmeal with the maple syrup. Allow to sit for a few minutes, then whisk again until flax becomes sticky. Add the oil and spices and mix thoroughly. Add the oats, nuts, and salt and toss to coat completely.
3. Spread granola on a parchment-lined tray and bake 15-20 minutes. Allow to cool on pan. Toss in the golden raisins and store in an airtight container.

Enjoy with milk or sprinkled over yogurt and fresh fruit. Consider trying with non-dairy milks and yogurts. 8 servings.

**Eating “lower on the food chain” is a powerful way to answer Pope Francis’ call to Care for Creation.**

**Why?** It can help reduce the amount of water, land, energy, chemicals, transportation, refrigeration and packaging we use. It can also help reduce stress on our livestock and its handlers, lower grocery bills, improve personal health, and keep us in solidarity with people with less means.

**How to do it?** Choose ingredients that are in-season, organic, locally grown, with simple or no packaging, and contain no meat and little dairy.

*Praise Be to God for His generosity — the soil and water, plants and animals that sustain us, and for the farmers who labor. Bon appétit!*

Check <https://nebo.sistersofmercy.org/files/documents/resources/Justice/Mercy-Meatless-Mondays.pdf> for more recipes, reflections and information.



May 21, 2023 | The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1: 17-23 | Mt 28: 16-20

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

*Actions speak louder than words.* How many of us have heard or said this exact phrase? I suspect most, if not all of us are quite familiar with this old adage. In fact, this is exactly what we are being told by Jesus himself in today’s Gospel when he says, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Jesus continues his direction of *action* by telling us to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” We are not directed to simply speak about Jesus with our families and church communities, we are told to GO among all nations and add to Jesus’ flock. We continue Christ’s mission when we seek to spread his love. Before Jesus joined his Father in heaven, his instructions were very clear. This is an opportunity to think about the mission we were given as part of the baptized community, and how Jesus is asking us to take action in his name.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

*Easier said than done.* We’ve all heard that one as well. It’s hard to feel equipped to spread the word and the will of God. We worry our words will fail us and we will look foolish. We know we are not perfect, and wonder if that means we cannot possibly be Christ’s hands and feet on this earth. However, today’s reading from Ephesians provides us with the perfect prayer to give us hope and faith in the Holy Spirit as we set out to fulfill the Great Commission given to us in this week’s Gospel: “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.” We are challenged to act for God, but not without being given the tools to do so with confidence.

**PRAY** Meditate on today’s second reading from Ephesians. Read it as if your priest was giving you a blessing before you head out of your house each morning. Let it fill your soul with love and awe for our Father, and let it give you the confidence you need to play an active role in building his kingdom until he comes again.



# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 46

*Icebreakers give us something to talk about. Soup starters make for a good start. Here is some spiritual kindling to use, think about, and pray with this week.*

God of glory,  
you alone are true,  
you alone are just.  
In you are all things.  
By you all things were made.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
just as you heard the three young men  
in the fury furnace.  
Hear my prayer,  
just as you heard Susanna and freed her  
from the hands of two enemy witnesses.  
Hear me,  
just as you heard Peter on the sea,  
and Paul in his chains.  
Spare my soul.  
Spare me from my deeds and from my sins.  
Give me, O Lord, a holy mind to know you,  
a perception that understands you,  
a soul which knows you,  
which seeks after the wisdom  
you have brought to me,  
a soul that knows you,  
a heart that loves you,  
a mind that thinks about your works,  
eyes that see you,  
a tongue that proclaims you,  
associations that are pleasing to you,  
endurance that holds on to you,  
perseverance that waits for your final completeness,  
at your resurrection  
and the good reward you will give us, O Lord;  
who lives and reigns forever. Amen.  
— Book of Cerne, 9th century



## MYSTIC MORSELS from GK Chesterton

- We do not want, as the newspapers say, a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world.
- One chief idea of my life . . . is the idea of taking things with gratitude and not taking things for granted.

### POEM

### All This Time and I Did Not Hear

As I look now  
at this beautiful gift  
of Creation,  
I get a message.  
It has been screaming at me  
all of my very existence,  
a message I knew  
but did not know I knew.

There is not a single thing out there,  
no tree, plant, bird, critter, rock,  
that rues what happened in the past—  
not last year, not last month, not yesterday,  
not a minute or even a second ago.

There is not a single thing out there,  
no bush, no flower, no rabbit, no spider, no drop of water,  
that worries about the future  
or lives in angst  
that some day it will cease to be.

All of Creation,  
plants, animals, wind, clouds, rain, cacti, sun, waves,  
all of Mother Nature's (Mother God's)  
Goodness  
shouts out in Uproarious Simplicity  
Just  
Be!

Enough, mind of mine!  
You have refused to let me just Be.  
You constantly drag me back into the past  
or pull me into the future,  
neither of which exists.  
Creation is in neither of those places,  
only in the Now.  
I'm taking Control  
and am going to spend a great deal more of my time  
with the Original Blessing, The Gift of Creation,  
in the Precious Present Moment.  
— John Churchman



### Liturgical Ministers – May 20 & 21

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Patty Frame	Terry Mathias	Tom McLane
<b>Altar Servers</b>	David Bowles	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Tommy Ross
<b>Cantors</b>	Nancy McLaughlin	John Dever	Heather White
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Vince Stricker	Mike Burgess	Carolyn Frye
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	Bill Frame Diane Lordan	Bob Sherrard Jackie Aluise	Jackie Lilly Jo Midkiff
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Tom Aluise Bob Sherrard Laura Hayes	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Susan Churchill Mike Granata	Kelly & Rob Plutro	Renee Norman Shelley Nason

### Liturgical Ministers – May 27 & 28

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	Tony O'Leary	Mary Claire Davis	John Priestley
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Rick Brennan	Felix Maramba Pia Maramba	Jeanne Harrett Eip Shawler
<b>Cantors</b>			
<b>Communion Principal</b>	Christine Fernandes	Peggy Musilli	Todd Witsberger
<b>Chalice Minister</b>	Ro DeBias Missy Mowrer	Matt Hayes Rob Plutro	Pat Garnett Carolyne Frye
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Missy Summey Susan Bowyer Ann Bradley	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	John Providenti Mike Granata	Nancy & Dan McLaughlin	Jeanne Haas Shelly Nason

### Our Nursery

Lori Waller has offered to care for children 3 years old and younger in the nursery during the 11:30am Mass. This great service will happen on 5/21

Christine Fernandes has offered the same wonderful service for children 3 years old and younger in the nursery during the 9:00am Mass on 5/21.

**We need volunteers to help Lori and Christine during these nursery sessions.**

Parents, grandparents, and others experienced in babysitting – please let Lori know you are ready to help: [lorimay@earthlink.net](mailto:lorimay@earthlink.net) or 1-717-542-7184.




(The latest project of the Blessed Sacrament Youth)

**Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley** is a volunteer program providing free services to older adults, including transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping assistance, weekly reassurance calls, and minor home repairs. Faith in Action's main fundraiser each year is a Virtual 60+ Mile Challenge to be completed between May 1 - May 31st. You can bike, walk, run, roll, or move however you choose, log your miles on your own profile page, and watch as you hit milestones on the map along the way.

**The youth of Blessed Sacrament are forming a team, and we invite you to join us!**

You can become a member of the Blessed Sacrament team, or you can simply donate and help us spread the word by going to this website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Charleston/PedalwithPurpose>

**Thank you for helping our youth to live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially #2: Call to Family, Community, and Participation; #4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; and #6: Solidarity!**




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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
  
Fr. Joe Freedy

Friday:  
7 pm - Taizé Prayer Service & Reception

Saturday:  
9 am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts  
10 am - Morning Prayer Service


- Keynote Address (immediately following prayer service)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins (concludes before closing Mass)
- Tours of the church
- Lunch and Q/A session with Keynote

Afternoon - Two Breakout Presentations (10-12 sessions to choose from all to inspire our recognition of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist and our lives)  
5:30 pm Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan as presider




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## From our Partner in Community Service – WV Institute for Spirituality

### Retreat House Manager Needed

WVIS is looking for a Retreat House Manager to work full- or part-time between September 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a live-in position and there is a stipend. Please contact Sister Carole Riley, C.P.D. for additional details at [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com) or call 412.901.4259.

### 3-Day Silent-Directed Retreat at WVIS Retreat House in Charleston, WV

Arrive Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) and leave Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Questions: email PJ Scarr at [pjloehrscarr@gmail.com](mailto:pjloehrscarr@gmail.com)

You will be directed through a 3-day silent retreat using The Hebrew Names of God. During this retreat, you will spend time in silence, prayer, spiritual exercises, and daily meetings with a retreat director. Praying the Hebrew Names of God, you will engage in meditation and contemplative prayer rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition.

Donation: \$350 (includes retreat, four nights at the retreat house, and all meals).

Register: email [wvisreg@gmail.com](mailto:wvisreg@gmail.com)

### Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email [wvis\\_sally@aol.com](mailto:wvis_sally@aol.com)

### Thomas Merton Charleston West Virginia Chapter via Zoom (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month)

You are invited to join the Charleston, West Virginia chapter of the International Thomas Merton Institute on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Each month, the group discusses recent material from the International Merton Society and/or information from the Book of Hours.

Questions/Register: email Father Bill Petro at [frbpetro42@gmail.com](mailto:frbpetro42@gmail.com)

**The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality offers opportunities for on-going spiritual direction, silent directed retreats and “The Retreat in Everyday Life”.** These are offered throughout the year. If interested, please contact Sister Carole Riley, CDP, PH.D. at (412) 901-4259 or by emailing [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com).

**Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).**



These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoiciu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoiciu at [rodicastoiciuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastoiciuphd@gmail.com)

### **The Mass**

In this course we will examine the core principles of the Eucharistic liturgy as found in the foundational documents of the Mass. We will consider its history and make connections between the modern liturgy and the historical context. Our central point of discussion throughout the course will be focused on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Over the course of the five weeks, we will take a deep dive into the elements of the Sunday celebration and its component parts. This course will be of value for liturgical ministers, RCIA Team members, and anyone interested in learning more about this most central celebration of all the baptized. All course materials are online, and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 23rd

### **Images of Jesus**

Through this course the participant will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testament, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church. All course materials are online and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 24th. This course is part of the sequence for the catechetical certification.

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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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