



**November 17, 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	11/16	4:00pm	+	Jerry Roy by Joan Fernandes
Sunday	11/17	9:00 am	+	Tom Grishaber by Debbie Wright
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish
Monday	11/18			
Tuesday	11/19			
Wednesday	11/20	Noon	+	Victor Selvaraj by Joan Fernandes
Thursday	11/21	Noon		Blessings for Steven and Catherine by Sue Bowyer
Friday	11/22	Noon	+	Timothy McVay by Natalie & Jim Zellers
Saturday	11/23	4:00 pm		Jerry Roy by Diane Ferguson & Family
Sunday	11/24	9:00 am	+	Robert Lucas by Joan Fernandes
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish

**We Remember in Our Prayers**

Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, Mary Cole, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, 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, Keith Morgan, Diane Roberts, Bradley Smith, Pat Walker, Sandy Wheeler, Kevin Whelan and the Urecki family

# This Week at Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday, November 16

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

## Sunday, November 17

- **Youth Music Ensemble** – 10:00 – 10:12am in the Worship Area
- **Adult Faith Formation** – 10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Parish Hall
- **Children & Youth Faith Formation** - 10:15 am to 11:15 am – various room.

## Monday, November 18

- **OCIA Inquiry Meeting** – 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Parkinson's Support Group** -6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Conference Room

## Tuesday, November 19 (The office is closed.)

- **BSP Lyres Club** in the Worship Space

## Wednesday, November 20

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Room 5
- **Bible Sharing** –6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Study Guide** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-11-20-2024/?wpdmdl=2146&refresh=673619e540e481731598821>
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

## Thursday, November 21

- **Youth Meeting at Church** - 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- **Bells Rehearsal** – 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

## Friday, November 22

## Saturday, November 23

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

## Sunday, November 24

- **Youth Music Ensemble** – 10:00 – 10:12am in the Worship Area
- **Adult Faith Formation** – 10:15 am to 11:15 am in the Parish Hall
- **Children & Youth Faith Formation** - 10:15 am to 11:15 am – various room.

### Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

## **\* \* \* Faith Formation \* \* \***

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION** continues **this Sunday, at 10:15 am**. If you would like more information, please contact Theresa O'Leary ([mtoleary93@gmail.com](mailto:mtoleary93@gmail.com))

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** continues **this Sunday, in the Parish Hall at 10:15am**. "Jesus: His Life", explores the story of Jesus Christ through the people in his life. Each video session will run approximately 43 minutes, leaving time for any discussion desired afterwards. They will be presented each Sunday through November 24. All are welcome at all sessions, or whenever you can attend.

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### **Lector Workbooks**

#### **Lectors/Readers:**

Please pick up your new Lector Workbooks in the gathering area this weekend. If you do not see one with your name on it, please let Natalie know.

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**DEATH NOTICE** Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P. Executive Director of WV Institute for Spirituality suffered a stroke in late July 2024. Sister Carole served in this Diocese for many years and shared her exceptional gifts of leadership and spiritual formation. She offered numerous programs in faith development and prayer and collaborated with many priests, religious, musicians and parish leaders through-out our Diocese. She was dedicated to training others in the ministry of spiritual direction and offering Spiritual Exercises. She died Sunday, November 3, 2024. May Light eternal greet her as the saints and angels sing her into the arms of our Loving God. Funeral arrangements are being made.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** are available at Saint John Pastoral Center in Charleston. For more information and a job description, please contact Gerri Wright at 304.342.0507 or [gwright@dwc.org](mailto:gwright@dwc.org) Guest Services Coordinator and Cook are two openings.

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### ***Suggestion Box:***

#### **My suggestion is: daycare helpers.**

My suggestion would benefit helping with the kids while their parents go to church.

#### **Response:**

We hope every child (and their caregivers) will feel welcome in our worship area during the Masses.

If a caregiver would like to attend Mass without their young child (age 4 and younger), we have a nursery staffed with volunteers during the 11:30am Mass.

Also, we have a quiet play area in the breezeway where caregivers and children can spend time together during the Mass (and thanks to a great sound system, the grownups can hear the Mass in the breezeway).



## **Service Opportunities at Blessed Sacrament Parish and Elsewhere**

**OCIA MEALS/SNACKS SIGN-UP** - Blessed Sacrament Parish under the leadership of Gina McCune, provides meals and snacks for those coming to learn more about possibly becoming Catholic on Monday nights. It means a lot to all the candidates and their families to provide them with food during their studies. Volunteers are needed for December 9 and 16. A sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area and if you can help, please add your name, email and phone number and Gina will get in touch with you.

Email [Gina\\_mccune@yahoo.com](mailto:Gina_mccune@yahoo.com)

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If you're interested in discussing the next phase of our **COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT**, we invite you to our meeting on Saturday, December 7th, at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We are happy to share a report with you about Phase One – You will find it next to the gifts table and in the gathering area.

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If you would be willing to set up, serve, or cleanup with our **THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**, please sign up in the gathering area. Questions? Contact **Maureen Mathias: 304-610-1636**

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If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities with **MEALS ON WHEELS**, please contact Valerie Rist: 304-552-6347.

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### **SHINING STARS – beginning this weekend November 16/17**

A tree full of shining stars are now available in the gathering area. Each star will have the gender and age of a needy child in our area and suggestions for gifts. Your donations of gifts can be placed in our gathering area, unwrapped, with the shining star attached. Catholic Charities will pick up all our donations **on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** and take them to a distribution point for needy families.

**Mark Your Calendars for  
November, December & January**

**November 28th**

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 1 pm followed by dinner.

**December 8th**

Communal Reconciliation Service at 3:00 pm

**December 9th**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Mass at Noon and 6:00pm  
(Lunch Bunch will follow the noon Mass.)

**December 15th**

Blue Christmas Service at 3:00 pm  
Christmas caroling at Hubbard Hospice House at 5:30pm.  
(Carolers will meet in the parish hall for pizza at 4:30pm)

**December 24th** - Christmas Masses at 4pm and 7pm

**December 25th** - Christmas Mass at 10 am followed by brunch.

**December 31st** - Mass at 4:00pm

**January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Mass at 10:00am

**January 3rd** - Epiphany Concert at 6:00pm





At Give Trees Online, we are dedicated to commemorating loved ones and special causes along with recognizing the profound impact of trees on our planet. Partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation, we provide a heartfelt opportunity to celebrate memories and mark special occasions by planting trees in needed locations for reforestation aims.


Our primary objective at Give Trees Online is to raise funds for the selected charity or church through tree planting. The majority of your purchase goes directly to the selected cause (Blessed Sacrament) enabling us to support their mission effectively. We only retain a small percentage to cover the costs of planting trees, as well as managing the website.

To support Blessed Sacrament (all funds raised will go to our Garden Project), click here:

<https://blessedsacramentwv.givetrees.online/cause/give-a-tree/>

or click on the QR code:



 <p><b>MANNA MEAL</b> SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p>	<p><b>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</b></p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>November 19 Rob Schissler          November 20 Tony O’Leary          November 26 Dennis Thornburg          November 27 Kelley Endres</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>December 3 Matt Leary          December 4 Tony O’Leary          December 10 Don Becher          December 11 Kelley Endres          December 17 Dennis Thornburg          December 18 Matt Leary          December 24 Don Becher          December 31 Don Becher</p>

# Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 124

*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

The journey goes on

The journey is not over.  
It never is.  
Justice is not a statue we erect,  
and then we're finished.  
Justice is a dance we are either dancing  
or not dancing, every day.  
The music is always playing.  
Evil—selfish fear—  
is always making noise,  
trying to drown out the music.  
But deep down the goodness lives;  
the music is always there.  
We are always invited to dance,  
to show kindness with grace and courage,  
to dismantle hateful systems,  
to relate with tender love  
even amid hate and anger.  
Every triumph and disaster,  
every step forward and back,  
is part of the dance.  
Regardless of what happens  
today or any day,  
do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God.  
And trust we are with you as well.  
The journey goes on.

— Steve Garnaas-Holmes     *Unfolding Light*

## MYSTIC MORSELS

- Pray, hope, and don't worry. (Saint Pio)
- The reason for our existence is to quench the thirst of Jesus. When he asked for water [on the cross], the soldier gave him vinegar to drink—but his thirst was for love, for souls, for you and me. (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)
- We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. (Saint Clare)
- All men should strive to learn before they die what they are running from, and to, and why. (James Thurber)

## PRAYER

Lord, inspire us to read your Scriptures and meditate on them day and night.

We beg you to give us real understanding of what we need,  
that we in turn may put its precepts into practice.

Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless,  
unless rooted in your graceful love.

So we ask that the words of Scriptures may also be  
not just signs on a page but channels of grace into our hearts. (Origen)

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

<b>Sun</b>	11/17	Bowles Family
<b>Mon</b>	11/18	Mary Burriss / Ruth Conrad
<b>Tue</b>	11/19	Ruth L Kirk / Paul Wharton
<b>Wed</b>	11/20	Denise Burgess
<b>Thu</b>	11/21	Rick Zitzelsberger
<b>Fri</b>	11/22	Susan Churchill / Jean Wood
<b>Sat</b>	11/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Council / Ro DeBias

### 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:

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Andrew Dean** - Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Chris Nelson**- Pope St. John Paul II College Seminary 145 Taylor Street NE, Washington, DC 20017

### Walter CATEchist's Favorite Quotes #5

Cats are connoisseurs of comfort.

- James Herriot

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

- Albert Schweitzer





When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

# **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Saturday, November 23, 2024

10:00am—12:00 Noon

Church Parish Hall

2219 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Nitro, WV

For more information OR to register,  
contact Jeanne Haas [haasjeanne@hotmail.com](mailto:haasjeanne@hotmail.com)

## **Middle School Basketball Opportunity**

If you have a child in middle school who would like to play basketball, the Charleston Church Recreation Association has extended their registration period by one week.

The registration link is below. Parishioners who register can be placed on teams with kids from other participating churches. (For example, River Ridge participates in the elementary, middle school, and high school divisions, but only has two kids on its middle school team).

<https://manageyourleague.com/CCRA/register?Lid=2&season=8&reset=1>



**Meister Eckhard, O.P. quoted St. Augustine who said, 'What does it avail me that this birth is always happening, if it does not happen in me? That it should happen in me is what matters.'**

#### How do we do that?

During this Advent Retreat, Sr. Cheryl Clemons, O.S.U., an Ursuline Sister and a WVIS Associate Spiritual Director will take us on a journey to concretely understand how we can do this today.

Mary is the model of faith. What she did, each of us is also called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. For God to take on real flesh and power in the world we must first do something. What? The answer lies in the way Jesus was born. Over 20 years ago, Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, pointed out a four-fold pattern.



- Impregnation by the Holy Spirit
- Gestation of God within one's body
- The agony of giving birth
- Nurturing an infant into adulthood

Join us for this retreat day which will include times of reflection, small group sharing, and an opportunity to meet with one of our spiritual director interns to process and unpack what the Holy Spirit reveals to you during the retreat.



**Date:** Saturday, December 14th, 2024 (10:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Eastern)

**Registration Deadline:** Thursday, December 12, 2024

**Donation:** \$50 includes all materials. Partial scholarships available by emailing [exec.director@wvis.org](mailto:exec.director@wvis.org)

**Registration:** Go to [Registration - WVIS](#) and select "2024 Advent Retreat" from the dropdown box. *Be sure to click SUBMIT. You'll receive an email confirming your registration and your scholarship (if applicable).*

Trouble registering? Email [sally@sayyes2yourlife.org](mailto:sally@sayyes2yourlife.org)

**Questions:** If you have questions about the retreat, please email Sr. Cheryl at [cheryl.clemons@maplemount.org](mailto:cheryl.clemons@maplemount.org).

### Liturgical Ministries – November 16 & 17

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	TBD	R Isaac	P Frame
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Karen Lewia	Jerry Carpenter Jaylen Carpenter	John Crane Janie Matics
<b>Cantors</b>			
<b>Communion Principal</b>	John McGarrity	Mike Burgess	Jackie Lilly
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	David Lewia, Bill Frame	Molly Belcher Matt Hayes	John Priestly Kathy Lester
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		Missy Summey Molly Belcher Mike Burgess	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Nancy & Dan McLaughlin	The Crane family

### Liturgical Ministries – November 23 & 24

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
<b>Lectors</b>	R Brennan	D Burgess	R Brennan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Chip	J Borman M Mathias	F & P Miramba
<b>Cantors</b>			
<b>Communion Principal</b>	T Witsberger	T Streit	C Frye
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A Davis T Ciliberti	A Bradley P Musilli	R Brennan P Garnet
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>		L Hayes A Bradley T Aluise	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	J Haas J Providenti	N & D McLaughlin	R Norman S Nason T Champe

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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><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><b>Deacons</b> Tony O'Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 / email: <a href="mailto:aoleary@dwc.org">aoleary@dwc.org</a> Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003 / email: <a href="mailto:tross@dwc.org">tross@dwc.org</a></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](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms."