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## Blessed Sacrament Weekly Email - October 4, 2024

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It seems inevitable that no home or church renovation comes in on time and under budget. Most often changes are made or added. More time. More money. You may have experienced it yourself. This is certainly the case with our New Flooring Project. Problems were discovered and cost money to fix. Fortunately, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston paid half the original estimate. (How many have said or heard that we never get help from Wheeling?)

Our hope was to be completely finished with a Grand Opening or Big Reveal on Sunday September 15. Instead, everyone is invited to a Soft Opening and take a look after the Masses this weekend - October 5-6. Before doing so, however, here are some things to keep in mind:

1. We are not yet finished. The small kitchen needs a lot of Tender Loving Care. Stuff is still in boxes. A room on the first floor is untouched until we decide how to use it.
2. New floors reveal how dirty and dusty the rooms became through the years. Walls were spackled and painted by many generous volunteers. (There is still some more that needs done.) Electric outlets were also added by parishioners. Others dusted, wiped, and cleaned. Our catechists and others are helping get the classrooms in good order.
3. If you tour the old school building after the 9am Mass, you will not be allowed to enter a room where our children are learning.

What our parish staff has attempted to do since Mike Granata came on board was to make our meeting rooms less cluttered and more user-friendly. We want our catechists and children to feel welcome and comfortable. We hoped to have a nice environment for other groups using our space. New flooring and painting really makes a difference as you will see.

Thank you for your patience during this time. A very special **THANK YOU** to the many volunteers who have been a tremendous help and money saver. May God continue to bless our parishioners as we attempt to worship God, share the light of faith with our parish and the outside community, reach out to the needy, and fellowship together.

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## LIVE & LOCAL

**FAITH FORMATION** for children and adults continues at 10:15 am. Children meet in their classrooms. Adults gather in the Parish Hall. If someone missed last week, please come because each session stands in its own.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** is scheduled this Sunday October 6 at 2:00 pm in the field we own across from the North entrance. If it rains, the blessing happens in the parking lot.

### **POEM**      On Prayer

Let your prayer  
be completely simple.  
For both the publican  
and the prodigal son  
were reconciled to God  
by a single phrase.

Prayer is ....  
communion with God  
reconciliation with God  
mother and daughter of tears  
atonement of sins  
bridge over temptations  
wall against affliction  
crushing of conflicts  
future gladness  
boundless work  
source of virtues  
cause of grace  
invisible progress  
food of the soul  
illumination of the mind  
an axe against despair  
proof of hope  
cure for sorrow  
wealth of monks  
reduction of anger  
mirror of progress  
indication of one's condition  
revelation of future things  
sign of glory.

Ask with tears,  
seek with obedience,

knock with patience  
One who asks receives  
and who seeks finds, and  
who knocks is admitted.  
–Saint John Climacus (c. 525-606)

## **MYSTIC MORSELS**

Do nothing at all unless you begin with prayer.  
– Saint Ephrem of Syria (c. 306-373)

Pray inwardly, even if you do not enjoy it. It does good, though you feel nothing.  
Yes, even though you think you are doing nothing.  
– Saint Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

## **CARBONATED GRACE**

### **IF....**

If you can live without caffeine,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him or her,  
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed,  
color, religion, gender preference, or politics,  
**THEN** you have almost reached the same level of spiritual development as your dog!

PLEASE KNOW and REMEMBER

I will **NEVER** ask anyone to buy gift cards for me to give away.  
I will **NEVER** be stuck in a foreign country since I have no Passport.  
I will **ONLY** send you an email from [pjw424@gmail.com](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com)  
I will **ONLY** text you from my cell phone (304) 433 7472  
**NO** member of the Blessed Sacrament Parish staff by text or email or another person  
will **EVER** ask you to buy gift cards or anything else. Only do so, if he or she asks in  
person and puts the cash in your hand!