



Blessed Sacrament Parish

October 6, 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	10/05	5:00pm		The People of Our Parish
Sunday	10/06	9:00 am	+	Robert Lucas by Mary Ann Johnson
		11:30 am	+	Herman & Blanche Meyer by Missy Mowrer
Monday	10/07			
Tuesday	10/08			
Wednesday	10/09	Noon	+	Jody DeBias by Ro DeBias
Thursday	10/10	Noon	+	Robert Wharton by Father Paul Wharton
Friday	10/11	Noon		Blessings for Steven and Catherine
Saturday	10/12	5:00pm	+	Paul Roy by Mary Ann Johnson
Sunday	10/13	9:00 am	+	Patrick Dever by Patricia Dever
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish

We Remember in Our Prayers

Mary Beth Abbot, Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Genevieve Chmellik, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Juanita Diehl, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Bob Galloway, 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

Help Needed:

The Altar Linen Ministry is tasked with washing and ironing the linens used at the altar during Mass. If you would like to help, please contact Natalie at the church office via BSCCWV@gmail.com.

Painting the Hallway – If you could give us an hour (or more) of your time on Friday, October 11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm or Saturday, October 12 from 9:00am to Noon, please join our painting crew. We will be cutting in and painting with rollers the first-floor hallway.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 5

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

Soft Re-Opening – We invite you to come and see the work we have finished so far in the upstairs classrooms and first floor of our old school building after the 5:00pm Mass and the 11:30am Mass. After the 9:00am Mass, you are welcome to do all of this except go into the faith formation classrooms (as our children will be busy learning more about Jesus within them).

Sunday, October 6

- **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 in various rooms
- **Blessing of Animals** – 2:00pm at the north entrance (4th Avenue side of our church)

Monday, October 7

- **OCIA Inquiry Meeting** – 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Energy Efficiency Team Meeting** – 6:0 – 7:00pm in Room 2

Tuesday, October 8 (The office is closed.)

Wednesday, October 9

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Room 5
- **Bible Sharing** –6:30pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Study Guide**
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdzZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

- **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 rooms

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



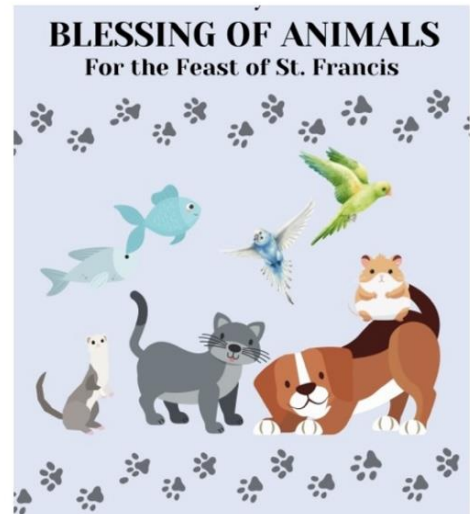
Thank you for your generosity.

*** Faith Formation ***

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION continues **this Sunday, October 6 at 10:15 am**. If you were unable to attend orientation last Sunday, please contact Theresa O'Leary (mtoleary93@gmail.com) to provide registration information and learn where your child's class meets.

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 from September 29 through November 24, except for October 20th. All are welcome to all sessions, or whenever you are able to attend.

Blessing of Animals There will be a **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** at 2:00 pm on Sunday October 6 In good weather, we will gather on the property we own across the street from the North Entrance. In bad weather, we will meet on the Church's parking lot. Pets must be properly restrained in cages, on leashes, in fishbowls, etc. The vision of the Prophet Isaiah when lions and lambs will live in peace has not yet arrived. We want no free-range pets on the loose. Given the nature of a particular pet, owners may choose to bring a leash or collar instead. Small children may also bring a favorite stuffed animal. Blessed Sacrament South Charleston is next to Oakes Field.



The parish will give one tag to each family that comes for a blessing.

O.C.I.A. INQUIRY GROUP HAS BEGUN. The purpose of an Inquiry Group is to help those considering entering full communion to understand the basics of what the Catholic Church teaches and why. Here at Blessed Sacrament Parish the Inquiry Group begins on **Monday evenings at 6pm in Room 5**. For more information or to register please text, email, or call. Come and see. Natalie Zellers at bccwv@gmail.com or (304) 744-5523 or Tommy Ross at rossondixie@gmail.com or (304) 590-5003

Pray Always: An Evening of Music & Prayer featuring John Angotti

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7pm

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd., Charleston)

John Angotti, a native of West Virginia, is an internationally known composer and recording artist of contemporary liturgical music. His engaging and energetic musical style are sure to provide a powerful evening of message and music.

This event is free and open to all! Please invite your family and friends and spread the word.



LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS!!

Please join us once again for Lunch Bunch on **Thursday, October 17th following noon Mass**. Our menu this month will be baked ham, so think about your favorite dish to make, and bring it and a friend! Any and all dishes are welcome, and we will trust God for a delicious meal.

Looking forward to reuniting,
Kathy Monahan and the Lunch Bunch Team



Food and Household Items Drive begins Saturday, October 19th.

Your donations will help many needy people in three ways:

- Food for Thanksgiving boxes will be gathered and assembled for 25 families designated by Heart and Hand.
- Food to replenish the cupboards and help provide Thanksgiving boxes for the clients of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry in Coalburg, WV will also be gathered and delivered to the pantry.
- Food and household items (like glass cleaner, paper towels and baggies) for the Family Life Center Pantry in Charleston.



We will have shopping lists ready next weekend so you can help many needy families in our county have what they need. Please be as generous as you are able.



"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"

With state and national elections quickly approaching and so many issues to consider, how should Catholics decide who and what to vote for on Election Day?

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops addresses this challenging topic with its "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" document. Deacon Tony will lead a discussion of what the USCCB teaches of the criteria Catholics should discern before casting their votes.

The presentation will take place on October 20th between the Sunday Masses.

Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 26 at Oakes Field!

There will be food, live music, and treats for all ages. We'll join with other churches in South Charleston to decorate our cars for Trunk or Treat in our north parking lot. Happy costumes are welcome!

Mark your calendars now—more details coming soon.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

from Mary Odin

You can still sponsor our Hike for Hunger! You can still donate money to help our neighbors in South Charleston through Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries by using the GoFundMe link below.

GoFundMe will issue you a tax-deduction receipt if you want one, and they will transfer all our contributions directly to Heart + Hand for us. **Please note: When you give online through GoFundMe, you may be invited to add a tip to cover GoFundMe costs, but you do NOT have to do this!** Heart + Hand assures us that they are happy with this form of fundraising, but you are also very welcome to simply write a check to Blessed Sacrament with "Hike for Hunger" in the memo line.

Please give as you feel called, and then help us spread the word. Every donation will make a difference!

Thank you, Blessed Sacrament parishioners and friends, for helping us live Jesus' words from Matthew 25:40:

"As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Click this

<https://gofund.me/af7390be>

Or

Scan to donate



The GoFundMe logo, featuring the word "gofundme" in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font with a small green star above the letter 'i'.

Big News about Our Garden Project

We are finally breaking ground for our new Community Garden project!
 This garden will be on our vacant property to the north of our church, along 4th Avenue.

This project will unfold in three phases, with the aim of creating a welcoming environment for everyone. Our focus will be on sustainable practices, enhancing local biodiversity, and fostering community engagement.

Phase One – Foundation: This phase establishes the groundwork for our vision. We have developed a comprehensive garden plan, and will now set up essential infrastructure*, which will be the foundation for future growth.

Phase Two – Raised Bed Gardens and Meditation Areas: This phase will focus on inviting community members to explore, reflect, and engage with the beauty of the outdoors, while promoting physical and mental well-being. Trees, flowers, and shrubs that attract pollinators will be placed. Walking paths, a grass field for playing, meditation areas, and raised garden beds will be installed.


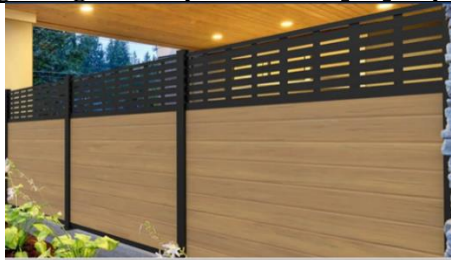


Phase Three – Gazebo and Fire Pit Area: In this phase, we will enhance the garden's social aspects by creating spaces for gatherings and shared experiences in nature.

*After many months of planning (and waiting for the drought to end), Phase One will continue with the grading of the property next week (if the weather cooperates). Upcoming steps include the installation of water hydrants, electrical outlets, a shed, and a fence.

We're pleased to share that we already have funding in place for Phase One. We received a \$50,000 grant and \$31,000 from six of our parish households.

We will soon share information with you about how you can donate your time and treasure toward our Community Garden. If you would like to learn more about the financing of this project, please reach out to Natalie Zellers at bsccwv@gmail.com. If you have any questions regarding other aspects of the project, please contact Monica Patton at mpatton965@gmail.com

Thank you for your support as we work to make the Blessed Sacrament Community Garden a reality!

Fencing along E street and 4th Ave	Fencing along the alley side of the property
	
Rendering of the shed front and side	
	

SAINT OF THE WEEK : Saint Romanus the Melodist October 1

Romanos a Syrian Christian, born in Edessa (Homs), Syria, lived in the beginning of the 6th century. Relying on scanty information about Romanos' life and based on the fact that his work contains a large segment of Semitic expressions, the fact that he never attacks Jews, and on a later anonymous kontakion stating that as "God's Orator" he is "from the race of Hebrews", it is generally thought by most scholars that he was a convert from Judaism. However, other scholars believe that this is likely not true.

Church legend has it that Romanos' voice was quite harsh and rasping and he was also tone deaf. It is said that the congregation cringed at hearing his voice. It was in the Church of the Most Holy Theotokos in the Blachernae quarter of Constantinople that he received the gift of sacred poetry. After a religious retreat there, in his sleep on Christmas Eve, he saw a vision of the Most Holy Theotokos who told him not to despair. Blessing him with her right hand, she held forth a scroll with her left hand, saying, "Take the scroll and eat it." The saint, in his dream, opened his mouth and swallowed the parchment. It was Christmas Day, and immediately he awakened and marveled and glorified God.

According to an account by Poulos, the service commenced as usual and when it came time for the voice of Romanos to be heard, the participants braced themselves for the accustomed cacophony that would ensue. Then, mounting the pulpit in the church, Romanos began the strains of his kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the one who is above all living things." But when the tone rolled across the church like the sound of a heavenly angel, the stunned listeners stood transfixed. Then it dawned on one and all that a miracle had occurred. He was now hailed as the "Melodist."

His talent was great. Unlike others, he wrote his hymns in simple language and produced a pleasant meter in the verse by the way he accented words. Most scholars agree that he wrote in the colloquial idiom (common language) of his time. The hymns he composed appealed to the hearts of the people and are still sung today. Romanos has been called "Sweet Singer" (Glykophonos), "Melodist" (Melodos), and "Righteous Chanter" (Psaltis Dhikeosinis). source:

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/node/22677>

Saint Romanus is a Patron Saint of music and cantors.

WHY I AM STILL CATHOLIC. My roots in the Catholic faith began with my family, which was already firmly planted in the Church. I was raised in this environment; through the years I was taught how to have faith and how to pray by my loving mother. But as I got older, something felt amiss within me. I will admit; there were a few interims of time in my life when I felt like those lessons of faith had no importance to me. I felt as though going to church every Sunday was just a mundane routine. It was at moments like these that my hope started to dwindle and those roots planted at my birth began to wither away. I hit an extreme low in my life. I was miserable, and I did not know where to turn; it was like being locked in a dark room with no chance of escape.

But, strangely enough, after being in the darkness for quite a while, I had a revelation. Words cannot express the phenomenon that I experienced, but I had noticed shortly afterward that I felt much closer to God. Not to be cliché or anything, but one could say that I had seen the light. And astonishingly, I felt happier. My faith in God grew even stronger than before, and I was surging with self-confidence and hope. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, I felt reborn; this time, I knew my roots would never wilt away.

To this day, I still do not understand the epiphany that I had. But I have one explanation, and it is my reason for being a Catholic today: no matter what, God is always there for you and will guide you toward the right path should you ever get lost.

— Kassey Castro, age 16

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 118

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.

PRAYER

We implore You, O All-Holy, Long-Suffering
Life and Restoration, Source of goodness,
look down from heaven and visit all those
who ever trust in You; rescue our life, Lord,
from all constraint and affliction, and,
in the faith of truth, guide us all.

Save your world and those in the world
and spare us all, You who, for us,
became man without change,
only Lover of mankind.”

— Saint Romanos the Melodios (c 490-c 556)

MYSTIC MORSELS

God, whose love and joy are present everywhere,
can't come to visit you unless you aren't there.

— Angelus Silesius (1624-1677)

Sitting quietly, doing nothing,
Spring comes, and the grass grows by itself.

— Tōyō Eichō 1688

POEM

How to seek God

Let go of creatures and
they will fade away on their own.
Do not think anymore and
allow yourself to go into God's inmost place.
Humbly, lovingly, gently, remember him,
for God wants stillness for you and quiet.

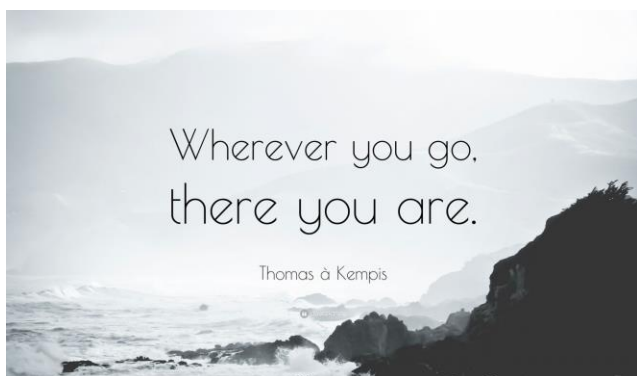
And thus, at this very hour,
find yourself in God that
God may be found in you.

— Gerhard Tersteegan (1697-1769)



Walter CATechist at Work
waiting to answer the phone
forgetting he doesn't have
opposable thumbs.

When you lied on your resume
but somehow still got the job:



**PLEASE NOTE that beginning on November 2
Saturday Mass will begin at 4pm.**

Holiday Mass Times

November 1

All Saints Day Masses at Noon and 6pm
November 2 - All Souls Day Mass at 10 am

November 28

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 1 pm followed by dinner.

December 24

Christmas Masses at 4pm and 7pm

December 25

Christmas Mass at 10 am followed by brunch.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses

December 31 – 4pm and January 1 at noon

Additional Notes

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8th
Communal Reconciliation Service - December 8th at 3:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service - December 15th at 3:00 pm
Epiphany Concert – Friday, January 3rd at 6:00pm



Please Donate Blood at Our Upcoming Blood Drive!

Friday, November 1, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

In our parish hall

Register online for an appointment

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=blessedsp>

Help Save Lives!

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

Sun	10/06	Ro DeBias Sue Anderson
Mon	10/07	Philip Maramba John Priestley Elizabeth Battle
Tue	10/08	Peg Nagem
Wed	10/09	Carolyn Frye
Thu	10/10	Jane Roy Patricia Dever Anne Dever
Fri	10/11	Joe Deegan Tony O'Leary Mary Pat Peck
Sat	10/12	Nancy McLaughlin Victoria Russo

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:

October 17th

Bryan Tedeschi – Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727



MANNA MEAL

SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

**MANNA MEAL/KROGER
PICK UP SCHEDULE**

OCTOBER

October 2 Kelley Endres
 October 8 Dennis Thornburg
 October 9 Kelley Endres
 October 15 Matt Leary
 October 16 Tony O'Leary
 October 22 Dennis Thornburg
 October 23 Matt Leary
 October 29 Rob Schissler
 October 30 Tony O'Leary

Liturgical Ministries – October 5 & 6

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	C Stricker	V Russo	D Becher
Altar Servers	C Counsil	E & N Simonton	F & P Maramba
Cantors			
Communion Principal	V Stricker	Ted Streit	M Summey
Eucharistic Ministers	T Ciliberti N Zellers	Sr F Kirtley B Sherrard	K Lester C Frye
Communion to the Sick		T Aluise L Hayes B Sherrard	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	P Cochran B Cornell	R Norman A Sites

Liturgical Ministries – October 12 & 13

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	R Brennan	M Schulz	P Frame
Altar Servers	J Borman D Bowles	G & M Ferrell	J Crane J Mattix
Cantors			
Communion Principal	R Teufel	P Musilli	C Frye
Eucharistic Ministers	D Lewia M Mowrer	O Duarte J Aluise	C & P Counsil
Communion to the Sick		M Summey S Bowyer J Lilly	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	K & R Plutro	S Nason J Tridico T Champe



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
St John XXIII Pastoral Center Job Opening – Cook

The Cook at St John XXIII Pastoral Center, as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ and offering hospitality to our guests.

The Cook is responsible for the preparation, service, clean-up and storage of all meals, snacks and food service for special functions.

Assures the kitchen/dining room/dish room areas are clean and in good order at the end of a shift or function.

Oversees and assists kitchen aides in the preparation, service and storage of food and cleanliness of the kitchen/dining area.

Works early mornings, days, evenings, weekends and holidays/holydays as needed.

Prefer a minimum of one year experience in food service.

Contact the Director, Gerri Wright at 304.342.0507 or gwright@dwc.org to schedule an interview or for more information.

THE ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP
INVITES YOU TO A:

ROSARY RALLY

3pm, Oct. 13, 2024
Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1114 Virginia St E, Charleston, WV
FR. PHILLIP SZABO - HOMILIST

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



Tickets are Still Available!

If you tried to purchase tickets and received a 'sold out' message, please try again - the system was misconfigured.



Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at the Ball Event Center, 1900 Patrick Street, Charleston, WV

Step into an extraordinary evening of culinary mastery as we present **The Tastes of Chef Paul in Charleston**, featuring the renowned Chef Paul Smith. Known for his exceptional creativity and his ability to blend Appalachian flavors with modern techniques, Chef Paul is Charleston's very own James Beard Award winner, and he's crafting a special menu just for you.

On October 15, 2024, you'll experience an unforgettable night of indulgence at the Ball Event Center, where Chef Paul will showcase his innovative cuisine in a custom menu that celebrates the best of local ingredients and his unique culinary vision.

Chef Paul's Exclusive Menu

Chef Paul's exclusive menu, designed specifically for this event, is a rare opportunity to taste dishes you won't find anywhere else. Each plate tells a story, blending the rich culinary traditions of our region with the cutting-edge innovation that earned Chef Paul the prestigious James Beard Award. This is your chance to enjoy an evening filled with elegance, fine dining, and community.

1010 Caesar Salad A Caesar salad with a twist: it's topped with crispy Brussels sprouts and dressed with a flavorful Caesar vinaigrette.	Fried Nashville Chicken Toasted brioche bread, accompanied by horseradish pickles and a ramp herb peppercorn sauce.
Potato Souffle Bites Light, airy bites of potato soufflé with a soft texture.	Gulf Shrimp & Grits Shrimp served over creamy white cheddar grits using "Bloody Butcher" corn, a type of heirloom corn, to add a unique flavor.
Cast Iron Seared 1010 Beef High-quality beef seared in a cast iron pan served with chimichurri and horseradish cream sauce.	Chocolate Silk Tartlets Mini chocolate tarts topped with toasted marshmallow fluff and drizzled with JQD salted caramel.

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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>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone: 304-433-7472 (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p>Deacons Tony O’Leary - cell: 304-395-6208 / email: aoleary@dwc.org Tommy Ross – cell: 304-590-5003 / email: tross@dwc.org</p>
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<p>Music & Youth Director: Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Parish Therapy Cat Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council: Terry Mathias, facilitator, Chip Council, David Lewia, Katie Smithberger, Charlie Wilson, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Rick Brennan, Dan McLaughlin, Jonathan Perry</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, under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.”