



Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 01, 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	08/31	5:00 pm	+	Anita Lorenzo by Our Parish
Sunday	09/01	9:00 am	+	Evelyn Miller by Mary Ann Johnson
		11:30 am		The People of Our Parish
Monday	09/02			
Tuesday	09/03			
Wednesday	09/04	Noon	+	Tom Kremer by Jim Scharf
Thursday	09/05	Noon	+	John Scriptunas by John and Mary Ellen Providenti
Friday	09/06	Noon	+	Jody DeBias by Ro DeBias
Saturday	09/07	5:00pm	+	Marcella Corkrean by Carl & Rosemary Gooderham
Sunday	09/08	9:00 am	+	Dr. George L. Hamilton Sr. by Beth Boyd
		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



Facebook Live

Starting the weekend of August 31st and September 1st, we will be Live Streaming only the 9:00 AM Mass.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 01

Monday, September 02 – The office will be closed.

Tuesday, September 03 (The office is closed.)

- **Brown Bag Book Club** – Noon to 1:55pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 04

- **Bible Study** – We will not have Bible Study this morning.
- **Bible Sharing** –6:30pm to 8:00pm by Zoom
- **Study Guide** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-09-04-2024/?wpdmdl=2056&refresh=66cfcc28602331724894248>
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdzZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, September 05

Friday, September 06

Got Sneakers? Used Shoes Drive This Weekend – Please drop them off in the Gathering Space

Saturday, September 07

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

Sunday, September 08

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

Here are some sobering facts about our beloved footwear:

In the U.S., at least **200 MILLION** pairs of shoes and sneakers end up in landfills *every year!*

Shoes in landfills can take **30-40 YEARS** to decompose, emitting harmful chemicals as they do.

The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of **CO₂** which contributes to climate change and global warming.

Just as terrible, more than **600+ MILLION** people worldwide *don't even own a pair of shoes!*

Let's stop the madness!

The Youth Group at Blessed Sacrament is partnering with GotSneakers.com to re-distribute and/or recycle our old sneakers, and you can help us.



Please bring only **complete pairs of athletic shoes**; no dress shoes, no boots, no sandals, no loafers, no water shoes, etc. The Youth Group will bag up your offerings and send them to GotSneakers.com for re-distribution or recycling. In return, we'll receive between 25 cents to \$7.00 per pair which we can use to purchase new shoes for someone else who needs them. Everybody wins!

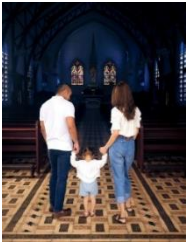
Thank you for helping us and live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially:

- #1: Dignity of life
- #2: Call to Family, Community, & Participation
- #3: Rights and Responsibilities
- #4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- #6: Solidarity, and especially
- #7: Care for God's Creation.



At our first 'Sneaker Sunday,' your offerings filled **18 giant mailing bags** with over 200 pairs of sneakers!

Got Sneakers?



Saturday September 7th at St Agnes Parish - Family Adoration.

A group of local families is beginning a regular Family Adoration time - approx. 30 min of guided prayer, silence, and music, shaped toward the youngest members of our community, including Exposition & Benediction with Fr. Szabo. It will take place the first Saturday of each month, beginning Saturday, September 7th, at 10:00am, at St. Agnes Parish, 4807 Staunton Ave SE, Charleston. Fellowship time to follow. For updates or further info, contact Aisling Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com.

September 09

OCIA INQUIRY GROUP BEGINS SOON

Tertullian, a second century Christian, observed, “Christians are made, not born.” What he was trying to say was that the Church cannot simply baptize people without preparing them to live the Christian life. They need to be prepared to “*live a life worthy of the calling you have received*” in Christ. (Ephesians 4:1) The purpose of an Inquiry Group is to help those considering entering into full communion to understand the basics of what the Catholic Church teaches and why. The Inquiry Class goals are to guide each interested person to understand and discern whether God is calling him or her how the Catholic Way, Truth, and Sacramental Life of the Catholic Church. This group has at least two important goals

1. to help people who have never been baptized and those people already baptized in another Christian Church to understand what makes Catholics catholic.
2. to help participants grow closer to God as they prepare for possible initiation into the Roman Catholic Church and enable them to live out their faith as Catholics.

Here at Blessed Sacrament Parish the Inquiry Group begins on Monday, September 09 at 6pm in the Parish Library and Room 5B. For more information or to register please text, email, or call

1. Natalie Zellers at bsccwv@gmail.com or (304) 744-5523
2. Tommy Ross at rossondixie@gmail.com or (304) 590-5003
3. Father Paul at pjw424@gmail.com or (304) 433-7472

September 29

Coming soon....Faith Formation!

Faith formation plays a key role in the life of the Church. It is the mission of God’s Church, and gives followers of Christ the tools to be sent into the world to spread God’s Kingdom. Through the formation of our faith, we encounter the Lord and learn to become true disciples.

Saint John Paul II was known for encouraging the youth to be disciples of Christ. He was adamant that we cannot just tell the youth that they are the future of the Church, we must remember that they are a vital part of the Church today, and are true disciples!

One way to help fill the “toolbox” of discipleship for our children is to give them the experience of learning about Christ and His teachings with their peers through our Faith Formation classes. On Sunday mornings, our children gather with wonderful catechists to break open the Sunday readings and learn more about being a Catholic and follower of Jesus.

Our Faith Formation year begins on Sunday, September 29, with an orientation and “meet and greet” with the catechists, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Classes will begin on Sunday, October 6 at 10:15 a.m. Sign up this weekend in the gathering space or email Theresa O’Leary (mtoleary93@gmail.com).

September 23

Grief Workshop

A 13-week workshop will begin Monday, September 23rd for anyone grieving the loss of someone they loved. GriefShare is the program followed in these meetings. You can learn more about this program here: <https://www.griefshare.org/#:~:text=A%20GriefShare%20support%20group%20is,each%20step%20of%20the%20way.>

The workshop will meet in room 2 (down the hall from our office) from 6:00 - 7:30pm.

You do not need to pre-register, but if you can, please let us know you are interested by calling or emailing:

Pam Council - pamcouncil@yahoo.com 216-287-0307

Ro DeBias - rodebias@aol.com 304-382-3359

Our Office (Natalie) - bccwv@gmail.com 304-744-5523

Vocations Committee

God has responded to our prayers. We have 17 men in the seminary this fall term. Now we need prayers to support them in their studies. There are flyers on the Vocations bulletin board and the regular bulletin board by the ramp with the names, portraits, birthdays, and addresses of our seminarians. Please consider adopting one and sending notes/cards of support throughout the year.

We also have a new class of deacon candidates who will begin their four years of study this fall, including John Shawler from our parish. They too need our prayers. Please continue praying for all of them.



Parish Survey

We are excited to announce our plans to launch two new ministries and outreach programs for our parish.

Please complete our parish survey by going to the home page of our website and clicking on the Parish Survey Button or copy the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4ZEX543SINUyHgIxEbiLoI7u_Ci3CIW9mCUcSfgbWRXagHg/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you would like to receive more information, please let us know. You can contact Katie Kobyra at ktkobyra@gmail.com.

Volunteer Corner

Seeking help on Wednesday, September 4 beginning at 8am. Cutting in and painting with roller brushes. Rehabbing cabinets in small kitchen and other small kitchen cleanup work. Just wear your grubby clothes and show up.

Someone who can deliver food to Manna Meal in downtown Charleston. Please let Natalie know if you can do this: 304-744-5523 or BSCCWV@gmail.com

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 114

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

I am falling
like the rain
like the light through the broken clouds

I am falling
like a leaf
whose time it is to drop
like a musical note
carried aloft
to your ear and mine.

I am falling like the sun
like someone
who realizes there are no more supports
for the weight we carry
which we voluntarily adopt.

I am falling
into grace
and love that has no boundaries,
but draws me from my feet
to the floor
where I bow in reverence
to the one who holds me up.

I am falling
but to the relief
that comes from knowing
I am carried on the currents of the wind,
to greater and greater
freedom.
The return of those who give up
their rights,
and fall that they might gain;
of those who hit the floor
to find a universe
under their feet.
— Ana Lisa de Jong



PRAYER

I cannot dance, Lord, unless you lead me.
If you want me to leap with abandon,
You must intone the song.
Then I shall leap into love,
From love into knowledge,
From knowledge into enjoyment,
And from enjoyment beyond all human sensations.
There I want to remain, yet want also to circle higher still.
— Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207 - 1297) translated by Frank J. Tobin

MYSTIC MORSELS

The sacrifice most pleasing to God is contrition of heart.
— Saint Eulogius of Cordova (c. 819-859)

It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction.
— Saint Edmund (c. 841-868)

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

Sun	09/01	Mary Gargarella / Bev Schissler
Mon	09/02	Joan Fernandes / John McGarrity
Tue	09/03	Sister Frances Kirtley / Marla Weiner
Wed	09/04	Missy Summey
Thu	09/05	Mary Ann Johnson / Vince Stricker
Fri	09/06	Ro DeBias / Sue Anderson
Sat	09/07	Philip Maramba / John Priestley



MANNA MEAL
SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT

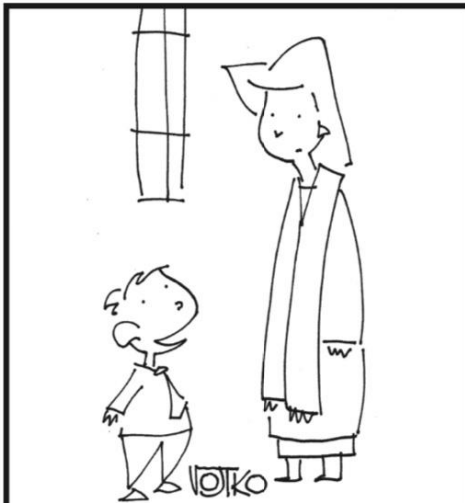
MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

September 3 Don Becher
September 4 Rob Schissler
September 10 Matt Leary
September 11 Kelley Endres
September 17 Dennis Thornburg
September 18 Tony O'Leary
September 24 John Ellison
September 25 John Ellison

OCTOBER

October 1 Don Becher
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



"Dad likes me to sit between him and my Mom so she can't poke him in the ribs."

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"It tells you where you are and reminds you why you went there."

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Liturgical Ministries – August 31 & September 01

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	P Council	Peg Nagem	S Churchill
Altar Servers	W Stella D Bowles	M Mathias	R Brennan
Cantors			
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	T Mathias	C Frye
Eucharistic Ministers	N Zellers T Streit	J Aluise O Duarte	C & P Council
Communion to the Sick		J Lilly T Aluise S Bowyer	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	Jeanne Haas Dan McLaughlin	P Cochran S Nason T Champe

Liturgical Ministries – September 07 & 08

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	John Priestley	Laura Jennings	F Maramba
Altar Servers			
Cantor			
Communion Principal	R Teufel	R Plutro	J Lilly
Eucharistic Ministers	R DeBias & B Frame	M Belcher & S Churchill	R Brennan & P Garnet
Communion to the Sick		D Elliott, M Belcher & M Summey	
Greeters/Ushers	P & M Habenschuss	D Elliott & S Manahan	K McNeil & S Nason



CHEF'S CHALLENGE

Sept. 24, 2024  Covenant House

6-8pm | Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

**Covenant House invites you to participate
in the premier fundraising event benefiting
those in need in our community.**

Join us for this one-of-a-kind, sellout event. Guests enjoy a gourmet, sit-down, multi-course meal prepared by local celebrity chefs. Each dish uses food typically found in our food pantry—that's the challenge!

Tickets - \$125.00

Tickets can be purchased one of 4 ways -
<https://wvcovenanthouse.org/events/chefs-challenge-2024/>

Via our QRC

Mailing in a check to -
Covenant House
600 Shrewsbury Street
Charleston, WV 25301

Calling Angie Douglas at 304-344-8053 ext. 22



WRITE TO LET YOUR SEMINARIANS KNOW YOU'RE PRAYING FOR THEM

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



Dominic Re
Birthday:
February 10



Bryan Tedeschi
Birthday:
October 17



Travis Moger
Birthday:
June 25



Michael Aiello
Birthday:
September 16



Nathan Schmidt
Birthday:
January 20



Christian Davis
Birthday:
October 4



Andrew Dean
Birthday:
November 14

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



Timothy Kawash
Birthday:
July 22



Peter Russman
Birthday:
April 16



David Hensler
Birthday:
July 29



Donvito Cortese
Birthday:
August 30



Reece Lopatka
Birthday:
June 5



Sebastian Lasko
Birthday:
September 18

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

**Pontifical North
American College
00120 Vatican
City State
Europe**



Michael J. Tupta
Birthday:
April 24

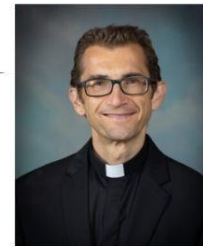


Joe Derico
Birthday:
February 16



Chris Nelson
Birthday:
December 4

**Pope St. John XXIII
National Seminary
558 South Avenue
Weston, MA 02493**



Clifton Mastran
Birthday:
May 1



DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON



Upcoming Faith Formation and Catechetical Certification Opportunities:

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 Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com

Catechetical Certification courses are designed for volunteer catechists, Catholic school religion teachers and all those who would be enriched by formal training in this field. For further information regarding the VLCFF certification program please contact Dr. Stoicoiu. There are 6 required courses for level one certification including the class below:

Sacraments

This is an introductory overview to the theology of the sacraments, the public, liturgical prayer of the Church. The Church is never so much the Church as when it is gathered together for liturgy. Jesus Himself is Sacrament, the visible sign of the invisible God. Eucharist is THE sacrament for it contains all that we are, all that the Church is, and all that Jesus says of God. Each of the sacraments will be discussed within the context of its role in the lives of the faithful: initiation into God's life, healing and reconciliation, and service to God's community. In this course we will gain a deeper understanding of the liturgy, the power of symbols, the history of the sacraments including baptism and the OCIA. We will study the Eucharist as source and Summit of ecclesial life and be able to explain the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing and Vocation. This course will include online materials and a two-hour weekly zoom meeting on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning September 4th. To register or for further information please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com

Faith Formation:

Study of The Joy of the Gospel: *Evangelii Gaudium*

Pope Francis has a dream of a Church walking without hesitation on a path of pastoral and missionary conversion with a joyful attitude that is personal and communal. This joy will transform habits, language, and facilities, directing them towards evangelization rather than self-preservation. (EG#27, 192) This dream is the focus of his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, which is the fruit of the October 2012 Synod of Bishops on The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Faith. Though spurred by the recommendations of the Synod Fathers, the Pope's intentions go beyond it. There is a sense of newness in *The Joy of the Gospel* that radiates from the document's originality, style, and character. Pope Francis writes, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them." (EG#3) The Pope encourages the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by a joy ever new, a joy which is shared.

As part of our studies, we will look at this Exhortation as it relates to other Church documents, look at the meaning of "New Evangelization" and what it means to be "mission oriented." Of special interest this Fall, in light of the next Synod session, we will discuss the role and responsibility of the laity in the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and look at what it means to be "Spirit-filled evangelizers" today. The course materials are online and there is a two-hour weekly class discussion on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning Sept 2. To register or for further information please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com



5 Keys to Monitoring Kids Online Activity

By Caitlin Bootsma

Technology is here to stay. Not only is it here to stay, it's everywhere! Televisions, mobile phones, iPads, interactive video games, smart watches, you name it and it's hooked up online.

The following are five starting points for guiding kids to use the internet and technology safely and well. Each family may come up with their own limits around technology use, but every family should think through how they want to approach these areas of monitoring online activity.

Use Protective Software: One of the most foundational things you can do to manage what your kids access online is accountability and filter software on all of your online devices. Systems like Covenant Eyes, Bark Home Web Filter, Circle, and options on your router or with your internet provider can help you not only limit what sites and apps kids access and when, but also allow you to see their online activity.

Share Passwords and "Friend" or follow Your Kids' Accounts: Many parents establish some ground rules when their kids are old enough to have their own email and social media accounts. These rules may include friending or following them so that you see what's happening on their pages and/or sharing passwords—though it's important to know that many platforms allow them to block some people from seeing everything. Other rules can include only connecting with people they know in real life and not sharing any personal information such as address, phone number, email, or banking information. You can go through their accounts with them to ensure they are as safe as possible.

Discuss Photo/Video Sharing: Photo/video sharing should only be done with people they know in real life. Let them know any images they choose to share remain online permanently, and that once they share a photo or video, they can't get it back. If anyone ever asks them to send photos or videos of a sexual nature, they should immediately inform a safe adult.

Keep Online Activity Visible: Consider only having your kids use technology in public spaces in the house. This can help reinforce the message that they should not be accessing anything inappropriate and also make it easy for them to talk to you if they encounter anything questionable. Another option to consider is to remove access to electronic devices during bedtime hours. However, keep in mind that children may take electronic devices with them, or may use technology in places apart from your home, which means that regular conversations are important!

Regularly Talk about Online Activity: It can be easy for adults and kids to become isolated in their online activity; it can easily become their own world, separate from the family. Make technology use part of your dinner table conversation—did they hear from any friends today? Read an interesting article? See something new they want to watch? Like any other area of their lives, technology is a sphere where you can provide invaluable guidance and feedback.

As we know from our own lives as adults in the digital era, the internet has a lot to offer. It also has a number of risks, including safety, online addictions, wasting time, and more. We have the opportunity to help guide our kids how to use the internet safely and well!

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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>
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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, under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.”