



Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 17, 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	09/16	5:30 pm	+	Mike McCready by Tom & Ruth Kirk
Sunday	09/17	9:00 am	+	Peggy Uhler by John & Arlene Hanna
		11:30 am *		for the People of Our Parish
Monday	09/18			
Tuesday	09/19			
Wednesday	09/20	Noon	+	Sam Carcione by Ro DeBias
Thursday	09/21	Noon	+	Larry Cole by Bill and Patty Frame
Friday	09/22	Noon	+	Jo Nancy Bria by Ro DeBias
Saturday	09/23	5:30 pm	+	Joe Fernandes by Tom and Ruth Kirk
Sunday	09/24	9:00 am		for the People of Our Parish
		11:30 am *	+	Sam Femia by John and Arlene Hanna

*On Sundays at 11:30 Mass our nursery is available for children under the age of 3 years.

We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Barbara Breese, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Loretta DiGiorgi, Dakota Earl, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Rose Finch, Bob Galloway, Dante Geronilla, Joe Gregg, Jane Ann Grishaber, 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, Jim Roberts, Bradley Smith, and Sandy Wheeler

May She Rest in Peace

A Funeral Mass for Cathy Jones Graceson will be held this Saturday at 11:00am (preceded by visitation at 10am)

This week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 16

- **Men's Bible Sharing**- 9:00 am, Room 5
- **Funeral Mass for Cathy Jones Graceson** – Mass at 11:00am with visitation beginning at 10:00am
- **Reconciliation**- 4:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room

Sunday, September 17

- **Faith Formation Orientation for Parents and Students** - 10:15am to 11:15am in the Parish Hall

Monday, September 18

- **OCIA** - 6:00 – 8:00pm in Rooms 5A and 5B
- **Parkinson's Support Group** - 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Conference Room

Tuesday, September 19 (The office is closed)

- **BSP Lyres Club harp ensemble** - 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **GriefShare Meeting** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Room 2

Wednesday, September 20

- **Bible Study** – 10:00 am in the Library
- **Bible Sharing**– 6:30pm to 7:30pm by Zoom

Thursday, September 21

- **Lunch Bunch after the noon mass in the Parish Hall**
- **Youth Group Meeting** – 5:00pm to 6:00pm by Zoom
- **Choir** at 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

Prayer Quilt

A prayer quilt for Rob Hrezo will be ready for your knots and prayers this Sunday after the 9:00am Mass.

Our Prayer Quilt Ministry helps us remember and pray for our parishioners who are seriously ill. More quilters are always welcome. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Patty Frame framewp@suddenlink.net

FEED THEIR MINDS — You are invited to bring paperback books for Manna Meal clients. Please **NO** cook books, diet plans, business or books about politics. Kindly place your offerings in a plastic tub located in the gathering space on September 10 and 17.

September 20 – Wednesday Evening Bible Study Link

not available at publishing time

September 21 – Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch this month will be on Thursday, September 21st, following noon Mass celebrated by Father Paul. We invite all of our parish (and friends) to join us! This month's menu is the ever popular spaghetti dinner. Please feel free to bring a side dish of vegetables, salads, or especially, a dessert, and please let us know if you need any assistance.

Starting September 24, 2023

Blessed Sacrament plans to offer four classes for children and youth to include sacramental preparation and faith formation as follows:



--Kindergarten (K) & First Grades

--Second & Third Grades

(Sacramental prep for Reconciliation/First Communion)

--Fourth & Fifth Grades

--Sixth, Seventh, Eighth & Ninth Grades

October 1

There will be a **BLESSING of ANIMALS outside and across the street** from the North Entrance of Blessed Sacrament Church on 4th Avenue at 2:00 pm on Sunday October 1. **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. The following is from the website of a Veterinary Clinic:

The Blessing of the Animals is a beautiful annual ceremony celebrating the human-animal bond, originating from a Roman Catholic tradition as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. St. Francis is one of the most beloved Catholic saints. He was admired for his deep and genuine respect for all creatures and his belief in the interdependency of humans with the rest of creation. Unsurprisingly, he's also a favorite among many in the veterinary community.

Born to a wealthy family late in the 12th century, St. Francis took a vow of poverty after a religious experience and spent most of his life caring for the sick and the poor, but he was best known for his amazing bond with animals. He was often seen "preaching" to birds while they sat on his hand and was believed to have negotiated a truce between a village and a hungry wolf (the wolf was required to not kill the inhabitants or their animals in exchange for the inhabitants feeding the wolf). St. Francis insisted that all creatures were his brothers and sisters, and embodied that belief by always treating them with kindness and respect. <https://thecovevets.com/blessing-of-the-animals.html>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION begins soon. Adult Faith Formation opportunities have been a part of Blessed Sacrament Parish for a long time. While our children are taking part in their opportunities to grow in faith, adults will have a chance at the same time between the two Sunday Masses from 10:15 until 11:15. (Come at 10:00 am for refreshments.)

- Ted Streit leads and study and discussion on the Eucharist Cardinal Blasé Cupich: *Take, Bless, Break, and Share – A Strategy for Eucharistic Revival*. This will take place in the Community Room next to the Parish Hall on **September 24, October 1, 8, & 15**
- Mary Odin will present *Mary's Magical Mystery Tour*. Music, Singing, and Growing Spiritually. This will be in the church on **September 24, October 8, and October 15**.
- *Coffee, Cocoa and Questions*. Fr. Paul will attempt to answer questions about the Church, God, theology, etc. that are submitted ahead of time. Please email questions to Natalie A bsccwv@gmail.com or text them to Fr. Paul at 304 433-7472. **October 1**

ELECTION for VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL Bishop, Mark Brennan is looking for a Diocesan Pastoral Council comprised of the laity to help in developing pastoral priorities, initiatives, and plans to for the mission of Christ within the diocese. He wants each parish to elect two representatives to the Charleston Vicariate Pastoral Council. This Council will choose three three to represent the Charleston Vicariate on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Chip Counsel, our Parish Council Facilitator, and Fr. Paul have asked Rory Isaac to oversee an election process. Pastoral Council members will suggest names and Rory will check out *their* willingness to serve and others as well. The election will take place after all Masses on September 30 and October 1.



Thank you - again! - to the Blessed Sacrament family, particularly the Vocations Committee, for the card of support for our Deacon Formation class. It was on display in our meeting room all weekend and everyone took time to stop and read the words of encouragement, and to thank the parish to Tommy and me. Our class continues to benefit from the grace that the Blessed Sacrament parish provides us year-round. Tommy and I look forward to returning the graces soon. Ordination is June 7, 2024! In His peace – Tony

Reminder: If you wear lipstick, please blot before you go up to receive the Blood of Christ. Many lipsticks are very difficult, if not impossible to remove from purificators (the white cloths used by Chalice ministers to wipe the chalice after each person receives.)



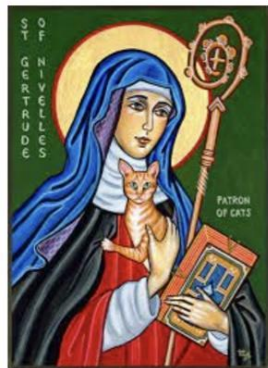
This building was the last of our rental properties. It has been empty since Jan 30 of this year.

Between March and June of this year, a group of volunteers removed all recyclable or reusable items from the house. (Honestly, they were like locusts.) These things were given to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, recycled at a scrap metal yard, or given to people who saw what was happening and expressed interest (windows and a heating system found new homes this way).

We have a block-long field to work with now that the house is removed. You might remember the surveys on our website and in the gathering area where we asked for your ideas on how we could use this property. The results? We are working with someone to help us plan gardens, prayer areas, a play area, etc. His name is Jason Testman and he is a landscape architect with Valley Gardens. We are very early in the process but hope to share some rough ideas of how our Blessed Sacrament Gardens could be on Sunday, October 1 when we have the Blessing of Animals.

Cats in Church History #2

Saint Gertrude of Nivelles, a 7th Century Saint was born in a small town in what is today Belgium. Little is known about her life because of the so so-called Dark Ages. It is said that unlike most people, Gertrude did not believe cats were evil. She appreciated their help with rats. Our own Walter CATechist is a help around Blessed Sacrament.



Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 62

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 For a Time of Sorrow

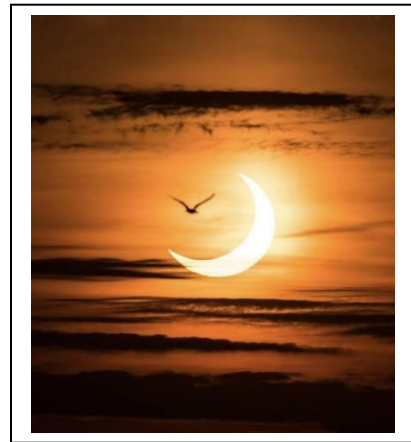
I share with you the agony of your grief,
The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.
I know I cannot enter all you feel
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain;
I can but offer what my love does give:
The strength of caring,
The warmth of one who seeks to understand

The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss.
This I do in quiet ways,
That on your lonely path
You may not walk alone.

— Howard Thurman, from *Meditations of the Heart*.
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PRAYER

I need strength, humility, courage, patience.
Strength to control my passions,
humility to assess my own worth,
courage to rise above defeats,
patience to cleanse myself of imperfections.
And wisdom: to learn and live by our sacred teachings.
Let me not be discouraged by my failings.
Let me take heart from all that is good
and noble in my character.
Keep me from falling victim to cynicism.
Teach me sincerity and enthusiasm.
Endow me with perception and courage,
that I may serve others with compassion and love.
— Mishkan T'Filat: Shabbat-A Reform Siddur



MYSTIC MORSELS

On September 18, 1962 Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations, was killed in a plane crash. A reflective and prayerful man, he said:

- We die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance — renewed daily — of a wonder, the source of which is beyond reason.
- Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top.
Then you will see how low it was.
- For all that has been, Thank you.
For all that is to come, Yes!

FROM A RECENT HOMILY

In a village in Russia in the 19th century, rich people protected their property by hiring people to watch over it during the night. One evening a rabbi was walking along the edge of one of these properties and met a watchman who was making his rounds. The rabbi asked him, “For whom are you walking, young man.” The watchman told him, and asked, “And you, rabbi, for whom are you walking?” The question hit the rabbi like a flying arrow. He had not been especially aware of his relationship with God lately. After a long silence and with some effort and a sigh, he replied, “I am walking for no one.” The rabbi then asked, “Are you willing to become my servant?” “Of course,” the man replied. “What will I have to do?” The rabbi said, “You will remind me for whom I am to be walking.”

**One of our seminarians will have celebrate his birthday next week on September 16.
If you can, please send a birthday card to Michael Aiello**

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

**Jane Ann Grishaber will celebrate her birthday on September 25th.
It would be great if any who could - would send her a card at:**

240 Baker Lane, Charleston WV. 25302

She is recovering well and will return to her apartment on Friday. Her daughter Terrie is coming in Wednesday to stay with her for couple of weeks. Then her son Brad will stay the next two weeks. By then, she should be in a good routine.

Thanks for all the prayers throughout August. Keep praying!

Suggestion Box 09/17/23

Someone asked about the possibility of having Thanksgiving dinner for those who enjoy fine food and fellowship.

Response: Happily, two couples approached Fr. Paul with this idea as well as volunteering to help organize it. Stay tuned and watch your bulletin.

My suggestion is to have the folks bringing up the gifts wait for the cross bearer before leaving the front of the altar as a show of respect and unity.

Response: It is hard to expect someone who brings up the gifts only occasionally to know to wait for the cross bearer. Fr. Paul has a plan though . . .



Liturgical Ministers – September 16 & 17

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Tony O’Leary	Laura Jennings	Marie Claire Davis
Altar Servers	Chip Council	Will Stella Maureen Mathias	Tommy Ross
Cantors	Elizabeth Leary	Rory Isaac	Heather White
Communion Principal	Tony Ciliberti	Christine Fernandes	Carolyn Frye
Chalice Minister	Mary Pat Peck Ted Streit	Sr Fran Kirtley Ofelia Duarte	Connie Lucas Jo Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		Susan Bowyer Laura Hayes Mike Burgess	
Greeters/Ushers	Pat & Mike Habenschuss	Kelly & Rob Plutro	Pat Cochran Anna Sites

Liturgical Ministers – September 23 & 24

	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	Tommy Ross	Tim DiPiero	Tom McLane
Altar Servers	David Bowles	Gary Ferrell Madison Ferrell	Eli Simonton Nathanial Simonton
Cantors	Dave Haas	Ryan Walter	John Shawler
Communion Principal	Todd Witsberger	Mike Burgess	Jamie Knox
Chalice Minister	Natalie Zellers Bill Frame	Susan Churchill Molly Belcher	Pat Garnett Jo Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		Molly Belcher Missy Summey Ann Bradley	
Greeters/Ushers	Susan Churchill John Providenti	Brian Cornell David Elliott	Mary Beth Abbott Anna Sites

31 Club this week

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

Sun	09/17	Bowles Family
Mon	09/18	Mary Burriss
Tue	09/19	Ruth L Kirk / Paul Wharton
Wed	09/20	Denise Burgess
Thu	09/21	Rick Zitzelsberger
Fri	09/22	Susan Churchill
Sat	09/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Council / Ro DeBias

**MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE
September-October 2023**

September 20 Tony O'Leary
 September 27 Matt Leary
 October 4 John Ellison
 October 11 Rob Shissler
 October 18 Dennis Thornburg
 October 25 Tony O'Leary

Cookie and Coffee Volunteer Schedule

(Please contact Jennifer DePond if you can help on one of the unassigned dates. 304-552-8108)

September 17 -
 September 24 - Jo Ellen Carpenter
 October 1 - Pam Council
 October 8 -
 October 15 - Paula Potter
 October 22 - Jennifer DePond

November 5 - Jennifer DePond
 November 12 - Paula Potter
 November 19 - Paula Durst
 November 26 -
 December 3 - Kelly Plutro
 December 10 -
 December 17 -
 December 31 -



Kanawha Valley Interfaith Council

This organization hopes to rebuild its membership after being unable to meet during COVID. Would you like to learn more about their work? Consider attending a start-up meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 1:00pm, at the Jewish Temple at 2312 Kanawha Boulevard East. Free parking is available.

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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.

<p>Pastor: Rev. Paul Wharton</p> <p>E-mail: pjw424@gmail.com Cell Phone: 304-433-7472 (For emergencies only after 8:00pm)</p>	<p>Office Manager:</p> <p>Natalie Zellers 304-744-5523 Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com</p>
<p>Music & Youth Director:</p> <p>Mary Odin E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Phone: 304-767-9479</p>	<p>Director of Religious Education</p> <p>Mike Granata E-mail: mikegranata3@gmail.com Phone: 304-561-8063</p>
<p>Parish Therapy Cat</p> <p>Walter Email: WalterCatechist@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council:</p> <p>Chip Council, facilitator, Pam Council, Jackson Davis, Matt Davis, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandes, David Lewia, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson</p>	



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How to Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

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, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees 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. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.