



Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 22, 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	09/21	5:00 pm		The People of Our Parish
Sunday	09/22	9:00 am	+	Robert Lucas by David Bowles
		11:30 am	+	Marcella Corkrean by Carla & Vince Stricker
Monday	09/23			
Tuesday	09/24			
Wednesday	09/25	Noon		We will not have weekday Masses this week
Thursday	09/26	Noon		(Father Paul will be NC for a funeral Mass.)
Friday	09/27	Noon		
Saturday	09/28	5:00pm	+	Jean Haid by Jack & Anne Dever
Sunday	09/29	9:00 am	+	George L. & Mary S. Hamilton 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



Mary Gargarella will be stepping down from the Linen Ministry, and we are looking for one or two volunteers to help with this important role. The Altar Linen Ministry is tasked with washing and ironing the church linens. If you would like to help, please contact Natalie at the church office via BSCCWV@gmail.com. Thank you, Mary, for all your contributions!

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

Pancake Breakfast – 10:10 – 11:15am – Parish Hall

Monday, September 23

- **OCIA Inquiry Meeting** – 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 5
- **Grief Share** – cancelled – see note on page 3

Tuesday, September 24 (The office is closed.)

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Wednesday, September 25

- **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-09-25-24/?wpdmdl=2066&refresh=66eb57569f5cb1726699350>
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdzZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

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

Blessing of the Catechists, Volunteers and Students

Second Collection Catholic University

Sunday, September 29

- **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 the Parish Hall

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

GriefShare has been cancelled.

Our Team has decided to cancel the upcoming GriefShare program as we have only one registrant to date. Our plan is to offer the program after the first of the year.

September 29

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERING Beginning on Sunday, September 29, 2024, Blessed Sacrament will present an 8 week video session of "**Jesus: His Life**", which is an eight part docuseries developed by the History Channel in 2019. **Jesus: His Life** explores the story Jesus Christ through a unique lens: the people in his life who were closest to him. Each of the eight video chapters is told from the perspective of a different biblical figure, each of whom played a pivotal role in Jesus's life, including Joseph, John the Baptist, Mary Mother of Jesus, Caiaphas, Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene, and Peter. The videos will enable the viewer to see the movements of Jesus through the eyes and perspective of the specific character, and in the context of the issues, issues, and practices of the time in which Jesus lived. The videos are very family oriented, and open to all. Each video session will run approximately 43 minutes, leaving time for any discussion desired afterwards. This offering will take place **in the Parish Hall starting at 10:15 AM**. They will be presented on each Sunday from September 29 though November 24, except for October 20th. As each session is distinct, all are welcome to all sessions, or whenever you are able to attend.

Tentative Schedule:

Sept. 29: Joseph - the Nativity
Oct. 6: John the Baptist - the Mission
Oct. 13: Mary Mother of God
Oct. 27: Caiaphas
Nov. 3: Judas Iscariot
Nov. 10: Pontius Pilate
Nov. 17: Mary Magdalene
Nov. 24: Peter - the Rock

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION IS COMING SOON 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, 2024, 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).

O.C.I.A. INQUIRY GROUP HAS BEGUN. 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. 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. 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.

1. Natalie Zellers at bscwv@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

**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

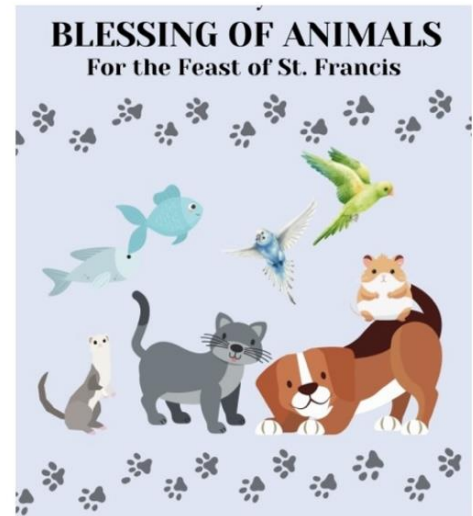
December 31 – 4pm and January 1 at noon

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

October 6th

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.



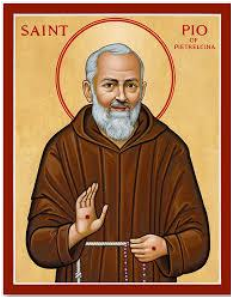
Parish Survey

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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK :

Saint Padre Pio

September 23

Saint Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy.

Padre Pio was baptized in the Church of Saint Ann in Pietrelcina. He was an altar server later on in this same chapel. By the time he was five years old, he had already made the decision to dedicate his life to God. . . In August of 1918, he began experiencing a painful stigmata that would come and go over a period of weeks. This would soon become permanent, and remain

on his body for the next 50 years.

The Hospital La Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the Home for the Relief of Suffering, is Padre Pio's life work. It opened on May 5, 1956 with thousands in attendance including Padre Pio prayer groups from all over the world as he celebrated Mass on the hospital's steps. Padre Pio's conformity to the Pascal Mystery of His Lord necessarily including the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20), its fruit. Toward that end he dedicated many hours of the day to the confessional, both in the mornings and the afternoon.

According to the practice common then he heard the confessions of men and women separately. The men's confessions he would hear in the sacristy, essentially in the open with a portable grill, while the women would be heard in the church in his confessional.

To this task he brought an advantage that few confessors have, the ability to read hearts. Padre Pio's charism enabled him to know when someone was being deceitful in confession or simply had forgotten a serious sin, perhaps through lack of an adequate examination of conscience. In such cases he was able to tell the penitent exactly what they did and when, as well as any relevant circumstances. This drew many hundreds a day to him, moved by the grace of sincere repentance and the knowledge that Padre Pio could guide them with the wisdom of God in the spiritual life.

Padre Pio died of a heart attack at Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo on September 23rd, 1968.

source: <https://bisoncatholic.org/st-padre-pio>



Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler #7

What are the next three letters in this combination? OTTFSS

The answer can be found elsewhere in your bulletin.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 116

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

Lord, I know not what to ask of You.
You alone know what my true needs are.
You love me more than I myself know how to love.
Help me to see my real needs which may be hidden from me.
I dare not ask for either a cross or a consolation.
I can only wait upon You; my heart is open to You.
Visit and help me in Your steadfast love.
Strike me and heal me; cast me down and raise me up.
I worship in silence Your holy will.
I offer myself as a living sacrifice.
I put all my trust in You.
I have no other desire than to fulfill Your will.
Teach me to pray. Pray Yourself in me.
— Saint Philaret (1782-1867)

STORY

A man was traveling through the desert. He was hungry, thirsty and tired when he found a tree that provided abundant shade, delicious fruit, and a spring ran under it. The man ate of the fruit, drank of the water and rested in the shade. When he was ready to resume his journey he turned toward the tree and said: "Tree, how shall I bless you? Shall I bless you with sweet fruit? Your fruit is already sweet. Shall I bless you with abundant shade? Your shade is already abundant. Shall I ask for a spring to run under you? A spring is already running under you. There is one thing with which I can bless you: May it be God's will for all the trees that come from your seed to be like you."
— The Talmud

MYSTIC MORSELS

Instructions for living a life.
Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it.
— Mary Oliver

Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.
— Saint Pio

Know you what it is to be a child? It is to be something very different from the man of today. It is to have a spirit yet streaming from the waters of baptism; it is to believe in love, to believe in loveliness, to believe in belief; it is to be so little that the elves can reach to whisper in your ear; it is to turn pumpkins into coaches, and mice into horses, lowness into loftiness, and nothing into everything, for each child has its fairy godmother in its soul; it is to live in a nutshell and to count yourself the king of infinite space; it is

*'To see a world in a grain of sand,
And a Heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And eternity in an hour;'*

it is to know not as yet that you are under sentence of life, nor petition that it be commuted into death.
— Francis Thompson 1859-1907 italicized quote is by William Blake

POEM

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
As an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.
Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.
— Rumi



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

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

Sun	09/22	Susan Churchill
Mon	09/23	Ron Teufel / Felix Maramba / Pam Council / Ro DeBias
Tue	09/24	Mary Ellen Providenti
Wed	09/25	Elaine King / Todd Witsberger / Tina McCready
Thu	09/26	Kelley Endres
Fri	09/27	John Finnell
Sat	09/28	Bernie Mabe / Lucy, Henry, & Katie Smithberger

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 4th

Christian Davis – Mount St. Mary’s Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

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**

SEPTEMBER

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

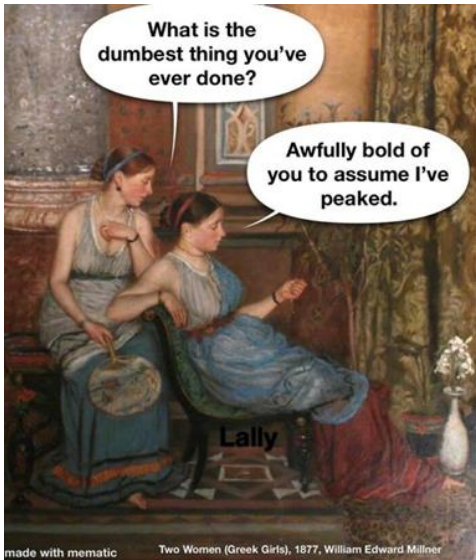
October 30 Tony O’Leary

Liturgical Ministries – September 21 & 22

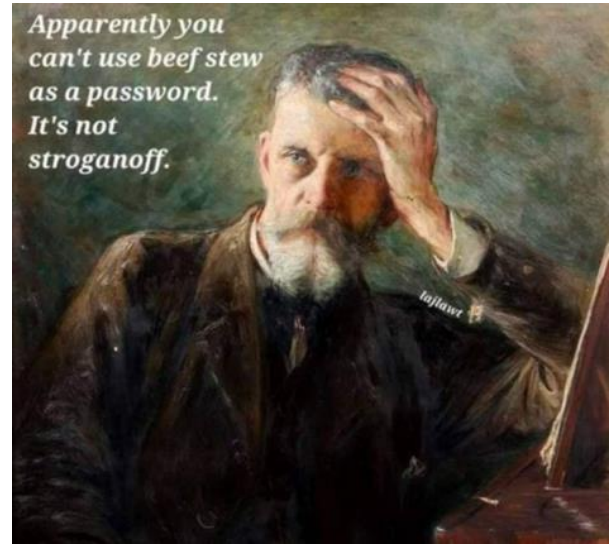
	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	G Wright	V Russo	T McLane
Altar Servers	W Stella R Brennan	J Carpenter J Carpenter	C Council
Cantor			
Communion Principal	J McGarrity	T Mathias	R Brennan
Eucharistic Ministers	D Lewia N Zellers	B Sherrard M Hayes	K Lester J Midkiff
Communion to the Sick		J Lilly M Summey B Sherrard	
Greeters/Ushers	J Haas J Providenti	B Cornell David Elliott	The Crane Family

Liturgical Ministries – September 28 & 29

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	D Becher	T DiPiero	M P Peck
Altar Servers	K Lewia	M Mathias	R Brennan
Cantors			
Communion Principal	V Stricker	M Burgess	C Frye
Eucharistic Ministers	R DeBias T Ciliberti	M Belcher Sr F Kirtley	C & P Council
Communion to the Sick		M Belcher T Aluise S Bowyer	
Greeters/Ushers	P & M Habenschuss	K & R Plutro	J Tridico, A Sites & T Champe



made with mematic Two Women (Greek Girls), 1877, William Edward Miller



KAY HALL

Hike for Hunger

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries

Save the Date!
 Sunday, October 6, 2024, 2pm
 212 D Street, South Charleston
 OR
 Hike with our Putnam County Friends

Registration:
 \$20- Hike T-Shirt
 Dogs, \$10-Bandana

Students get 10 hours of Community Service when you Register! Ask us how!



Heart + Hand
 OUTREACH MINISTRIES

100% of the money we raise during the Hike for Hunger will benefit our food pantry to meet the basic needs of families. Last year we helped over 10,000 people.

For more information visit:

www.hhomwv.org
 email volunteers@hhomwv.org

Walter's Purr-fect Puzzler #7 Answer — ENT [Eight, Nine, Ten]

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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>
<p>Office Manager: Natalie Zellers 304-744-5523 Office E-mail: BSCCWV@gmail.com</p>	<p>Director of Religious Education Mike Granata E-mail: mikegranata3@gmail.com Phone: 304-561-8063</p>
<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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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."