



Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 29, 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	09/28	5:00 pm	+	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
Monday	09/30			
Tuesday	10/01			
Wednesday	10/02	Noon	+	Kay Wharton by Father Paul Wharton
Thursday	10/03	Noon	+	Marie & Sylvester Edquist by Sue Bowyer
Friday	10/04	Noon	+	Jerry Roy by Pat Romanosky
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

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 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, then various rooms

Monday, September 30

- **OCIA Inquiry Meeting** – 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Room 5

Tuesday, October 1 (The office is closed.)

Wednesday, October 2

- **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 3

- **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 4

Saturday, October 5

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

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

*** Faith Formation ***

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION IS HERE. Our Faith Formation year begins **this Sunday**, September 29, 2024, with an orientation and “meet and greet” with the catechists, beginning at 10:15 am in the church.

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).

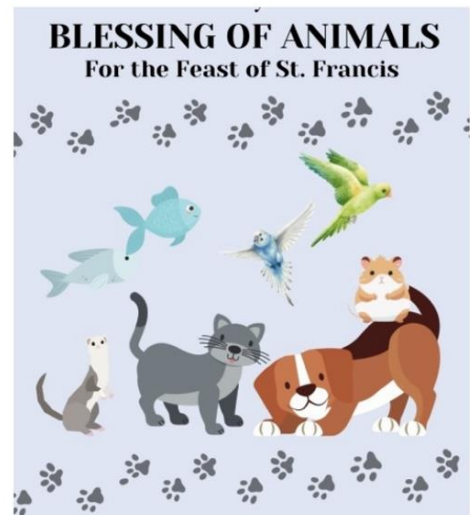
ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERING Beginning **this Sunday**, September 29, 2024, Blessed Sacrament will present an 8-week video session of "Jesus: His Life", which explores the story Jesus Christ through the people in his life who were closest to him. Each video session will run approximately 43 minutes, 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 each Sunday from September 29 through November 24, except for October 20th. As each session is distinct, all are welcome to all sessions, or whenever you are able to attend. This weekend features Saint John the Baptist.

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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 the Parish Hall. For more information or to register please text, email, or call. Come and see. Natalie Zellers at bsccwv@gmail.com or (304) 744-5523 or Tommy Ross at rossondixie@gmail.com or (304) 590-5003

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

from Mary Odin

We're Hiking for Hunger again! In past years, you've helped our Youth Group raise over \$3830 to help our neighbors in South Charleston through Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries. Please invite your friends and family to help us this year, too!

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 in advance for helping us!

Blessed Sacrament Youth Hike for Hunger



Blessed Sacrament Youth Group is organizing this fundraiser to benefit Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries. ✓

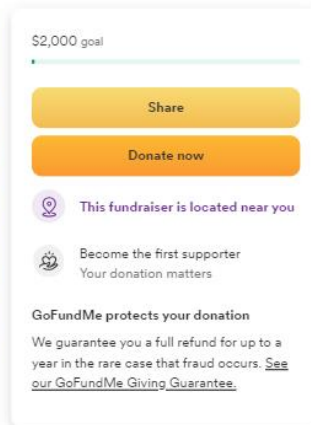
Just now • Community

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries in South Charleston, WV serves over 6,500 individuals annually, meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, and rent/utility assistance in West Virginia. It is the primary food pantry for our area, and it also provides food to South Charleston Middle School students who do not otherwise have enough to eat at home over the weekend. The Hike for Hunger is their one major fundraiser each year. Please help the youth of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church raise funds to meet the ongoing needs of our neighbors!

Give thanks for what you have by giving to those in need.
Thank you!

More information about Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries:
<https://hhomwv.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/heartandoutreach/>

More information about Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church:
<https://blessedsacramentwv.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BSCWV>



Below is the link to our GoFundMe page,
or you can use the QR code to go right to the page on your phone.

<https://gofund.me/af7390be>

Scan to donate



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."

Join Blessed Sacrament for the **Zach Williams concert** after Mass on **Saturday, October 5 at 7:00pm at the Civic Center!**



It promises to be a night of revival and renewal with Zach Williams, CAIN, Matt Maher, and Ben Fuller. Come experience the transforming power of music, worship, and community with us!

and for **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.



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.


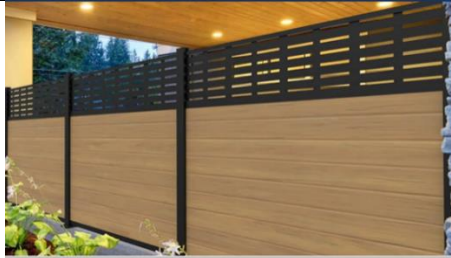


Phase Three – Gazebo and Fire Pit Area: In this phase, we will enhance the garden's social aspects by creating spaces for gatherings and shared experiences in nature.

*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!

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

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 117

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 **In return**

What can you give in return for your life?

—Mark 8.37

In our money-made world
we understand transaction.
We're ready to make a deal.
What then do we do
with an incommensurate, unanswerable gift?
What can you give in return for your life?
Only your life,
full of what only you can put into it.
Yet think of what we exchange for life.
The way we trade in real life
for the feeling of being liked,
or right, or safe, or worthy.
It's a cheap imitation. Don't buy it.
Receive the gift,
cherish it—
and give it away.
It will be given again to you,
newer, brighter, a good measure,
pressed down, shaken together, running over,
over and over.

— Steve Garnaas-Holmes www.unfoldinglight.net

MYSTIC MORSELS **Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)**

- Before you speak of peace, you must first have it in your heart. We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home any who have lost their way.
- You cannot all abandon your possessions, but at least you can change your attitude about them. All getting separates you from others; all giving unites to others.
- Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

PRAYER Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

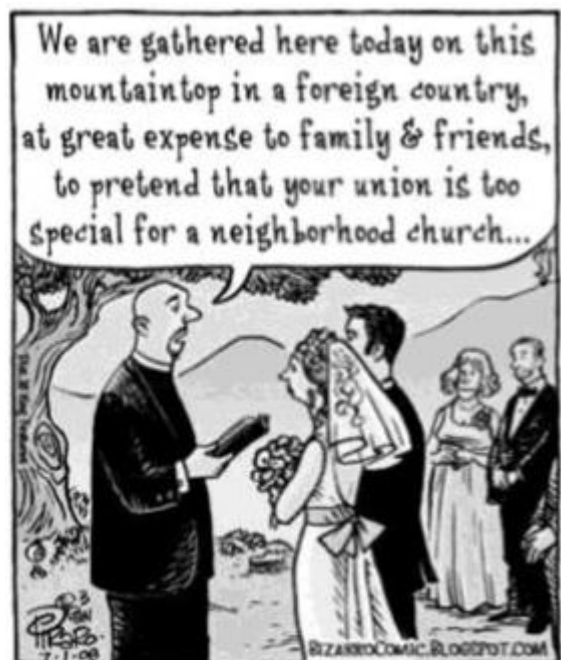
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

STORY

A Hasidic story tells of a little boy playing hide and seek with his friends. For some reason they stopped playing while he was still hiding. He began to cry. His grandfather came out of the house to see what was troubling him and to comfort him. After learning what happened, the grandfather said, "Do not weep, my child, because the boys did not come to find you. Perhaps you can learn a lesson from this disappointment. All of life is like a game between God and us. Only it is God who is weeping, for we are not playing the game fairly. God is waiting to be found but we have gone off in search of other things



SAINT OF THE WEEK : Mary Mother and Image of the Church

On November 21, 1964, at the end of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, Paul VI, during the celebration of Mass, declared our Lady "Mother of the Church, that is, of the entire Christian people, both the faithful and their pastors, who call her their most loving Mother," and decreed that "from now onward the whole Christian people should give even greater honor to the Mother of God under this most loving title." (AAS 56, 1965, p.1015. Accordingly, many Churches and religious families began to venerate the Blessed Virgin under the title of "Mother of the Church."

A largely unknown treasure of the Church is Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the readings and prayers for 46 different Masses. They are beautifully written, theologically sound, and excellent material for meditation and prayer. I want to share with you the First Preface for Mary, Image and Mother of the Church.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always & everywhere to give you thanks;
we especially praise you and proclaim your glory
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.
She received your Word in purity of her heart
and, conceiving in her virgin womb,
gave birth to our Savior and
so nurtured the Church at it's very beginning.
She accepted God's parting gift of love
as she stood beneath the Cross
and so became the mother of all those
who were brought to life
through the death of her only Son.
She joined her prayers with those of the apostles,
as together they awaited the coming of your Spirit,
and so became the perfect pattern
of the Church at prayer.
Raised to the glory of heaven,
she cares for the pilgrim Church
with a mother's love,
following it's progress homeward
until the day of the Lord dawns in splendor.



Mary, Mother and Image of the Church, pray for us!

source: <https://www.ibreviary.com/m2/preghiere.php?tipo=Preghiera&id=730>

**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



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_Ci3CIW9mCUcSf gbWRXagHg/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.



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	09/29	Irene Galloway Therese Cox
Mon	09/30	Jack Dever Jim Scharf
Tue	10/01	Carla Stricker Mary Gargarella Bev Schissler
Wed	10/02	Joan Fernandes John McGarrity
Thu	10/03	Sr. Fran Kirtley Marla Weiner Wayne Miller
Fri	10/04	Missy Summey
Sat	10/05	Mary Ann Johnson Vince Stricker

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**

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 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



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.



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>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>	

St. Paul Catholic Radio - WLUX-AM 1450 Charleston/Dunbar



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.”