



Blessed Sacrament Parish

September 08, 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	09/07	5:00 pm	+	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
Monday	09/09			
Tuesday	09/10			
Wednesday	09/11	Noon	+	Scott Mowrer by Missy Mowrer
Thursday	09/12	Noon	+	Marie & Sylvester Edquist by Sue Bowyer
Friday	09/13	Noon	+	Scott Theissen by Natalie Zellers
Saturday	09/14	5:00pm	+	Jerry Roy by Our Parish
Sunday	09/15	9:00 am	+	Robert Lucas by St Anne's Guild
		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



May He Rest In Peace

One of our longtime parishioners, Jerry Roy, died earlier this week. Jerry lived out his faith in thought, word, and deed. He was a frequent and willing volunteer. Jerry will be missed by fellow parishioners, his many friends, and his loving family most of all. Jerry's funeral Mass was held on Friday, September 6, 2024.

This Week at Blessed Sacrament

Got Sneakers? New or Used (Sneakers only, please!) Shoe Drive This Weekend

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

Monday, September 09

- **Pastoral Council** - 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Parish Hall
- **OCIA Inquiry Meeting** – 6:00 to 7:30 in the Gathering Space

Tuesday, September 10 (The office is closed.)

- **Liturgy Committee** - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, September 11

- **Bible Study** - 10:00am to 11:30am in Parish Hall
- **Bible Sharing** –6:30pm to 8:00pm by Zoom
- **Study Guide** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-09-11-24/?wpdmdl=2060&refresh=66d9deaa7ae181725554346>
- **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85136740699?pwd=Q2pXLzdZFdNNU1NajVpeEtKU0hJQT09>

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

Hygiene Weekend

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Collection Basket

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



Thank you for your generosity.

IMPORTANT

Facebook Live

Beginning, September 1st, we Live Stream the 9:00 AM Mass only.

September 09

OCIA INQUIRY GROUP BEGINS

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 Gathering Area.** 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

Volunteers Needed for Snacks at OCIA Program

We are seeking volunteers to provide snacks for approximately 10 people during our Monday evening meetings. A sign-up sheet will be available on the table in the gathering area for anyone interested in helping. If you would like to contribute, please write your name, phone number, email address, or other preferred contact method on the sheet.

We sincerely appreciate any support you can offer for this program!

Thank you,
Gina McCune

September 22

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 22, 2024, with an orientation and “meet and greet” with the catechists, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 29 at 10:15 a.m. Sign up this weekend in the gathering space or email Theresa O’Leary (mtoleary93@gmail.com).

September 23

GriefShare®

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Grief Ministry Team is again offering a workshop entitled **GriefShare** for both parishioners and non-parishioners. The **GriefShare** ministry involves loving support to those suffering the pain of grief from the loss of a loved one.

GriefShare is a 13-week workshop that offers a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance. Each week you can expect to view a 30-minute video filled with helpful guidance, discussion of grief-related issues, and personal recovery tips through your own individual workbook.

Our first gathering will be Monday, September 23, 6:00—7:30pm in Room 2. If you are suffering the pain of grief from the loss of a loved one, consider attending the first several sessions; then decide if this workshop is for you.

Please contact the church office [304.744.5523] to register. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact one of the team members:

Pam Council, Team Leader, 734-664-1527 or pamcouncil@yahoo.com

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

Missy Mowrer, 304-545-4776 or granmissy@gmail.com

Jeanne Haas, 304-382-2631 or haasjeanne@hotmail.com

Debbie Burdette, 304-545-6917 or Dburdette23@gmail.com



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.

We invite you to consider joining the 31 Club!

The 31 Club is a committee where members pledge to pray for vocations on one day each month.

There will be a sign-up sheet available in the gathering space for this important prayer group.

Getting Married next year? If you are planning a Catholic wedding here, another Catholic Church or in another Christian Church, the time to talk about it is **NOW**. Please contact the office ASAP by phone (304) 744-5523 or by email bsccwv@gmail.com



SAINT OF THE WEEK :

Saint Gregory the Great

September 3

Saint Gregory the Great is a central figure of the medieval western Church and one of the most admired Popes in history. Born near the middle of the sixth century into a noble Roman family, Gregory received a classical education in liberal arts and the law. He also had strong religious formation from his devout family, particularly from his mother, Silvia, also a canonized saint. By around age 30, Gregory had advanced to high political office in Rome, during what was nevertheless a period of marked decline for the city.

Some time after becoming the prefect of the former imperial capital, Gregory chose to leave the civil administration to become a monk during the rise of the Benedictine order. In reality, however, the new monk's great career in public life was yet to come. After three years of strict monastic life, he was called personally by the Pope to assume the office of a deacon in Rome. From Rome, he was dispatched to Constantinople, to seek aid from the emperor for Rome's civic troubles, and to aid in resolving the Eastern church's theological controversies. He returned to Rome in 586, after six years of service as the Papal representative to the eastern Church and empire.

Rome faced a series of disasters caused by flooding in 589, followed by the death of Pope Pelagius II the next year. Gregory, then serving as abbot in a monastery, reluctantly accepted his election to replace him as the Bishop of Rome. Despite this initial reluctance, however, Pope Gregory began working tirelessly to reform and solidify the Roman liturgy, the disciplines of the Church, the military and economic security of Rome, and the Church's spreading influence in western Europe. . .

In undertaking these works, Pope Gregory saw himself as the "servant of the servants of God." He was the first of the Bishops of Rome to popularize the now-traditional Papal title, which referred to Christ's command that those in the highest position of leadership should be "the last of all and the servant of all." Even as he undertook to consolidate Papal power and shore up the crumbling Roman west, St. Gregory the Great maintained a humble sense of his mission as a servant and pastor of souls, from the time of his election until his death in 604.

source: <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/september-3-saint-gregory-the-great/68812>

Saint Gregory is a Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

Spiritual Icebreakers and Soup Starters 115

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.

The greatest library in the ancient world is said to have been the one in Alexandria, Egypt. Sadly, it burnt to the ground. There is a legend about the only scroll to have survived the fire. A man bought the scroll in a bazaar and read what at first seemed like a boring manuscript. Then he read a remarkable story at the end. It told of a certain touchstone which had two remarkable qualities. First, it was warm to the touch no matter how cold it was outside. Second, whenever someone touched another object with the touchstone, that object would turn to gold. Alas, the stone was lost somewhere upon the shore of the Black Sea.

The man rejoiced in his discovery, sold everything he had, and moved to the Black Sea. Every day he would go to the shore, pick up a rock, feel it, and throw it back into the sea if it was cold. Hour after hour, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year he would pick up a stone, grasp it in his fist, and, if it was cold, toss it into the water. Finally, one day, he picked up a stone, felt that it was warm to the touch, and — out of sheer force of habit — threw it into the sea.

Today's gospel would seem to be much ado about nothing. After all everyone **knows** you should wash your hands before eating and that dishes should be clean before cooking. Actually, what is at issue is religious devotions or practices. Jesus warned people of the danger of confusing **holiness** with religious practices.

There are at least four reasons why religious practices such as saying prayers, praying the rosary, reading the Bible or going to Mass do not **guarantee** holiness.

- ✦ First, one might be doing them for the wrong reasons (e.g., to be noticed);
- ✦ Second, as the story suggests, one might just be going through the motions.
- ✦ Next, one might have a lack of understanding about why we do what we do when we do something religious (e.g., holy water or lighting candles);
- ✦ Fourth, religious practices can distract us from what is truly important as the Letter of James stresses (to care for orphans and widows in their affliction), and other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
- ✦ Finally, one might be doing the practices carelessly (sign of the cross).

So today's gospel reminds us that religious practices and devotions are important providing we

- ✦ do the right things;
- ✦ for the right reasons;
- ✦ in the right ways.

MYSTIC MORSELS

That which is good ceases to be good if it be not done in a good way.
— Saint Gregory Nazianzen (329-c. 391)

In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake,

or for the sake of some other intention.
— Saint Maximos the Confessor (580-662)

It is not what is done, but why it is done that matters.
— Blessed Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)



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


Sun	09/08	Peg Nagem
Mon	09/09	Carolyn Frye
Tue	09/10	Jane Roy
Wed	09/11	Joe Deegan / Tony O'Leary
Thu	09/12	Nancy McLaughlin
Fri	09/13	Mike Granata
Sat	09/14	Shelley Nason / Kathy Pojman

From the Vocations Committee 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:

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

Michael Aiello – Mount St Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd Emmitsburg MD 21727

 <p>MANNA MEAL SO THE HUNGRY CAN EAT</p>	<p>MANNA MEAL/KROGER PICK UP SCHEDULE</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>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</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>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</p>

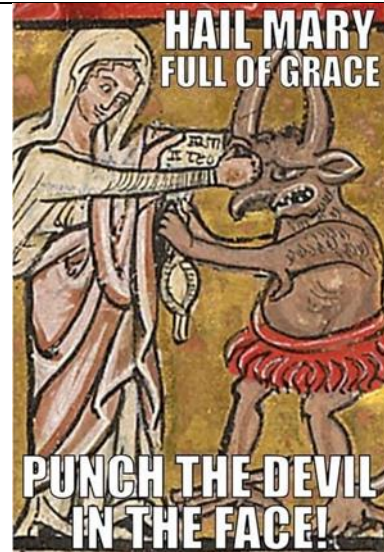
Liturgical Ministries – September 07 & 08

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

Liturgical Ministries – September 14 & 15

	5:00pm	9:00 am	11:30 am
Lectors	J Deegan	S Churchill	K Lester
Altar Servers	Jeff Borman Chip Council	Guy Ferrell Madison Ferrell	John Crane Janie Matics
Cantors			
Communion Principal	T Witsberger	M Burgess	K Lester
Eucharistic Ministers	M Mowrer C Fernandes	A Bradley C Wirts	
Communion to the Sick		A Bradley Rob Riser L Hayes	
Greeters/Ushers	B & R Schissler	N & D McLaughlin	R Norman A Sites

The Sign That Needed To Take Its Own Advice



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
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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
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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

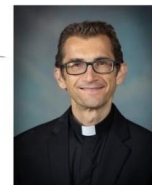


Joe Derico
Birthday:
February 16



Chris Nelson
Birthday:
December 4

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



Clifton Mastran
Birthday:
May 1



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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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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.”