



## Peace, the Marker of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**piritual writers tell us that a sure sign of life lived with faith in God is peace, the inner kind of peace that enables you to rest in it with no worry or anxiety. When the risen Lord appears in the midst of the disciples just back from Emmaus and says to them first off, “Peace be with you,” that’s the sort of peace he’s talking about and wishing for them.

Such peace doesn’t seem to be something easy to come by, something that simply plops into the lap of your soul. More than anything it seems to be the fruit of prayerfulness—sometimes praying the rosary or other traditional prayers and sometimes just simply sitting in the quiet, in the midst of love without having to say any words.

There is something about surrendering to God’s love

over the course of many lived days that eventually brings us to that sort of trusting peace.

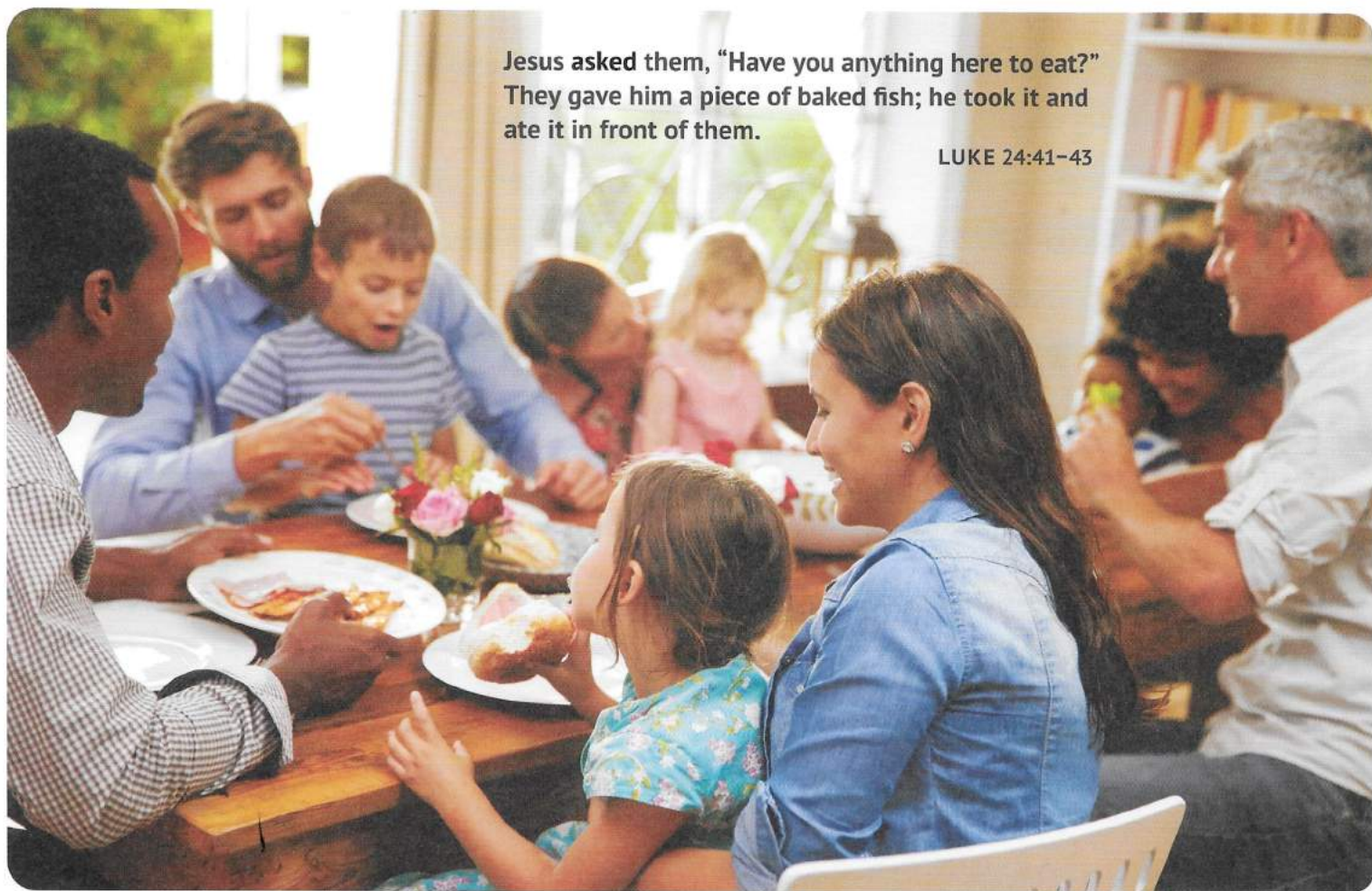
The thing about such peace is that only you know if it’s genuine. When you feel peace when life turns topsy-turvy, that’s God peace. When life is progressing smoothly, it’s not easy to know if that’s God’s peace or just a life without turbulence. But if you’re at peace when everything else around you is not, that’s when you know it’s the presence of God that has you all wrapped up in worry-free wonder. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever felt at peace even when there is conflict or fear?***

Jesus asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

LUKE 24:41–43



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 13 & 14, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 13- 6:00 PM**

✠ Fr. Greg Lyttle by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

**Sunday, April 14- 9:00 AM**

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

**Saturday, April 20 - 6:00 PM**

✠ Joy Formica by Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, April 21- 9:00 AM**

✠ Pro Popula

**\*There will be No Daily Masses  
while Fr. Sebastian is Out of Town\***



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 1-19:** Fr. Sebastian Out of Town ~No Daily Mass

**April 22:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm

**April 24:** PPC Meeting 6:00 PM

**May 3:** First Friday Mass 6 pm

**May 4:** First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

**May 6-7:** Fr. at Presbyteral Council ~No Mass

**May 10-12:** Seminarian Tupta Visits

**May 13:** Beckley Vicariate Meeting 11am

**May 13:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

**May 14:** Primary Elections in Lounge

## CHURCH STAFF

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*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward  
and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

*Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest,  
so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*

## Special 2nd Collection

WV FLOOD RELIEF  
APRIL 20-21, 2024

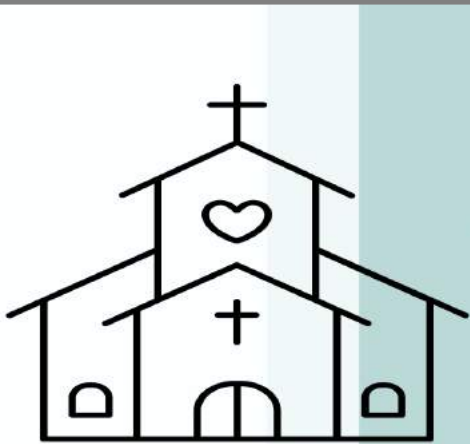
Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St. Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

**Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with “Disaster Relief” on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.**

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.



Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.



## Sacred Heart History Book

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE  
CHURCH IS BEING WRITTEN.

What are your favorite memories of our  
parish or school? Please share them!

If you have photos (label date and people) or  
memories you would like to share, please email  
them to [tbales54@gmail.com](mailto:tbales54@gmail.com) or give them to  
Theresa Bales at church.

*Thank  
You!*

*A big Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Spaghetti Dinner and thanks to our Crusaders Youth for helping.*

**FAITH FORMATION**

***Faith Formation Spring of 2024***

*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.” Matthew 11:28*



**The schedule through May 2024:**

April 14, 21 ~ Regular Sessions

April 28 ~ Last Sunday of Faith Formation

May 5 ~ First Communion Sunday

*Please Pray for Our First Communicants ~ Brayden Farmer and Jillian West*

**RCIA**



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*Next RCIA meeting is Wednesday,  
April 17th at 5:00pm in the school.*

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14th at 4pm



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Annual Seminarian Support Raffle**



Tickets available from any  
Knights of Columbus member  
**Donation \$5.00**

1st Place - \$1,000  
2nd Place - \$500  
3rd Place - 3 \$100 Winners

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



April 14th ~ 6-7:30 pm

Meeting at Wendi's House

Dinner provided, Games, Fun, and More!

Bring a Friend!

May 19th

Youth Sunday



# APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513.

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 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; 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.



*Just a Reminder to Save the Date!*

*Monday, May 13 from 6-7pm*

*Spring Reflection*

*by Daniel Maul in the Church.*

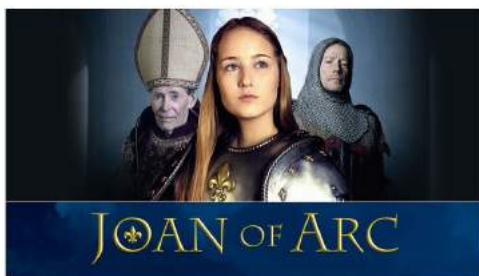
*Topic ~ The Truth and Teachings of Jesus*

*Christ in Scripture to help us with  
Evangelization.*

*More Information to follow*

Daniel has made available the PowerPoint Presentation from the Lenten Reflection held in March. If you would like a copy, please email Julia.

## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



### Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription.

To create your own account visit [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup)  
type 24740 to find our shared subscription with Princeton.

**April 2024 Ministry Schedule**

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
Sat. 4/13 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	D. Kelley	F. Moran	1.L. Mariotti 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	J. Monaco	David Duritz
Sun. 4/14 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	H. Wills K. Wills	C. Ott T. Bales	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.K. Kirk	R. Malamisura	Rocky Malamisura
Sat. 4/20 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	L. Ajulo	A. Peretti E. Peretti	M. Zalduondo	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Behrmann 3.TBA	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate
Sun. 4/21 9:00 am	The Winfree's	T. Lampert	T. Brown A. Froy	B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini	1.TBA 2.M. Malamisura 3.T. Lampert	S. Copolo	Marilyn McCoy
Sat. 4/27 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	TBA	A. Peretti C. Saunders	1.D. Garton 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello
Sun. 4/28 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	A. Rebuck M. Rebuck	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.C. Stacy	R. Albert	George Aiello



**2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services  
May 26, 2024**

For decades, the Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) department of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has assisted refugees fleeing wars and persecution, and in 2022 it responded to the Ukrainian refugee crisis with two initiatives to help local communities welcome refugees.

Funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection allow MRS to help victims of war and oppression begin new lives in welcoming, supportive communities through innovative initiatives like Welcome Circles and POWIR.

In addition to MRS, the collection supports other Catholic organizations that aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. Donate to this worthy cause today!



**Attention Parishioners**

We have refreshed our prayer list, if there is anyone you would like to add to our new list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org

*Sacred Heart Prayer List*

**Parishioners:** George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Sharon Rothausen

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Puckett, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

**Friends & Family:** Teddy Bradshaw, Chuck Comer, The Family of Lisa Dalton, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Steve Hamm, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Bob Mahood, Chase Miller, Leanna Smith, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom

*Catholic Sharing Appeal*

We have raised \$18,860 which is 77% of our goal of \$24,620.

Please continue to donate if you can. You can mail in your donations to:

Catholic Sharing Appeal  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston  
P.O. Box 230  
Wheeling, WV 26003



Weekly Donations	weekend Apr 6/7	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,867.00	70,694.10	64,000.00
Loose Offertory	283.00	6,895.00	6,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 6,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,589.10</b>	<b>\$ 70,500.00</b>
Food Pantry	1,005.00	9,640.00	0.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 45</b>	<b>9am: 98</b>	

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:**

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

# Dear Padre,

## What is a “covenant,” and how are marriage and covenant related?

“Covenant” is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of “covenant” contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word “contract,” as in the “marriage contract.” However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of “contract” is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording.

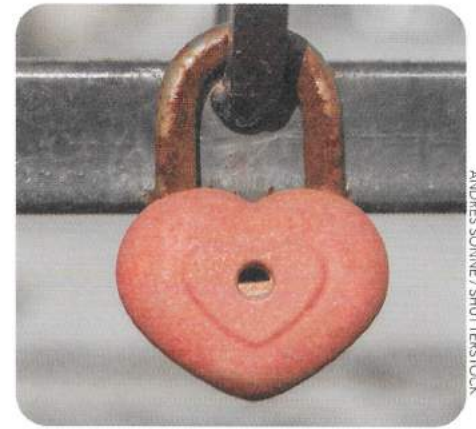
Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other’s well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, “I will take you as my people, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of “covenant” to define Christian marriage. ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### MONDAY

April 15  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 6:8–15  
Jn 6:22–29

### TUESDAY

April 16  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 7:51–8:1a  
Jn 6:30–35

### WEDNESDAY

April 17  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b–8  
Jn 6:35–40

### THURSDAY

April 18  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:26–40  
Jn 6:44–51

### FRIDAY

April 19  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:1–20  
Jn 6:52–59

### SATURDAY

April 20  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:31–42  
Jn 6:60–69

### SUNDAY

April 21  
*Fourth Sunday  
of Easter*  
Acts 4:8–12  
1 Jn 3:1–2  
Jn 10:11–18

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration. How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021



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