



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 18-19, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18 - 6:00 PM

✠Joan Zingale by St. Anne's Altar Society

Sunday, April 19 - 9:00 AM

✠Terry Lampert by Claire Lampert

Wednesday, April 22

5:00 PM - Adoration

6:00 PM - Communion Service by Deacon Mike

Thursday, April 23

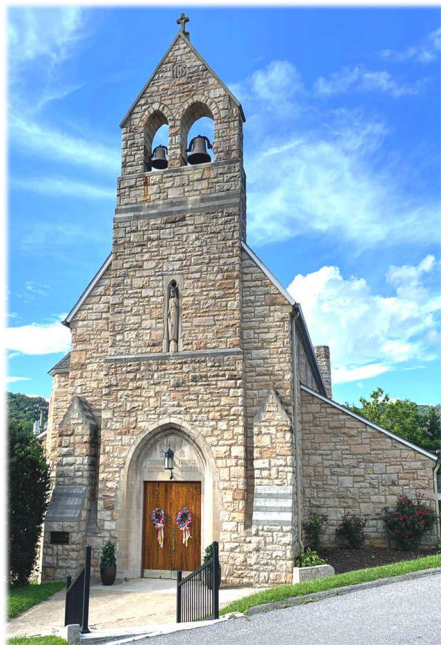
10:00 AM - Communion Service by Deacon Mike

Saturday, April 25 - 6:00 PM

✠People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, April 26- 9:00 AM

✠Terry Lampert by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini



Sacred Heart Princeton Mass Times

Tuesdays:
5 pm - Adoration &
Confession
6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:
12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:
12 Noon

Saturdays:
3:30 pm - Confession
4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:
10:30 am - Confession
11:00 am - Mass

Confession: 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19: Children's Mass 9:00 AM

April 19: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

April 26: First Communion Mass 9:00 AM

April 26: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

April 29: Finance Council Meeting After Mass

May 1: First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

May 2-3: Maintenance 2nd Collection

May 2: First Saturday Social 7:00 PM

May 3: First Sunday Social 10:00 AM

May 3: May Crowning Mass

May 3: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

May 10: Mother's Day

May 10: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

May 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM

CHURCH STAFF

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Office Hours: 304-327-5623
Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm
After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

Food Pantry Hours:
Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

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.




MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

A second collection for BUILDING MAINTENANCE will take place on the first weekend of each month. It is dedicated to the upkeep of our church buildings and ensuring our facilities are well-maintained. We will also prioritize saving for future projects by allocating resources for upcoming projects.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

NEXT COLLECTION: MAY 2-3



Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office or Sherry Ciccoloni to secure your preferred dates.

Options Include:
 Urns on the Altar
 Floor Arrangement
 Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

Food Pantry Report for March 2026

Date	Children Under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
4-Mar	50	250	4	319	322	94
11-Mar	49	222	4	224	190	86
18-Mar	71	205	5	161	122	80
25-Mar	47	275	10	168	220	98
Monthly Totals	217	952	23	872	854	358
Y-T-D	421	1908	49	1980	1687	715

Happy Graduation

Calling All Graduates! We need to know the names of any graduates for this May. They will be honored at Sunday Mass at the end of May. We don't want to miss anyone!

Please call the parish office or email Julia with the name of your 2026 graduate and the following info:

- ~Full Name
- ~Name of School
- ~Honors, awards etc.
- ~Future plans: college, choice of study etc.



Faith Formation 2026
Every Sunday at 10:15 am
in the School Building

The schedule through Spring 2026:

April 19 ~ Youth to read for Mass & Regular Session

April 26 ~ First Holy Communion with reception – No Faith Formation

May 3 ~ May Crowning and Procession during 9am Mass

Youth to participate – more info will follow

May 3 ~ Last day of Faith Formation

First Communion Practice during Faith Formation on April 19th and on Wednesday April 22nd at 6:30 pm in the church.



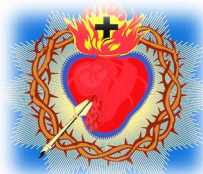
Sacred Heart
Adult Grief Support Group

Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group has changed their meeting times to every Third Friday of the month.

Next Meeting

May 15 at 4:30 pm in Church Lounge

Men's Prayer Group!



All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Next Meeting

April 21 at 6:30 Pm in the Lounge



Centering Prayer Group

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

St. Anne's Altar Society

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Next Meeting will be
May 14th after Morning Mass.



FIRST COMMUNION

APRIL 26

9:00 AM MASS

Please join us on Sunday, April 26th at 9:00 am Mass as two of our Faith Formation Children receive their First Communion.



Please keep in your prayers:

Roxanne Ciaccio
Gianna Copolo

OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is facing separation or divorce, you are not alone. The Olive Branch Ministry is hosting a FREE day of support and guidance on April 25 from 8:30- am to 4:00 pm at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. The day will focus on healing from the pain of loss and explaining the Church's teaching on divorce and annulment. Register online by clicking The Olive Branch Ministry at dwc.org.

April 2026 Ministry Schedule								
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 4/18 6 PM	J. McCloud	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Dan Debbie
Sun. 4/19 9 am Kids Mass	The Winfree's	M. Malamisura	1. T. Brown 2. K. Wills	Children to Read	1.K. Kidd 2. A. Robinson	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert 4.S. Copolo		Jack Theresia
Sat. 4/25 6 pm	P. Buenafe	D. Crigger	1.D. Kelley 2.A. Froy	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.TBA 2.TBA	1. I. Pascasio	The Aiello's	Dan Mary-Ann
Sun. 4/26 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.C. Tran 2.R. Aiello	1.TBA 2.TBA	1.G. Aiello 2.W. Aiello	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebeck 3.R. Ciccolini 4.R. Albert		Jack Debbie


**Young Adults/
College Students (18-39)**
you are invited to a:

**Rosary Walk w/
Dinner afterwards**

**Dinner provided by:
Rosemary & Johnny Mitchell**


**Friday, 24 April 2026 – 6:30 AM
Newman Center
301 Vermillion St., Athens, WV**

What to Expect:
Space for Reflection and Prayer -
Welcoming Community
Walk & praying the Rosary
Spaghetti Dinner afterwards



www.concordcatholic.com

Let us know you are coming - not required but helps in planning




For more info contact
Laura Wyatt at
lw Wyatt@dwc.org or
276-465-9591

Daily Devotional Booklets
available to pick-up at Mass.

APRIL | MAY | JUNE 2026

Living Faith
Daily Catholic Devotions



...he took **bread**, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them.

LUKE 24:30



Holy Week 2026

A very special First Easter with Fr. Joseph! We hope everyone enjoyed the most holiest of weeks.

We wanted to give special thanks to our beloved staff, Deacon Mike McGinnity, Julia Harrison, Sherry Ciccolini, Lucy Brinegar, Kim Hickman, and Brett McGraw for their dedication.



We would like to thank our Social Committee, Deb Rebeck, Tommie Jo Longworth, Carol Havens, Karen Kidd, Jean McCloud, and Gina Rasi for helping decorate our church and prep the choir music.



Our lovely Sacred Heart Choir outdid themselves with each mass during Holy Week. A special thank you to Dan Turner and Jack Holt for their leadership.



Special Thanks to Kim Husband for baking the bread given to those on Holy Thursday.

Thank you to Mary Malamisura for training our Altar Servers.



Thank you to our OCIA team for prepping our new members for holy week, Claire Lampert and Barbara Musolin and to our OCIA candidates for being our oil presenters for Holy Thursday.





Thank you to all those who signed up to watch over the Holy Eucharist for Holy Thursday. Your prayer and presence did not go unnoticed.



Thank you to our security committee for keeping a watchful eye as our parishioners enjoyed Silent Adoration on Holy Thursday.



Thank you to our social media director Courtney Longworth for the beautiful photos. They will be cherished forever.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for carrying our canopy on Holy Thursday. Your strength through Jesus is a gift.

Thank you to John Monaco and his nephew Josh Bourne For building the beautiful wooden stand that our Crucifix is being displayed upon.



Thank you to our ministry volunteers: Our Sacristans, Rosary Leaders, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Hospitality. We could not do Mass without your assistance.

A Special thank you to Fr. Joseph Our Faithful Leader through this journey.



Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

Friends & Family: Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Josh Ellison, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Mike Starre, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Thank you to the Rebuck Family for donating a crystal bowl and pitcher to be used for special Masses



Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$8,100 which is 27% of our goal of \$29,970.

A reminder that the first 50% of our goal goes towards ministries all over the diocese, the second 50% and over raised goes straight towards Sacred Heart in Bluefield. Support Your Parish Today!



Weekly Collection	weekend Apr 11-12	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,947.00	75,171.00	73,000.00
Maintenance	1,230.00	2,606.00	1,600.00
Loose Offertory	355.00	6,876.05	7,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,532.00	\$ 84,653.05	\$ 81,600.00
Votive Candles (Gross)	200.00	269.90	100.00
Food Pantry	944.00	7,781.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 51	9 am: 107	

Please Note: All Diocesan second collections are required to be forwarded to the Diocese within 2 weeks. Please be sure to submit your Diocesan collections in a timely manner.

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

Parish Office (304) 327-5623 Princeton Office (304) 425-3664 After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, if Fr. Joseph 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 Joseph will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

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

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



The Effects of ABUSE

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

Steps to Prevent ABUSE

Communicate with Your Children

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE

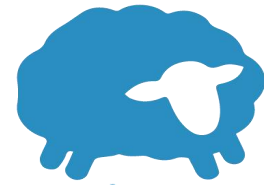
To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.



In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

"The abuse itself causes a deep wound that may last a lifetime, but often the scandal in the Church is because the door was closed and the victims were not welcomed and accompanied by authentic pastors."

—Pope Leo XIV, Jan. 10, 2026



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Would you consider setting up a new recurring online gift? Regular, recurring gifts provide a stable, reliable foundation that not only makes church operations and projects possible but also helps us budget and plan for our exciting future

Click the link below

<https://sacredheartcatholicchu64.flocknote.com/give>

Or Scan the QR Code with your Camera on Your Phone!



HELP RESTOCK OUR CLOTHING CLOSET

Let's help our brothers and sisters by DONATING USED CLOTHES.

Our Food Pantry's Clothing Closet is need of restocking. We invite you to do a spring cleaning and donate all your gently used clothing! All ages and sizes welcome and appreciated!



Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



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Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025