Our Parish community

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 4:8-12 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18





Living with Our Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

e live with a maze of instincts—some from the dark side and some from the light. In her book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson describes how cultures tend to consign certain individuals to the bottom of the social ladder. She specifically compares the caste system in India with how the Nazis sought to suppress and eliminate Jews and with the way blacks were oppressed by slavery and even in our own time. She describes the instinct in every society to relegate others to a lower class, always seeking to ensure that we are not at the bottom. This instinct can come from the dark side of people.

There is also an instinct for goodness to others, an instinct of light—to recognize everyone as brothers and sisters. As Saint John notes, "we are God's children now"

(1 John 3:2). It is the voice of the Shepherd instilled in the human spirit that calls us into one fold, the voice of God urging us to healing goodness.

It is the dark side that nurtures white supremacy. It is the light that enables us to see beyond the color of our skin. It is the dark side that excludes those who seem different. It is the light that welcomes and offers hospitality. It is the dark side that succumbs to fear. It is the light of God's love that confronts the wolves of hate and urges us to follow. There is always tension between darkness and light.

-Reflect-

How does the voice of the Good Shepherd call you to reject the dark and embrace the light?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

April 20 & 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20- 6:00 PM

[†] Joy Formica by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 21- 9:00 AM

✤ Pro Popula

Tuesday, April 23- Noon

† Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Wednesday, April 24-9:00 AM

🕆 Fran Derenge by Barbara Lynch

Saturday, April 27-6:00 PM

Larry Butler by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

<u>Sunday, April 28- 9:00 AM</u>

🕆 Theresa Soulis by Vicki Lijoi

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 12: Mother's Day

May 13: Beckley Vicariate Meeting 11am

May 13: Daniel Maul Presentation 6-7 pm

May 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm



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

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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.

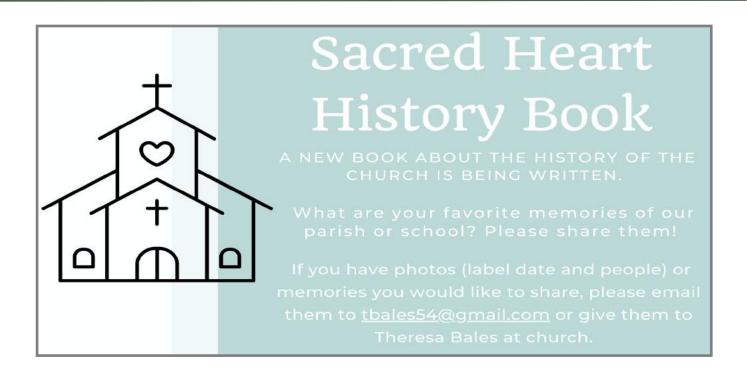
Sacred Heart Church Building Centennial Part V: Our Church's Gothic Architecture

Sacred Heart Catholic Church was built in the Spanish Gothic Style. The Gothic style is reflected in the use of sandstone blocks for the exterior, and the use of pointed arches throughout the exterior and interior of the church.

Some examples of pointed arches throughout the church include some of the exterior wooden doors, the clerestory, and nave stained glass windows, the exterior bell enclosure, the interior vaulted ceiling, the great triumphant arch leading to the altar, and the arched wooden panel design of the door leading to the sacristy.



After its dedication in 1926, Mr. Louis C. Carvello, Portuguese Consul in New Orleans, visited Sacred Heart Church. Upon seeing our beautiful church he stated "Sacred Heart Church is a perfect reproduction of a twelfth century Catholic Church, even the crucifix being a perfect example".



April 20 & 21

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 21 ~ Regular SessionApril 28 ~ Last Sunday of Faith FormationMay 5 ~ First Communion SundayPlease Pray for Our First Communicants ~ Brayden Farmer and Jillian West

RCIA



Next RCIA meeting is Wednesday, April 24th at 5:00pm in the school.

HANDBELL CHOIR



PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21st at 5:00 pm Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Annual Seminarian Support Raffle

Tickets available from any

Knights of Columbus member

1st Place - \$1,000

2nd Place - \$500

Donation \$5.00

3rd Place - 3 \$100 Winners

YOUTH MINISTRY



Spring Reflections Facilitated by Daniel Maul Director of Evangelization & Catechesis For the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Monday, May 13 in the Church 6:00pm – 7:00pm



Join us to deepen our spiritual lives with the topic: The Truth of Jesus Christ through Scripture that Prepares Us to Share the Gospel with Others Everyone welcome!

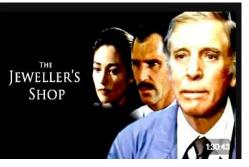


APRIL 20 & 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 2024 Ministry Schedule									
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)		
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		

FORMED



The Jeweler's Shop: A Modern Mystery

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play.

The Jeweler's Shop: A Modern Mystery by Pope John Paul II - Movie Night - FORMED



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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 lbringar@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, Jason Fortney,

Steve Hamm, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Bob Mahood, Chase Miller, Laura Lee Null, Leanna Smith, Cathleen Underwood,

Debby VanBlaricom

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$21,065 which is 86% 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	YTD	YTD	
	Apr 13/14	Actual	Budget	
Envelopes	12,707.00	83,401.10	68,000.00	
Loose Offertory	323.00	7,218.00	7,000.00	
Total Contributions	\$13,030.00	\$ 90,619.10	\$75,000.00	
Food Pantry	234.00	9,974.00		
Attendance:	6pm: 52	9am: 104		

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.

<u>In case of Illness</u>: 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

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

Dear Padre,

My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About



half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots.

MONDAY April 22 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:1–10 TUESDAY April 23 *Easter Weekday* Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30 WEDNESDAY April 24 *Easter Weekday* Acts 12:24– 13:5a Jn 12:44–50

THURSDAY April 25 *St. Mark, Evangelist* 1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20

FRIDAY April 26 *Easter Weekday* Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6

April 27 April 27 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14 **SUNDAY** April 28 *Fifth Sunday of Easter* Acts 9:26–31 1 Jn 3:18–24 Jn 15:1–8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.

> REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021 ZVONIMIR ATLETIC / SHUTTERSTOCK

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