



From Anger to Peace

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?***



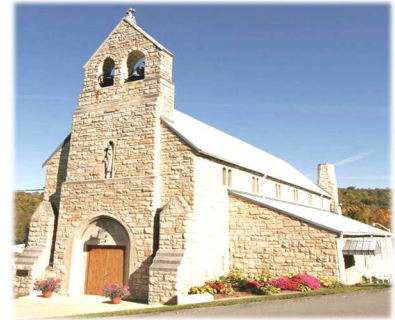
[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 26 & 27, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 26 - 6:00 PM

✠ Fr. Donal O'Donovan by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, April 27 - 9:00 AM

✠ Kenneth Franklin by Julia Harrison

Tuesday, April 29 - 12:00 Noon

✠ NO MASS ~Fr. in Wheeling

Wednesday, April 30 - 9:00 AM

✠ Theresa Sullivan by St. Anne's Altar Society

Saturday, May 3 - 6:00 PM

✠ Monty Ramella by Tullio & Linda Ramella

Sunday, May 4- 9:00 AM

✠ Alex Ercoline by Knights of Columbus

Office Hours: 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27: Rite of Entrance for our Confirmandi

April 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm

April 29: Men's Prayer Group Meeting 6:00 pm in Lounge

April 30: Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm

May 2: First Friday Mass 6:00 pm

May 3: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

May 4: First Holy Communion

May 5-6: Presbyteral Council ~No Daily Mass

May 7: Sisters of Elizabeth Convent Visit at Mass

May 11: Mother's Day

May 12: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Every Friday from 6:00-7:00 pm

May 9 ~ Bluefield

May 23 ~ Bluefield

May 16 ~ Princeton

May 30 ~ Princeton

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.



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

• PO Box 230, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003 •

Statement from Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on the Passing of Pope Francis

Monday, April 21, 2025

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, released the following statement on the passing of Pope Francis Monday morning.

“I join with my fellow Catholics and men and women around the world in mourning the death of Pope Francis. I have great affection for him, since he was the Pope who took a chance and named me, an ordinary parish priest, to be a bishop, invigorating my life with a new ministry that has been a blessing for the past eight years. Recently I have been praying that he return to good health but, if God should decide to take him home, that death would come quickly and peacefully. It did.

As a priest and later as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires and, for the past twelve years, as Pope, Francis he has reached out to people who are often overlooked and even despised. He has upheld the truth of the Catholic faith while showing great patience and sympathy toward those who find some of its moral and spiritual teachings difficult. He has reminded us that we must take better care of this Earth, our common home, or we may lose it. He has pleaded with national leaders to forsake war and to welcome migrants fleeing persecution and poverty. He has been a man fully engaged in the fundamental ministry of the Bishop of Rome: to confirm his brothers and sisters throughout the world in faith and love. We will miss him.

As we do with all loved ones and even for people we do not know who have died, let us pray for our brother, Francis, and commend him to God, now that his earthly pilgrimage has been completed. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

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FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2025

*Scripture: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."
Psalm 118*

The schedule through Spring 2025:

April 27: Except for the Confirmation Class/Last day of Faith Formation

First Holy Communion will be May 4 during the 9am Mass with Reception to follow. First Communion Rehearsal TBA. Please continue to pray for our First Communicants: Kaiden Bryant, Adalynn Farmer, and Alexander Rose

Confirmation Class Schedule

All of the classes listed above for Faith Formation and the following:

April 27 - Rite of Entrance for our Confirmandi during 9 am Mass. Sponsors need to attend.

May 11, 18, and June 1

Class Retreat Date will be on May 17th beginning at 10 am.

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal is June 7th at 10 am in the Church.

Confirmation Mass is June 8th at 4:30pm with Dinner to follow with Bishop Brennan



Please Pray for our Confirmation class who will be receiving their Rite of Entrance this weekend at 9:00 am Mass :

*Tristan Brown
Addison Christ
Antonio Froy*

*Kylie Oakes
Eli Peretti
Bella Rust*

*Christine Tran
Ryleigh West
Aiden Zinsmeister*

OCIA



Formerly Known As RCIA

*If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact,
Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.*

Men's Prayer Group

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**First gathering will be Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 pm
in the church lounge.**

Please contact Tom Behrmann to RSVP

Tom.Behrmann@yahoo.com or 724-422-7136

Church Directory Mark Your Calendar

We are still needing family pictures for the new church directory. You can get your family picture made at Mass the next Sundays until May 18.

See Courtney about getting your picture taken or if these days do not work out for you. We would like all pictures taken or turned in by the end of May.

In the back of the church there is a list if you are unsure if you have submitted a photo. Also, information on how to submit your digital photo.

Each family who submits a picture will receive a free directory. Those who do not submit a photo will have to pay \$10 for their directory.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bluefield, West Virginia

Celebrate May Birthdays

John Crist	1	Karen Kidd	16
Mike Starre	1	Joshua Husband	17
Alex Aiello	3	Vesita Lowman	21
Sherry Ciccolini	3	Barbara Lynch	21
Yvonne Suehs	3	Justin Bays	22
Lucas Ott	5	Emily Morgan	22
Brogan Hudson	10	Rodney Rust	25
Gina Rasi	10	Shawn Farmer	27
Robert Station	10	Matthew French	28
Deborah Johns	11	Perry Clark	29
Clara Morgan	12	Delores Shumate	29
Venus Dellorso	13	Francis Tumbokon	29
Julia Harrison	14	Megan Vescio	29
Carl Mariotti	15	Johnny Rasi	30

HAPPY Anniversary

James & Maria Ciaccio

May 3rd

Rocky & Sandra Malamisura

May 4th

Johnny & Gina Rasi

May 6th

Bill & Toni Albert

May 13th

Michael & Michele Smith

May 20th

Ron & Katie Goodwin

May 29th

Michael & Mary Malamisura

May 31st



Fr. Sebastian Devasya Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

September 2-11, 2025 - 10 Days

\$5,999 from Charlotte

For Information and Reservations,

Contact Ms. Gina Boggess,

Sacred Heart Parish, Princeton WV 24740

Telephone: 304-920-7047

Email: gina@sacredheartprinceton.org

For the Full Flyer about the Trip:

<https://bit.ly/DevasyaItaly>



April 2025 Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
4/26 Sat. 6 pm	P. Buenafe	V. Hager	Dave	Tom	1.A. Robinson 2.D. Garton 3.J. McCloud	The Pascasio's	The Aiello's
			Kelley	Behrmann			
4/27 Sun 9 am	Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.C. Havens	TBA	
			A. Zinsmeister	B. Musolin			

May 2025 Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 5/3 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	F. Moran	Purita	Maria	1.P. Peretti 2.T. Hager 3.V Hager	J. Monaco	Randy Albert
			Buenafe	Zalduondo			
Sun. 5/4 9:00 am 1st Comm.	T. Lampert	B. Musolin	R. West	C. Lampert	1.T. Lampert 2.M. Romeo 3.K. Kirk	R. Albert	
			K. Oakes	R. Albert			
Sat. 5/10 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	A. Peretti	Connie	1.J. McCloud 2.A. Robinson 3.D. Garton	Pascasio's	David Duritza
			E. Peretti	Saunders			
Sun. 5/11 6:00 pm	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	T. Brown	B. Buzzo	1.C. Havens 2.S. Copolo 3.K. Kidd	R. Malamisura	Rocky Malamisura
			A. Zinsmeister	C. Ott			
Sat. 5/17 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	V. Hager	Purita	Anthony	1.T. Hager 2.F. Moran 3.L. Mariotti	J. Monaco	Delores Shumate
			Buenafe	Peretti			
Sun. 5/18 9:00 am	T. Lampert	T. Lampert	TBA	R. Albert	1.K. Kirk 2.M. Romeo 3.TBA	R. Ciccolini	Marilyn McCoy
				T. Bales			
Sat. 5/24 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	M. Zalduondo	Dave	Tom	1.A. Robinson 2.P. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	Pascasio's	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			Kelley	Behrmann			
Sun. 5/25 9:00 am	Winfree's	B. Musolin	R. Aiello	R. Ciccolini	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	
			A. Zinsmeister	C. Ott			
Sat. 5/31 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	A Peretti	Tom	1.J. McCloud 2.D. Garton 3.C. Saunders	J. Monaco	TBA
			E. Peretti	Behrmann			
Sun. 6/1 9:00 am	T. Lampert	T. Lampert	C. Tran	M. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd 2.C. Havens 3.K. Kirk	R. Malamisura	
			E. Husband	A. Rebuck			



A Big Thank— You to all the Volunteers who made Holy Week possible! Our decorators, social media director, sacristans, readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, hospitality, and cantors. We are so blessed to have your help and we are deeply thankful for the time you have donated for Easter.

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Cindy McGraw, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen

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

Friends & Family: Lorin Albin, Yvonne Blevins, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Beatrice Dunn, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Angela Buzzo Gess, Laura Haines and baby Carmelo, Skip Harless, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Judge Kornish, Robert Martin, Conner McKenzie, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Audrey Snyder, Kay Trimble, Cathleen Underwood, Orpha Welch

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$20,780
which is 82% of
our goal of \$25,200.

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.



GIVE ONLINE TODAY AT:

SacredHeartCatholicChu64.flocknote.com/give/30362

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CODE TO DONATE
SECURELY FROM
YOUR PHONE



	weekend April 18-20	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,361.00	63,971.60	70,500.00
Loose Offertory	898.00	7,072.43	7,500.00
Holiday Flowers	30.00	905.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,289.00	\$ 71,949.03	\$ 79,000.00
Food Pantry	270.00	11,673.20	0.00
DWC: Holy Land	1,973.31	2,048.31	1,000.00
Attendance:	8pm: 95	9am: 203	

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 home.

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

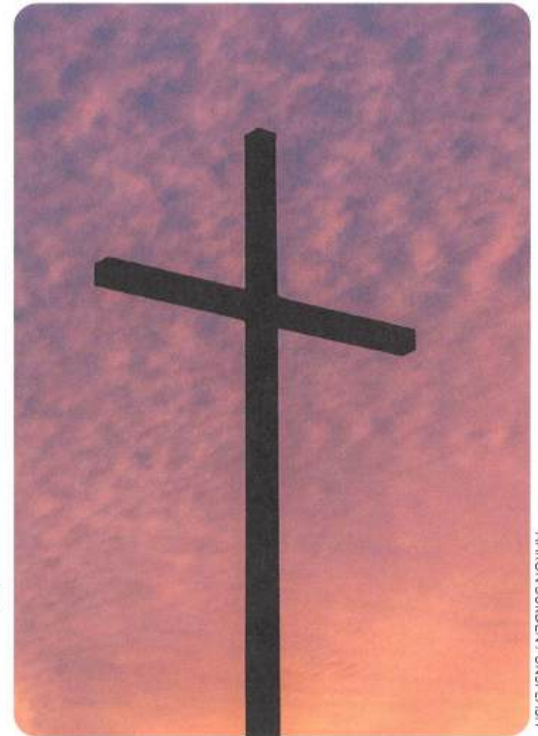
Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



AARON BURDEN / UNSPLASH

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



ANNETNAVI / PEXELS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022