



Believing Is Seeing

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We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and “the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.

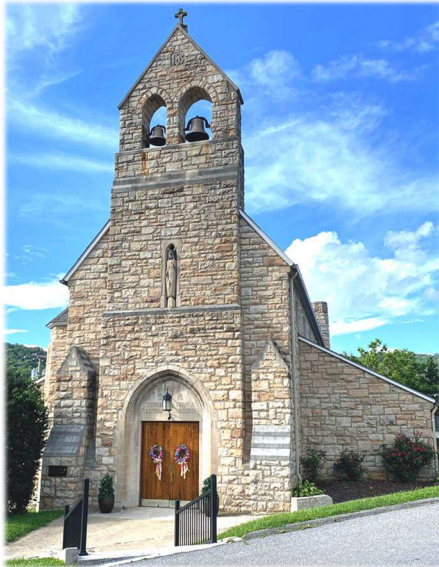
JOHN 20:8



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 4-5, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4 - 6:00 PM - Easter Vigil

✠ Mario Lijoi by Natalie & Mary-Ann Lijoi

Sunday, April 5 - 9:00 AM - Easter Sunday

✠ Michael Raymond Rogers by Greg & Laura Rogers

No Daily Mass April 6-10th

Saturday, April 11 - 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12 - 9:00 AM

✠ Maria Ciaccio by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5: Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM

April 5: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

April 6: Office Closed in honor of Easter

April 6-10: No Daily Mass

April 7: NO OCIA Meeting

April 9: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

April 11-12: Ray from the Holy Land

April 11-12: Knights Spaghetti Fundraiser

April 11-12: Divine Mercy Chaplet After Each Mass

April 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM

April 14: OCIA Meeting Time TBA

April 14: Men's Prayer Group 6:30 PM

April 19: Children's Mass 9:00 AM

April 21: OCIA Meeting Time TBA

CHURCH STAFF

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Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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.

Holy Land Wood Carvings

April 11-12

On April 11-12 the group from the Holy Land will have a display of beautiful religious handmade olive wood carvings, from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Your support through purchasing these items, 200 families will be helped, also it will support peace in the middle east.

Olivewood carvings are a part of a tradition handed down from generations. Please stop at their table and purchase a nice gift from the little town in Bethlehem.

Please help support this worthy cause!



Altar Flowers

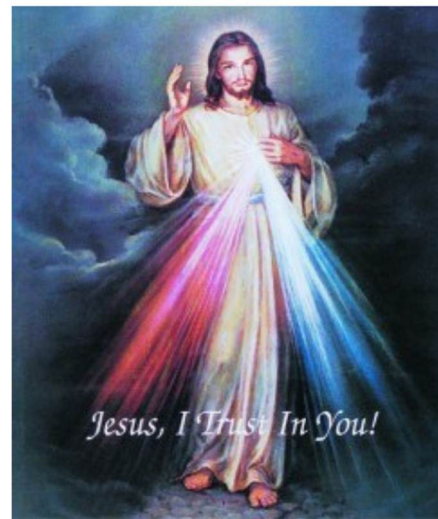
We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office to secure your preferred dates.

Dates available begin the weekend of April 11-12, 2026

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

Prayers of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy



We will be doing the Divine Mercy Chaplet After each Mass on the Weekend of April 11-12, 2026
 Join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday!

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: APRIL 3-4



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

The schedule through Spring 2026:

- April 5 ~ No Faith Formation – Easter Sunday*
- April 12 ~ Regular Session*
- 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 to be scheduled+



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 14 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
April 9th at 11:00 AM



Congratulations to our
Newly Received into the
Church

Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist
 Christopher Taylor

Sacraments of Confirmation and
Holy Eucharist
 Clayton Campbell
 Ryan Hall
 Tanner Keathley
 Robert McGraw

Sacrament of Confirmation
 Brian Bogart



Thank you to John Monaco and his nephew Josh Bourne For building the beautiful wooden stand that our Crucifix is being displayed upon. It will be used for many years to come!

Thank you to St. Anne's Altar Society for providing our new very beautiful Red Cope.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Lent and Holy Week. Our Staff, Sherry Ciccolini, Our Music Directors Dan Turner & Jack Holt, Our Choir, Our Mass Ministry Volunteers, and Our Social Committee who helped decorate and prep music.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Council 1404

Spaghetti Dinner

2026

Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

TAKE OUT ONLY - NO SIT-DOWN DINING

Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs and bread \$10
no salad or dessert

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:00 am to 11:00 am after mass

Sale Sauce & Meatballs - frozen

Meatballs (Dozen) \$10

Sauce (Quart) \$6

ENTRANCE DOOR: Please enter on the Monroe St. bottom door entrance, not the main doors on Wyoming St.

PARKING: Please use the lower lot on Monroe St.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bluefield, West Virginia

Church address:
1003 Wyoming Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

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, 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





ElderlyCare

Parishioner In Need of Driver

A Parishioner is need of a Driver to drive her to Church on a weekly basis.

If interested, please call Carolina Ferrare at 276-245-8230

You can also Donate Online!

Click the link below

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

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



Weekly Collection	weekend Mar 28-29	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,092.00	54,807.00	58,000.00
Loose Offertory	555.00	5,229.05	5,500.00
Holy Day Collections	10.00	1,941.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,657.00	\$ 61,977.05	\$ 64,500.00
Food Pantry	125.00	6,712.00	0.00
Memorial Contrib.	50.00	625.00	0.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	50.00	1,395.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	6pm: 67	9am: 139	

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, 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.



Easter Flowers

Mary, Ken, and Roger Mash
Bill & Mary Albert

Nancy & Bill Densmore
Ada Mae Williams, Rose Pendleton
Patsy Malamisura, Jack Martin
Jack Albert, Judy White
By Randy & Cindy Albert

Gifted by Janice Barber

Gifted by Frank & Lillian Brady

Gail Matzel
by Eric, Kim, & Tristan Brown

Nick, Frances, Ron, and Donna Buzzo
by Bob & Cathy Buzzo

Gifted by
Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Betty Clayton by Vearl & Betty Clayton

All the Deceased in the
Crigger & Bowles Families
by James & Donella Crigger

Mr. & Mrs. John Crist, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Franklin
Mary Williams & Ann Crist Byrd
by John & Debbie Crist

Mary & Sam Genovesi by Angie
Genovesi

Robert & Frances L. Harrison by Julia Harrison

Frances A. Harrison by Tom Harrison

Margie & Percy Johnson Sr.
Lebbe C. Owens
by Percy Johnson

Gifted by Kathy Kirk

Terry Lampert by Claire Lampert

Mario A. Lijoi by Natalie
Lijoi
Josephine Marrella by Vickie
Lijoi

Gifted by Carl & Linda Mariotti

Ray & Mary Shumate
by Jimmie & Marilyn McCoy

Barry McCloud
by Jean McCloud & Tess Mannel

Gifted by Mike & Patti McGinnity

Anthony & Michelina Iacullo
by Claude & Annette Morgan

Gifted by Daniel & Ruth Perez

Anthony Paul Peretti by Patty Peretti

Monty Ramella by Debby Ramella

Ramella & Smith Families
by Tullio & Linda Ramella

Deceased Members of the
Rebuck Family & Mitch
Rebuck
by Deb Rebuck

Beth George by Connie Saunders

Jose Buendia
Genara Buendia
by Dennis & Marietta Tumbokon

Gifted by The Umberger Family

Gifted by Stephen & Laura Ward

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted “yes,” then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God’s grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God’s plan for you will always be there. ●



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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

**GENERAL
AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2025**



MARCO IACOBILICCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31