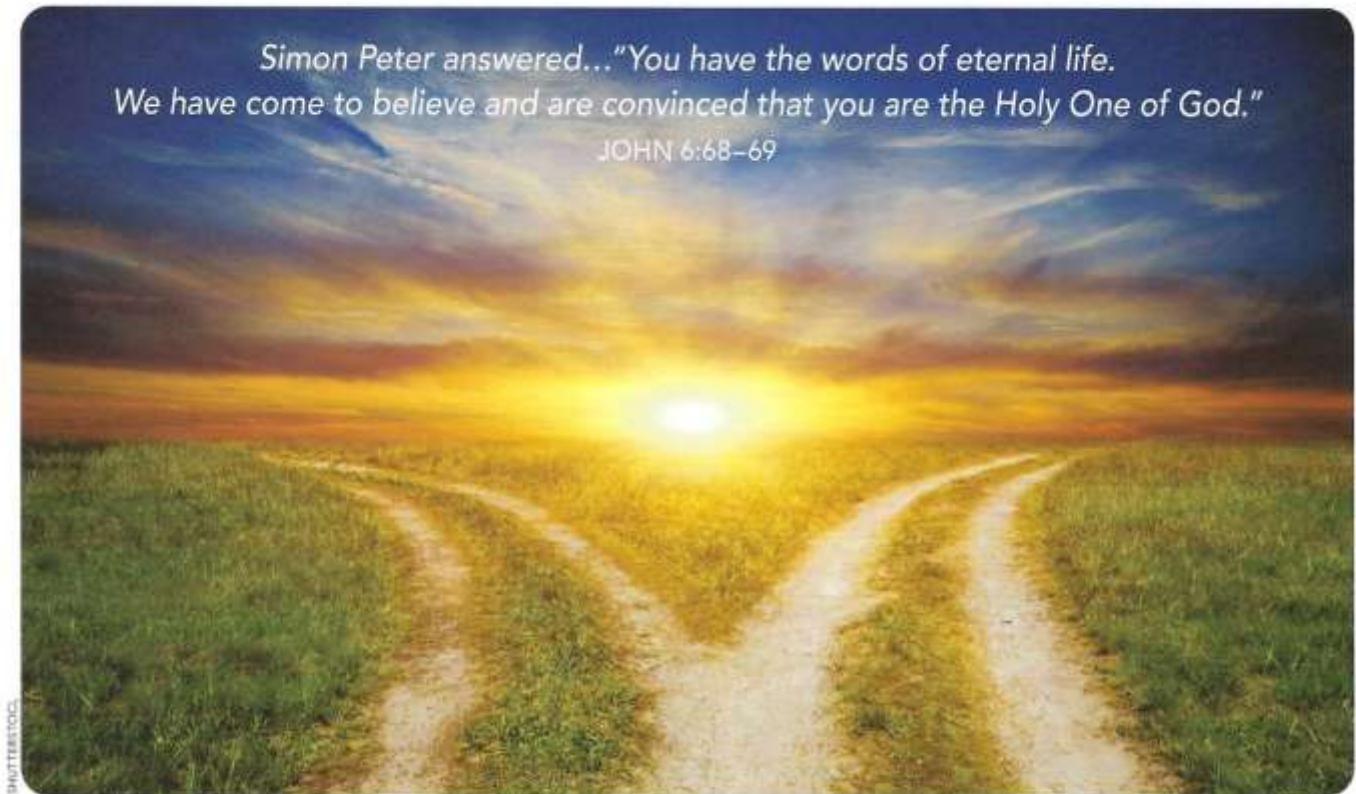


*Simon Peter answered...“You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

JOHN 6:68–69



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Make Up Your Mind

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- ★ *Trust in God’s care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 Wyoming Street, Bluefield, WV 24701



Parish Office Hours:

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

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

CONFESSIONS: First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00am or by appointment

August 21 & 22, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 21 - 6:00 PM – Alana Caldwell by Sons of Italy

Sunday, Aug 22 - 9:00 AM – Mark Warner by Sacred Heart

Tuesday, Aug 24 - 12:00 – Julia Bates by Patricia Peebles

Wednesday, Aug 25- 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Aug 28 - 6:00 PM – Eugene McClellan by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, Aug 29 - 9:00 AM – Barry McCloud by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FIRST FRIDAY MASSES
ARE OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON
LIVESTREAM <http://facebook.com/sacredheartbluefield>

Princeton Sacred Heart will offer Mass

Tuesday at 6pm, Thursday at noon, and First Friday at noon.
Weekend Masses remain Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at
11am. All are livestreamed and open to the public

UPCOMING Events

August 23 – 7 pm – Knights of Columbus meeting

August 28 – 10 am -5 pm Re-Tec at St John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston
6pm- Installation Mass for Fr Sebastian as Vicar Forane for
Beckley Vicariate

August 29 – 9 am Confirmation Mass

September 3 – 6 pm – First Friday Mass

September 6 – Labor Day, Office Closed

September 13 – 7 pm – Knights of Columbus meeting

September 19 – Catechetical Sunday and the start of Faith Formation classes

September 22-23- Fr Sebastian at Presbyteral Council

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	Weekend Aug 14-15	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,910.00	146,864.52	144,800.00
Loose Offertory	152.00	7,181.00	6,000.00
Flowers	40.00		
Total Offerings & Contributions	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 154,045.52	\$ 150,800.00
Food Pantry	182.00	32,864.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 39	9am: 95	

CSA progress:

Goal: **\$22,180.00**
Current total
donations: **\$24,056.00**
108% of goal
52 parishioners have
donated
Amount returned to
parish: **\$12,966.00**



The Altar Flowers are donated by
Jay and Pat Valeyko in celebration of their
50th Wedding Anniversary.



Music for the weekend of August 22

Entrance Hymn: Gather Your People
Psalm: PS. 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord...
Offertory: Amazing Grace
Mystery of Faith: When we eat this bread....
Lord's Prayer: recite
Communion: Bread for the Broken
Recessional: Lord of All Hopefulness

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2021



Confirmation Class Schedule:

Sundays of August 22 ~ Class following 9am Mass in the school
Thursday, August 26 ~ Rehearsal for Confirmation at 4:30pm in the Church
Sunday, August 29 ~ Confirmation during 9am Mass with Breakfast to follow

Please keep our Confirmation Class and others in Prayer that they receive an abundance of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:
Ethan Aiello, Jaiden Borich, Hadley Wills, Jackson Wills, Blake Zinsmeister, and Colette Lindley ~ from St Francis de Sales, Beckley
Catechists ~ Wendi Aiello, Julia Harrison, and Ashley Rebeck
Sponsors: Alex Aiello, Grace Aiello, Sherry Ciccolini, Randall Kidd, & Angela Kroll
Debra Lanna ~ from St. Francis de Sales, Beckley



Catechetical Sunday ~ September 19, 2021

Our theme this year:

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed"

This year, Sacred Heart will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021 under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." Faith Formation begins following Mass in the school building. Those who the Church Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called and formally commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an invitation for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Many of you are wondering about how we will proceed with the uptick in

Covid-19. At this time, we plan to have in-person classes, but we will assess the situation regularly and adapt if necessary. Our children and their family's safety is our first priority!

Call Julia if you are available to help



R.C.I.A. ~ 2021-2022

Walking the path as a Catholic is a lifelong journey. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process that begins in the fall with an inquiry session, TBA. The process is designed for adults who are coming to the Catholic faith from another faith tradition, have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but have not received any other Sacraments, or have not been baptized in any particular faith tradition. The RCIA process allows you to journey through the full liturgical year and the timeline can vary from person to person as to the readiness of reception of the Sacraments of Initiation ~

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

To learn more, please contact Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455 or Julia at the parish office at 304-327-5623.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese. As our shepherd, the Bishop desires to listen to God's people. This will assist him in developing a deeper understanding of the hearts, minds, and needs of the faithful.

ALL are highly encouraged to participate!

Parishioners will have the option of completing the survey via emailed link, digital platforms (social media and websites), or manually via a paper survey. Completing the survey should take 7 to 10 minutes. Survey distribution will begin the first weekend in September, and will run for two full weeks until September 19. Look for more details soon and don't miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia!

The poster is for a "Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC" event. At the top, it asks "How much do you love me?" and invites people to "JOIN THE STATE-WIDE TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST FAMILY FOR RE-TEC". Below this, it specifies the date and time: "SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021, 10:00am - 5:00pm" at "Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV". A list of activities is provided, including a keynote speaker, Mass with the Bishop, breakout sessions, and reconnecting with friends. The poster ends with the website "tec.org/tec-reunion" and the slogan "The 'Fourth Day' of TEC Never Ends!".

"How much do you love me?"

JOIN THE STATE-WIDE
TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST
FAMILY FOR
RE-TEC

A Re-Boot and Renewal of TEC in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021
10:00am - 5:00pm
Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV

Schedule includes:

- Keynote speaker Todd Fowler
- Mass with Bishop Mark E. Brennan
- Breakout sessions
- Reconnecting with old friends and acquaintances
- Opportunity to get more involved with TEC WV
- Making new friends
- Lunch

Please visit tec.org/tec-reunion to register.

The "Fourth Day" of TEC Never Ends!



Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation

Are you a catechist working with young people or adults with the RCIA? Are you a “person in the pew” who would like to deepen your faith and learn more about scripture and theology?

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is sponsoring courses through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) program just for folks in this diocese!! You can take these courses for catechetical certification or as opportunities for adult faith formation. Each course is five weeks long and follows a hybrid model. That is, it combines online resources with a once a week live (Zoom) lecture/discussion.

The Diocese will cover the cost of the course. There is no book associated with the course, as all of the materials are online. Our next session will run Aug 22 - Sept 25, with live lectures on Thursdays either 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm. We will be offering: Images of Jesus, and the facilitator is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality

is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Presently, our calendar reflects the following opportunities:



Celebrate the Spirit. Saturday, August 28, 2021

(via Zoom) from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, to deepen our insights and explore the Spirituality of the 12 Steps. Sr. Molly M. will be presenting on the 11th Step. To register, email WVIS at wvisreg@aol.com. Donation \$10.00. Scholarships provided. Zoom ID # and passcode will be provided once registration has been completed.

Life Steppingstones: Connecting with Our Deepest Selves through Journaling. A 10-week program offered via Zoom facilitated by Sally Orcutt, O.P., M.A. and Sr. Carole Riley, CPD, Ph.D. Sessions on Thursdays, September 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. until November 9, 2021 (via Zoom). This program is approved for 15 LPC CEUs, RN & MSW CEUs. Participants will use journaling, music, dreams, life story and addictive patterns of thinking to gain self-knowledge and growth. Donation \$100. To register, email WVIS at wvisreg@aol.com or you can call our office at 304-345-0926.

The Love Challenge. October 2, 2021, 8:15 to 1 p.m., will be held live at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans WV (masks required), also via Zoom. Workshop endeavors to create a safe environment for reflection on racial bias. Free will offering. To register, email WVIS at wvisreg@aol.com or you can call our office at 304-345-0926.

Please Pray for:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Nick Ameli, Linda Angelelli, Peggy Austin, Stephanie Blevins, Loretta Carrigan, Bruce Cerny, Tony Colobro, Cathy Cook, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran Derenge, Louis Eller, Alex Ercoline, Angie Genoves, Katie Goodwin, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Linkous, Rick & Tommie Jo Longworth, Fr. Greg Lyttle, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Annette Morgan, Shane Neal, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Tommy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Virginia Shumate, John Stacy Sr., Joe Thomas, Patricia Zande, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Sam Gattuso, Dolores Pritchett, Dina Rasi, Mosie Rocchetti, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Andrew Arczynski, Jeffery Arkland, Peggy Austin, Robert Below, Mike Blanton, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Chris Buckner, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Lori Hale, , Loretta Hedrick, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Donita Karras, Melonie Koch, Zoe Kotsko, Michael Kovach, Dawn Lawless, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous Jaysen, Marshall, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Scott Morris, Shane Neal, Jonny Phillips, Tripp Ramsey, Jerry Rasi, William Ray, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Brian Richard, Cathy Richards, Mariam Salaita, Grace Salas, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Evelyn Turnbough, Earl Wilson, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Cathleen Underwood, James Vance, Nicoletta Wanja, Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL: George Aiello, Randy Albert, Melinda Fanning, Claude Morgan, Ann Robinson, Mike Romeo, Gary Rumberg, Pat Valeyko

- **The First Lector listed, please read the First Reading and the Intercessory Prayers.**
- **The Second Lector listed, please read the Second Reading, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion to the live streamers (only at 9am Mass), and the Announcements.**
- **For those Masses where only one Lector is listed, please read all of the above.**

August 2021 Ministry Schedule						
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
8/21 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Theresia Lowery	Anthony and Eli Peretti	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Ida Pascasio
8/22 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Mary Malamisura	Ethan & Rhys Aiello	Randy Albert	Linda Mariotti	Ron Ciccolini
8/28- 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Purita Bueneffe	Purita Bueneffe	Anthony Peretti	Patty Peritti	Maria Munsey
8/29 - 9 am	Claire & Terry Lampert	Cheri Mulkey	M. Malamisura, Keagan Wills, Rhys Aiello, Stephanie & Marissa Copolo, Eli Peretti, Madison Rebeck, Aiden Zinsmeister	Wendi Aiello Ashley Rebeck	Clergy	Rocky Malamisura

Dear Padre,

My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?

If circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014



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Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 23
Weekday
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday
AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
AUGUST 26
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

Friday
AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
AUGUST 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday
AUGUST 29
Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

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