

Law Versus Values

That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.


This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

★ *Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?*



[Jesus said,]
"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

MARK 7:15

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 28 & 29, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, Aug 31 - 12:00 –☩ Adelaide Aschmann Brady & Timothy Brady by Annette & Claude Morgan

Wednesday, Sep 1- 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Sep 4 - 6:00 PM – ☩ Barry McCloud by Jean & Tess McCloud

Sunday, Sep 5 - 9:00 AM – People of Sacred Heart

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 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 4 – 10 – 11 am - First Saturday Reconciliation

September 4-5 – Special Emergency Collection to Support Humanitarian efforts in Haiti

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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Bishop Brennan is asking for everyone, over the age of 2, to wear a mask to Mass & Thank you for this act of Christian Charity.



*Congratulations Fr. Sebastian on
your appointment as*

Vicar Forane for Beckley Vicariate

*The Lord helped you to succeed! This new
work attests to your strong character
and discipline. May you be blessed with
all the good things you deserve.*



The Altar Flowers are donated Polla and Gary Rumberg
in loving memory of Eugene McClellan.



Congratulations Steven Peebles!!

The Pocahontas State Correctional Center
acknowledged Steven for not giving a second
thought to his safety by helping to save a
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Thank you for your outstanding professionalism,
intuitive and fast action.



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Support our parish by
making a gift to the
Catholic Sharing Appeal
dwc.org/CSA

CSA progress:

Goal: \$22,180.00

Current total donations: \$26,655.00

120% of goal

54 parishioners have donated

Amount returned to parish: \$15,565.00

	weekend Aug 21-22	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,283.00	150,147.52	148,400.00
Loose Offertory	320.00	7,501.00	5,800.00
Votive Candles (Gross)	50.00	170.00	350.00
Total ASSESSABLE INCOME	\$3,653.00	\$157,818.52	\$154,550.00
Food Pantry	400.00	33,264.00	
Attendance:	6pm: 45	9am: 82	

To donate today, use the QR code or mail to:
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SACRED HEART BLUEFIELD

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2021



Congratulations to our Confirmation Class 2021

Thank you to Bishop Mark Brennan, Fr. Sebastian, and Deacon Don

Ethan Aiello, Jaiden Borich, Hadley Wills, Jackson Wills, and Blake Zinsmeister

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

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2021-22



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. We are in need of a third grade catechist to alternate every other Sunday with another catechist. 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!

PARISH COUNCIL: Wendi Aiello, Theresa Bales, Bob Buzzo, Ron Ciccolini, Stephen Copolo, Deborah Garton, Angie Genovesi, Terry Lampert, Mary Ann Lijoi, Courtney Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Annette Morgan, Anthony Peretti, Greg Rogers, Laura Ward

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

August 2021 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
8/28- 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Purita Buenefe	Purita Buenefe	Anthony Peretti Deborah Garton	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 Rebuck, Aiden Zinsmeister	Wendi Aiello Ashley Rebuck	Clergy	Rocky Malamisura

**Special Emergency Collection Sept. 4-5
to Support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti**

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti, Bishop Mark Brennan has joined Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, asking all faithful to consider donating to a special emergency collection to provide aid to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and future disasters. This collection will take place at weekend Masses on Sept. 4-5th in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The August earthquake killed more than 1,200 Haitian people and injured upwards of 5,700 others, leaving an overwhelming trail of destruction and rubble for a people who are hurting due to the socio-economic and political instability in their country, while still processing the assassination of their president in July.

The Holy Father urged the international community to show support and solidarity to help the country lighten the consequences of the tragedy.

“As I raise my prayers to the Lord for the victims, I address a word of encouragement to the survivors, desiring that the international community will take a shared interest in them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy,” Pope Francis said, adding that the faithful should offer a Hail Mary together for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti to intercede for us.

Checks are to be made payable to your respective parish/mission and on the memo, line indicate: Special Collection for disaster relief.

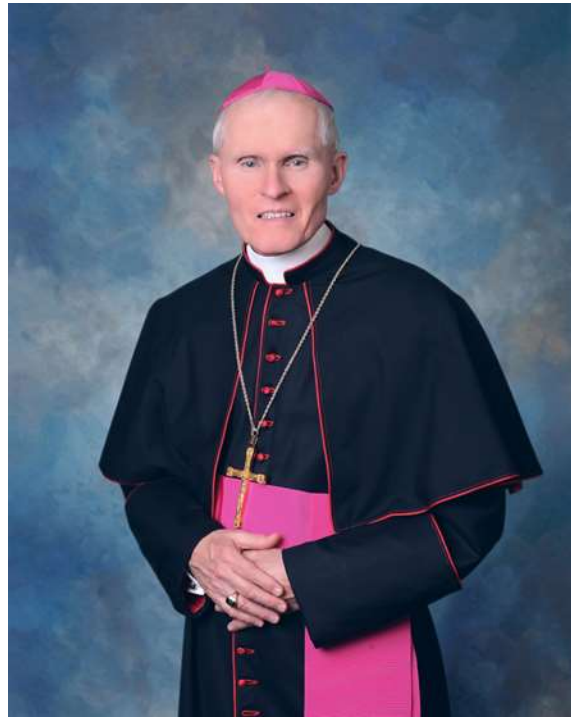
Annette Morgan	2
Patrick Fanning	3
Deborah Froy	3
Karen Rasi	3
Thelma Rasi	4
Callie Winfree	4
Aiden Zinsmeister	6
Zooey Brown	7
Josh Bryant	7
Michael Maupin	7
Randall Kidd	9
Eleanor Short	9
Christina Flanagan	10
Paige Melda	10
Joseph Serio	10
Connie Saunders	11
Don Mullins	12
Barbara Musolin	12
Thomas Harrison	13
LaQuay Slade	13
Joseph Hudson	14



Monty Ramella	14
Jerry Rasi	14
Joseph Bisaha	15
Cynthia Mabardy	15
Wendi Aiello	16
Anthony Bisaha	16
Teresa Derenge	16
Frank Monaco	17
Vernie Beggs	18
Pam Browning	18
Mary Azzo	19
Matthew Redman	19
Daeghyn Griffith	20
Frank Brady	24
Sonny Eller	24
Ethan Aiello	25
Carey Ott	25
Linda Angelelli	28
John Monaco	28
John Stacy	29
Alec Aquirre	30



Debra & Anthony Bisaha	5
Cathy & Carl Cook	14
Susie & John Keczan	15
Sandra & Justin Bays	18
Tida & Mark Hyduke	19
Gray & Anthony Peretti	28
Carey & Lucas Ott	30



Thank you, Bishop Brennan for bringing your Joyous Spirt to the installation Mass of Fr. Sebastian and the Confirmation of our youth.

God Bless you for your Guidance and Caring support with your Love, your generous gift, and Prescence in our life. Thank you.





Congratulations to our Confirmation Class 2021

August 29, 2021

Thank you to

Bishop Mark Brennan, Fr. Sebastian, and Deacon Don

Ethan Aiello

Son of Wendi & George Aiello

Jaiden Borich

Son of Tina & Johnny Borich

Hadley Wills

Daughter of Katie Kidd

Jackson Wills

Son of Katie Kidd

Blake Zinsmeister

Son of Stacey & Michael Zinsmeister

Colette Lindley

*Daughter of Kristin & Judd Lindley
from St. Francis de Sales, Beckley*

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, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Donald Bowles, Chris Buckner, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Sandy Chasse, Irene Charney, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Lisa Dalton, Christina Easton, Virgil Ellison, Mike Farmer, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Lori Hale, Loretta Hedrick, Alexis Herald, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Jim & Marsha Houchins, 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, Chris Froy and Breanna Mooney & their unborn baby, 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, David & Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Earl Wilson, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Cathleen Underwood, James Vance, Nicoletta Wanja,

- **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.**

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9/4 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Theresia Lowery	Purita Buenefe	Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Sue Mazol
9/5 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Terry Lampert	M. Malamisura & Madison Rebuck	Terry & Claire Lampert	Kathy Kirk	Bob Buzzo
9/11 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	TBD	Anthony and Eli Peretti	Cork Hudak	Patty Peretti	Marcia Munsey
9/12 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	TBD	Ethan & Rhys Aiello	Carry Ott Bob Buzzo	Cynthia Stacy	Steve Copolo
9/18 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Purita Buenefe	Dave & Davey Kelly	Cork Hudak Tom Behrmann	Patty Peretti	Sue Mazol
9/19 - 9 am	Theresia Lowry	Cheri Mulkey	M. Malamisura & Aiden Zinsmeister	Ashley Rebuck Randy Albert	Claire Lampert	Rocky Malamisura
9/25 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	TBD	Purita Buenefe	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Ida Pascasio
9/26 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Terry Lampert	Jackson & Hadley Wills	Bob Buzzo Thresa Bales	Linda Mariotti	Ron Ciccolini

Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his “perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues” is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

I'd be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor

of the Church

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 5

Twenty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 35:4–7a

Jas 2:1–5

Mk 7:31–37

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