

Live in Love

Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.


We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this *is* the case, because this transforming power *is* available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What keeps you from being a loving person?*
- ✦ *What can you do about this?*



*Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4:32

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 7 & 8, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 7 - 6:00 PM – ✠ Alena Caldwell by Sacred Heart

Sunday, Aug 8 - 9:00 AM – ✠ Chris Malamisura by Mary and Michael Malamisura

Tuesday, Aug 10 - 12:00 –No Daily Mass

Wednesday, Aug 11- 6:00 PM – No Daily Mass

Saturday, Aug 14 - 6:00 PM – Tara Wyatt (Birthday) by Rick & Laura Wyatt

Sunday, Aug 15 - 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 9-13 No Daily Masses, Fr. Sebastian is out of town

August 18 –6 pm LitNic – Host Angela & Scott Meade

August 28 – 10a-5pm 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

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

Bluefield Goal: \$22,180

Great Job Sacred Heart!!



Dear loving Sacred Heart family,

*“You will be my people and I will be your God”
Jeremiah 30:22*

Our Heavenly Father is so generous to us; providing for all our needs! We are so blessed with a beautiful church! Throughout the years, our people have contributed their time, talent and treasure to improve and maintain our worship space and grounds. This work is truly a form of thanksgiving! Currently, there is a need to repair the church roof, update the sidewalks and railings, renovate the Food Pantry and other maintenance issues and repairs. Recently, I was approached by a generous donor who would like to help us complete these projects. He is willing to match donations 2 for 1 made through the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal up to \$100,000.00. Our church has exceeded 50% of our goal, and to this point, \$11,000 will be returned to the church to use according to our discretion. This amount will be matched with \$22,000 from our donor. If we can raise an additional \$39,000, he will match it with \$78,000 and we will have at total of \$150,000. I encourage each of you to discern if you are being called to participate in this great charity for our parish. Let us come together as a community to support this project for the present and future generations of our church. All gifts, no matter how large or small, are greatly appreciated! For those who are unable to contribute financially, we ask your support by offering your prayers.

Through the generosity of our benefactor, we have been given a great opportunity and blessing for our church. Please consider accepting this gift and challenge. Bluefield Sacred Heart is very thankful to our anonymous donor. In the past, he has helped us our lighting projects. I humbly ask your prayers for him and his family and for our church!

May the blessings of Almighty God be upon you,

Father Sebastian

	weekend July31 - Aug 1	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,560.44	139,820.52	137,600.00
Maintenance	10.00	4,420.00	5,200.00
Loose Offertory	478.00	6,909.00	5,200.00
Total Offerings & Contributions	\$ 6,048.44	\$151,149.52	\$ 148,000.00
Food Pantry	525.00	34,861.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 48	9am: 64	

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2021



"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed"

Confirmation Class Schedule:

Sundays of August 8, 15, & 22 ~ Class following 9am Mass in the school

Saturday, August 14 ~ Class Retreat 10am – 2pm

Thursday, August 26 ~ Rehearsal for Confirmation at 4:30pm in the Church

Sunday, August 29 ~ Confirmation during 9am Mass with Brunch 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, and Blake Zinsmeister

Catechists ~ Wendi Aiello, Julia Harrison, and Ashley Rebeck

Sponsors: Alex Aiello, Grace Aiello, Sherry Ciccolini, Randall Kidd, & Angela Kroll

Catechetical Sunday ~ September 19, 2021. More Information to Follow. If you are willing to help with Faith Formation this year, please call Julia at the parish office.



RCIA ~ 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.

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
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Gary Rumberg	Pat Valeyko	



Music for the weekend of August 8

Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Psalm: PS.34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Offertory: Loving and Forgiving

Mystery of Faith: When we eat this bread....

Lord's Prayer: recite

Communion: The Cry of the Poor

Recessional: How Can I Keep from Singing

Food Pantry Monthly Report 2021

June 2021							
Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
2-Jun	93	31	124	0	60	327	53
9-Jun	133	32	165	3	328	283	73
16-Jun	109	32	141	4	213	243	66
23-Jun	94	30	124	2	484	216	54
30-Jun	30		34	1	171	88	22
Monthly Totals	459	125	588	10	1256	1157	268
Y-T-D Distribution	2345	1091	3440	56	1909	1960	1503

July 2021							
Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
7-Jul	79	14	93	1	549	196	49
14-Jul	109	37	146	3	713	284	71
21-Jul	109	17	126	4	676	256	64
28-Jul	96	42	138	3	803	224	56
Monthly Totals	393	110	503	11	2741	960	240
Y-T-D Distribution	2738	1205	3943	67	4650	2920	1743

"How much do you love me?"

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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 dwc.org/tec-reunion to register.

The "Fourth Day" of TEC Never Ends!

Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Our next LitNic will be held at:

Angela & Scott Meade's home on Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Location: 613 Fairway St., Bluefield, VA

Please contact Angela at (276)-326-2683 by Monday, August 16 if you plan to attend.

The Lit is Mass beginning at 6:00 PM followed by the Nic, a covered dish meal to be shared by all. Although intended to bring Catholics in a neighborhood together, anyone can attend any LitNic.



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, Mark Warner, 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, 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

Prayer Request Line: Please call **The Church Office (304-327-5623), Joan Monaco (304-325-7217), Donna Kelly (304-922-1066), or Annette Morgan (304-320-3625).**

In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

- Bluefield Parish Office (304) 327-5623
- Princeton Parish Office (304) 425-3664
- Laura Wyatt at (760) 995-7883

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 to distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: Fr. Sebastian 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. Sebastian to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

- **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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
8/7 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Deborah Garton	Purita Buenefe	Deborah Garton	Patty Peritti	Ida Pascasio
8/8 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Cheri Mulkey	Keegan Wills & Mary Malamisura	Theresa Bales Carey Ott	Terry Lampert	Steve Copolo
8/14 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Maria Zaluando	David Kelly	Maria Zalduondo	Cork Hudak	Ida Pascasio
8/15 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Terry Lampert	Mary Malamisura	Ron Ciccolini	Rocky Malamisura	Randy Albert
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	Ashly Rebuck Randy Albert	Linda Mariotti	Ron Ciccolini
8/28- 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Purita Buenefe	Purita Buenefe	Anthony Peretti	Patty Peritti	Maria Munsey
8/29 - 9 am	Claire & Terry Lampert	Cheri Mulkey	Mary Malamisura, Keegan Wills, Rhys Aiello, Stephanie & Marissa Coppola	Bob Buzzo Randy Albert	Carol Havens	Rocky Malamisura

Dear Padre,

When I hear “Oh my God,” should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?

When I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus’ name. My mother said, “Oh, I don’t think Jesus is playing today.” She made her point, but I doubt she changed his future behavior.



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I don’t think we’re obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God’s name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, “You know, there are children here.” Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we’re under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn’t say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing.

Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it’s not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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*

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 22, 2018

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 9
Weekday
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday
AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Wednesday
AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday
AUGUST 12
Weekday
Jos 3:7–10a,
11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday
AUGUST 13
Weekday
Jos 24:1–13
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday
AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday
AUGUST 15
The Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56