

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ✦ How are these works fortified by faith?

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

JAMES 2:18

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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

September 11 & 12, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sep 11 - 6:00 PM – Tresa Ogg (Birthday) by Rick & Laura Wyatt

Sunday, Sep 12 - 9:00 AM – ☩ Mark Warner by The Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, Sep 14 - 12:00 – People of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Sep 15- 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

Saturday, Sep 18 - 6:00 PM – ☩ Bedford Baker by Deborah Garton

Sunday, Sep 19 - 9:00 AM – ☩ William Peters by Church

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

September 13 – Cancelled - Knights of Columbus meeting

September 16 – Parish Council

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

September 22-23- Fr Sebastian at Presbyteral Council

September 27 – 7 pm – Knights of Columbus meeting

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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.



	Sep 4-5, 2021		
	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	6,045.00	159,688.52	156,500.00
Maintenance	450.00	4,895.00	5,800.00
Loose Offertory	360.00	7,931.00	6,250.00
Total Offerings & Contributions	\$ 6,855.00	\$ 172,514.52	\$ 168,550.00
Food Pantry	339.00	33,663.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 45	9am: 55	


 DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON *Sept 2, 2021*

Dear Father Sebastian,

Please thank your parishioners for the beautiful crucifix they gave me when I visited Sacred Heart. I discovered that I did not have a crucifix in my office, so their gift will soon be hanging on one of the walls.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to Bluefield. May God bless you as pastor and vicar forane. My love reaches to all your people.

Fraternally in Christ, + Merle



Support our parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal

dwc.org/CSA

CSA progress:
 Goal: **\$22,180.00**
 Current total donations: **\$55,465.50**
250% of goal
 61 parishioners have donated
 Amount returned to parish: **\$44,375.00**

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. 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. **Due to the uptick in Covid cases we are seriously considering moving to zoom for the First Unit of lessons. That would be September 19 through November 7. Catechists and parents will be contacted for your opinion or you can email or call Julia.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

As we begin another year of faith formation in our Parish, I want to express my gratitude to our catechists for dedication to our children and their families. Catechetical Sunday is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on each person's role, by virtue of Baptism, in echoing down the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, our Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."* Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Those to be commissioned include catechists from our Faith Formation program, RCIA team members, and youth ministry.

Our catechists have the unique privilege of being the hands and feet of Jesus to their students. The classroom is a mission field where the healing love of Christ is shown through words and actions.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for a wide range of healing.... physical, spiritual, and emotional, both in ourselves and our world. We must remember that complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. Despite the many forms of our suffering, when our soul is healed, all is healed.

The words we pray at Mass, *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"*, have the power to remind us to open our eyes to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist. This healing is essential, eternal, and ever open and available to us. So, we humbly ask Jesus to say the word, and with that act of supreme faith, Jesus enters under our roof, and our souls shall be healed.

Father Sebastian



Music for the weekend of September 12

Entrance Hymn: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

Psalm: PS.116: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living

Offertory: These Alone Are Enough

Mystery of Faith: We proclaim your death....

Lord's Prayer: recite

Communion: Unless a Grain of Wheat

Recessional: America



Congratulations!

Annette & Claude Morgan on the
birth of their granddaughter

Olivia Grace LaMothe

Born August 30th
to Courtney (Morgan) & Shaun LaMothe
10lbs 4oz & 21 inches long



Diocesan Pilgrimage in Honor of St. Joseph Second Sundays in September-November

WHEELING - Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with faithful from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by making a pilgrimage to significant churches in the state named for the Guardian of the Redeemer and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Consider embarking on your St. Joseph pilgrimage at one of three notable churches under his patronage with Mass and special tours of the churches on the second Sunday of each month from September to November (Sept. 12, Oct. 10, and Nov. 14. See Sunday Pilgrimage Mass times below).

- St. Joseph Church, 225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 13th and Eoff Streets, Wheeling. Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 am
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 229 California Avenue, Weirton. Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 am

Bishop Mark Brennan encourages Catholics in West Virginia to visit the churches, chapels, and missions in the diocese named in honor of St. Joseph.

Bishop Brennan has extended the Year of St. Joseph in our diocese to conclude on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, beloved father, guardian of the Holy Family, and humble servant of God, through the solemnity on March 19, 2022.

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



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.

Food Pantry Monthly Report

August 2021							
Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
4-Aug	93	37	130	1	389	216	54
11-Aug	101	34	135	4	1239	200	60
18-Aug	89	16	105	8	586	216	54
25-Aug	146	47	193	9	564	324	81
Monthly Totals	429	134	563	22	2778	956	249
Y-T-D Distribution	3167	1339	4506	89	7428	3876	1992

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!

Please use these links to access the surveys. (<https://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey/>
Spanish Survey Link <https://dwc.org/encuesta-de-necesidades-pastorale/>)

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 Genovesi, 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 & Breanna Mooney & Avett Froy, 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, Brandon Stowers, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, David & Teresa Taylor, Evelyn Turnbough, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Larry & Hilda Sutphin, Cathleen Underwood, Nicoletta Wanja, Charlotte Woolwine, Virginia Wyatt

- **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.**

September 2021 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary	Altar Server	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Hospitality
9/11 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Feleesha Moran	Anthony and Eli Peretti	Feleesha Moran Cork Hudak	Patty Peretti	Marcia Munsey
9/12 - 9 am	Claire Lampert	Cheri Mulkey	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	TBD
9/19 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Cheri Mulkey	M. Malamisura & Aiden Zinsmeister	Ashley Rebuck Randy Albert	Claire Lampert	Rocky Malamisura
9/25 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Theresia Lowery	Purita Buenefe	Tom Behrmann Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	Ida Pascasio
9/26 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Cheri Mulkey	Jackson & Hadley Wills	Bob Buzzo Ron Ciccolini	Linda Mariotti	Ron Ciccolini

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.



However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

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Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14-16
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, and Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

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