



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

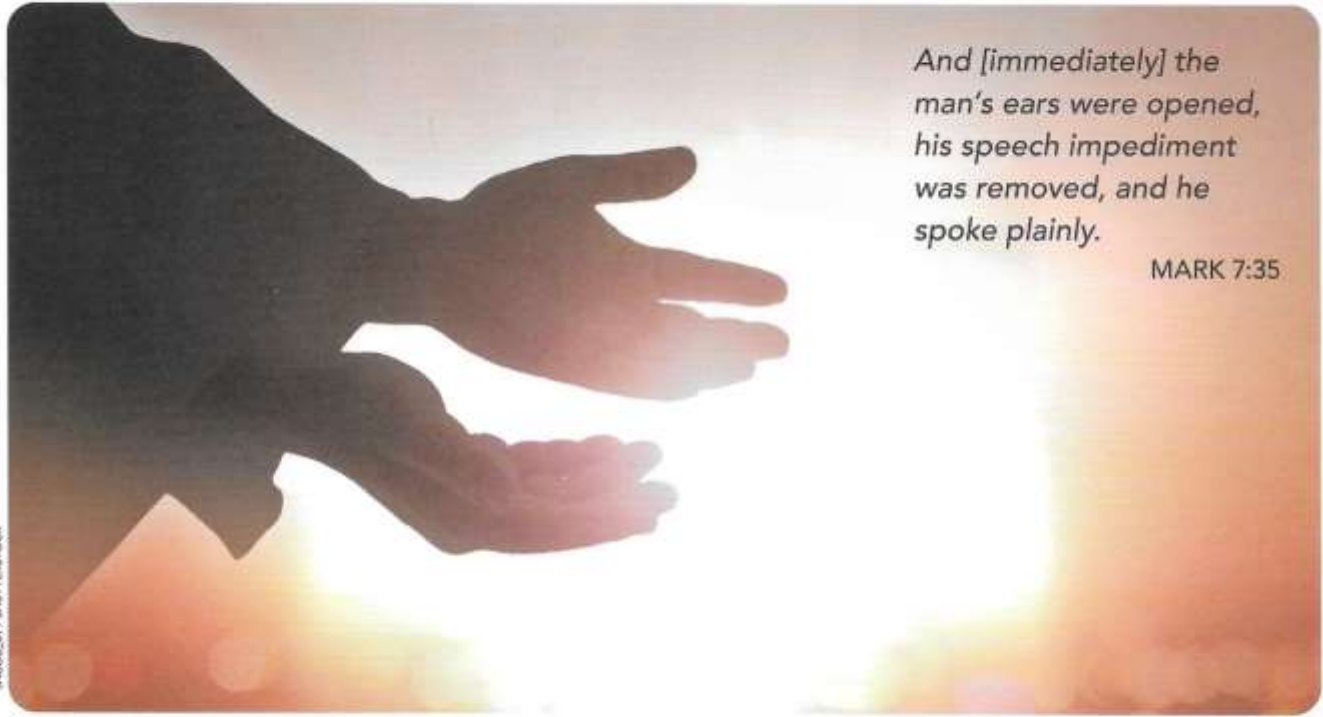
September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



*And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.*

MARK 7:35

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## He Has Done All Things Well

**D**eep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?*
- ★ *How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?*

# 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 4 & 5, 2021

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, Sep 5 - 9:00 AM – ☩ Mark Warner by The Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, Sep 7 - 12:00 – No Mass

Wednesday, Sep 8- 6:00 PM – People of Sacred Heart

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

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 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 7 – No Mass**

**September 13 – Cancelled - Knights of Columbus meeting**

**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.

	weekend Aug 28-29	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,496.00	153,643.52	152,000.00
Loose Offertory	70.00	7,571.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,566.00</b>	<b>\$ 161,214.52</b>	<b>\$ 158,000.00</b>
Food Pantry	60.00	33,324.00	18,000.00
Attendance	6pm: 82	9am: 101	

**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. 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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/>)



**Congratulations!!**

Bobby & Danielle Johns  
on the birth of your baby boy  
  
Lincoln Daniel Johns  
  
The proud grandparents  
Dan & Debbie Johns

## 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 youth will be required to wear masks for faith formation. Our children and their family's safety is our first priority! Faith formation is in need of another third-grade catechist to teach every other Sunday if you are available. Contact Julia at parish office 304-327-5623*



**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.

Please keep Deacon Don Hammond's family in your prayers.

His brother, Sean Hammond, passed away on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Sean's wife, Heidi remains on a ventilator.

They have a young son.



### Music for the weekend of September 5

**Entrance:** Hymn: Praise to the Lord

**Psalm:** PS. Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Offertory:** The King of the Love My Shepherd Is

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

**Lord's Prayer:** recite

**Communion:** Christ, Be Our Light

**Recessional:** America the Beautiful

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality invites you to the following:

- **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, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8 p.m. thru Nov. 9, 2021. Approved for 15 LPC CEUs, RN & MSW CEUs. Use journaling, music, dreams, life story and addictive patterns of thinking to gain self-knowledge and growth. Donation \$100. If interested, please email WVIS at [wvisreg@aol.com](mailto:wvisreg@aol.com) or call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.
- **Mass of Christian Burial for Sr. Mary Pellicane, r.c., Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.,** held at the Basilica of Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, located at 1114 Virginia St E, Charleston, WV 25301 (masks required) OR live stream from:  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BasilicaSacredHeart> or  
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXIzotu3IUX5cg-FlosTMfw>
- **The Love Challenge.** October 2, 2021, 8:15 a.m. to – 1:00 p.m., will be held live at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans WV (masks required), also via Zoom. Presented by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Poke, Sr. Workshop endeavors to create a safe environment for reflection on racial bias. Free will offering. If interested, please email WVIS at [wvisreg@aol.com](mailto:wvisreg@aol.com) or you can call our office at 304-345-0926 or you can register directly at: <http://wvis.org/upcoming-programs/>.

### 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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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



*We extend our deepest sympathy to Carmelita Peters on the death of her husband,  
**William Peters**  
who passed away on August 31, 2021. May our Lord comfort and send you of  
all the angels and saints, peace to all who mourn and may William rest eternally  
in the arms of Jesus, and in the company of all the angels and saints.*

## The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Happy Labor Day!

Monday, September 6, 2021

In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

### Patriot Day

Saturday, September 11, 2021

#### A PEOPLE CHANGED BY 9/11

"The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation."

-Monsignor Robert J. Romano

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.

**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 % 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, 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
9/4 - 6 pm	Purita Buenafe	Theresia Lowery	Purita Buenefe	Anthony Peretti	Deborah Garton	TBD
9/5 - 9 am	Greg & Callie Winfree	Mary Malamisura	M. Malamisura & Madison Rebuck	Ron Ciccolini Theresa Bales	Kathy Kirk	Bob Buzzo
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,

**Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?**

**L**ife is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2473*).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2285).

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."*

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## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

Col 1:24—2:3

Lk 6:6—11

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

Col 2:6—15

Lk 6:12—19

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1—4a or

Rom 8:28—30

Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or  
1:18—23

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver,  
Priest*

Col 3:12—17

Lk 6:27—38

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14

Lk 6:39—42

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Tm 1:15—17

Lk 6:43—49

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 12

*Twenty-fourth  
Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

Is 50:4c—9a

Jas 2:14—18

Mk 8:27—35

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