



## Belonging to Two Families

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**dolescence can bring family life into an upheaval for both parents and adolescents alike. At its heart, adolescence is an urge for independence, a silent instinct to be part of the larger world. It is a calling sewn by God's Spirit into the very fabric of being human. At its best, family life can be the staging ground for that movement outward.

Hannah recognized this when she believed that her young son Samuel was chosen for a specific role in life. It moved her to bring Samuel to the temple to be raised there in growing service to the community. Ultimately Samuel became a charismatic leader of the Hebrew people who would anoint both Saul and David as king. That same calling seemed to take time

to unfold in the awareness of Joseph and Mary who wondered why Jesus stayed behind in the temple. "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" asked Jesus of them (Luke 2:49). All of us are meant to live more than a life of satisfaction for ourselves or even the fulfillment of our parents' dreams.

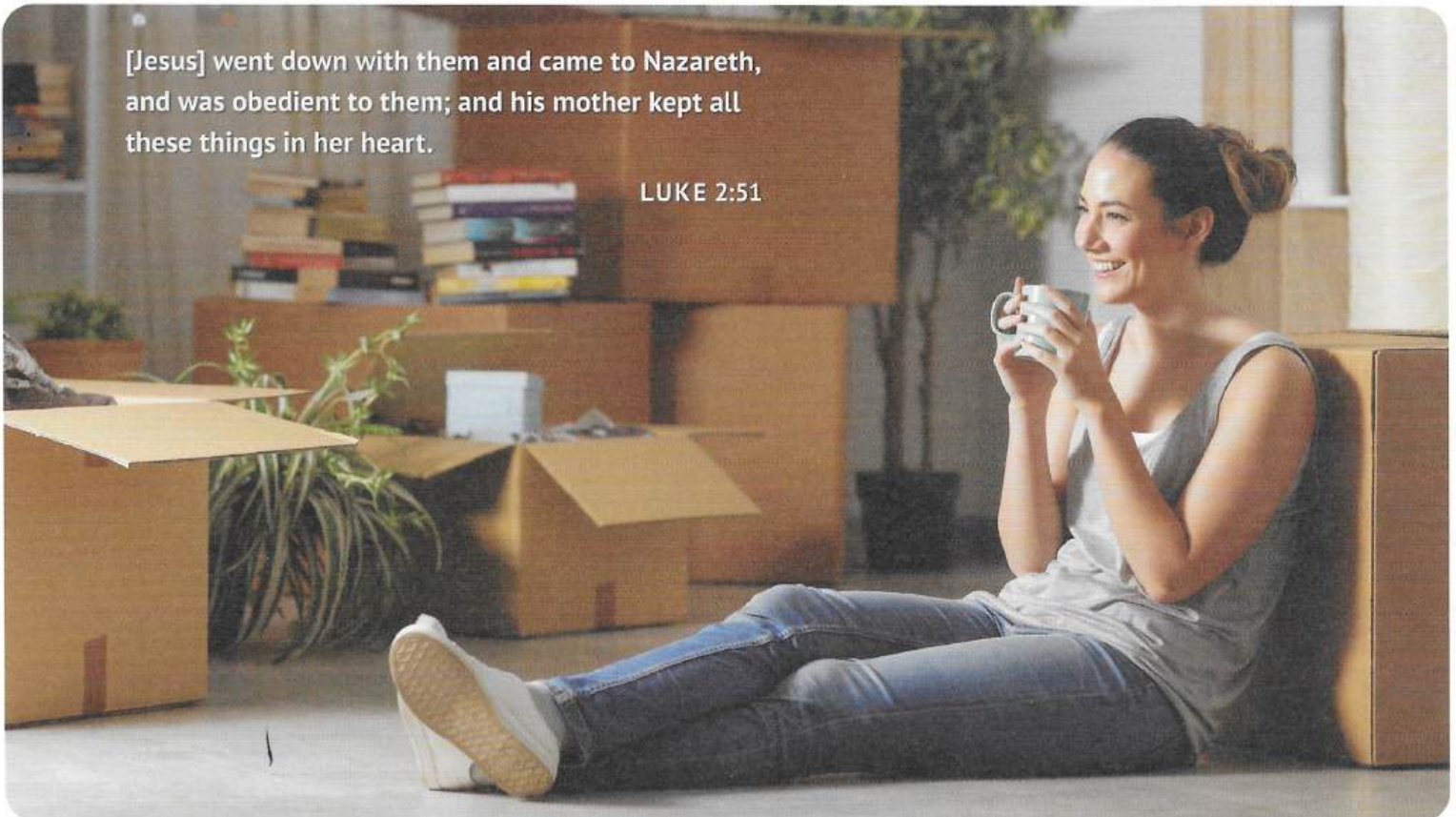
We may find ourselves asking a young person what they want to be when they grow up. A more valuable question might be what they think God wants them to be. While the Spirit of God does not usually ask us to be something contrary to our inclinations, the call of service to the needs of the human family is an added piece to the puzzle of what someone's life might look like. ●

### Reflect

***How has the call to serve God and God's people shown itself in your life?***

[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

LUKE 2:51



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

DECEMBER 28 & 29, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 28 - 6:00 PM

† Mary Shumate by Delores Shumate

### Sunday, December 29 - 9:00 AM

† People of the Parish ( Pro Populo)

### Tuesday, December 31 - Noon

† People of the Parish

### Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary - 12 Noon

† Deceased Members of St. Anne's by Kim Hickman

### Saturday, January 4 - 6:00 PM

† People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

### Sunday, January 5 - 9:00 AM

† People of the Parish (Pro Populo)



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Confession:**

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31: Fr. Sebastian's 30th Anniversary of Ordination

January 1: Solemnity of Mary Mass 12 Noon

January 3: First Friday Mass 6 pm

January 4: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11am

January 4: Ordination Anniversary Dinner 7 pm

January 6-23: Fr. Sebastian in India

January 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

January 14: St. Anne's Meeting 11am

January 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

February 1: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

February 7: First Friday Mass 6 pm

## CHURCH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.  
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**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** Julia Harrison, M.A.A.T.  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Kim Hickman  
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*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.*



CELEBRATING



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YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH  
AFTER 6:00 PM MASS

Help Us Celebrate Fr. Sebastian's  
30th Anniversary of Priesthood!

We will be having a covered dish dinner  
in the lounge to honor Fr. Sebastian!

Please bring a side dish to feed  
10-12 people.

## FAITH FORMATION



### *Faith Formation 2024-2025*

**Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”  
Matthew 25:37b**

**The schedule through January 2025:**

December 29 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday  
January 5, 12 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday  
January 19, 26 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

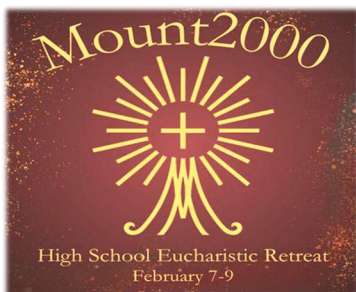
## OCIA



### **Formerly known as RCIA**

*If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8th at 4:30 pm** in the School Building.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### **MOUNT 2000 HIGH SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC RETREAT**

**Who:** Beckley Vicariate High School Youth

**What:** Mount2000 Eucharistic Retreat **When:** February 7-9, 2025

**Where:** Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland

For More Info: Lorin Albin, Youth Ministry Coordinator at Sacred Heart, Pctn  
540.529.6495 or lorinjalbin@gmail.com

## SACRED HEART CENTENNIAL

You still have time to help with the publishing of our History Book. For \$15 you can get a memorial spot and for \$100 you become a Century Club donor. Contact Jean McCloud at Saturday mass or Theresa Bales at Sunday mass. If you drop the donation off at the office, be sure to tell who and what it is for to help us with paperwork.

We also still have ornaments for \$20, cookbooks for \$15, note cards for \$5, and a few magnets for \$5. These are available after church. You can contact Ann Robinson or Theresa Bales or call 304-920-8104 to purchase any items.

The Centennial Committee would like to thank you for all you have done to make this celebration a success!



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Michael	Malamisura	3	Harold	Mabardy	13
David	Duritz	4	James	Crigger	14
Kathleen	Hahn	4	Vittoria	Lijoi	15
Theresa	Bales	5	Michael	Smith	15
Stephen	Copolo	5	Laura	Rogers	18
Katherine	Diltz	6	Edward	Kerr	19
Ryan	Miller	7	Cathy	Mullen	19
Keagan	Wills	7	Anna	Munsey	20
Carl	Cook	8	MaryAnn	Bogucki	21
Roger	Mulkey	9	Percy	Johnson	21
Vincent	Vescio	9	Susie	Keczan	21
Grace	Aiello	11	Bree	Patton	21
David	Hahn	11	Deniza	Sluss	21
Sarah	Moriconi	11	Stephen	Ward	22
John	West	11	Nancy	Rasi	23
Heather	Musolin-Sudduth	12	Jean	McCloud	24
James	Hager	13	Charles	Wright	24
			Patty	Peebles	28
			Linda	Ramella	28
			Kathleen	Kirk	31
			Susannah	Sparks	31

*Michael & Sandy Romeo*

*January 5*

*Charles & Barbara Lynch*

*January 6*

*Randy & Cynthia Albert*

*January 22*

*happy*  
ANNIVERSARY

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free)

January Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
1/01 Wed. Noon	M. Malamisura	No Rosary	Mary	Tom	1. D Garton 2. J. McCloud 3. F. Moran	TBA	Kim
			Malamisura	Behrmann			
1/04 Sat. 6:00 PM	P. Peretti	TBA	Dave	Maria	1. P. Peretti 2. C. Saunders 3. F. Moran	The Pascasio's	R. Albert C. Albert
			Kelley	Zalduondo			
1/05 Sun. 9 am	Winfree's	T. Lampert	H. Wills	C. Ott	1. C. Havens 2. K. Kidd 3. K. Kirk	R. Albert	
			K. Wills	B. Buzzo			
1/11 Sat. 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	A. Peretti	Deborah	1. J. McCloud 2. T. Hager 3. L. Mariotti	J. Monaco	D. Duritza
			E. Peretti	Garton			
1/12 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. West	M. Rebuck	1. S. Copolo 2. A. Robinson 3. M. Romeo	R. Malamisura	R. Malamisura
			K. Oakes	A. Rebuck			
1/18 Sat. 6 pm	TBA	M. Zalduondo	Dave	C. Saunders	1. P. Peretti 2. A. Peretti 3. TBA	The Pascasio's	D. Shumate
			Kelley	F. Moran			
1/19 Sun. 9 am	Winfree's	T. Lampert	C. Tran	C. Lampert	1. T. Lampert 2. C. Havens 3. TBA	B. Buzzo	M. McCoy
			E. Husband	C. Ott			
1/25 Sat. 6pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	A. Peretti	Tom	1. J. McCloud 2. T. Hager 3. D. Garton	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
			E. Peretti	Behrmann			
1/26 Sun 9pm	M. Malamisura	T. Lowery	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1. W. Aiello 2. G. Aiello 3. M. Romeo	S. Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini			

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, John Burton, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Carl Cook, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Frank Mamone,, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

**Friends & Family:** Yvonne Blevins, Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Mark Burnette, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Beth George, Dolly Hager, Steve Hamm, Skip Harless, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Robert Martin, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Brian Richards, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Kay Trimble, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler

If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)

## BISHOP BRENNAN'S EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE



Sacred Heart Catholic Church is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Sacred Heart. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- ◆ Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- ◆ Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- ◆ Help parishioners grow in their faith.

**The 10–15-MINUTE SURVEY** can be accessed through an online link starting in **January of 2025** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. **We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.**

If you have any questions please reach out to our point persons Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421 or Connie Saunders at 304-920-1051.

### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

**In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying:** {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church 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. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**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 for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes & Hospitals:** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.



# Dear Padre,

## *If Jesus was a Jew, why are we Catholic and not Jewish?*

Jesus was a first-century Jew, as were his first disciples. They continued their Jewish practices after Jesus' resurrection, but they believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Judaism. Such claims inevitably led to clashes with Jewish authorities, as when St. Stephen, the first martyr, was charged with blasphemy and stoned to death in Jerusalem in the year 36 (Acts 6–7).

Nevertheless, Jesus' followers initially saw themselves as reformers of Judaism—not founders of a new religion. The Acts of the Apostles traces the first thirty years of this community of believers, from Jesus' ascension in Jerusalem to Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It details the beginnings of their separation from Judaism, as when the Jewish disciples wanted to impose certain practices of Mosaic Law on the Gentile disciples—circumcision, for example (Acts 15:11). Acts and the epistles also chronicle the expansion outside of Jerusalem to the Mediterranean region, where, for example, in Antioch, the disciples of Jesus were called Christians for the first time (Acts 11:26). The first written reference to “Catholic Church” is from St. Ignatius of Antioch around the year 107. Catholic means “universal.” “The Church is catholic: she proclaims the fullness of the faith.... She is sent out to all peoples. She speaks to all men. She encompasses all times” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 868). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.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*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5
Octave of Christmas	Octave of Christmas	Mary, Holy Mother of God	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	Christmas Weekday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	Epiphany of the Lord
1 Jn 2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40	1 Jn 2:18–21 Jn 1:1–18	Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties.... And this too helps...talk within the family, talk at table, dialogue between parents and children, dialogue among siblings. It helps us experience our family roots that come from our grandparents. Dialogue with the grandparents!*

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 26, 2021

