



Family Gifts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any “have-tos” whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one’s home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father’s gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents’ acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws, too. Yet those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love” (Colossians 3:12-14). ●

Reflect

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?



The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom; and the favor of
God was upon him.

LUKE 2:40

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30- 6:00 PM

✠ Mary Shumate by Delores Shumate

Sunday, December 31- 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2- Noon

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, January 3- 9:00 AM

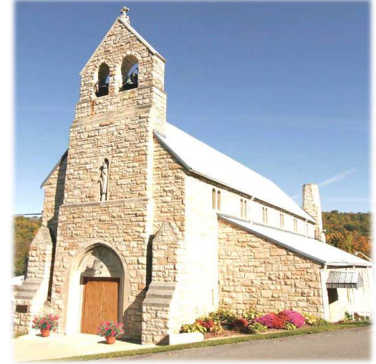
✠ Stanley Linkous by the Catsonis, Arnold, and Linkous Family

Saturday, January 6- 6:00 PM

✠ Fran Derenge by the Centering Prayer Group

Sunday, January 7 - 9:00 AM

✠ Fran Derenge by Barbara Lynch



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass 6pm

January 5: First Friday Mass 6:00 PM

January 6: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 AM

January 8: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 PM

January 13-14: CNEWA Holy Land Collection

January 18: PPC Meeting 6:00 PM

January 20: 2nd Collection: Developing Worlds Collection

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

January 12 ~ Princeton January 26 ~ Princeton

January 19 ~ Bluefield February 9 ~ Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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Born in
January

Michael	Malamisura	3	Harold	Mabardy	13
David	Duritzza	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	Stacy	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



Congratulations Fr. Sebastian for the 29th Anniversary of your Ordination on December 31! If you would like to present him with a card, you can mail it to the parish office or hand it to him before or after Mass. With Sincere Thanks for your Ministry to Sacred Heart!

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

Theme for 2023

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

Matthew 11:28

The schedule through January 2024:

December 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 7 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

RCIA



The next RCIA meeting will be January 10, 2024 in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

CRUSADERS YOUTH

Thank you to the youth who participated in the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.

It was certainly beautiful.



Sacred Heart Cookbooks

The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived!

Please call Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the parish office to pick-up a Cookbook.

They are selling for \$15 per cookbook.



PARISHIONER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Angela Walters

on your appointment as a Judge in the 12th Family Court Circuit



Please help us in wishing a special Happy Birthday to **Tony Colobro** who turned 100 years old over the Christmas weekend.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend

Doxology & the Great Amen



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New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

[New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show - The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray - FORMED](#)



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!

[The Holy Family - Catholic Saints - FORMED](#)



December Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
12/30 Sat. 6pm	Theresia Lowery	V. Hager	TBA	F. Moran V. Hager	1.V. Hager 2.T. Hager 3.C. Saunders	The Pascasio's	TBA
12/31 Sun. 9 AM	Greg & Callie Winfree	Terry Lampert	Hadley Wills Keegan Wills	A. Rebeck C. Ott	1.K. Kidd 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	S. Copolo	

JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH & 20TH FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

RESTORED PARISH MISSION



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00 PM From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story

8:15 PM Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

9:00 AM Mass

9:45 AM Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here

11:00 AM The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus

12:15 PM Men's Lunch

12:45 PM Men's Ministry Training

JOHN EDWARDS
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FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 10:45 AM - 6:00 PM
ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHARLES TOWN, WV

FEATURING:



JOHN AND ANNIE DEJAK

Couple \$32
Register by January 8 to grab an Early Bird discount!

Childcare \$5/child



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Weekly Collections	Dec 23-25	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,215.00	236,244.90	245,000.00
Loose Offertory	1,202.00	22,892.60	20,000.00
Christmas Memorial Flowers	80.00	5,395.00	2,000.00
Christmas Holy Day Collections	3,435.00	3,555.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 8,932.00	\$ 268,087.50	\$268,000.00
Food Pantry	670.00	43,202.35	0.00
Dioc: Catholic Charities WV	803.00	1,183.00	0.00
Attendance: 4th Sunday of Advent	6pm: 54	9am: 61	
Christmas Masses	4pm: 167	7pm: 57	9am: 46

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Bryson Fanning, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha & Patrick Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Gary Haynes, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeier, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Susan Lively, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Bill Wimmer, Charlotte Woolwine

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 parish office.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Goal: \$25,340

of Donations: 52

Amount Raised: \$68,734

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2nd Collection: CNEWA Holy Land Collection January 13-14, 2023

In Light of the Hamas-Israeli war, Bishop Brennan has approved a special second collection for those struggling in the Holy Land. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most.

Dear Padre,

How much should we support our adult children? We have a niece and a daughter who are both healthy, capable, and in their twenties. We have set boundaries and continue to give to them but they just can't seem to get their act together. Would it be unchristian to cut them off?



SHUTTERSTOCK

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes in detail the duties of family members toward each other (CCC 2214–33). Parents are responsible to ensure that their children grow up in faith and to meet their basic needs. Children should show respect toward their parents and, as they grow older, assist them as needed. As children become adults, they should take on responsibility for themselves and parents are not to pressure them into choices of a profession or a spouse, while at the same time, “giving their children judicious advice....” (CCC 2230). At some point, children need to become responsible adults, which brings us to your point.

You seem to have done what is required as parents. At the same time, you would not want to abandon young adults if physical, mental, or emotional factors prevent them from assuming the responsibility of adulthood. If they are healthy, capable young people they should be able to progress in life without your financial assistance. To help them toward this goal, you may want to set very specific limits, perhaps with the help of a counselor, and then consistently follow those limits. ●

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 1 <i>Mary, Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21	January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28	January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 Jn 1:29–34	January 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 1 Jn 3:7–10 Jn 1:35–42	January 5 <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:11–21 Jn 1:43–51	January 6 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38 or 36, 38	January 7 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12

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HOLY FAMILY WITH SAINTS ANNE AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (DETAIL), ANDREA MANTEGNA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships.... [I]f you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace.... And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 27, 2020