



Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A s a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became “impure,” and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

Reflect

Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”

MARK 1:40



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10- 6:00 PM

✠ Guy & Flossy Rumberg by Polla & Gary Rumberg

Sunday, February 11- 9:00 AM

✠ Joy Formica by Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 13- Noon

✠ Fran Derenge by St. Anne's Altar Society

Wednesday, February 14- Noon & 6:00 PM

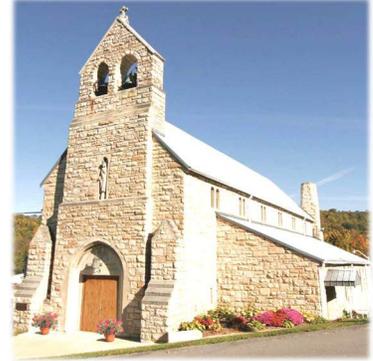
✠ ASH WEDNESDAY *There will be NO 9:00 AM Mass*

Saturday, February 17- 6:00 PM

✠ Michael Moore (living) by The Crigger Family

Sunday, February 18- 9:00 AM

✠ Fran Derenge by Angie Genovesi



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

February 12: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

February 13: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

February 14: Ash Wednesday ~Mass at Noon and 6 PM

February 15: PPC Meeting at 6 pm

February 16: Stations at the Cross at 6 pm

February 19-20: Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral Council -No Mass

February 26: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Feb. 16 ~ 6pm - Stations of the Cross, Holy Communion
Knights of Columbus

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin the season of Lent, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of this time of year. Lent is a period of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter, during which we are called to focus on prayer, repentance, and sacrifice.

I encourage the brothers and sisters of the Sacred Heart Parish to enter the Season of Lent with real determination. Attend Holy Mass each Sunday, and during the week, if possible. Read the Word of God. Pray often in church and at home. Take seriously the call of the Church to fast and abstain, not just from food, but from other unhealthy attachments as well. Go to Confession. Support the charitable work of the Church, and engage in good deeds of charity, kindness and forgiveness.

One of the most important observances of Lent is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of this solemn season. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and our need for repentance. This symbol of humility and penance serves as a powerful reminder of our dependence on God and our commitment to live a life of faith.

I would like to invite all members of our congregation to join us for our Ash Wednesday services on February 14th at 12pm and 6pm at both our Princeton and Bluefield parishes. This is an important opportunity for us to come together as a community and begin our journey of spiritual reflection and renewal. I encourage each of you to take advantage of this time to deepen your relationship with God and to reflect on the many blessings in your life. May this season of Lent bring you closer to God and fill your heart with peace and joy.

In the 40 days to come, let us walk with Christ through his suffering and death and then rise to the new life, the peaceful and hopeful life, of Easter Day!

Let us pray:

*Heavenly Father, as we embark on this Lenten journey,
Guide our steps and illuminate our path with your wisdom.
May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our soul.
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

With a promise of my prayers during this holy season, and a request for your prayers for me,

Sincerely yours,

Father Sebastian

Faith Formation Spring of 2024



*“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”
Matthew 11:28*

The schedule through March 2024:

February 11, 18, 25 ~ Regular Sessions

March 3, 10, 17 ~ Regular Sessions

March 24, 31 ~ No Faith Formation in Observation of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

RCIA

The next RCIA meeting will be Thursday February 15th at 6:30pm in the school. We encourage all participants to attend Ash Wednesday Mass. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.



CRUSADERS YOUTH

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

March 17 ~ Youth Sunday



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend is...

The Commingling



HANDBELL CHOIR

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Feb. 11th at 1:00 PM

Feb. 18th at 4:00 PM



Sacred Heart 100 Year Celebration of Our Beautiful Church Building



Laying the cornerstone, 1924

Part 3: Construction Begins

Our Parish dates back to 1895, however our present Sacred Heart Church was built in 1924 under the guidance of Father Wilbert Burke.

Mr. P.J. Kelley (great-grandfather of John Stacy) deeded the land on the corner of Wyoming and Monroe Streets to the parish for the construction of the new church. In the spring of 1924 the cornerstone of the church was laid.

The total cost of the newly constructed church was \$90,180.44 - a staggering amount in those days. By current standards, construction costs would have been in the millions of dollars. Even though the construction put the church heavily in debt, by December of 1925 the debt was more than half paid off.

The 1920's was a decade of prosperity across the United States, and Father Burke hoped to pay off the debt in record time. Unfortunately, the Great Depression of 1929 brought a halt to the prosperity of that period.

SEASON OF LENT 2024

Lent begins with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024** ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024**.

HOLY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 14

Bluefield ~ 12 noon and 6:00 pm

Princeton ~ 12 noon and 6:00 pm

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Attention parishioners with homebound family members or those in nursing homes.

If you would like ashes and Holy Communion brought to your loved one on Ash Wednesday, please call the parish office and give them their name.

PRAYER – FASTING – ALMSGIVING (CHARITY)

The USCCB tells us that during Lent, “we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.”

Lenten sacrifices can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus and if the void we create by giving something up opens up space in our hearts for God to fill.

As much as we consider something to abstain from during Lent, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?

Fasting It involves not only what we're willing to give up, but what we're willing to take on.

When we think about what to give up for Lent, we ought to also think about what sort of commitment to prayer and ability to be charitable that we can hold ourselves. This may look like giving up things like gossip, your favorite coffee order, or forgoing music in the car and replacing it with prayer, give up or cut back on social media,

Almsgiving reminds us of Jesus's call to serve and connects us in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. Anyone can practice almsgiving, which is not limited to simply donating money. Rather, practicing almsgiving can also mean donating one's time in service, perhaps volunteering or serving those in need.

Prayer Read scripture – attend the Taize Prayer Service in Princeton – attend Stations of the





Super Bowl ~ Two For Crusaders Youth Ministry

*We are asking each parishioner to donate \$2.00
to Crusaders Youth Ministry on Super Bowl Sunday*

*We will have 2 containers at each door with the names of the
San Francisco 49ers
and Kansas City Chiefs.*

*Please place your \$2.00 donation in the container of the team you want to win.
We will declare a Sacred Heart Bluefield Team Winner
for whichever team collects the most.*

Hopefully Sacred Heart will pick the NFL Champion!

CONDOLENCES

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that Raymond Bruce Rose passed away on January 31, 2024

We send our sincere condolences to James (Jessica) Michael Rose, Kristy (Darryl) Lynn Miller, Tanner Rose, Hunter Honaker, and Terry (Rhonda) Rose on the loss of their Father, grandfather, and brother.

May our Lord comfort all of you and give peace to those who mourn and may Bruce rest eternally in the arms of Jesus, and in the company of all the angels and saints.

With Deepest Sympathy

With our Deepest Condolences we announce that Theresa Soulis passed away on January 6, 2024. We send our prayers to all the friends and family of Theresa.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. Through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We would like to thank all parishioners who gave to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Not only did we surpass our goal, we also were in the top 10 for the most funds raised.

Top 10 Parishes/Missions That Raised the Most Funds

- 1) St. James the Greater Parish, Charles Town
- 2) St. Francis de Sales Parish, Morgantown
- 3) St. Michael Parish, Wheeling
- 4) Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont
- 5) St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling
- 6) St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, Fairmont
- 7) Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield
- 8) St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg
- 9) Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling
- 10) Sacred Heart Parish, Chester

Top 10 Parishes/Missions to Surpass Goal by Percentage

- 1) St. James the Greater Parish, Charles Town
- 2) Sacred Heart Parish, Chester
- 3) St. Francis de Sales Parish, Morgantown
- 4) St. John Parish, Benwood
- 5) St. Monica Mission, Lubeck
- 6) Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling
- 7) Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont,
- 8) St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, Fairmont
- 9) Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield
- 10) St. Michael Parish, Wheeling

YOU ARE INVITED!



To all those who donated to CSA this past year you are invited to celebrate with Bishop Mark Brennan for reaching our goal and he would like share the impact your gift has made on the shared ministries and outreach efforts of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The DWC will be hosting three events to celebrate.

The first will be on:

February 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm

St. John XXXIII Pastoral Center
100 Hodges Rd., Charleston, WV

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Report for January 2024

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
3-Jan	47	29	126	2	124	150	59
10-Jan	68	30	98	1	60	15	43
17-Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-Jan	255	115	370	9	139	195	146
31-Jan	106	45	151	2	106	114	64
Monthly Totals	476	219	745	14	429	474	312
Y-T-D Distribution	476	219	745	14	429	474	312

THREADS OF LOVE

During the month of January, the following received a prayer shawl or lap blanket from Threads of Love:

Ben Disibbio

Sue Richmond

Carla English

Annette Pike

George Bowling



February Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
2/10 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	David Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.L. Mariotti 2.T. Behrmann 3.TBA	The Pascasio's	D.Duritzza
2/11 Sun. 9 am	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	H. Wills	T. Bales	1.K. Kidd 2. C. Havens 3.A. Robinson	R. Malamisura	R. Malamisura
			K. Wills	A. Rebuck			
2/17 Sat. 6 pm	P. Peretti	F. Moran	A. Peretti	D. Garton	1.J.McCloud 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	J. Monaco	D. Shumate
			E. Peretti				
2/18 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	T. Brown	B. Buzzo	1.M. Malamisura 2.M. Romeo 3.S. Romeo	S. Copolo	M. McCoy
			A. Froy	R. Ciccolini			
2/24 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	David Kelley	V. Hager	1.T. Hager 2.T. Behrmann 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	
2/25 Sun 9 am	The Winfree's	T. Lampert	R. Aiello	G. Abromitis	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.T. Lampert	R. Albert	The Aiello's
			A. Zinsmeister	A. Torrez			

THREE-DAY ST. JUDE MISSION
PREPARING A FANTASTIC HOLYDAY MENU WITH ST. JUDE

ST. JUDE MISSION MASS & VENERATION OF THE ARM RELIC OF ST. JUDE
MARCH 4TH - 6TH, 2024
 MARCH 4TH & 5TH = 7 PM - MISSION PREACHING
 MARCH 6 = 7 PM - ST JUDE MASS

ST JUDE OIL BLESSINGS & VENERATION OF THE ARM RELIC OF ST. JUDE'S EACH EVENING

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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WHOLE 40
Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

WITH DR. BEN AKERS & DR. ELIZABETH KLEIN

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

[Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent - All Episodes - FORMED](#)

Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Benny Disibbio, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Bryson Fanning, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, 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, Mary Claire Keenan, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Kathy Richards,

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Ann Beck, 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, 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 Kohlmeyer, 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, 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.



Weekly Collection	Feb 3-4	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,775.00	29,499.00	26,750.00
Maintenance	70.00	335.00	800.00
Loose Offertory	567.00	2,793.00	2,375.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,412.00	\$ 32,627.00	\$ 29,925.00
Food Pantry	905.00	3,854.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 40	9am: 96	

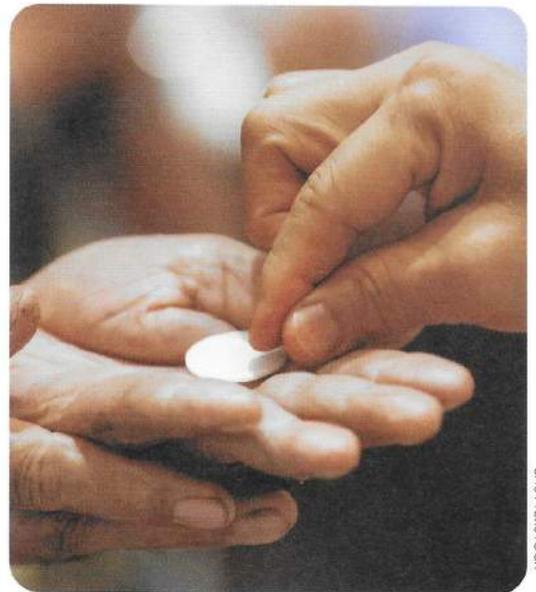
Dear Padre,

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after	Friday after	Saturday after	First Sunday of
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Lent
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 9:8-15
.	.	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



VATICAN MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....

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