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and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37

Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



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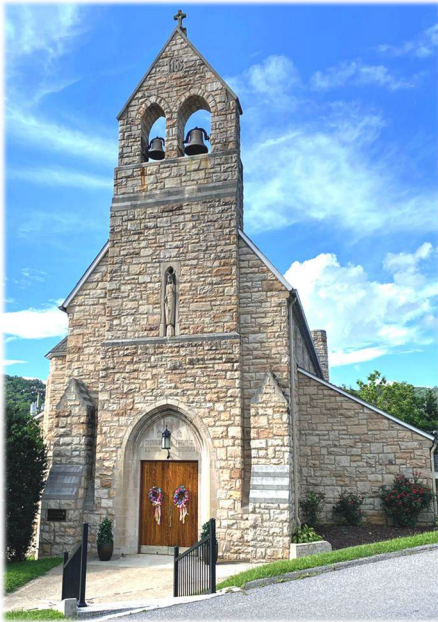
Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14 - 6:00 PM

✠ Mayra Jones by Maria Zalduondo

Sunday, February 15 - 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Mass at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Thursday, February 19 - 10:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Saturday, February 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ Anthony Peretti by The Peretti Family

Sunday, February 22 - 9:00 AM

✠ Terry Lampert by Randy & Cindy Albert

Sacred Heart Princeton

Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

Confession: 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 14-15: St. Anne's Bake Sale

February 15: Faith Formation Children's Mass 9 am

February 15: Centering Prayer Group 5 pm

February 17: OCIA Meeting Cancelled/Attend Mardi Gras

February 17: Mardi Gras Party 6 pm in Gym

February 18: Ash Wednesday Masses 10 am & 5 pm

February 20: Stations of the Cross at 6 pm

February 22: Rite of Election in Charleston at 3 pm

February 22: First Sunday of Lent

February 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

February 24: OCIA Meeting 5 pm

February 24: Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm

February 25: Finance Council Meeting 6:45 pm

February 27: Stations of the Cross 6 pm

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Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

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.

Lenten Season 2025



Lent begins with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday, February 18** ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 2**

HOLY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 18

Bluefield ~ 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

Princeton ~ 12 noon and 7:00 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church throughout the world.

Stations of the Cross Schedule

Friday, February 20 at 6:00 pm: Lead by Fr. Joseph

Friday, February 27 at 6:00 pm: Leader TBA



STATIONS of the CROSS



OCIA SCHEDULE

February 17: No Meeting. We encourage all to attend the Mardi Gras Party at 6 pm in the gym.

February 18: We encourage all to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass

February 24: Meeting at 5 pm in the church lounge

Please pray for our candidates & catechumen who will attend the Rite of Election on February 22nd.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Faith Formation 2026
Every Sunday at 10:15 am
in the School Building

Schedule

February 15, 22 ~ Regular Sessions

February 15 ~ Children's Mass at 9 am

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 ~ Regular Sessions

Men's Prayer Group!



All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Next Meetings

NEW TIMES: Now at 6:30 pm on February 24th

Sacred Heart Adult Grief Support Group



Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group will be taking a break during the winter season and will resume meeting in March.



Centering Prayer Group

What is centering prayer?

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. It is a way to cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence and action within oneself. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

St. Anne's Altar Society

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Next Meeting will be

March 12 at 11 am after morning Mass.



**Beware of
Txt Message & Email
Scams
Impersonation Alert!**

RECENT SCAMS

Recently, there has been an alarming increase in scams involving individuals impersonating priests or other religious figures. These fraudsters contact unsuspecting individuals through text messages or emails, often using a sense of urgency and emotional appeal to request cash or gift cards.

Please know that Fr. Joseph, the parish office staff, other priests or the Diocesan staff will never reach out requesting cash or gift cards.

How the Scam Works

- **Impersonation:** Scammers pose as trusted clergy members, claiming to need immediate financial assistance.
- **Urgency:** They often cite emergencies, like needing funds for a parishioner in distress or urgent church repairs.
- **Method of Payment:** They request payments through untraceable means, such as gift cards or wire transfers.

Protect Yourself

- **Verify the Source:** Always contact the church or religious institution directly using verified contact numbers to confirm any requests.
- **Be Skeptical:** Be wary of any unsolicited message asking for money or personal information.
- **Report:** If you suspect you've been targeted, report the scam to local authorities



February Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 2/14 6 PM	J. McCloud	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.V. Hager 2.D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		Dan Debbie
Sun. 2/15 9 am Kids Mass	The Winfree's	B.Musolin	1. T. Brown 2. K. Wills	Children to Read	1.K. Kidd 2. K. Kirk	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.T.J. Longworth	D. Duritza R. Malamisura	Jack Mary-Ann
Ash Wed. 10 am	J. McCloud	No Rosary	1.M. Malamisura 2.D. Kelley	1.TBA 2.T. Bales	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	L. Bolyard	No Counters	Jack Debbie
Ash Wed. 5 pm	TBA		1.A. Froy	1.B. Buzzo 2.D. Garton	1.V. Hager 2.C. Havens	TBA		

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 17
6:00 PM in GYM

Come celebrate **FAT Tuesday** with your Sacred Heart family!

Come dressed in your best Mardi Gras **OUTFIT**

Parish will provide fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and beverages.

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SERVE 12.

(Please note what food the church is providing as you choose your side dishes)

St. Anne's



Valentine's Day *Bake Sale*

February 14-15, 2026



Oh No! You forgot Valentines Day and that special someone! Don't worry, St. Anne's has the solution to keep you out of the doghouse.

We will be having our first ever Valentine's Bake Sale on February 14-15 after each Mass.

Get some sweet goodies for your sweetheart!

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

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

Friends & Family: Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Lane Austin, Vera Lee Austin, Ann Beck, Madeline Behrmann, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Altar Flowers

Please Note:
We will not be doing flower sponsorship during the season of Lent.



Altar Flowers



Weekly Collection	WKEND Feb 7-8	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,430.00	25,392.00	22,680.00
Maintenance	45.00	591.00	997.00
Loose Offertory	360.00	2,134.45	2,350.01
Total Contributions	\$ 3,835.00	\$ 28,117.45	\$ 26,027.01
Food Pantry	440.00	4,301.00	6,639.00
DWC: Home Missions	256.50	712.50	659.50
DWC: Black & Native American Mission	283.50	283.50	492.50
ATTENDANCE:	6PM: 37	9AM: 53	

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, if Fr. Joseph 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 Joseph 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.

LENTEN SEASON 2026

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Lenten Liturgical Guidelines

Lent is a special season within the Church year that focuses on the two-fold theme of repentance and Baptism. We prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18 and ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not apply. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

Lenten Event Schedule

Ash Wednesday
February 18
10 am & 5 pm

Penance Service
March 4 @ 6 pm

Holy Week
March 29-April 5

Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



JOHN KRUIS

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16
Weekday
Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17
Weekday
Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.