



## Blessings of Many Shapes

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

### Reflect

***Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.***



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 1 - 6:00 PM

✠ Justin Michael Earl by the Parish

### Sunday, February 2 – 9:00 AM

✠ Alex Ercoline by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

### Tuesday, February 4 - 12 Noon

✠ Fr. Donal O'Donovan by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

### Wednesday, February 5 – 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

### Saturday, February 8 - 6:00 PM

✠ Theresa Soulis by Virginia Chryssikos

### Sunday, February 9 - 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

**February 1:** First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

**February 5:** Finance Council Meeting 6 pm

**February 6:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**February 7:** First Friday Mass 6 pm

**February 10:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

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

**February 13:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**February 14:** Valentine's Day

**February 20:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**February 24:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

**March 1:** First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Every Friday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

February 14: Princeton      February 28: Princeton

February 21: Bluefield      March 14: Bluefield

## CHURCH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.

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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.*



## **BISHOP BRENNAN'S EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE**

### **STRIVING TO IMPROVE EACH PARISH IN THE STATE**



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.

Our New 15 MINUTE SURVEY can be accessed through <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x13d16>, or the QR CODE below, 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. Paper surveys will also be available upon request at Mass. See our Coordinators Connie (SAT) and Ann (SUN) at Mass.

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



SCAN ME

### **Celebrate The Feast of St. Blaise.**

St. Blaise Day 2024 is celebrated on February 3, 2025, which is the same day it is celebrated every year. He preached Christianity in his hometown and was a well-known healer. For his dedication to Christianity and helping others, Saint Blaise was made one of the earliest bishops of Christianity.

He is recognized as the patron saint of throats and throat disease in the Roman Catholic Church. This is because his most famous and memorable act was when he miraculously helped a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. The boy was placed at the saint's feet by his mother, and he healed straight away.



Fr. Sebastian will be doing the blessing of the throats at each Mass on February 1st and 2nd.



### *Altar Flowers*

*Altar Flowers were donated by Hobe and Susan Bauer  
in loving memory of  
the deceased members of the Bauer and Gianato Families*





**Faith Formation 2025**

*Scripture: "Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord!"  
Psalm 24*

**The schedule through March 2025:**

February 2, 9, 16, 23 ~ Regular Sessions

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**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, February 5 at 4:30 pm in the School Building.***

# Threads of Love

Help Wanted

Attention: All Knitters, Crocheters, Weavers, and Quilters

Since January, the St. Anne's/Threads of Love have given out 12 prayer shawls/blankets. Which means our supply is getting low (especially shawls) and we need to replenish our supply, which is why we need your help! If you've been blessed with any of the above craft talents and would like to help this wonderful ministry by making a shawl or blanket, please call one of the following:

The Church Office at 304-327-5623    Angie Genovesi at 276-970-0893  
Barbara Lynch at 304-228-2082

May God Bless each of you for helping. Thank you!  
Angie Genovesi, President

## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that Justin Michael Earl passed away on January 6, 2025.

We send our sincerest condolences to Ted & Patty Marchal on the loss of their grandson

May our Lord comfort and send you all of the angels and saints. Peace to all who mourn, and may Justin rest eternally in the arms of Jesus and in the company of all the angels and saints.

## Calling All Singers

We are hoping to acquire more Cantors to sing at our weekend Masses. Help with one mass a month or more! If you enjoy singing hymns and have a musical background of singing solo or in a choir and you would like to participate, please call the church office at 304-327-5623.



Claude	Morgan	1
Lane	Austin	2
Jessica	Rose	2
Christine	Tran	2
Cynthia	Albert	4
Ernesto	Pascasio	4
Vearl	Clayton	5
Natonia	Clemons	5
Donnie	Neal	5
David	Ott Jr.	5
Molly	Rebuck	5
Jillian	West	5
Anthony	Rasi	7
Evan	Smith	10
Aidan	Slade	11
Uyen	Tran	12
Madeline	French	13
Katherine	Asbury	14
Mikael	Kovanen	14
Donella	Crigger	15
Eugene	Fanning	15
Louis	Ercoline	17
Donna	Kelly	19
Jennifer	Farmer	21
Ron	Goodwin	22
Brandon	Austin	24
Wayne	Shumate	24
David	McMillan	27
Cynthia	Stacy	27
Leoncio	Yongque	27



Steve & Melissa Copolo	February 2
Sherman & Patricia Nester	February 14
James & Barbara Musolin	February 19



We would like to Welcome all those who have come in/returned to the church in the past year:

Lara Ajulo                      Louis Bolyard  
 Jim & Maria Ciaccio      The Christ Family

**2nd Collection**

**Missions in the United States  
 February 8-9**

**Black and Indian Missions** - for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

**New Year! New Training!**

**Attention All Volunteers, There is a new Virtus Training program that we all must watch. Please log into your virtue account today to see if you are up-to-date on your training at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). If you have questions about your log-in info or would like to come into the office to do your new training, please call Kim or Lucy at the parish office at 304-327-5623.**





February Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
2/1 Sat. 6 pm	Patty Peretti	TBA	Purita Buenafe	Maria Zalduondo	1.F. Moran 2. L. Mariotti 3. P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	Randy Albert
2/2 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	Lara Ajulo	H. Wills	C. Ott	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3. A. Robinson	Randy Albert	Cindy Albert
			K. Wills	T. Bales			
2/8 Sat. 6 pm	Jean McCloud	Deborah Garton	Dave Kelley	Valerie Hager	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Behrmann 3.T. Hager	John Monaco	David Duritza
2/9 Sun. 9 am	Terry Lampert	Barbara Musolin	R. West	M. Rebuck	1.M. Romeo 2.T. Lampert 3.S. Copolo	Rocky Malamisura	Rocky Malamisura
			K. Oakes	A. Rebuck			
2/15 Sat. 6 pm	Jean McCloud	Maria Zalduondo	Purita Buenafe	Feleesha Moran	1.C. Saunders 2.J. McCloud 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate
2/16 Sun. 9 am	The Winfree's	TBA	C. Tran	T. Bales	1.A. Robinson 2.M. Romeo 3.C. Havens	Rocky Malamisura	Marilyn McCoy
			E. Husband	C. Ott			
2/22 Sat. 6 pm	Patty Peretti	Deborah Garton	E. Peretti	Tom Behrmann	1.A. Peretti 2. L. Mariotti 3. C. Saunders	John Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			A. Froy				
2/23 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	Barbara Musolin	R. Aiello	C. Lampert	1.G. Aiello 2.W. Aiello 3.T. Lampert	Steve Copolo	George Aiello
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini			

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

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

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, 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:** Lorin Albin, 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, Steve Hamm, Skip Harless, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Robert Martin, Connor McKenzie, Doug & Kim Miller, Ken Mulkey, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, 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)

### ATTENTION DONORS!

2024 Tax receipts were mailed out this past week. Please carefully review your statement. If you feel there might be an error or missing information, please contact Kim Hickman as soon as possible. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is deeply grateful for your contributions. Without monetary support many of the projects, events, and even turning on the lights would not be possible! Thank you.

Weekly Donations	weekend Jan 25-26	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,230.00	16,036.00	15,000.00
Maintenance	10.00	987.00	350.00
Loose Offertory	292.01	1,602.01	2,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,532.01</b>	<b>\$18,625.01</b>	<b>\$ 17,350.00</b>
DWC: Latin American/Home Missions	5.00	352.00	0.00
DWC: Central and Eastern Europe	30.00	224.00	300.00
DWC: Church in Africa	5.00		225.00
Attendance:	6pm: 57	9am: 101	

## 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 to purchase any of these items.



### 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,

*What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.*

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●



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*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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
February 3 <i>Weekday</i>	February 4 <i>Weekday</i>	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	February 7 <i>Weekday</i>	February 8 <i>Weekday</i>	February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Heb 11:32–40 Mk 5:1–20	Heb 12:1–4 Mk 5:21–43	Heb 12:4–7, 11–15 Mk 6:1–6	Heb 12:18–19, 21–24 Mk 6:7–13	Heb 13:1–8 Mk 6:14–29	Heb 13:15–17, 20–21 Mk 6:30–34	Is 6:1–2a, 3–8 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11 Lk 5:1–11



DANIEL IBÁÑEZ / CNA

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.*

HOMILY, ROME, FEBRUARY 2, 2024