



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”

MATTHEW 4:1



## Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**he account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, “Don’t talk to the devil!” Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he’s had plenty to eat—“every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus “test” his Father by jumping off the “parapet of the temple” (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don’t play God, and you don’t play *with* God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We’d do the bread; we’d do the jump; we’d definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It’s a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan “destroys” her! And Adam, too. If they didn’t sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an “overflow” of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that’s what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



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THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

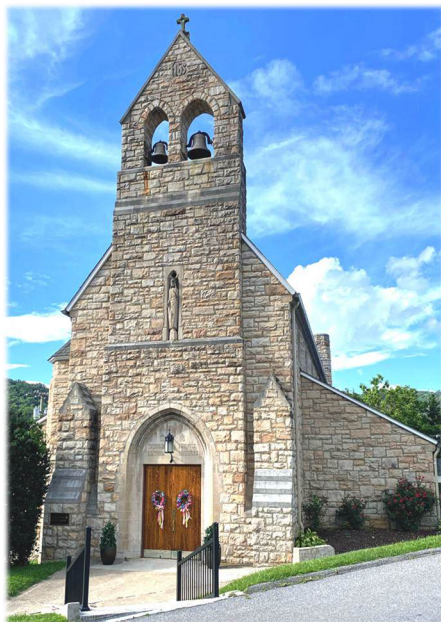
### Reflect

***What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ Anthony Peretti by The Peretti Family

### Sunday, February 22 - 9:00 AM

✠ Terry Lampert by Randy & Cindy Albert

### Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Adoration at 5 pm, Mass at 6 pm

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

### Thursday, February 26 - 10:00 AM

✠ Frances McKenzie by The McKenzie Family

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

✠ Greg Garton by Amanda & Greg Butler

### Sunday, March 1 - 9:00 AM

✠ Maria Ciaccio by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

## 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 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

**March 1:** Second Sunday of Lent

**March 1:** Centering Prayer Group 5 pm

**March 3:** OCIA: No Meeting/Attend Penance Service

**March 4:** Penance Service 6:00 pm

**March 6:** First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

**March 6:** Adult Grief Support Group 4:30 pm

**March 6:** Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

## CHURCH STAFF

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

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.*



SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Lenten  
Penance  
Service**



March 4 - 6 pm  
Bluefield

March 3 - 6 pm  
Princeton

## Stations of the Cross Schedule

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during the Season of Lent.

**February 27 at 6:00 pm**

Led by Fr. Joseph  
and the St. Anne's Altar Society

## Happy Birthday Fr. Joseph!

We would like to wish Fr. Joseph a very special Happy Birthday!

May your first birthday at Sacred Heart be the start of many more to come!



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that Joan Zingale passed away January 18, 2026

We send our sincerest condolences to Joan's children, Joseph Zingale, Jr. and wife Mary of Columbia, SC, Scott Barry and Wife Rebecca of Bluefield, VA, Jim Zingale of Cape Cod, FL, Cynthia Mabardy and husband Bo of Bluefield, VA, Julia Zingale of Fort Lauderdale, FL and John Zingale and wife Rachel of Pembroke Pines, FL.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, West Virginia



**THANK YOU!**

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR FIRST MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR HEAD OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE SHERRY CICCOLINI, OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHICH INCLUDE CAROL HAVENS, KAREN KIDD, TOMMIE JO LONGWORTH, JEAN MCCLLOUD, GINA RASI, DEBBIE REBUCK, HEAD OF PHOTOGRAPHY - COURTNEY LONGWORTH AND OUR STAFF ASSISTANCE - LUCY BRINEGAR AND BRETT MCGRAW



**OCIA SCHEDULE**

**February 24:** Meeting at 5 pm in the church lounge

**March 4:** Please Attend Penance Service at 6 PM

*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 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. 2/21 6 pm	P. Peretti	D. Crigger	1.D. Kelley 2.A. Froy	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Dan Roland
Sun. 2/22 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.R. West 2.K. Oakes	1.T. Bales 2.R. Albert	1.A. Robinson 2.S. Copolo	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini		Jack Hobe
Sat. 2/28 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.M. Zalduondo	1.V. Hager 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	The Aiello's	Dan Gray
Sun. 3/1 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	1. R. Aiello 2. K. Wills	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	3. R. Albert 4. B. Buzzo 5. C. Asbury		Jack Theresia





## RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS


Collection Date: March 8, 2026


  
Msgr. Frederick F. Kane


  
Msgr. Patrick L. Piper


  
Msgr. Jeremiah F. McQuinn


  
Msgr. Eugene S. Ostrowski


  
Msgr. Samuel S. Tavis


  
Rev. William A. Anderson


  
Rev. James C. Conroy


  
Rev. Harry N. Connor


  
Rev. John V. DiBacco, A.


  
Rev. Larry W. Dersch


  
Rev. John H. Farrell


  
Rev. James H. Gallagher


  
Rev. Peter J. Ingleton


  
Rev. Giles Lindeman


  
Rev. George M. Marjick


  
Rev. Paul Donagan Rippen


  
Rev. Robert A. Pyreddy


  
Rev. William J. Pinta


  
Rev. Joseph Daniel Pizaro


  
Rev. Ronald G. Precht


  
Rev. T. Matthew Sough

  
Rev. David J. Schmidt

  
Rev. Douglas E. Sutor

  
Rev. Anthony G. Struzicki

  
Rev. Lawrence Wynn

  
Rev. Paul D. Tanager

"I thank you for your lives given in service to the Kingdom, for your daily labors, for so much generosity in the exercise of the ministry, for all that you live in silence, and that at times is accompanied by suffering or misunderstanding." ~ Pope Leo XIV

# MARCH SOCIALS

## SATURDAY SOCIAL

MARCH 7 AT 7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR MEATLOAF SANDWICHES  
BINGO & CARDS



## SUNDAY SOCIAL

MARCH 8 AT 10:00 AM

JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE & DONUTS



## 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, John Monaco, Felesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, 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, Delores Millsap, 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	weekend	YTD	YTD
Envelopes	4,005.00	30,602.00	26,002.00
Maintenance	210.00	801.00	997.00
Loose Offertory	570.00	2,704.45	2,724.20
Holiday Flowers	25.00	25.00	550.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,810.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,132.45</b>	<b>\$ 30,273.20</b>
Food Pantry	692.00	4,993.00	6,639.00
DWC: Latin American/Home Missions	10.00	722.50	659.50
DWC: Central and Eastern Europe	5.00	422.00	224.00
DWC: Black & Native American Mission	5.00	288.50	492.50
DWC: Church in Africa	5.00	769.00	175.00
Attendance:	6pm: 64	9 am: 134	

**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.

# HOLY WEEK 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE

29  
MARCH

**PALM SUNDAY**  
SATURDAY: 6 PM  
SUNDAY: 9 AM

2  
APRIL

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
MASS AT 5:00 PM

3  
APRIL

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
SERVICE AT 5:00 PM

4  
APRIL

**EASTER VIGIL**  
MASS AT 6:00 PM

5  
APRIL

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
MASS AT 9:00 AM



EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF HOLY WEEK. COME, PRAY, AND BE RENEWED WITH SACRED HEART!



SACRED HEART CHURCH  
BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY STANDS AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF JESUS' HUMILITY AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, DEMONSTRATED THROUGH HIS ACT OF WASHING HIS DISCIPLES' FEET DURING THE LAST SUPPER.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR WHOMEVER WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN HAVING THEIR FEET WASHED ON HOLY THURSDAY DURING MASS.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 304-327-5623.



# Dear Padre,

*I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.*

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



GREGORY SHERITZ

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

## **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*.



JIM WEST

## **A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!*

**MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025**