

But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

## A New World Order

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

### Reflect

*Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?*

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 22 - 6:00 PM**

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

**Sunday, February 23- 9:00 AM**

✠ Richard Canterbury by the Parish

**Tuesday, February 25 - 12 Noon**

✠ People of the parish (Pro Populo)

**Wednesday, February 26 – 9:00 AM**

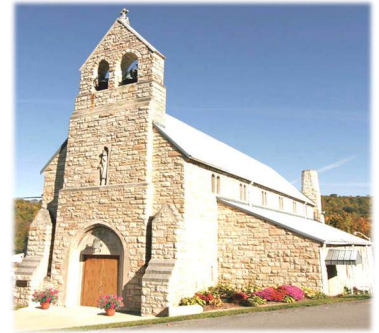
✠ Fr. Leo Lydon by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Saturday, March 1 - 6:00 PM**

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

**Sunday, March 2- 9:00 AM**

✠ Alex Ercoline by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini



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

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

**March 5:** Ash Wednesday ~ 12 Noon & 6:00 pm

**March 7:** Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

First Friday Mass 6:00 pm

**March 9:** First Sunday of Lent

**March 9:** Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

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

**March 14:** Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

**March 16:** Second Sunday of Lent

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

March 14: Bluefield

March 28: Bluefield

March 21: Princeton

April 11: Princeton

## CHURCH STAFF

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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.*

# Lenten Season 2025



Lent begins with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025** ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**.

## HOLY MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Wednesday, March 5

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 Stations of the Cross – pray the rosary – spend time in silent prayer – attend Mass during the week – go to confession (Father Sebastian hears confession prior to mass, First Saturdays of each month 10-11 am, and by appointment).



## FAITH FORMATION



### *Faith Formation 2025*

*Scripture: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful" Ps. 103*

*The schedule through March 2025:*

*February 23: Regular Session*

*March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Regular Sessions*

## OCIA



### 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 26th at 4:30 pm in the School Building.***

## CRUSADERS YOUTH



### Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm

Location: Wendi's House

Please join us for food and to work on prayer boards!

## PARISHIONER NEWS

### *Deepest Condolences*

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that Richard Canterbury passed away on February 16, 2025

We send our deepest condolences to his sister Rena Gibson, and Nephew Robert (Kim) Canterbury.

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

The Canterbury family will be having a Funeral Mass in honor of Richard on Saturday, March 1 at 11 am at Sacred Heart Church where military honors will be provided by the Mercer County Veteran's Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 10-11 am.



*Congratulations to  
Chris & Peyton Havens  
On the birth of their Son  
Colton Wyatt Havens  
Grandparent ~ Carol Havens  
Born February 3, 2025  
May the Lord Bless You and  
Keep You!*



## DIocese OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

• PO Box 230, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003 •

### **Diocese Announces Disaster Assistance Fund**

Thursday, February 20, 2025

**WHEELING**—Recovery efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. Several counties have experienced generational flooding resulting in loss of life, property, and livelihood. More than ten counties in our state remain under a State of Emergency. With many roads just being re-opened, the scope of the devastation is becoming more visible.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekends of February 22-23 and March 1-2 in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with “Disaster Relief” on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

All of the money collected will remain in West Virginia and will be managed by Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa). Money will be allocated along a four-tier priority list as follows:

1. Parishes in and around the affected area who directly assist families will receive funds to give aid to those in need.
2. CCWVa Regional staff will receive funding for direct, short-term recovery assistance to victims.
3. Partner agencies who work with CCWVa to administer relief to West Virginia residents affected by the flooding.
4. Funds will be given to CCWVa for long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts. This fund assist families long after other organizations have moved out help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions.

February Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
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	TBA	Barbara Musolin	R. Aiello	C. Lampert	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	Steve Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini	3. T. Lampert		

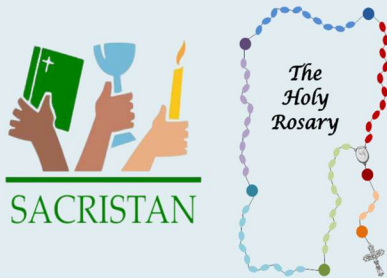
# Volunteers Needed

Come to church regularly?

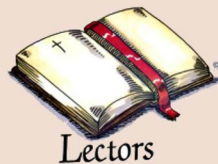
Want to participate but don't know where to begin?

Get involved by helping with Mass!

If you always arrive early, being a **sacristan** or **reciting the rosary** would be perfect for you!



If you enjoy reading from the bible, being a **lector** is where you would shine!



If you feel closest to God when receiving communion, becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** and helping others to receive communion is for you!



Help with One Mass a Month or More!

If you are interested, please call Lucy at the Parish Office at 304-327-5623 or you may email her at [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)



Weekly Donations	weekend Feb 15-16	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,806.00	26,298.00	26,250.00
Loose Offertory	334.05	2,831.06	3,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,140.05</b>	<b>\$ 29,129.06</b>	<b>\$ 29,750.00</b>
Food Pantry	545.00	6,639.00	0.00
Memorial Contributions	100.00	50,100.00	0.00
DWC: Black & Native Am Mission	25.00	492.50	400.00
Attendance	6pm: 41	9am: 48	

## 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, Sabrina Mazol, Cindy McGraw, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Family of Dr. Mark Shaffery

**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, 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, Laura Haines and unborn son. 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

### UPDATING PRAYER LIST

**We are making our update to the Sacred Heart Prayer List.  
The prayer list will be refreshed starting April 1st.  
If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list,  
please call the parish office at 304-327-5623  
or email lucy at [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)**

## 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,

*My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?*

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.



VALENTINA SHILKINA / SHUTTERSTOCK

You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

*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 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Sir 4:11-19	Sir 5:1-8	Sir 6:5-17	Sir 17:1-15	Sir 27:4-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	Mk 9:38-40	Mk 9:41-50	Mk 10:1-12	Mk 10:13-16	1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 20, 2022