



They left everything
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

Reflect

***Do you experience God calling you?
What is your answer?***

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 8 - 6:00 PM

✠ Theresa Soulis by Virginia Chryssikos

Sunday, February 9 – 9:00 AM

✠ Monty Ramella by the parish

Tuesday, February 11 - 12 Noon

✠ No Mass

Wednesday, February 12 – 9:00 AM

✠ Fr. Leo Lydon by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, February 15 - 6:00 PM

✠ Lisa Smith Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, February 16 - 9:00 AM

✠ Dr. Brian Richards by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

ATTENTION

The parish office phone lines are currently being worked on. If you need to reach a staff member, please see the CHURCH STAFF section below for their contact information. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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 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 20: PPC 6pm

February 24: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

March 1: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

March 7: First Friday Mass 6 pm

March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

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

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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.



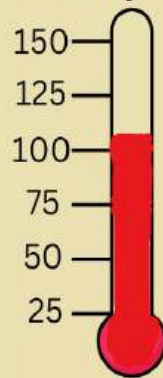
We got an Extension!
The Survey will now be available
until February 11

Completed Surveys: 106
 Parish Goal: 152

Time is running out to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey about Sacred Heart Bluefield. We need your perspective as a parishioner as we work together to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities for growth.

Surveys will be at the back of the church

Completed Surveys



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.

Deepest Condolences

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that
 Monty Ramella passed away on February 3, 2025.

We send our sincerest condolences to his wife Deborah, daughter Montica Ramella Dillon, Son Matthew (Shandi) Charles Hicks and their children Landon and Clara, brother Tullio (Linda) Ramella and their children Anthony Ramella and Christina R. Williamson.

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

The Ramella Family will be having a Celebration of Life Funeral in honor of Monty on Thursday, February 13 at 2:00 pm at Craven-Shires Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Burial will follow Funeral.



Faith Formation 2025

Scripture: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" psalm 138

The schedule through March 2025:

February 9, 16, 23 ~ Regular Sessions

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ Regular Sessions



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 **Thursday, February 13 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

Angel Tree Report

We are happy to report that a total of 32 children received gifts for Christmas through Angel Tree for the year 2024. Thank you to all who participated in this program that was started by Mary Albert years ago and we keep alive in her memory. A special thank you to our drivers who delivered the gifts and our coordinators Linda Mariotti and Michelle Smith.



ANGEL TREE

A Program of Prison Fellowship

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.



FATHER SEBASTIAN DEVASYA HOLY YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Florence | Siena
Assisi | Rome



September 2nd through the 11th, 2025



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<https://bit.ly/DevasyaItaly>



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**FROM
CHARLOTTE
10 DAYS
\$5,999**

Including current taxes
and fuel surcharges
(subject to change)

For more information and
reservations please contact

Ms. Gina Boggess
Sacred Heart Parish

Telephone:
304 920 7047

Email:

gina@sacredheartprinceton.org



Gina Boggess will be speaking at both Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend, February 8-9th, to give more information on this wonderful trip.

February Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
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 Rocky Malamisura
2/9 Sun. 9 am	Terry Lampert	Barbara Musolin	R. West K. Oakes	M. Rebuck A. Rebuck	1.M. Romeo 2.T. Lampert 3.S. Copolo	Rocky Malamisura	
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 E. Husband	T. Bales C. Ott	1.A. Robinson 2.M. Romeo 3.C. Havens	Rocky Malamisura	Marilyn McCoy
2/22 Sat. 6 pm	Patty Peretti	Deborah Garton	E. Peretti A. Froy	Tom Behrmann	1.A. Peretti 2. L. Mariotti 3. C. Saunders	John Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
2/23 Sun 9 am	M. Malamisura	Barbara Musolin	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	C. Lampert R. Ciccolini	1.G. Aiello 2.W. Aiello 3.T. Lampert	Steve Copolo	

New Year! New Training!

Attention All Volunteers, There is a new Virtus Training program that we all must watch. Please log into your virtus account today to see if you are up-to-date on your training at www.virtusonline.org. The new videos only take 45 minutes to complete. 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.



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



Weekly Collection	Feb 1- 2 weekend	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,436.00	20,472.00	18,750.00
Loose Offertory	620.00	2,222.01	2,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,056.00	\$ 22,694.01	\$ 21,250.00
Food Pantry	1,345.00	2,909.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 50	9am: 97	

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,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



ANTOINE Y. MEKARY / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022