



[John said,] “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.

LUKE 3:16

Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

Reflect

How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JANUARY 11 & 12, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11 - 6:00 PM

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, January 12- 9:00 AM

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Daily Mass Will Resume in February

Saturday, January 18 - 6:00 PM

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, January 19 - 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

January 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

January 14: St. Anne's Meeting 11am

January 19: 2nd Collection: Churches in the Developing Worlds

January 23: Fr. Sebastian Returns From India

January 23: Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

January 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

February 1: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Adoration will resume at the start of February.

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.

BISHOP BRENNAN'S EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVE



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.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Sacred Heart. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- ◆ Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- ◆ Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions to improve the parish.
- ◆ Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The **10–15-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).**



SCAN ME

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



Please be aware that if you receive an email or text from Fr. Sebastian requesting money or donations, it's important **not** to respond. This is a common scam, and Fr. Sebastian would never reach out for such requests. Let's stay vigilant and protect ourselves!

2nd Collection: Churches in Developing Worlds January 18 – 19, 2025

This collection will include three individual collections: Churches in Latin America, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

The Latin America Church Collection - Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe - It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa - provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.



Faith Formation 2025

*Scripture ~ "The Lord will bless his people with peace."
Psalm 29*

The schedule through March 2025:

January 12 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday
 January 19, 26 ~ Regular Sessions
 February 2, 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 **Wednesday, January 15th at 4:30 pm in the School Building.***

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 or call 304-920-8104 to purchase any items.



DAYTON BIBLE STUDY CLASS
 "God and Social Responsibility"

- Do Catholics have a particular responsibility in this world?
- Do you have a particular responsibility in this world as a Catholic?
- Do you think God expects you to assume responsibility to advocate for social justice?
- What is social justice?
- How can you do God's will if you don't know how?
- Do you need answers? Most of us do!

Please join us to help discern the answers to these questions in a once a week, 5 week course every Thursday at 4:00 pm beginning January 23rd. Contact Deborah Garton at 304-589-6561 or email her at dkgarton43@gmail.com for more information!

EVERY THURSDAY | JAN. 23-FEB.20 | 4:00-6:00 PM

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. 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.



FATHER SEBASTIAN DEVASYA HOLY YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Florence | Siena
Assisi | Rome



September 2nd through the 11th, 2025



BOOK ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/DevasyaItaly>

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

Including current taxes
and fuel surcharges
(subject to change)

For more information and
reservations please contact

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SCAN ME



January Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
1/11 Sat. 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	A. Peretti	Deborah	1.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	D. Duritza
			E. Peretti	Garton	2.T. Hager		
1/12 Sun. 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. West	M. Rebuck	1.S. Copolo	R. Malamisura	R. Malamisura
			K. Oakes	A. Rebuck	2.A. Robinson 3.M. Romeo		
1/18 Sat. 6 pm	TBA	M. Zalduondo	Dave	C. Saunders	1.P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	D. Shumate
			Kelley	F. Moran	2.A. Peretti 3.TBA		
1/19 Sun. 9 am	Winfree's	T. Lampert	C. Tran	C. Lampert	1.T. Lampert	B. Buzzo	M. McCoy
			E. Husband	C. Ott	2.C. Havens 3.TBA		
1/25 Sat. 6pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	A. Peretti	Tom	1.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
			E. Peretti	Behrmann	2.T. Hager 3.D. Garton		
1/26 Sun 9pm	M. Malamisura	T. Lowery	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1.W. Aiello	S. Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini	2.G. Aiello 3.M. Romeo		

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

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

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



Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, 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, Frank Mamone, 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, Brian Richards, 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 Donations	Weekend Jan 4-5	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,386.00	4,386.00	6,431.00
Maintenance	742.00	742.00	265.00
Loose Offertory	555.00	555.00	556.50
Holy Day Collections	240.00	240.00	235.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,923.00	\$ 5,923.00	\$ 7,487.50
Food Pantry	355.00	355.00	2,949.00
Attendance:	Jan 1 noon: 63	Jan 4 6pm: 72	Jan 5 9am: 68



We have raised **\$47,136** for the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations this year.

We are truly grateful! May 2025 inspire even more generosity.

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,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity.



SWEET MARSHMALLOW / SHUTTERSTOCK

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
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Heb 1:1–6 Mk 1:14–20	Heb 2:5–12 Mk 1:21–28	Heb 2:14–18 Mk 1:29–39	Heb 3:7–14 Mk 1:40–45	Heb 4:1–5, 11 Mk 2:1–12	Heb 4:12–16 Mk 2:13–17	Is 62:1–5 1 Cor 12:4–11 Jn 2:1–11



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him.... Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 7, 2024