



# A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**“W**hat are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,  
“Go to sleep, and if you are  
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,  
for your servant is listening.’”**

**1 SAMUEL 3:9**

## Reflect

**When you pray,  
what are you looking for?**



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JANUARY 13 & 14, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 13- 6:00 PM

✠ Linda Pochick Sunderman by Dan Pochick

### Sunday, January 14- 9:00 AM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

### Tuesday, January 16- Noon

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

### Wednesday, January 17- 9:00 AM

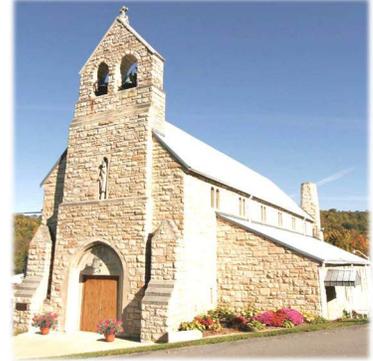
✠ Pro Popula

### Saturday, January 20- 6:00 PM

✠ Patrick Moran by Sacred Heart Church

### Sunday, January 21 - 9:00 AM

✠ Stanley Linkous by The Catsonis, Arnold, and Linkous Family



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18: PPC Meeting 6:00 PM

January 20: 2nd Collection: Developing Worlds Collection

January 21: Word of God Sunday

January 22: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 PM

January 25: Finance Council 6:00 PM

February 2: First Friday Mass 6:00 PM

February 3: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 AM

February 10-11: 2nd Collection: U.S. Missions

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

January 19 ~ Bluefield      February 9 ~ Bluefield

January 26 ~ Princeton      February 16 ~ Princeton

## CHURCH STAFF

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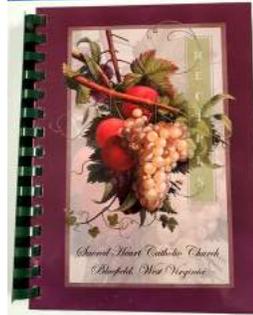
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# Sacred Heart Cookbooks

The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived!

Please call Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the parish office to pick-up a Cookbook.

They are selling for \$15 per cookbook.



Recipe Misprint ~ page 72

**NO PEEK BEEF TIPS**

Misprint Reads:

2 packets of brown sugar

**Correction:**

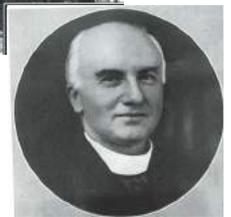
**2 packets of brown gravy**

## Celebrating The 100 Year Anniversary Of Our Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building 1924-2024

### Part 1: The Beginning of the Catholic Community in Bluefield 1894-1920

2024 is an exciting year for Sacred Heart Catholic Church as we celebrate the Centennial of the construction and dedication of our beautiful church building.

When Bluefield's first Catholic Priest, Father Emile Olivier, of Riene, France, arrived in 1894 there was no church building. Parishioners were forced to gather at an old laundry establishment on Raleigh Street to worship. On December 14, 1894 Bishop Donahue met with Fr. Olivier and members of the parish to discuss the possible construction of a church building. Parishioners donated \$700 dollars toward the project. Coupled with the personal funds from Fr. Olivier, enough money was raised to build a small church. On Sunday, October 27, 1895, Bluefield's first Catholic church, located on North Mercer Street was dedicated. Fr. Olivier served as priest of the small church for 25 years until his death in 1920.



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

With our Deepest Condolences to  
Barbara Willis and the Ameli, Havens, Froy, Kiser, Dillion,  
Combs, and Ridgeway families  
on the loss of their

Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Aunt Jeanne Ameli  
who passed away January 9th .

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
Through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be  
Saturday, January 13 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart.

## FAITH FORMATION

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### *Faith Formation Spring of 2024*

*Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you.”  
Matthew 11:28*

#### **The schedule through March 2024:**

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

February 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ Regular Sessions

March 3, 10, 17 ~ Regular Sessions

March 24, 31 ~ No Faith Formation in Observation of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

## RCIA

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*The next RCIA meeting will be January 17, 2024 in the school.. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.*

## CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Jan. 14th 12:30 Princeton Parish Hall** ~ a lunch and informational meeting for the Youth attending Mount 2000.

**Jan. 21st 6-7:30pm Youth meeting @ wendi's house** ~ Join us for faith, food, and fellowship. Bring a friend!

**Feb. 2nd-4th** ~ Mount 2000!



## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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By now, you've heard plenty of reasons to make the trip to the National Eucharistic Congress. Well, here's one more:

**Grammy-nominated Catholic artist Matt Maher will lead us in worship on Saturday night!**

This is just one of many exciting additions to the Congress schedule. The National Eucharistic Congress this year will be in Indianapolis from July 17 through the 21st!

Today through January 31, you can get 10% off your pass with code EMMANUEL at checkout.

To learn more about the National Eucharistic Congress and how to sign up, please call Mary Malamisura at 304-922-2020 or you can email her at [mary@enjoybeing.com](mailto:mary@enjoybeing.com)

DIOCESE EVENTS

JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH & 20TH FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

# RESTORED PARISH MISSION



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

**7:00 PM** From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story  
**8:15 PM** Reception

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

**9:00 AM** Mass  
**9:45 AM** Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here  
**11:00 AM** The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus  
**12:15 PM** Men's Lunch  
**12:45 PM** Men's Ministry Training

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The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

**Transitions: Danger or Opportunity via Zoom**

Saturday (March 9) – 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

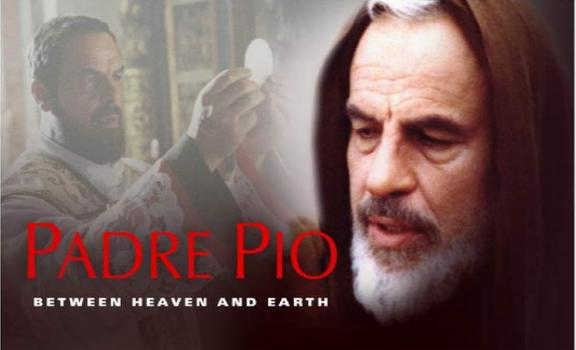
Questions: email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com)

During life transitions, we often find ourselves in what is known as “liminal space.” The word liminality comes from the Latin word “limen” which means threshold. New thresholds or being in some form of transition (geographical, emotional, physical, or situational) describe the life experience for all of us. Understanding how to experience the transition process healthily can make a difference in whether we see the transition as an opportunity or a threat/crisis. During this Zoom conference, we will explore the work of several noted theorists whose work on healthy transition can serve as a guide.

*Donation:* Suggested donation for this program is \$50. Partial scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at [wviscr@aol.com](mailto:wviscr@aol.com)

*Register:* Visit our website at [Programs - WVIS](#) or call 304.345.0926.

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### January Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
01/13 Sat. 6 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	David Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.D. garton 2.L.Mariotti 3.A. Peretti	The Pascasio's	D. Duritzia
01/14 Sun. 9 am	The Winfree's	C. Mulkey	T. Brown	C. Ott	1.S. Copolo 2.K. Kirk	B. Buzzo	R. Malamisura
			A. Froy	T. Bales	3.A. Robinson		
01/20 Sat. 6 pm	P. Peretti	V. Hager	A. Peretti	M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.T. Hager	J.Monaco	D. Shumate
			E. Peretti				
01/21 Sun. 9 am	T. Lampert	M. Malamisura	H. Wills	A. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd 2.T. Lampert 3.C. Havens	R. Albert	M. McCoy
			K. Wills	R. Ciccolini			
01/27 Sat. 6pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	David Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.D. garton 2.L.Mariotti 3.F. Moran	The Pascasio's	The Aiello's
01/28 Sun 9pm	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	R. Aiello	B. Musolin	1.G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello 3.C. Stacy	S. Copolo	

Please Call or Email Lucy at the Parish Office if you are scheduled for a weekend that you are unable to attend. Thank you.



**University of  
Dayton**

Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church (Begins Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>)

We understand that the Church is a living organism in continuity with Jesus. As a living organism we can look at our history and see how our self-understanding has changed. In this course we will look at the medieval Church and ask questions of authority, community and governance while also looking at the social and political change of these centuries. This will then aid our conversation as we look at Vatican II and its understanding of both episcopal and papal offices. We will also examine these in light of the General Synod.

**This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. This course also begins the week January 15th, with our first meeting at 4pm Thursday January 18th. For further information on the class and how to register, please contact Deborah Garton at [dkgarton43@gmail.com](mailto:dkgarton43@gmail.com)**

<p><b>We kindly request,</b></p> <p><b>all 2<sup>nd</sup> collection donations be submitted within two weeks of the original collection date.</b></p> <p><b>This allows us to submit the donation to the Diocese or other entity in a timely manner.</b></p> <p><b>Thank you and God Bless.</b></p>	<b>Weekly Donations</b>	<b>weekend Jan 6-7</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
	Envelopes	5,061.00	9,975.00	22,000.00
	Maintenance	205.00	205.00	500.00
	Loose Offertory	473.00	894.00	1,500.00
	Holiday Flowers	200.00	200.00	0.00
	Holy Day Collections	235.00	235.00	0.00
	<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 6,174.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,509.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>
	Food Pantry	430.00	555.00	
	Dioc: Catholic Charities WV	25.00	40.00	
	<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 43</b>	<b>9am: 80</b>	

## Please Pray For:

**Parishioners:** George Aiello Sr, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Benny Disibbio, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Bryson Fanning, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

**Friends & Family:** Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, Susan Lively, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Bill Wimmer, Charlotte Woolwine

### 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 parish office.

**2nd Collection:  
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January 20-21, 2024**

**Aid to the Churches in:  
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Thank You Pat Valeyko for your time serving on our Finance Council, you will be missed.  
Please help us in welcoming our newest Finance Council Member, Jill Peery.

# Dear Padre,

***If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?***

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

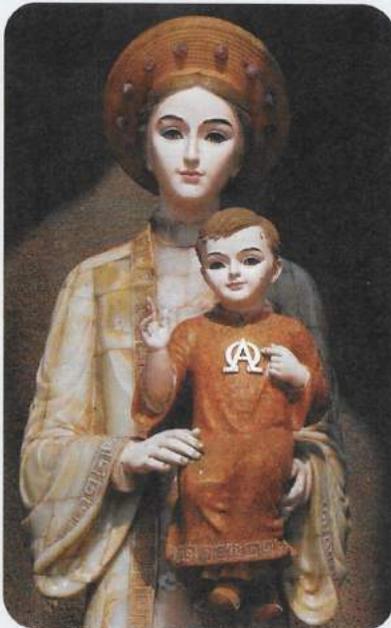
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



FRESCO OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO GAGLIARDI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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*May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JANUARY 17, 2021

### MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

### TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

### WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

### THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

### FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

### SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

### SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

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