



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14



## The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**E**very family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

### Reflect

***What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JANUARY 25 & 26, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 25 - 6:00 PM**

✠ Lisa Smith Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Sunday, January 26 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Frank Mamone by the parish

**\*Daily Mass will Resume in February\***

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

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

**Sunday, February 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

**January 27:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

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

**February 6:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**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

**February 13:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

**February 14:** Valentine's Day

**February 20:** Dayton Bible Class 4 pm

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

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

## 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

**PASTOR:** Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.  
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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

## STRIVING TO IMPROVE EACH PARISH IN THE STATE



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.

Our New 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) at Mass.



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



*Altar Flowers were donated  
By The Mamone Family  
In Loving memory of  
Frank Mamone*

### ATTENTION DONORS!

2024 Tax receipts were mailed out this past week. Please carefully review your statement. If you feel there might be an error or missing information, please contact Kim Hickman as soon as possible. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is deeply grateful for your contributions. Without monetary support many of the projects, events, and even turning on the lights would not be possible! Thank you. ~Kim

## Our Deepest Condolences

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY WE ANNOUNCE  
THAT FRANK MAMONE PASSED AWAY ON  
JANUARY 18, 2025

WE SEND OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO FRANK'S WIFE, CAROLE MAMONE, DAUGHTERS LEAH CATHERINE FARRIN AND GINA MARIE MAMONE. GRANDDAUGHTER AMELIA GRACE FARRIN. HIS SISTERS, YOLANDA MAMONE (BILL), JEAN RIECKEN (GLENN), SUSIE HOLDREN (RODNEY), FRANCES MAMONE (STEVE), AND THERESA LIPPERT (BAILEY). HIS BROTHERS, TONY MAMONE (HABIBI) AND MICHAEL MAMONE (RYAN).

MAY OUR LORD COMFORT AND SEND YOU ALL OF THE ANGELS AND SAINTS, PEACE TO ALL WHO MOURN, AND MAY FRANK REST ETERNALLY IN THE ARMS OF JESUS AND IN THE COMPANY OF ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS.





**Faith Formation 2025**

*Scripture: "Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. "  
Psalm 19*

**The schedule through March 2025:**

- January 26 ~ Regular Session
- 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 29th 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

**Celebrate The Feast of St. Blaise.**

St. Blaise Day 2024 is celebrated on February 3, 2025, which is the same day it is celebrated every year. He preached Christianity in his hometown and was a well-known healer. For his dedication to Christianity and helping others, Saint Blaise was made one of the earliest bishops of Christianity.

He is recognized as the patron saint of throats and throat disease in the Roman Catholic Church. This is because his most famous and memorable act was when he miraculously helped a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. The boy was placed at the saint's feet by his mother, and he healed straight away.

**We look forward to announcing when we will be doing the blessing of the throats at Mass in February.**





# FATHER SEBASTIAN DEVASYA HOLY YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Florence | Siena  
Assisi | Rome



September 2nd through the 11th, 2025



**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  
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[gina@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:gina@sacredheartprinceton.org)



SCAN ME

BOOK ONLINE:  
<https://bit.ly/DevasyaItaly>



### January Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
1/25 Sat. 6pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	Dave	TBA	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Hager 3.D. Garton	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
			Kelley				
1/26 Sun 9pm	M. Malamisura	T. Lowery	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.M. Romeo	S. Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini			

# \* 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](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)



**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](http://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.**



## 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.





## 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](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)



Weekly Collection	weekend Jan 18-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,215.00	10,806.00	11,250.00
Maintenance	200.00	977.00	350.00
Loose Offertory	600.00	1,310.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,015.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,093.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,100.00</b>
Votive Candles	25.00	25.00	0.00
Food Pantry	564.00	1,204.00	0.00
DWC: Latin American	347.00	347.00	0.00
DWC: Central and East Europe	194.00	194.00	300.00
DWC: Church in Africa	170.00	170.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 47	9am: 56	

## 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,

*At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?*

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—uscbb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



HOT CHEESE MEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

*The Redemptorists / 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
January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
Weekday	St. Thomas	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco,	Weekday	The Presentation
Heb 9:15,	Aquinas, Priest	Heb 10:11–18	Heb 10:19–25	Priest	Heb 11:1–2,	of the Lord
24–28	and Doctor of	Mk 4:1–20	Mk 4:21–25	Heb 10:32–39	8–19	Mal 3:1–4
Mk 3:22–30	the Church			Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	Heb 2:14–18
	Heb 10:1–10					Lk 2:22–40 or
	Mk 3:31–35					2:22–32



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.*

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022