



## Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

### Reflect

***Who has been a truth-sayer for you?  
How have they impacted your life?***



Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JULY 6 & 7, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 6- 6:00 PM

✠ John Cox by The Parish

### Sunday, July 7- 9:00 AM

✠ Pro Populo

### Tuesday, July 9- Noon

✠ Owen Himes by St. Anne's Guild from South Charleston

### Wednesday, July 10- 9:00 AM

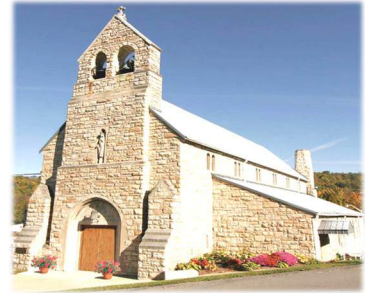
✠ People of the Parish

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

✠ Tom Pochick by Dan Pochick

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

✠ Bruno & Marianna Lijoi & Family by Vittoria Lijoi



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623  
Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Confession:**  
Before Weekend Masses  
During Eucharistic Adoration  
By Appointment

**Food Pantry Hours:**  
Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

July 11: Centennial Planning Meeting 6 pm

July 13-14: Seminarian Send-Off

July 15: Summer Talk Series by Joe Derico 6 pm

July 17-21: Eucharistic Congress Trip

July 22: Seminarian Summer Talk by Joe Derico 6 pm

July 22: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

July 28: Church Picnic

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

July 12 ~ Princeton                      August 9 ~ Princeton

July 26 ~ Bluefield                        August 16 ~ 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.*



# *Sacred Heart Church Building Centennial*

**Next meeting:  
Thursday, July 11 at 6pm  
in the lounge**

# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

## **Church Directory**

To go along with our Centennial Celebration this year we will be compiling a new church directory.

We will need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. We will not have picture packages or sales team involved. If you don't have a current picture, arrangements will be made to have family pictures taken.

Anyone wanting to submit a digital picture may send them to:  
[shcc\\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com)

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## **History Book- Church Building Pictures**

If you have any photos or memories you would like to share about our Church Building, please send them to:

[shcc\\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com)

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If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office, leave a message and someone will call you back.



*The next RCIA Meetings will be Wednesday,  
July 17 at 5pm in the school.*

## Summer Talk Series by Seminarian Joe Derico

Sunday, July 14 - 4:00 pm ~ Princeton

Monday, July 15 - 6:00 pm ~Bluefield

**Confession:**

Receiving the Merciful Love of the Lord

## Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Summer LitNics are back and being scheduled! We share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. Are you interested in having mass at your house for neighborhood friends? The host family is responsible for paper good and drinks. Those attending please bring a potluck dish. LitNics begin at 6 PM on Wednesdays. If you would like to host a Litnic please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421.

### Current Dates

July 10<sup>th</sup> – OPEN

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Ralph & Linda Modena

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – George & Wendi Aiello

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Kenny & Theresa Bales

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Stephen & Laura Ward



## Food Pantry Report June 2024

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
5-Jun	138	61	199	4	179	335	83
12-Jun	145	51	196	6	189	515	84
19-Jun	158	60	218	2	295	463	88
26-Jun	174	87	261	6	128	143	101
Monthly Totals	615	259	874	18	791	1456	356
Y-T-D Distribution	3502	1498	5050	112	3808	4795	2084

## Joyful Send-off!

On Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 after each Mass, there will be time to offer Seminarian Joe Derico a fond farewell for the time he has been with us.

We thank him for the wonderful summer talk series, his weekly teachings in the bulletin and before Mass, the Women’s Day of Recollection, and all his talents he shared with us this summer.

We wish him many blessings moving ahead in his journey to the priesthood and look forward to hearing updates from him. There will be a basket in the back of the Church for cards. Thank you Joe for everything!

# Let's Talk...

WITH SEMINARIAN JOE  
DERICIO

## THE SECOND PRECEPT OF THE CHURCH TALK # 7



**YOU SHALL MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR.**

*“Repent and Believe in the Gospel”*

*“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return”*

Holy Mother Church in her infinite wisdom has so imbued her sacred liturgy with so many profound and holy prayers that it becomes easy for us to skip over them as if they were some lackluster words of no real consequence. These words are far from lackluster, and certainly of the greatest significance whenever we consider the liturgical context in which they are used. The invitation to repentance which was spoken to us when ashes were placed on our heads on Ash Wednesday, seeks to inspire within our hearts a spirit of conversion and repentance.

What better way have we then, but the sacrament of confession to respond to these commands which the Church, through her ministers gives us on Ash Wednesday? I know that I have written extensively up to this point on the sacrament of confession, and I hope here to avoid rehashing what I have already said before. I do hope however, that as part of this series, you will come to see just how important confession is to the rest of our Christian lives.

God's mercy is often described by the saints as an “ocean of mercy”. In confession, we place our sins into this ocean, so that we may receive God's mercy in return. It is easy to worry about whether our sins make God love us less; let me assure you, they do not. Confessing our sins is like wiping the ashes which were placed on our foreheads into an ocean. The ashes quickly dissolve, and after only the briefest moment are indistinguishable from the rest of the ocean. So, our sins are with God's mercy, they are enveloped, and God's mercy washes us clean through the merits of the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first invocation to be used during the imposition of ashes gives us extraordinary insight into how we know this. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” We are as insignificant as dust. Contemplate that for a moment, we are like dust, we are moved easily, by even the slightest breeze, and with even the slightest nudge, we are cleaned up. St. Paul reminds us that we are like a puff of smoke, here one moment and gone the next. Confession serves as the instrument through which the Church reminds us of our insignificance in comparison with God's mercy. Our sins are but a speck of dust or ashes, and his mercy is an ocean. The implications of this realization are enormous. We have to go to confession if we wish to be forgiven, but our sins are worth nothing in comparison to God's mercy. They are easily wiped away by the Lord in the absolution which we receive in confession.

<b>July Ministry Schedule</b>							
<b>Mass Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Rosary Leader</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Collection Counters</b>
<b>Sat. 7/6 6:00 pm</b>	P. Peretti	F. Moran	D. Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	R. Albert C. Albert
					2.P. Peretti		
<b>Sun. 7/7 9:00 am</b>	M. Malamisura	A. Torrez	H. Wills	M. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd	R. Albert	
			K. Wills	A. Rebuck	2.K. Kirk		
					3.M. Malamisura		
<b>Sat. 7/13 6:00 pm</b>	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	TBA	F. Moran	1.T. Behrmann	The Pascasio's	
			TBA		2.L. Mariotti		
<b>Sun. 7/14 9:00 am</b>	M. Malamisura	T. Lampert	R. West	T. Bales	1.C. Havens	B. Buzzo	
			K. Oakes	C. Ott	2.M. Malamisura		
					3.A. Robinson		
<b>Sat. 7/20 6:00 pm</b>	J. McCloud	P. Buenafe	D. Kelley	C. Saunders	1.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	
					2.P. Peretti		
<b>Sun. 7/21 9:00 am</b>	T. Lampert	B. Musolin	TBA	A. Torrez	1.C. Havens	R. Malamisura	
			TBA	R. Ciccolini	2.A. Robinson		
					3. T. Lampert		
<b>Sat. 7/27 6:00 pm</b>	P. Buenafe	T. Lowery	A. Zinsmeister	F. Moran	1T. Hager	The Pascasio's	
			P. Buenafe		2.A. Peretti		
<b>Sun. 7/28 9:00 am</b>	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	R. Aiello	B. Buzzo	1.W. Aiello	R. Malamisura	
			C. Tran	R. Albert	2.G. Aiello		
					3.M. Malamisura		



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

**Friends & Family:** Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Laura Lee Null, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught

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)



We have raised \$28,641

We have surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thanks everyone for your generous donations!

Please continue to donate if you can!

Weekly Donations	Actual	YTD	YTD
Envelopes	3,728.00	132,119.10	114,200.00
Loose Offertory	439.00	11,815.00	12,400.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>4,167.00</b>	<b>143,934.10</b>	<b>126,600.00</b>
Food Pantry	140.00	14,118.00	0.00
Attendance:	<b>6pm: 54</b>	<b>9am: 81</b>	



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### What is the Mass?

The Search Continues Why should I want to go to Mass with my whole heart? What actually happens? Fr. John Riley and Chris Stefanick discuss the roots of Mass and its profound implications for us today.

[What is the Mass? - The Search Continues - FORMED](#)

### 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.

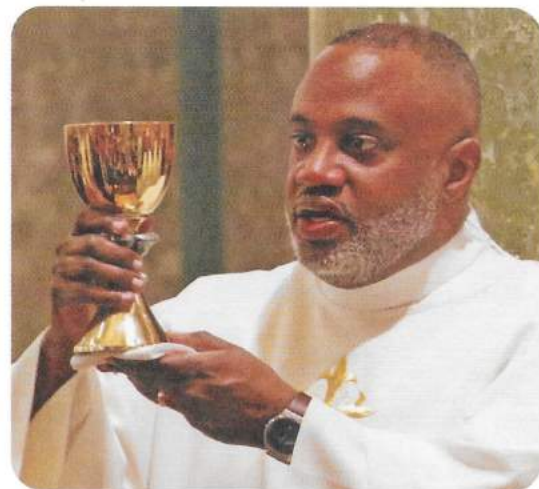
# Dear Padre,

***My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.***

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



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## 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
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Benedict, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hos 2:16, 17c– 18, 21–22	Hos 8:4–7, 11–13	Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12	Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9	Hos 14:2–10 Mt 10:16–23	Is 6:1–8 Mt 10:24–33	Am 7:12–15 Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10 Mk 6:7–13
Mt 9:18–26	Mt 9:32–38	Mt 10:1–7	Mt 10:7–15			

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.***

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 8, 2018



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