



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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Reflect

This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MARCH 14-15, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14 - 6:00 PM

✠ Gail Matzel by D. Garton, A. Crowe, M. Forbes,
C. Stonestreit, V. Bourne

Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 AM

People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Wed., March 18 - 5:00 PM Adoration & 6:00 PM Mass

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Thursday, March 19 - 10:00 AM

✠ Greg Garton by Jerry & Norma Brackenrich

Saturday, March 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ Andrea Grandinetti by Natalie & Mary-Ann Lijoi

Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 AM

Available to Reserve

Sacred Heart Princeton

Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

Confession: 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15: 4th Sunday of Lent

March 15: Children's Mass 9 AM

March 15: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

March 17: OCIA Meeting 5 PM

March 18: PPC Meeting 6:45 PM

March 20: Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 21-22: St. Anne's Bake Sale

March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

March 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 PM

March 24: OCIA Meeting 5 PM

March 24: Men's Prayer Group Meeting 6:30 PM

March 27: Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 29: Palm Sunday

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

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.



St. Anne's Altar Society
Easter **Bake Sale**
March 21-22

Oops, you just heard on the news that the Easter bunny has run out of candy! Silly Rabbit, he should have called St. Anne's!

Our yearly Easter Bake Sale will be March 21 & 22 after each Mass.

So bring those empty baskets and the ladies will fill them up for you! We look forward to seeing you all there!

As always, any food or monetary contributions are much appreciated.

Happy & Blessed Easter
 St. Anne's



Stations of the Cross Schedule

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:00 pm during the Season of Lent.

March 20 at 6:00 pm
 Led by Fr. Joseph and the Crusaders Youth Ministry

March 27 at 6:00 pm
 Led by Fr. Joseph and the Parish Pastoral Council

March 29 at 5:00 pm
 Led by Centering Prayer Group

April 3 at 4:00 pm
 Led by Fr. Joseph

Thank you to Knights of Columbus who hosted this past week



Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office to secure your preferred dates.

Dates available begin the weekend of April 11-12, 2026

Options Include:
 Urns on the Altar
 Floor Arrangement
 Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement



HOLY WEEK

CALENDAR OF 2ND COLLECTIONS

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Sacred Heart Collection
 For the good of the Parish

GOOD FRIDAY
Sacred Heart Collection
 For the good of the Parish
 &
Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection



OCIA SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 17, and 24 at 5pm
 April 2, 3, 4: Attend Holy Week Services

Please prayer for our Elect

Christopher Taylor, Clayton Campbell, Ryan Hall,
 Tanner Keathley, and Robert McGraw



Faith Formation
 LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Faith Formation 2026
Every Sunday at 10:15 am

The schedule through Spring 2026:

March 15 ~ Youth to read for Mass & VIRTUS Lesson during FF
 March 22, 29 ~ Regular Sessions
 April 5 ~ No Faith Formation – Easter Sunday
 April 12 ~ Regular Session
 April 19 ~ Youth to read for Mass & Regular Session
 April 26 ~ First Holy Communion with reception – No Faith Formation
 May 3 ~ May Crowning and Procession during 9am Mass
 Youth to participate – more info will follow
 May 3 ~ Last day of Faith Formation
 +First Reconciliation and First Communion Practice to be scheduled+

Please Pray for your First Communicates:
 Roxanne Ciaccio & Gianna Copolo

Men's Prayer Group!

All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Next Meetings

NEW TIMES: Now at 6:30 pm on March 24th



Sacred Heart Adult Grief Support Group



Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group Meets every First Friday of the Month in the Church Lounge at 4:30



Centering Prayer Group

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

St. Anne's Altar Society

St. Anne's will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Next Meeting will be April 9th at 11 am after morning Mass.



Five Minute Examen Prayer

An Evening Prayer from St. Ignatius of Loyola

1. Become Aware of God's Presence

Take a slow breath. Remember that God is with you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your reflection.

2. Give Thanks

Recall the gifts of this day, large and small. Thank God for specific blessings.

3. Review the Day

Walk back through your day. When did you feel close to God? When were you anxious, impatient, or distracted? Where did you act in love? Where did you struggle?

4. Ask for Forgiveness

Gently acknowledge any sins or missed opportunities to love. Ask for God's mercy and receive His peace. "Lord, have mercy."

5. Look for Tomorrow

~Ask for grace for what lies ahead. Entrust tomorrow to the Lord. Close with the *Our Father.*



March 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 3/14 6 PM	J. McCloud	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	D. Duritza	Dan Debbie
Sun. 3/15 9 am Kids Mass	The Winfree's	B.Musolin	1. R. West 2. K. Oakes	Children to Read	1.K. Kidd 2. K. Kirk	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert	R. Malamisura	Jack Theresia
Sat. 3/21 6 pm	P. Peretti	D. Crigger	P. Buenafe	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio		Dan Barbara
Sun. 3/22 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.C. Tran 2.C. Longworth	1.T. Bales 2. C. Ott	1.A. Robinson 2.S. Copolo	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Jack Debbie
Sat. 3/28 6 pm	J. McCloud	V. Hager	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1. D. Garton 2.M. Zalduondo	1.V. Hager 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard		TBA
Sun. 3/29 9 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	1. R. Aiello 2. K. Wills	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	1.B. Buzzo 2.C. Asbury 3.. T. J. Longworth	The Aiello's	TBA



Mary's Way of the Cross Stations

Isn't the Way of the Cross the way of every person's life?

In these stations we see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way to Calvary then we try to make practical applications to our lives.

Join us as we recite these Special Mother Mary Stations of the Cross

On Palm Sunday, March 29th at 5:00 PM
In the Church

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

Friends & Family: Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Ann Beck, Madeline Behrmann, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Arnold Mitchem, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Parishioner In Need of Driver

A Parishioner is need of a Driver to drive her to Church on a weekly basis.

If interested, please call Carolina Ferrare at 276-245-8230



<i>Weekly Collection</i>	weekend Mar 7-8	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,610.00	43,462.00	44,800.00
Maintenance	25.00	1,251.00	1,200.00
Loose Offertory	237.00	3,902.05	4,000.00
Easter Flowers	60.00	1,020.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,932.00	\$ 49,635.05	\$ 51,000.00
Food Pantry	739.00	6,047.00	0.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	1,295.00	1,320.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	6 PM: 73	9AM: 114	

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, if Fr. Joseph 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 Joseph 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.

HOLY WEEK 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

29
MARCH

PALM SUNDAY
SATURDAY: 6 PM
SUNDAY: 9 AM

2
APRIL

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MASS AT 5:00 PM

3
APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE AT 5:00 PM



4
APRIL

EASTER VIGIL
MASS AT 6:00 PM

5
APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY
MASS AT 9:00 AM

EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF HOLY WEEK. COME, PRAY, AND BE RENEWED WITH SACRED HEART!



SACRED HEART CHURCH
BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Easter Flowers

Mary, Ken, and Roger Mash
Bill & Mary Albert

Nancy & Bill Densmore

Ada Mae Williams, Rose Pendleton

Patsy Malamisura, Jack Martin

Jack Albert, Judy White

By Randy & Cindy Albert

Gifted by Janice Barber

Gifted by Frank & Lillian Brady

Nick, Frances, Ron, and Donna Buzzo
by Bob & Cathy Buzzo

Gifted by
Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Betty Clayton
by Vearl & Betty Clayton

All the Deceased in the
Crigger & Bowles Families
by James & Donella Crigger

Mr. & Mrs. John Crist, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Franklin
Mary Williams & Ann Crist Byrd
by John & Debbie Crist

Mary & Sam Genovesi
by Angie Genovesi

Robert & Frances L. Harrison
by Julia Harrison

Frances A. Harrison
by Tom Harrison

Margie & Percy Johnson Sr.
Lebbe C. Owens
by Percy Johnson

Terry Lampert by Claire Lampert

Gifted by Kathy Kirk

Mario A. Lijoi by Natalie Lijoi

Josephine Marrella by Vickie Lijoi

Gifted by Carl & Linda Mariotti

List of as March 10, 2026

Ray & Mary Shumate
by Jimmie & Marilyn McCoy

Barry McCloud
by Jean McCloud & Tess Mannel

Gifted by Mike & Patti McGinnity

Anthony & Michelina Iacullo
by Claude & Annette Morgan

Gifted by Daniel & Ruth Perez

Monty Ramella by Debby Ramella

Deceased Members of the
Rebuck Family & Mitch Rebuck
by Deb Rebuck

Beth George by Connie Saunders

Jose Buendia
Genara Buendia
by Dennis & Marietta Tumbokon

Gifted by
The Umberger Family

Gifted by
Stephen & Laura Ward

Dear Padre,

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook-‘em horns” sign. You wouldn’t give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing.

It’s true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning “left.”

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



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MARCO JACOBUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a,

12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18–21,

24a or Lk 2:41–

51a

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10,

25–30

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45 or

11:3–7, 17, 20–27,

33b–45