



I Am the Resurrection

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The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

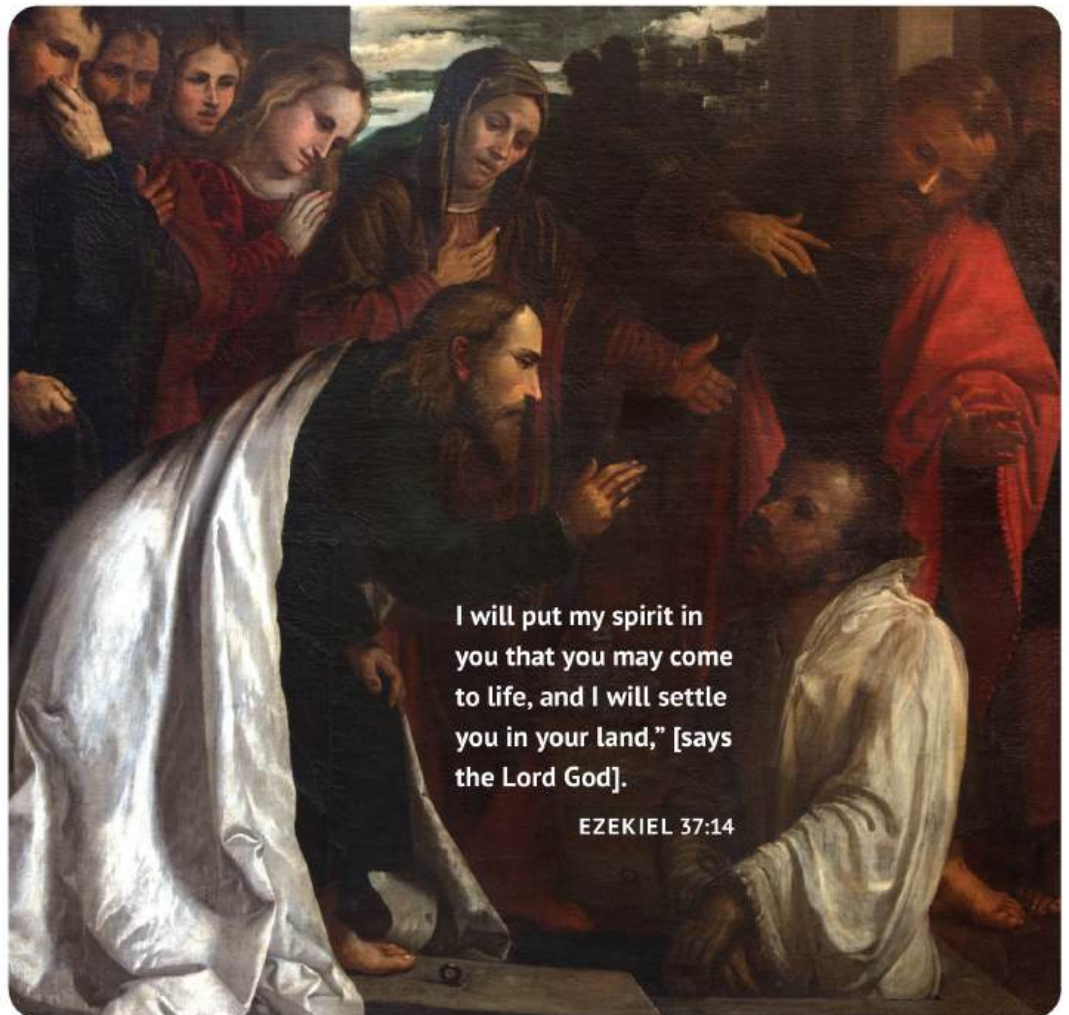
We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

Reflect

Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



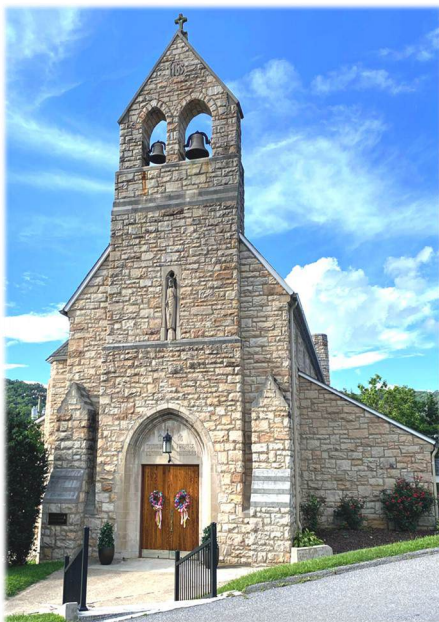
I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land,” [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MARCH 21-22, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ **Andrea Grandinetti** by Natalie & Mary-Ann Lijoi

Sunday, March 22 - 9:00 AM

✠ **Terry Lampert** by Tiffany, Tonya, and Raegan

Wed., March 25 - 5:00 PM Adoration & 6:00 PM Mass

✠ **Greg Garton** By Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Thursday, March 26 - 10:00 AM

✠ **Charles & Opal Garton** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, March 28 - 6:00 PM

✠ **Aldo & Claire Lijoi** by Vittoria Lijoi

Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 AM

People of the Parish

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 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

March 29: Mary's Way of the Cross Stations 5:00 PM

April 1: Wednesday Daily Mass 6:00 PM

April 2: Holy Thursday Mass 5:00 PM

April 3: Good Friday Service 5:00 PM

April 4: Easter Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

April 5: Easter Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

April 5: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

CHURCH STAFF

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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.

JOIN US FOR OUR

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
AFTER EASTER
SUNDAY MASS

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A
FUN FAMILY PHOTO
BOOTH

We Will NOT Be Having
First Saturday & Sunday Socials
for the month of April

Stations of the Cross Schedule

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

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

**Mary's Way of the Cross
Palm Sunday**
March 29 at 5:00 pm
Led by Centering Prayer Group

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

Thank you to Crusaders Youth Ministry
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, 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 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.



Obituaries

Lane O. Austin - Lane O. Austin of Princeton, WV passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026 at the age of 81. His funeral was on March 6th. We send our sincerest condolences to his wife Peggy Austin, his sons, Brandon (Krystin) Austin, Clay Austin, and Chase (Harley) Austin; his cherished granddaughters, Claire and Elise Marie Austin; his sister, Vera Lee Austin; and many nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues who will forever honor and cherish his memory.

You can view Lane Austin's full obituary on the Bluefield Daily Telegraph website.

Linda Angelelli- Linda Angelelli of Bluefield, WV passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026 at the age of 97. Her funeral was on March 14th. We send our sincerest condolences to her devoted nephews and nieces Tony and Joy Angelelli of Rockwood, TN, Fred and Gail Angelelli of Mt. Laurel, NJ, Mark and Cindy Angelelli of Charlotte, NC, Fran and Greg Rooker of Richmond, VA, Val and Randy Hostetler of Bisenti, Italy, and Shirley and Steve Conley of Midlothian, VA, Susan and Frank Alvarez of Hardy, VA, and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

You can view Linda Angelelli's full obituary on Craven-Shires Funeral Homes' website.

Lilian Brady Lilian Brady of Bluefield, WV passed away peacefully on March 7, 2026 at the age of 78. Her funeral was on March 18th. We send our sincerest condolences to her loving husband, Francis X. (Frank) Brady, Jr., their children, Donna Lynne Clemons and husband Jason of Roanoke, VA, and Michael Patrick Brady and wife Brooks and grandchildren, Jake X. Brady and Hudson M. Brady of Pinehurst, NC. She is also survived by her brother, Bruce Wetterau of Roanoke, VA.

You can view Lilian Brady's full obituary on Mercer Funeral Homes' website.

March 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
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

Food Pantry Report for February 2026

Date	Children Under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
4-Feb	26	145	6	178	35	51
11-Feb	55	275	7	329	237	109
18-Feb	68	314	7	407	413	116
25-Feb	55	222	6	194	148	81
Monthly Totals	204	956	26	1108	833	357
Y-T-D Distribution	204	956	26	1108	833	357

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, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, 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




Weekly Collection	weekend Mar 14-15	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,462.00	46,924.00	49,200.00
Loose Offertory	259.00	4,161.05	4,500.00
Holiday Flowers	60.00	1,080.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,781.00	\$ 52,165.05	\$ 54,700.00
Food Pantry	465.00	6,512.00	0.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	25.00	1,345.00	1,500.00
Attendance:	6 PM: 57	9 AM: 132	

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A RECEPTION AFTER MASS
TO CELEBRATE OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

5
APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY
MASS AT 9:00 AM



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
Gail Matzel
by Eric, Kim, & Tristan Brown

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

Gifted by Kathy Kirk

Terry Lampert by Claire Lampert

Mario A. Lijoi by Natalie Lijoi
Josephine Marrella by Vickie Lijoi

Gifted by Carl & Linda Mariotti

List of as March 19, 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

Anthony Paul Peretti by Patty Peretti

Monty Ramella by Debby Ramella
Ramella & Smith Families
by Tullio & Linda 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've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



RENATA SEMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



FAUSTO RENDA / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62 or
13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66 or
27:11–54

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.