



## Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**I**f today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT  
THE AUTHORS  
OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

The love of God has been  
poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has  
been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

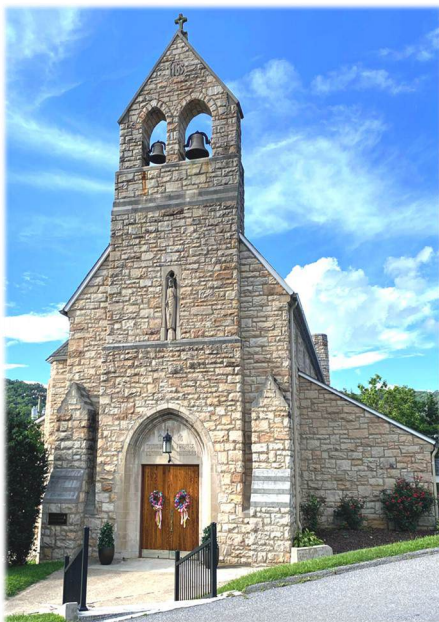
### Reflect

*Do I need more silence?  
Do I find silence difficult?*

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MARCH 7-8, 2026



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 7 - 6:00 PM**

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

**Sunday, March 8 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Terry Lampert by the Food Pantry

**Wednesday, March 11 -Cancelled**

No Mass or Adoration

**Thursday, March 12 - 10:00 AM**

✠ Greg Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Saturday, March 14 - 6:00 PM**

✠ Available to Reserve

**Sunday, March 15 - 9:00 AM**

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

## 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 8:** 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests

**March 8:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

**March 8:** Centering Prayer Group 5 pm

**March 9:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 PM

**March 10:** OCIA Meeting 5 pm

**March 10:** Men's Prayer Group 6:30 PM

**March 12:** St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 AM

**March 13:** Stations of the Cross 6 PM

**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

## 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.*

**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 13 at 6:00 pm**

Led by Fr. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus

**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

**April 3 at 4:00 pm**

Led by Fr. Joseph

Thank you to Centering Prayer who hosted this past week



**COMMITMENT WEEKEND!**  
**MARCH 14-15**

Since 2007, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) has helped deliver essential shared ministries throughout West Virginia. Thanks to the generosity of those who have supported the CSA over the years, we've been able to ensure the support needed to enliven our parishes, support our Catholic schools, and expand outreach efforts is there when we need it most.

Commitment Weekend is a time where we, as a Catholic community, can come together and support our shared ministries through the CSA. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us this year with a sacrificial gift.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

Collection Date: March 8, 2026



"I thank you for your lives given in service to the Kingdom, for your daily labors, for so much generosity in the exercise of the ministry, for all that you live in silence, and that at times is accompanied by suffering or misunderstanding." ~ Pope Leo XIV



**OCIA SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, March 10, 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 8 ~ Regular Session
- 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 10th**



**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  
 March 12 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. 3/7 6 PM	P. Peretti	D. Crigger	1. D. Kelley 2. A. Froy	1.D. Crigger 2.A. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.P. Peretti	1. Pascasio	R. Ciccolini	Dan Debbie
Sun 3/8 9 AM	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.K. Wills	1. B. Buzzo 2. J. Barber	1.M. Romeo 2.C. Havens	1.R. Ciccolini 2.C. Asbury 3.K. Brown	T.J. Longworth	Jack Mary-Ann
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.TBA	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

**Holy Week**

**Attention Ministry Volunteers**

Holy Week this year will be from Sunday March 29 through Sunday April 5.

If you would like to participate in these masses as

Lectors, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Altar Server, or Hospitality  
please call or email Lucy.

## 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, Felesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

**Homebound Parishioners:** Linda Angelelli, 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, Lane Austin, 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, 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



### Altar Flowers

Please Note:  
We will not be doing flower sponsorship during the season of Lent.




Weekly Collection	weekend Feb 28- Mar 1	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,455.00	38,827.00	33,126.00
Maintenance	425.00	1,226.00	1,609.00
Loose Offertory	550.60	3,665.05	3,559.49
Holiday Flowers	260.00	960.00	775.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,690.60</b>	<b>\$ 44,678.05</b>	<b>\$ 39,069.49</b>
Food Pantry	185.00	5,308.00	10,702.20
Attendance:	6pm: 70	9am: 136	

**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

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

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

Mario A. Lijoi  
by Natalie Lijoi

Josephine Marrella  
by Vickie Lijoi

Gifted by  
Carl & Linda Mariotti

Ray & Mary Shumate  
by Jimmie & Marilyn McCoy

Gifted by Mike & Patti McGinnity

Gifted by Daniel & Ruth Perez

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  
Stephen & Laura Ward

List of as March 4, 2026

# Dear Padre,

*When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?*

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



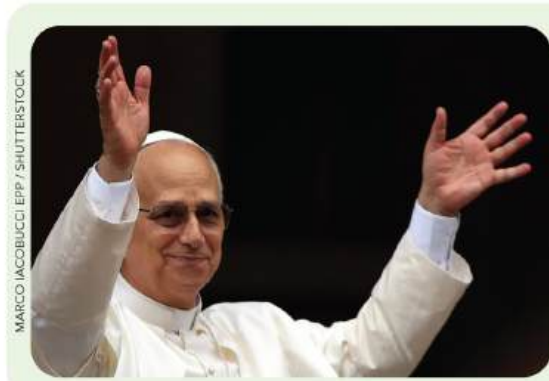
CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

## 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*.



MARCO IACOBucci EPPY / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.*

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025



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