



# The Already and the Not Yet

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**T**he church celebrates again and again during the Easter season a core truth of Christian thought and belief: “the already and the not yet.” Jesus has already saved us, but we have not yet experienced the fullness of the kingdom. In this belief, there is tension, the experience of standing in the middle, where the tension is lived, and hopefully where balance is achieved.

What makes the tension bearable is that we know we have not been left as orphans. We are not on our own. The Spirit of God is sent to us and enables us to hold fast to what we have known and experienced and what is still unknown to us. Scripture and tradition, dogmas and doctrines, sacraments and sacramentals, practices and disciplines, all inspired by the Spirit of God, provide us with the necessary support and direction and help us remain balanced.

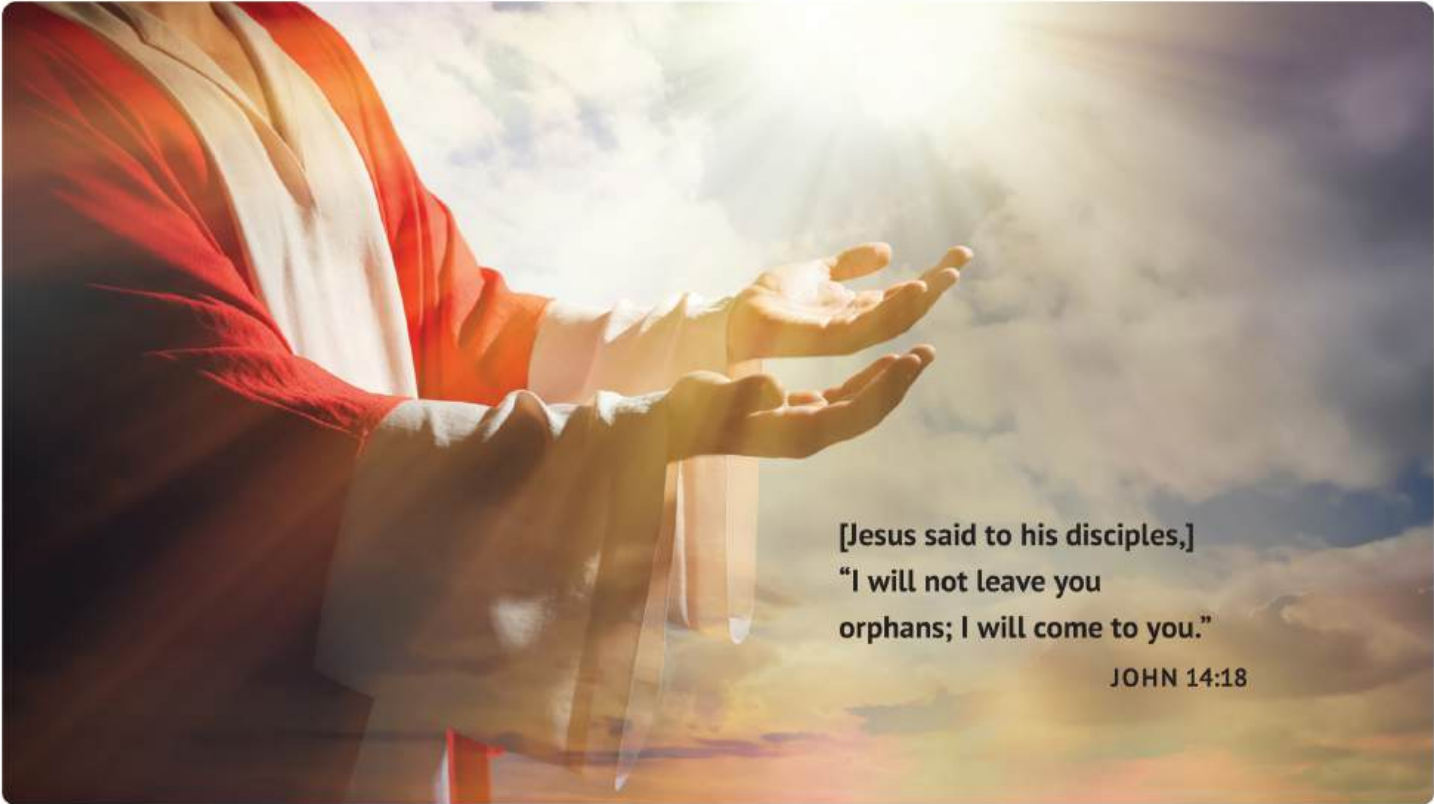
As wonderful as each of these gifts of the Spirit may be, each gift must be received, encountered, enabled, and lived. If the gifts are given but never received—and, even more important, used and shared—we not only refuse a gift freely given by our God but also deprive ourselves of the means to maintain our balance and remain on the path that leads to life and light. ●



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OF OUR PARISH  
COMMUNITY

## Reflect

*Is there a gift from God I have not received or lived? How can I begin?*



[Jesus said to his disciples,]  
“I will not leave you  
orphans; I will come to you.”

JOHN 14:18

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 9-10, 2026

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



### Saturday, May 9 - 6:00 PM

✠ **Ray & Mary Shumate** by Delores Shumate

### Sunday, May 10- 9:00 AM

✠ **Linda Angelelli** by St. Anne's Altar Society

### Wednesday, May 13 - 5 PM Adoration & 6 PM Mass

✠ **Fr. James Murphy** by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

### Thursday, May 14 - 10:00 AM Mass

✠ **Lilian Brady** by St. Anne's Altar Society

### Saturday, May 16- 6:00 PM

✠ **Pro Populo (People of the Parish)**

### Sunday, May 17- 9:00 AM

✠ **Terry Lampert** by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

### 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

May 10: Mother's Day

May 10: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

May 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM

May 12: Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group 6:30 PM

May 14: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting After Mass

May 15: Adult Grief Support Group 4:30 PM

May 17: Graduation Sunday

May 23-24: 2nd Collection, Catholic Relief Services

May 23: Pentecost Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

May 24: Pentecost Mass 9:00 AM

May 24: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

May 25: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 PM

May 25: Memorial Day, Office Closed

May 26: Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group 6:30 PM

## CHURCH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Joseph Mandokkara Augustine, J.C.L.  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Kim Hickman  
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**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623  
Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm  
After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

**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.*

# Graduation SUNDAY

CLASS OF 2026

Calling All Graduates!

We need to know the names of any graduates for this May.

**They will be honored at Sunday  
Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>**

We don't want to miss anyone! Please call the parish office or email Lucy with the name of your 2026 graduate and the following information:

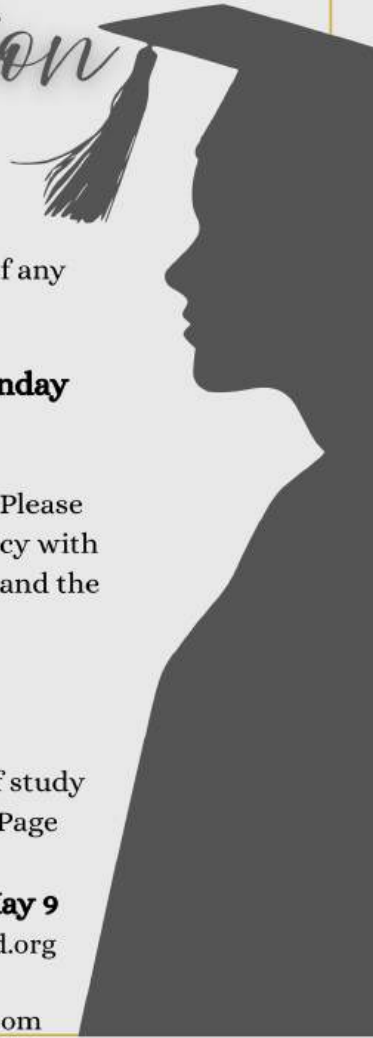
- ~Full Name
- ~Name of School
- ~Honors, awards etc.
- ~Future plans: college, choice of study
- ~ A picture for our Facebook Page

**Deadline to Submit Info: May 9**

Email: [lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)

or

[courtneylongworth@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneylongworth@yahoo.com)



# PENTECOST

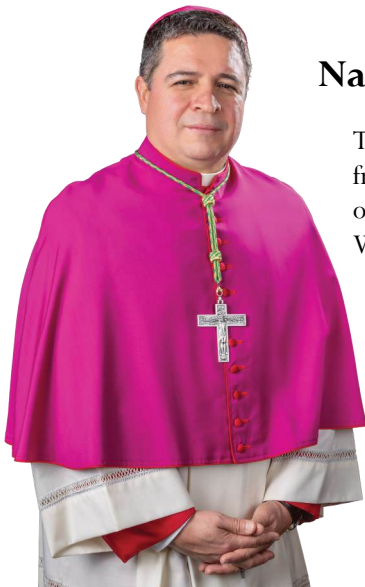


## SATURDAY VIGIL

MAY 23 6:00 PM

## SUNDAY

MAY 24 9:00 AM



## Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala Named Tenth Bishop of The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and has appointed as Bishop of that Diocese the Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. The appointment was publicized in Washington D.C. on May 1, 2026.

Bishop Evelio Menjivar was born August 14, 1970, in Chalatenango, El Salvador. He migrated to the United States in 1990 and in 2023 became Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, notably the first Salvadoran bishop in the country.

Bishop Menjivar attended St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He attended the North American College in Rome and obtained a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome ("Angelicum") in 2002. He was ordained to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on May 29, 2004.

Bishop Mark Brennan, 79, will remain as apostolic administrator of the diocese through July 1. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated on July 2, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.



## 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 has changed their meeting times to every Third Friday of the month.

### Next Meeting

May 15 at 4:30 pm in Church Lounge



## Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus is a fine group of gentlemen who support the church with many activities throughout the year. They meet twice a month on Mondays.

### Next Meeting

May 11th at 6:00 PM

## Men's Bible Study & 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, Bible Study, and fraternity.

### Next Meeting

May 12th at 6:30 Pm in the Lounge



## 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.**

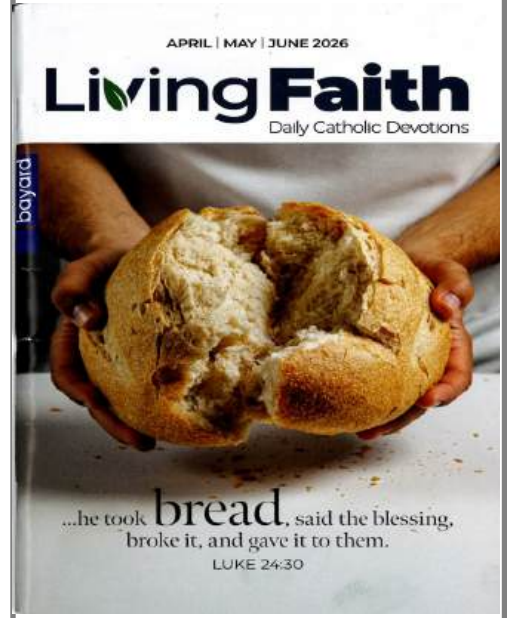
## St. Anne's Altar Society

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  
May 14th after Morning Mass.**



Daily Devotional Booklets  
available to pick-up at Mass.



## Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office or Sherry Ciccoloni to secure your preferred dates.

### Options Include:

Urns on the Altar  
Floor Arrangement

Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

## May 23-24, 2026



May 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 5/9 6 PM	P. Buenafe	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.F. Moran	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	D. Duritza R. Malamisura	Dan
Sun. 5/10 9 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	1. R. West 2. K. Oakes	1.R. Albert 2.R. Ciccolini	1.K. Kidd 2. K. Kirk	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert		Jack Hobe
Sat. 5/16 6 pm	P. Peretti	T. Lowery	P. Buenafe	1.D. Crigger 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Dan Grey
Sun. 5/17 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.K. Wills	1.B. Buzzo 2. C. Ott	1.TBA 2.S. Copolo	1.K. Brown 2.R. Ciccolini		Jack Roland



Food Pantry Report for April 2026

Date	Children Under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
1-Apr	75	286	8	191	262	117
8-Apr	56	233	8	260	435	96
15-Apr	78	306	14	323	330	124
22-Apr	48	253	2	210	241	102
29-Apr	90	284	4	229	195	104
Monthly Totals	347	1362	36	1213	1463	543
Y-T-D Distribution	768	3270	85	3193	3150	1258

## 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, Josh Ellison, 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, Mike Starre, 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 for this weekend are in memory of Joseph & Mary Falasinnu by Lara Ajulo



**Catholic Sharing Appeal**

We have raised \$8,725 which is 29% of our goal of \$29,970.



A reminder that the first 50% of our goal goes towards ministries all over the diocese, the second 50% and over raised goes straight towards Sacred Heart in Bluefield. Support Your Parish Today!

Weekly Collection	Weekend May 2-3	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,995.00	85,882.00	94,250.00
Maintenance	1,114.00	4,310.00	2,000.00
Loose Offertory	546.00	8,527.05	9,125.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,655.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,719.05</b>	<b>\$ 105,375.00</b>
Food Pantry	1,240.44	9,158.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 65	9am: 115	

**Please Note:** All Diocesan second collections are required to be forwarded to the Diocese within 2 weeks. Please be sure to submit your Diocesan collections in a timely manner. Thank you very much.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:**

Parish Office (304) 327-5623    Princeton Office (304) 425-3664    After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

**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.



# First Communion 2026

Congratulations  
Roxanne & Gianna



# Dear Padre,

## What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?

Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (*Code of Canon Law* 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See *CCL* 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See *CCL* 529.) ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today’s complex and challenging history.*

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,  
JUNE 12, 2025



### 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

May 11  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26–16:4a

#### Tuesday

May 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

#### Wednesday

May 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

#### Thursday

May 14  
St. Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26  
Jn 15:9–17

#### Friday

May 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

#### Saturday

May 16  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

#### Sunday

May 17  
The Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Mt 28:16–20