



## Apples and Pears

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become

a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

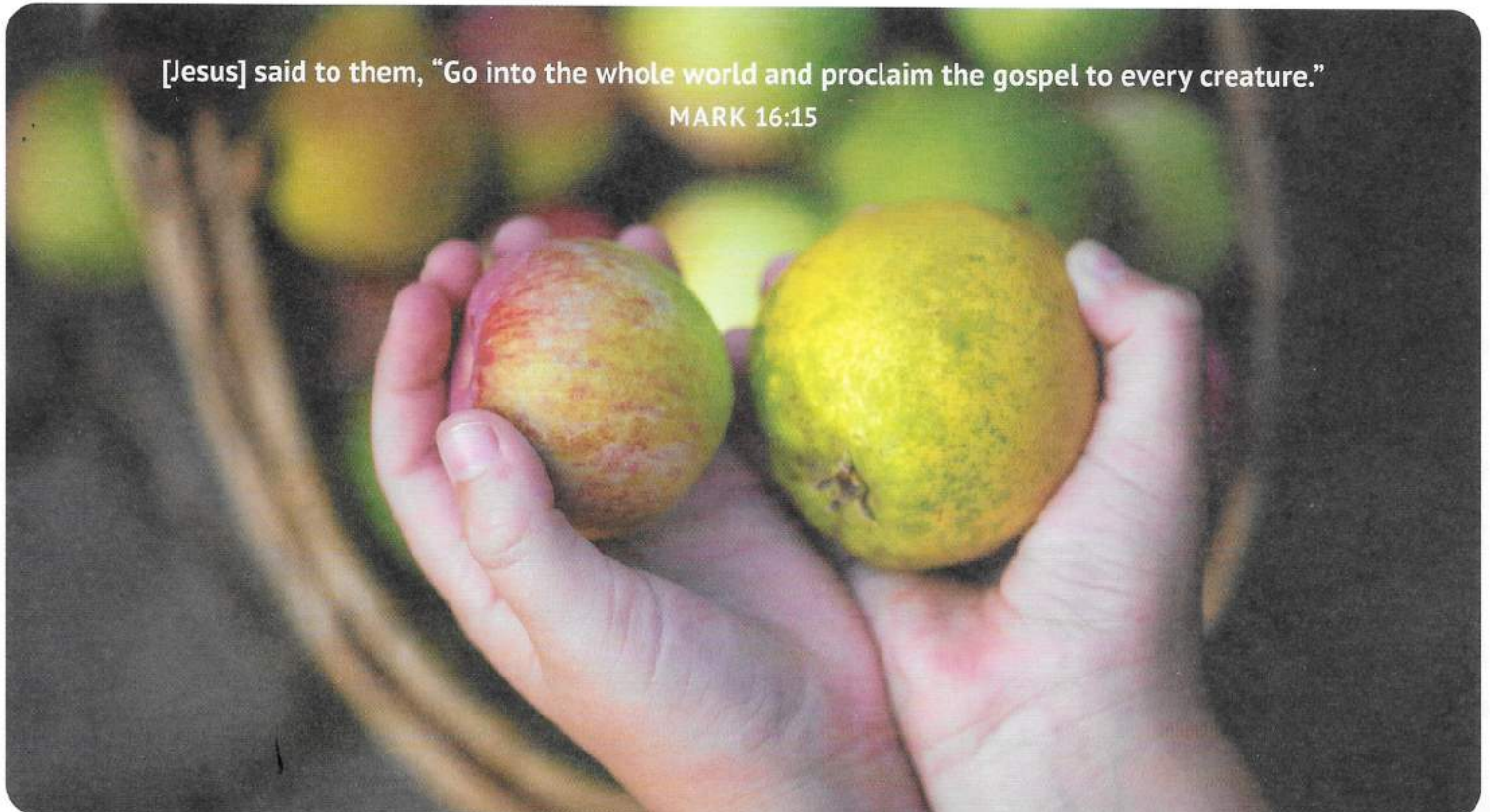
We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do?  
How do we know?***

[Jesus] said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

MARK 16:15



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 11 & 12, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 11- 6:00 PM

✠ Patsy Malamisura by Vicki Lijoi

### Sunday, May 12- 9:00 AM

✠ Ray & Mary Shumate by Delores Shumate

### Tuesday, May 14- Noon

✠ Joy Formica by St. Anne's Altar Society

### Wednesday, May 15- 9:00 AM

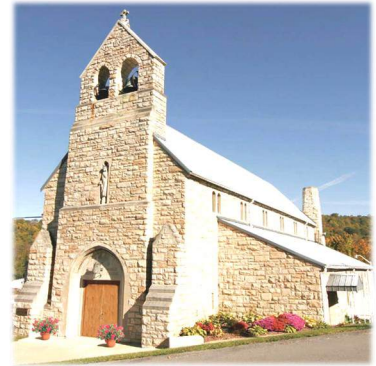
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### Saturday, May 18- 6:00 PM

✠ Patrick Moran by Feleesha Moran

### Sunday, May 19- 9:00 AM

✠ Franco & Francesca Dominijanni by Vittoria Lijoi



**Office Hours:** 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12: Mother's Day

May 13: Beckley Vicariate Meeting 11am

May 12: Daniel Maul Presentation in Princeton 4-5 pm

May 13: Daniel Maul Presentation in Bluefield 6-7 pm

May 16: PPC Meeting 6 pm

May 14: Primary Elections in Lounge

May 19: Youth Sunday

May 19: Seminarian Ice Cream Social 5pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

May 17 ~ Bluefield

June 14~ Bluefield

May 24 ~ Princeton

June 31~ Princeton

## 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.*



**Spring Reflections**  
**Facilitated by Daniel Maul**  
**Director of Evangelization & Catechesis**  
**For the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston**  
**Monday, May 13 in the Church**  
**6:00pm – 7:00pm**



Join us to deepen our spiritual lives with the topic:  
**The Truth of Jesus Christ through Scripture**  
**that Prepares Us to Share the Gospel with Others**  
**Everyone welcome!**





*Instead of the regular Wednesday meeting this week, please attend Daniel Maul's talk on Jesus Christ on Monday, May 13 at 6pm in the Church. We will have our next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at 5pm in the school.*



## CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 19th - Youth Sunday



*Fr. Sebastian and the Office Staff of Sacred Heart wish all Mothers a joyous and blessed Mother's Day!*



*The Bluefield Knights of Columbus wish all Women of the parish a Happy Mother's Day! Please be sure to pick up your present after Mass!*

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

9:00 AM Baccalaureate Mass

It's time to boast about your student. We want to acknowledge our high school and college graduates' accomplishments at mass. Please send us your student's information (school, degree, clubs, activities, awards, and future plans).

### **Graham High School:**

**Jaiden Borich** - will be attending Bluefield State University to pursue a Degree in Engineering.

**Blake Zinsmeister** - will be attending Southwest Community College to pursue a degree in Mechatronics Technology.

### **College:**

**Grace Aiello** - graduated Cum Laude in December of 2023 with a BSN, RN or Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and is a Registered Nurse at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME OUR NEW SEMINARIAN JOE DERICO. JOE CURRENTLY ATTENDS ST. JOHN PAUL II SEMINARY AND IS FROM ST. PATRICK PARISH IN WESTON.

WE WILL HAVE ICE CREAM SUNDAES, BANANA SPLITS, HOTDOGS, AND MORE!

## Summer Talk Series by Seminarian Joe Derico

*Don't miss out on the opportunity to expand your understanding of our Catholic Faith. Join us on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday in Bluefield or Princeton to uncover new insights and deepen your knowledge.*

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Sunday, May 26 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield  
Tuesday May 28 - 6:30 pm - Princeton

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The Supernatural Outlook: A View Towards Heaven

Sunday June 2 - 4:00 pm - Princeton  
Monday, June 3 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield

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Dei Verbum: Divine Revelation and Vatican II

Date: TBD - Princeton  
Sunday, June 9 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield

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Sacrosanctum Concillium: The Sacred Liturgy and Vatican II

Sunday, June 23 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield  
Tuesday June 25 — 6:30 pm - Princeton

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Gaudium et Spes: The Church in the Modern World and Vatican II

Sunday June 30 - 4:00 pm - Princeton  
Monday, July 1 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield

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Lumen Gentium: Go Forth Baptizing All Nations

Sunday July 14 — 4:00 pm - Princeton  
Monday, July 15 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield

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Confession: Receiving the Merciful Love of the Lord

Tuesday July 23— 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, July 24 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield

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The Virtue of Hope: "In You O Lord is Our Hope, and We Shall Not  
Hope in Vain"



### May Ministry Schedule

| Mass Date & Time                     | Sacristan     | Rosary Leader | Altar Servers     | Lectors      | Eucharistic Ministers                        | Hospitality    | Collection Counters (Sundays)         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat. 5/11<br>6:00 pm                 | T. Lowery     | T. Lowery     | P. Buenafe        | T. Behrmann  | 1.L. Mariotti<br>2.T. Behrmann<br>3.T. Hager | J. Monaco      | David Duritza<br><br>Rocky Malamisura |
| Sun. 5/12<br>9:00 am                 | M. Malamisura | M. Malamisura | H. Wills          | R. Albert    | 1.T. Lampert<br>2.K. Kidd<br>3.M.            | R. Malamisura  | Malamisura                            |
|                                      |               |               | K. Wills          | A. Torrez    |  |                |                                       |
| Sat. 5/18<br>6:00 pm                 | J. McCloud    | M. Zalduondo  | D. Kelley         | D. Garton    | 1.J. McCloud<br>2.P. Peretti<br>3.TBA        | The Pascasio's | Delores Shumate                       |
|                                      |               |               |                   |              |  |                |                                       |
| Sun. 5/19<br>9:00 am<br>Youth Sunday | The Winfree's | Youth<br>TBA  | Aiden Zinsmeister | Youth        | 1.S. Copolo<br>2.C. Stacy<br>3.A. Robinson   | Youth<br>TBA   | Marilyn McCoy                         |
|                                      |               |               | Youth TBA         | TBA          |  |                |                                       |
| Sat. 5/25<br>6:00 pm                 | P. Buenafe    | P. Buenafe    | P. Buenafe        | C. Saunders  | 1.T. Hager<br>2. V. Hager<br>3.A. Peretti    | J. Monaco      | Wendi Aiello<br>George Aiello         |
|                                      |               |               |                   |              |  |                |                                       |
| Sun. 5/26<br>9:00 am                 | T. Lampert    | B. Musolin    | R. Aiello         | C. Ott       | 1.T. Lampert<br>2.W. Aiello<br>3.G. Aiello   | R. Albert      |                                       |
|                                      |               |               | C. Tran           | R. Ciccolini |  |                |                                       |



## Sacred Heart History Book

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IS BEING WRITTEN.

What are your favorite memories of our parish or school?  
Please share them!

If you have photos (label date and people) or memories you would like to share, please email them to [tbales54@gmail.com](mailto:tbales54@gmail.com) or give them to Theresa Bales at church.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL REFLECTION**

**THIS WEEK WE WILL FOCUS ON....PRAYER**

**“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”**



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

**Attention Parishioners**

We have refreshed our prayer list, if there is anyone you would like to add to our new list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org

*Sacred Heart Prayer List*

**Parishioners:** George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Sharon Rothausen

**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:** Teddy Bradshaw, Chuck Comer, The Family of Lisa Dalton, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Family of Aiden Kinzer, Stan Lawson, Bob Mahood, The Family of Chase Miller, Laura Lee Null, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught

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| Weekly Collection          | Weekend May 4-5    | YTD Actual           | YTD Budget          |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes                  | 5,379.00           | 95,294.10            | 80,500.00           |
| Maintenance                | 162.00             | 1,635.00             | 2,000.00            |
| Loose Offertory            | 503.00             | 8,626.00             | 8,500.00            |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>\$ 6,044.00</b> | <b>\$ 105,555.10</b> | <b>\$ 91,000.00</b> |
| Food Pantry                | 330.00             | 11,129.00            | 0.00                |
| <b>Attendance:</b>         | <b>6pm: 64</b>     | <b>9am: 97</b>       |                     |

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

**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,

## What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.



WIKICOMMONS

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

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| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY   |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| May 13<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 19:1–8<br>Jn 16:29–33 | May 14<br><i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i><br>Acts 1:15–17, 20–26<br>Jn 15:9–17 | May 15<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 20:28–38<br>Jn 17:11b–19 | May 16<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 22:30;<br>23:6–11<br>Jn 17:20–26 | May 17<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 25:13b–21<br>Jn 21:15–19 | May 18<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 28:16–20, 30–31<br>Jn 21:20–25 | May 19<br><i>Pentecost</i><br>Acts 2:1–11<br>1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25<br>Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15 |

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017