



Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12–13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

Reflect

What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?

The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 18 & 19, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18- 6:00 PM

✠ Patrick Moran by Feleesha Moran

Sunday, May 19- 9:00 AM

✠ Franco & Francesca Dominijanni by Vittoria Lijoi

Tuesday, May 21- Noon

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Wednesday, May 22- 9:00 AM

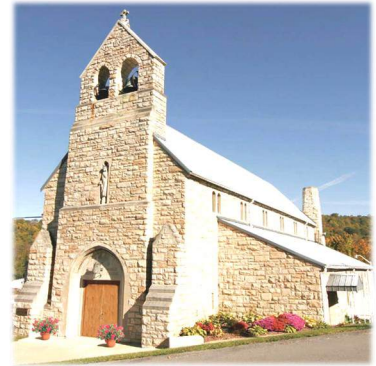
✠ Harry Switch by Cathy & Carl Cook

Saturday, May 25- 6:00 PM

✠ Bedford Baker by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, May 26- 9:00 AM

✠ Teresa Soulis by Angie Genovesi



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 19: Youth Sunday

May 22: Finance Council Meeting 6 pm

May 25-26: 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services

May 26: Seminarian Summer Talk Series 6 pm

May 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting -CANCELLED

May 27: Memorial Day

June 1-2: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

June 3: Seminarian Summer Talk Series 6 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

May 24 ~ Princeton

June 14~ Bluefield

June 31~ Princeton

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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.

"Let me
introduce
myself."

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am so excited to be with all of you this summer. Being in seminary has been the joy of my life, but I have absolutely loved the time that I have gotten to spend in a parish. I am truly ready to pour myself out for you, both in prayer and physically, throughout the coming summer. Please know that I will be praying for each of you every day, and in your charity, please pray for me. A couple notes about me—I come from Weston, WV, where I grew up with my parents, Tim and Kim, and my younger brother, Tom. I can be a bit of a nerd, and I particularly love studying the virtues, marriage and family issues, and the sacred liturgy. In what little free time I have, I enjoy hunting, fishing, cooking, baking and reading.

I am really excited to be working on a few projects with the parish this summer too. The first, and perhaps most formidable, will be the talk series that I will be giving over the course of the summer. I'm especially excited to speak on the four major constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, which lives in mystery in the shadowy memories of the 1960's for the vast majority of Catholics. If you are able only to attend one talk, make it the one on *Sacrosanctum Concillium*, it will certainly be the best by my estimation. I have structured all of them so that they will be standalone talks, but they will also have a nice flow to them, and the ordering of them is intentional.

I'll also be planning a Men's Day of Recollection in Bluefield, and a Women's Day of Recollection in Princeton. These are designed to get you out of your normal routine and will provide an opportunity to come away with the Lord and allow him to transform you in a new and radical way. Please make an effort to attend if at all possible.

I'll also be writing weekly articles for the bulletin which will focus on different catechetical issues. I had an experience when I was a little younger, realizing that I was somewhat poorly catechized. I imagine that a good many of you might find yourselves in that same boat. These are designed to help with that to a degree. If you feel like you could benefit from more catechesis, feel free to reach out to me, I'll be happy to let you know what helped me.

In addition, one of the projects that I am most excited about is a work trip that we are going to be assisting with in Webster Springs. It is an opportunity for us to help others who are less fortunate, by giving them our work and efforts. We will be helping young adults from St. James in Charles Town who go on this trip each year. If you are 18-25 and have a strong back, make sure to check out the information on the flyer in this edition of the bulletin. Let me know if you have any questions about that.

In closing, please know of my prayers for each of you throughout this summer. My desire is only to get to know all of you and to serve you better. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything at all that I can do for you, or that you would like to speak to me about. I pray that you will find me a helpful resource throughout the summer.

In Christ the risen Lord,

Joe Derico

Class of 2024

Congratulations Graduates May 19– Baccalaureate Mass

Graham High School

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

Blake Zinsmeister - While attending Graham High School, Blake was a member of the Marching Band and assisted with Summer Camps. He also attended the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center and has competed over the last couple of years in Mechatronics/ Robotics at the Regional, State and National levels.

Blake's future plans include 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.

Weekly Donations	weekend May 11-12	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,862.00	101,156.10	85,000.00
Maintenance	55.00	1,690.00	2,000.00
Loose Offertory	525.00	9,151.00	9,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,442.00	\$111,997.10	\$ 96,000.00
Food Pantry	450.00	11,479.00	0.00
DIOC: Catholic Relief Services	100.00	100.00	1,000.00
Attendance:	6pm: 60	9am: 101	



We will have our next regular meeting
on Wednesday, May 22 at 5pm
in the school.

CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

After Youth Sunday
on May 19, 2024
we will meet at
Bob Evans
for Brunch as a group.



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.

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

The Supernatural Outlook: A View Towards Heaven

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

Dei Verbum: Divine Revelation and Vatican II

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

Sacrosanctum Concillium: The Sacred Liturgy and Vatican II

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

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

Lumen Gentium: Go Forth Baptizing All Nations

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

Confession: Receiving the Merciful Love of the Lord

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

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

Quo Vadis Retreat

Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

Noon on June 17
through 1pm on June 20

Priest Field Pastoral Center
Kearneysville, WV

Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including:

**Prayer • Kayaking • Discernment
Camp Fire • Games**

Opportunities for Charitable and Spiritual
Works of Mercy

The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests
and seminarians from the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



*Altar Flowers
were donated
by St. Anne's
Altar Society
In loving memory
of the deceased members*

To Register, scan the QR code or visit WVPriests.org



PARISHIONER NEWS

Joanne Ercoline is recovering from a broken hip at the Westwood Center. If you would like to visit Joanne or send her a get-well card, her address is as follows:

Joanne Ercoline
Westwood Center
20 Westwood Park
Room 222
Bluefield, VA 24605



Join our

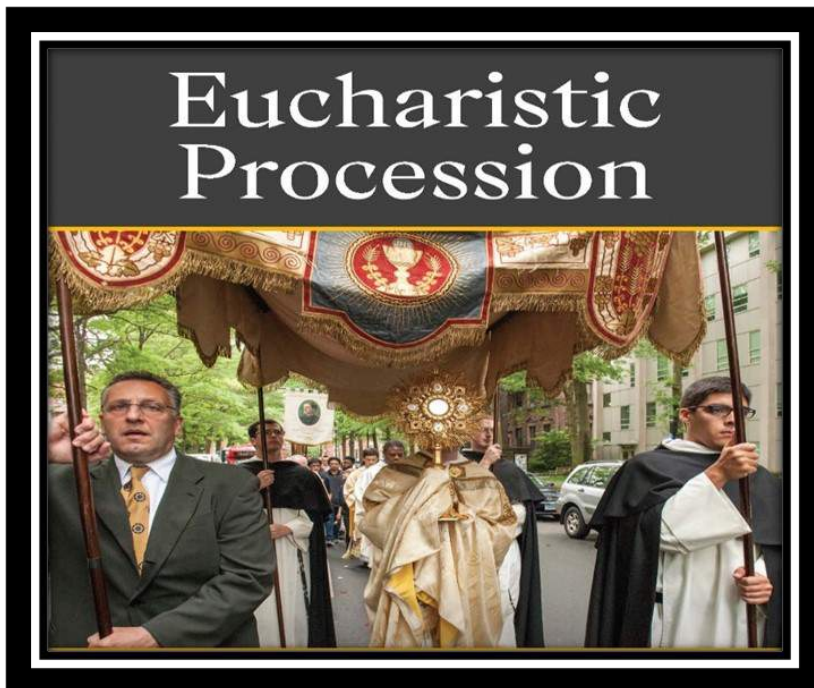
WEBSTER SPRINGS WORK CAMP

July 6-12

*Ora et Labora: Prayer and Work
For Rising 10th Graders to
Seniors in College*

For More info or to register, visit the
Parish Office or talk to Joe Derico
Requested \$50 donation-Scholarships
Available





SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) JUNE 1 ~ 2, 2024

A Eucharistic Procession is an Opportunity to walk with the Blessed Sacrament through our community, bringing Jesus to everyone along the route. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present -body, blood, soul, and divinity - In the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share the Eucharist with the world.

At the conclusion of Mass on Saturday, June 1, there will be Benediction. During Benediction, the Eucharistic Procession will be formed led by Father Sebastian carrying the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance and walking under a canopy. Altar Servers, Knights of Columbus carrying the canopy flanked by candle bearers, additional Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and the congregation will follow while singing/chanting together.

The procession will proceed through the side door, down the parking lot, down the driveway of the church – up the sidewalk on Monroe Street - the procession will enter through the front door of the church for the conclusion of Benediction.

This is a perfect opportunity to grow in your own devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to share your faith publicly. If there is inclement weather, the procession will be inside the Church.

May Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
Sat. 5/18 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	M. Zalduondo	D. Kelley	TBA	1.J. McCloud 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate
Sun. 5/19 9:00 am Youth Sunday	The Winfree's	TBA	Aiden Zinsmeister Tristan Brown Rhys Aiello	Hadley Wills Blake Zinsmeister	1.S. Copolo 2.C. Stacy 3.A. Robinson	Keagan Wills Antonio Froy	Marilyn McCoy
Sat. 5/25 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	C. Saunders	1.T. Hager 2. V. Hager 3.A. Peretti	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
Sun. 5/26 9:00 am	T. Lampert	B. Musolin	R. Aiello C. Tran	C. Ott R. Ciccolini	1.T. Lampert 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	R. Albert	



REVEAL *Christ's* LOVE

2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services ~ May 26, 2024

This collection supports Catholic organizations that aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. Donate to this worthy cause today!



Sacred Heart History Book

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

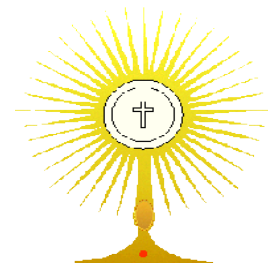
What are your favorite memories of our parish or school?
Please share them!

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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL REFLECTION

THIS WEEKEND WE WILL FOCUS ON.... **ADORATION**

BEST TIME TO BE WITH JESUS



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, Loretta Carrigan, 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, Christina Rochester, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$23,540

Thanks everyone for your generous donations,
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Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
PO Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003

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**Mary: The Church's First**

In the Gospel of John, we see the powerful scene in which Jesus gives to the Church his final gift: "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:27). Here we see Jesus inaugurating Mary's role as mother of the Church. Therefore, it should be no surprise that from the very earliest time of the Church, Christians have turned to Mary as their spiritual mother for her prayers and her motherly help.

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, 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,

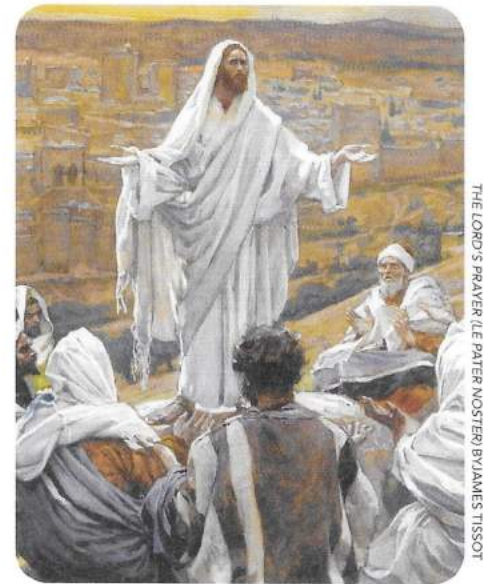
Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	May 21 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	May 22 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	May 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	May 24 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	May 25 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	May 26 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 4, 2017