



Doubting, Remembering, then Believing

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

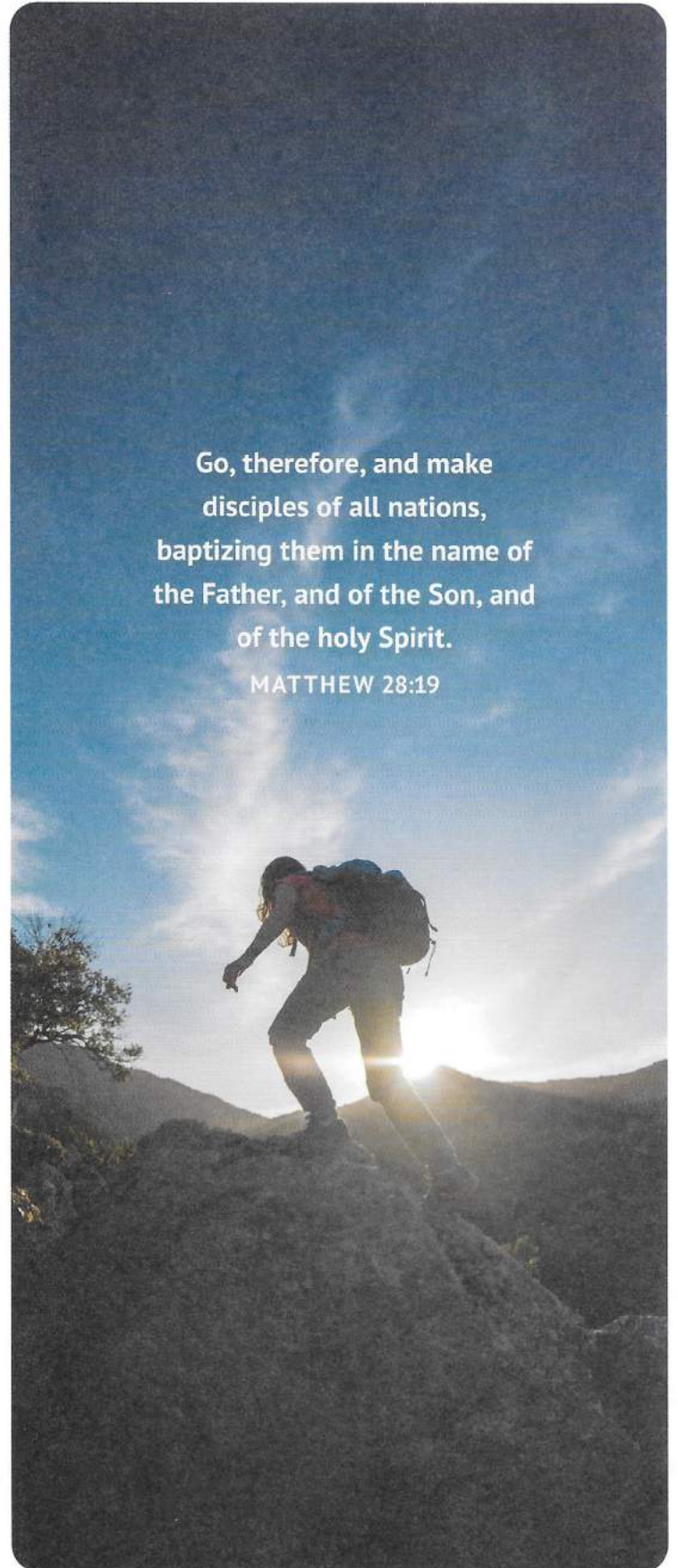
Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16-17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age." ●

Reflect

This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.



Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and
of the holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 25 & 26, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 25- 6:00 PM

✠ **Bedford Baker** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, May 26- 9:00 AM

✠ **Teresa Soulis** by Angie Genovesi

Tuesday, May 28- Noon

✠ **Pro Popula**

Wednesday, May 29- 9:00 AM

✠ **Dolores Pritchett** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, June 1- 6:00 PM

✠ **Bedford Baker** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, June 2- 9:00 AM

✠ **Deceased Members of Sacred Heart**



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 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting -CANCELLED

May 27: Memorial Day ~Office Closed

June 1-2: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

June 2: Seminarian Ice Cream Social 6 pm

June 3: Seminarian Summer Talk Series 6 pm

June 7: First Friday Mass & Benediction 6 pm

June 8-9: Peter's Pence 2nd Collection

June 9: Seminarian Summer Talk Series 6 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

June 14~ Bluefield June 28~ Bluefield

June 21~ Princeton July 12~ Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

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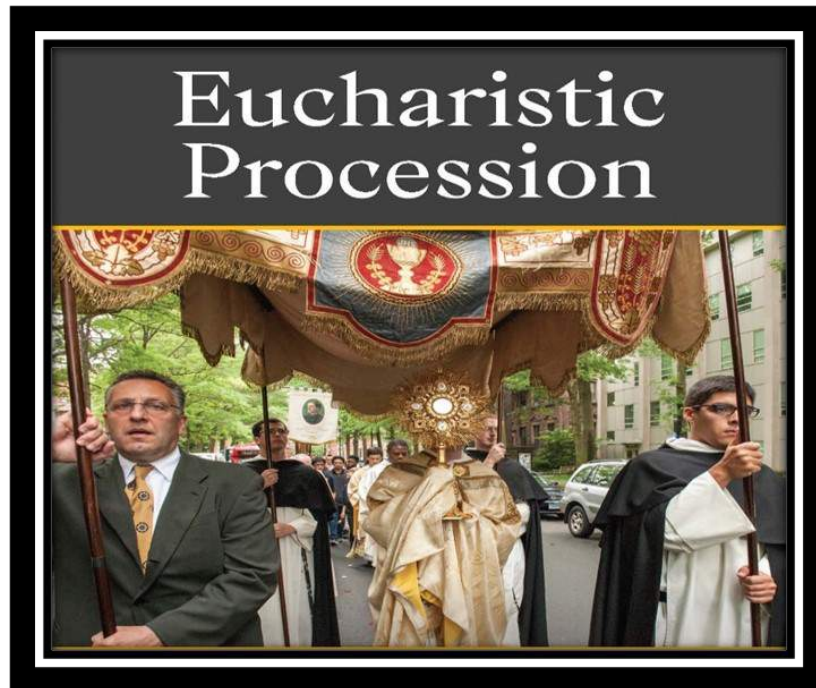
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To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.



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.

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.



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



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



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and
women who have died in the cause of freedom and
bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and
peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

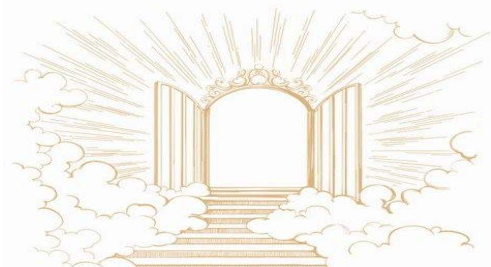
-From Catholic Household Blessings
and Prayers



RCIA

*RCIA's next meeting will be May 29th
at 5pm in the school.*

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL REFLECTION
THIS WEEKEND WE WILL FOCUS ON...



Do You Want to Go to Heaven?



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|------------------|---|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Hannah Miller | 2 | Jonathan Bays | 8 | Nancy Pochick | 14 |
| Marissa Copolo | 5 | Nancy Pruett | 8 | William Coppola | 15 |
| Stephanie Copolo | 5 | Jimmie McCoy | 9 | Brenda Cataline | 18 |
| Cynthia McGraw | 5 | Purita Buenafe | 10 | Jill Peery | 20 |
| Sarah Blevins | 6 | Tommie Longworth | 12 | Fred Butler | 23 |
| Maria Zalduondo | 6 | Ray Maupin | 12 | James Musolin | 24 |
| Joan Monaco | 7 | Carol Asbury | 13 | Tullio Ramella | 24 |
| Juanita Mullins | 7 | Donald Asbury | 13 | Johanna Umberger | 24 |
| | | Sonia Carter | 13 | Harry Derenge | 26 |
| | | Rocky Malamisura | 13 | Robbie Warner | 27 |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|
| <i>Mark & Dorothy Webb</i> | 1 | <i>Raymond & Kathleen Hahn</i> | 18 |
| <i>Joshua & Ashley Brown</i> | 2 | <i>Larry & Patricia Zande</i> | 19 |
| <i>Dan & Nancy Pochick</i> | 2 | <i>David & Angela Meade</i> | 22 |
| <i>Rodney & Jami Rust</i> | 5 | <i>John & Cynthia Stacy</i> | 22 |
| <i>Jason & Jennifer Farmer</i> | 7 | <i>Kenneth & Theresa Bales</i> | 24 |
| <i>Donald & Carol Asbury</i> | 8 | <i>Daniel & Kathy Kirk</i> | 26 |
| <i>Karl & Amy Keim</i> | 12 | <i>Joseph & Regina Hudson</i> | 28 |
| | | <i>Frank & Carole Mamone</i> | 29 |



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.

SEMINARIAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JUNE 2
6PM IN LOUNGE

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!



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.

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

Sunday, June 9 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield
Monday, June 10 - 6:00 pm - Princeton

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

Monday July 22 - 6:00 pm - Bluefield
Tuesday July 23— 6:30 pm -Princeton

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



The Sin of Silence

The Church holds that there are nine ways in which we can be accessories to sin. They are:

1. by counsel (encouraging another to commit a sin),
2. by command (making another commit a sin),
3. by consent (expressing to another that their sinful act is not, in our eyes, sinful),
4. by provocation (peer-pressuring someone into committing a sin which we are committing),
5. by praise (lauding the sinful act of another),
6. by concealment (intentionally avoiding the mention of the sin of another—which is not to say that one should go about blabbing about the faults of another without provocation),
7. by partaking (taking part in a sinful act),
8. by silence (not telling another that their act is sinful),
9. by defense of the ill done (by making excuses for the person them to rationalize their sinful act).

These of course provide a lengthy laundry list, but I think it important that we all try to be aware of the times when we may, perhaps unknowingly, be accomplices to the sin of another. Indeed, being accomplice to the sin of another, constitutes a sin on our own part.

In this age, there is a pretty common understanding between people that one ought to mind their own business and in most aspects of life I think this mantra holds true. Yet, there are times when we must speak up. If we were to see someone about to get into an accident in their car, we would tell them to stop. So too, when we see someone about to sin, or even in the midst of the sinful act itself, we ought to tell them to stop. Remind them that their act is sinful, and (perhaps most importantly) pray for them.

It seems however, that correcting another person seems to present us with a bit of a social dilemma. We have no problem correcting the sins of children (at least ordinarily this seems to be the case) but when it comes to our interactions with adults, we can be a little timid about confrontation.

When correcting the sin of another, it is important that we consider a few factors. First, what is motivating me to make this correction? Ordinarily the answer to this question ought to be charity for the soul of the other. We want our fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord to experience that eternal joy which is the heavenly banquet, and a way of helping them get there is by correcting their sin. Second, with reference to the correction of children mentioned above, why are we fine with correcting children and not adults? Sure, adults are supposed to be more mature, but I would wager that each of us has had at least one experience where we met a child who was more mature than the least mature adult that we know.

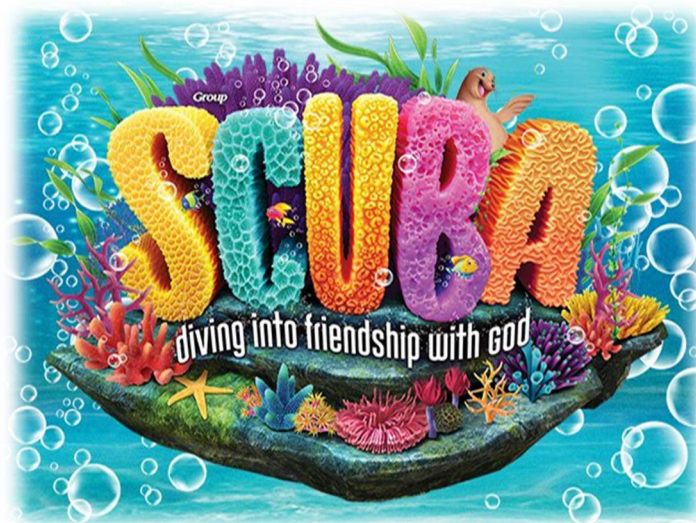
Further, should we not desire the proper formation (both moral and social) of all people, not just children? Why do we want children grow up to be good members of society, but we don't (generally) express the same concern with adults? We aren't okay with adults who aren't good members of society, so why would we pretend to be okay with adults who do not live an upstanding moral life? Indeed, I suggest that deep down inside, we are not okay with that. Rather, we've just contented ourselves with silence about the issue.

A few practical tips ought to be considered also. Be sure that if someone corrects you, that you take it well. Take time to pray over it and see if what they are saying has merit (the odds are that it does). Let the correction change your life, knowing that the person who is correcting you is also praying for you and desires only your salvation. So, remain silent no longer since your salvation and that of others depends on it.

Vacation Bible School
2024 Theme: *Scuba*
Diving into Friendship with God
June 17, 18, & 19, 2024

We need volunteers!
Many of you have worked with
Vacation Bible School in the past or
would consider helping for the first
time. If we get enough volunteers,
it will be offered in June.

If you are willing to help,
please contact Julia
at the parish office.
Registrations are in
the back of the Church



Celebrate!

June 8-9, 2024

Please join us on the weekend of June 8th and 9th to celebrate Deacon John Soplinski as he presides over Mass as a newly ordained priest! We will also be having a reception after 6pm Mass to congratulate John on his ordination.

Fr. John Soplinski



Rosary

Maple Hills Cemetery
Tuesday, May 28th
at 1:30 pm



May is a special month dedicated to Mary, also known as the month of Mary.

On Tuesday, May 28, please join us after daily Mass to pray the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady at Maple Hills Cemetery.

We invite all parishioners to attend!

Sacred Heart History

Part 7: Altar Artwork Within the Church

The stained glass windows that adorn the sanctuary, nave, and entry door to the sacristy are only a part of the beautiful artwork housed within the Sacred Heart Church. All the artwork is in keeping with the Spanish Gothic Style of the church itself. Before being professionally retouched during an early restoration project, the paintings had the characteristic green hued flesh tones, which was typical of the Spanish Gothic religious artwork, instead of the more realistic skin tones that we see on the artwork today.



The great crucifix hangs above the triumphant arch. The symbols of the evangelists are at the ends of Christ's outstretched arms.

The original altar piece from the old high altar of the original church depicts the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the center panel, with two angels on either side. Within each of the side panels, an angel holds the words of the psalmist "I have loved, Oh Lord, the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth".



On the two side altars are the Madonna and Child, emphasizing the Incarnation, and Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of our Diocese.



May Ministry Schedule

| Mass Date Time | Sacristan | Rosary Leader | Altar Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Hospitality | Collection Counters |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------|
| 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 | The Aiello's |
| 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 | |

June Ministry Schedule

| Mass Date Time | Sacristan | Rosary Leader | Altar Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Hospitality | Collection Counters |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat. 6/1 6:00 pm Corpus Christi | T. Lowery | T. Lowery | A. Peretti E. Peretti T. Brown A. Froy Mary P. Buenafe | V. Hager | 1.T. Hager 2.L. Mariotti 3.TBA | The Pascasio's | R. Albert C. Albert |
| Sun. 6/2 9:00 am | Winfree's | A. Torrez | R. West K. Oakes H. Wills K. Wills R. Aiello | M. Rebuck A. Rebuck | 1.S. Copolo 2.C. Havens 3.K. Kirk | Randy Albert | |
| Sat. 6/8 6:00 pm | P. Peretti | F. Moran | D. Kelley | C. Saunders | 1.P. Peretti 2.J. McCloud 3.F. Moran | John Monaco | D. Duritza R. Malamisura |
| Sun. 6/9 9:00 am | M. Malamisura | M. Malamisura | H. Wills K. Wills | T. Bales C. Ott | 1.T. Lampert 2.K. Kidd 3.A. Robinson | Bob Buzzo | |
| Sat. 6/15 6:00 pm | P. Buenafe | V. Hager | P. Buenafe | T. Behrmann | 1.T. Hager 2.A. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti | The Pascasio's | D. Shumate M. McCoy |
| Sun. 6/16 9:00 am | Winfree's | B. Musolin | C. Tran TBA | A. Torrez R. Albert | 1.M. Malamisura 2.TBA | Steve Copolo | |
| Sat. 6/22 6:00 pm | P. Peretti | D. Garton | A. Peretti E. Peretti | V. Hager | 1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.T. Hager | John Monaco | W. Aiello G. Aiello |
| Sun. 6/23 9:00 am | T. Lampert | T. Lampert | R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister | B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini | 1.A. Robinson 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello | Rocky Malamisura | |

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, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Claude Morgan, 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, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Family of Aiden Kinzer, Stan Lawson, Bob Mahood, Laura Lee Null, Christina Rochester, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught



| Weekly Collections | Weekend May 18-19 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes | 3,712.00 | 104,868.10 | 89,500.00 |
| Maintenance | 10.00 | 1,700.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Loose Offertory | 433.00 | 9,584.00 | 9,500.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$ 4,155.00 | \$116,152.10 | \$ 101,000.00 |
| Attendance: | 6pm: 43 | 9am: 93 | |

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$26,966

Thanks everyone for your generous donations,
we have surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Please continue to donate if you can!



You Can Mail Your Donations To

Catholic Sharing Appeal
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
PO Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003

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.

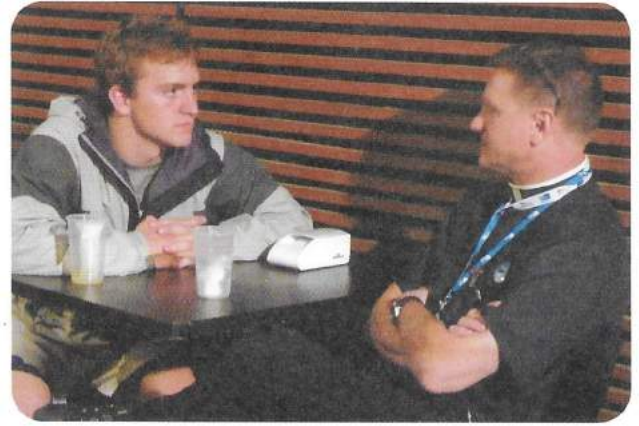
Dear Padre,

I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



MONDAY

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3–9

Mk 10:17–27

TUESDAY

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10–16

Mk 10:28–31

WEDNESDAY

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18–25

Mk 10:32–45

THURSDAY

May 30

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12

Mk 10:46–52

FRIDAY

May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

SATURDAY

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b–25

Mk 11:27–33

SUNDAY

June 2

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3–8

Heb 9:11–15

Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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