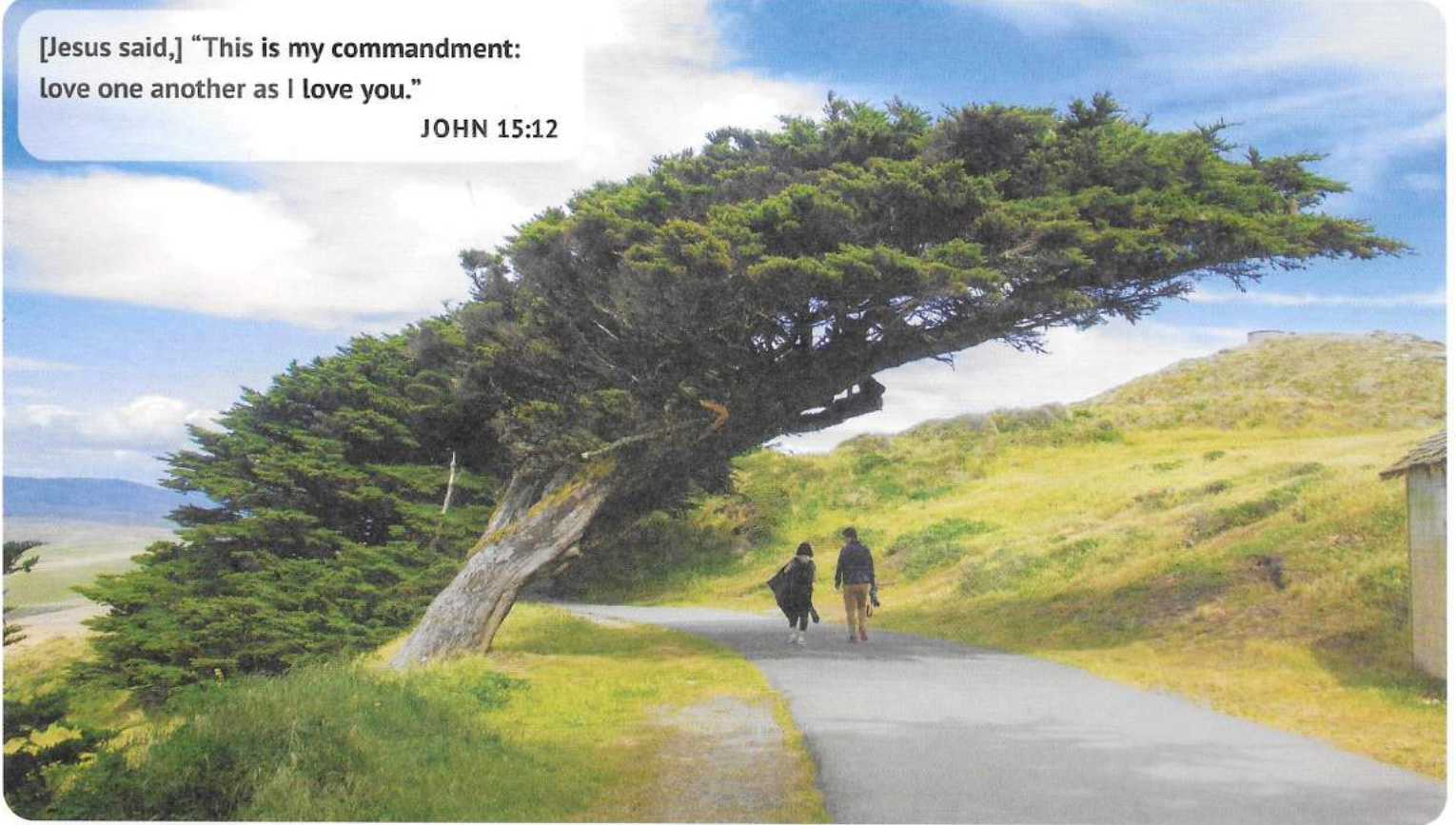




[Jesus said,] “This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.”

JOHN 15:12



We're Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 4 & 5, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4- 6:00 PM

✠ Larry Butler by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, May 5- 9:00 AM

✠ David Bellini by Vittoria Lijoi

Tuesday, May 7- Noon

NO MASS ~Fr. will be Out of Town~

Wednesday, May 8- 9:00 AM

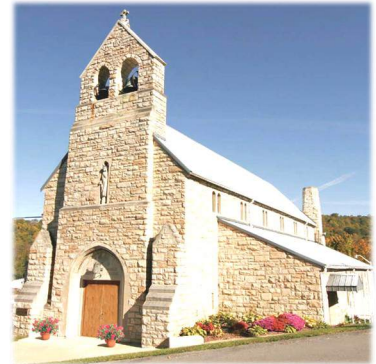
✠ NO MASS ~Fr. will be Out of Town~

Saturday, May 11- 6:00 PM

✠ Patsy Malamisura by Vicki Lijoi

Sunday, May 12- 9:00 AM

✠ Ray & Mary Shumate by Delores Shumate



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 6-9: Fr. Out of Town ~No Mass

May 7: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11am

May 9: Centennial Planning Committee Meeting 6 pm

May 10-12: Seminarian Michael Tupta Visits

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 14: Primary Elections in Lounge

May 16: PPC Meeting 6 pm

May 18: Seminarian Joe Derico Arrives

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

May 10 ~ Princeton

May 17 ~ Bluefield

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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.

First Holy Communion

**Congratulations to our First Communion Class
on receiving their First Holy Communion!**

~ Shawn Brayden Farmer ~

~ Jillian Rae West ~

Proud Parents:

Jason & Jennifer Farmer

Bobby & Courtney West

Catechist:

Courtney West



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!



RCIA

 *Next RCIA meeting is Wednesday, May 8th at 5pm in the school*

YOUTH MINISTRY



CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 19th - Youth Sunday

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE



Calling All Graduates! We need to know the names of any graduates for this coming May. They will be honored at Sunday Mass on May 19th. We don't want to miss anyone! Please call the parish office or email Julia with the name of your 2024 graduate.

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

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Report for April 2024

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
3-Apr	104	47	151	3	95	86	63
10-Apr	159	62	221	7	82	47	88
17-Apr	153	71	224	6	191	175	98
24-Apr	159	78	237	6	189	103	88
Monthly Totals	575	258	833	22	557	411	337
Y-T-D Distribution	2193	914	3157	68	2263	1837	1320

CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

~There will be a Centennial Planning Committee meeting May 9th at 6:00 PM in the lounge. Interested parishioners are invited to attend.

~Help us with our New History Book! If you have any memories you would like to share or photos, please label them and email them to Theresa Bales at tbales54@gmail.com

SACRED HEART HISTORY

Part 6: What a Sight! Saintly Stained Glass Windows!

The beautiful stained glass windows located in the nave, clerestory and sanctuary of the church are a dominant feature of the interior. The four small windows in the nave depict the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. On the upper level, the clerestory windows are decorated with flora and fauna motifs.

The door leading back to the sacristy is decorated with beautiful wood inlay and stained glass inserts.



In the sanctuary, the nine main stained glass windows represent various saints.

At the time of construction, each of the nine windows was gifted to the church by families of Sacred Heart.

The name of the donor family is located at the base of each of the stained glass windows.



Saint Agnes

*The Kelley Family
Burkes Garden, VA*



Saint Peter

*In Memoriam
Edgar D. Evans*



Saint Elizabeth

*J.B. Club
Wheeling, W.V.*



Saint Cecelia

*Mr. & Mrs. A. M.
Christian*



Saint Patrick

Patrick Donaghoe and Family



Saint Paul

In Memory of Mrs. P.J. Kelly



Saint Louis

Knights of Columbus



Saint Catherine

In Memory of Unknown Donor



Saint Gregory

Dr. & Mrs. W. A. Slusher



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

WHAT IS A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE?

WHERE DOES IT LEAD?

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PILGRIMAGE

AT MASS THIS WEEKEND!

WE ARE ALSO REVIVING OUR
FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC
ADORATIONS!

FIRST ONE WILL BE

FRIDAY, MAY 10

IN PRINCETON AT 6PM

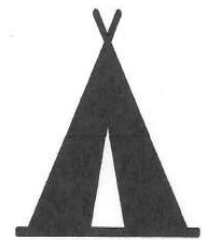


Camp Carlo

Eucharist



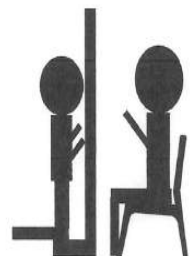
Tent Camping



Hiking



Confession



Canoeing



Diocese Youth Event

Interested in a Catholic Summer Camp?

Grow in your faith while having fun outdoors with LOTS of FUN ACTIVITIES!

Register today at campcarlowv.org

June 30th-July 6th

July 7th -July 13th

July 14th - July 20th

July 21st - July 27th

Congratulations

Congrats to Blake Zinsmeister!
Blake won a 1st place medal at a State Competition in the Robotics and Automation Division. His First Place title has given him an invitation to attend the National Skills USA Competition to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in June!



May Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
Sat. 5/4 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	A. Peretti	M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	Randy Albert
			E. Peretti		2.D. Garton 3.F. Moran		
Sun. 5/5 9:00 am	The Winfree's	A. Torrez	S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	1.S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	Cindy Albert
			M. Copolo	B. Musolin	2.K. Kidd 3.A. Robinson		
Sat. 5/11 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	P. Buenafe	V. Hager	1.L. Mariotti	J. Monaco	David Duritza
					2.T. Behrmann 3.T. Hager		
Sun. 5/12 6:00 pm	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	H. Wills	R. Albert	1.T. Lampert	R. Malamisura	Rocky Malamisura
			K. Wills	A. Torrez	2.K. Kidd 3.M. Malamisura		
Sat. 5/18 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	M. Zalduondo	D. Kelley	D. Garton	1.J. McCloud	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate
					2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders		
Sun. 5/19 9:00 am Youth Sunday	The Winfree's	Youth TBA	Youth	Youth	1.S. Copolo	Youth TBA	Marilyn McCoy
			TBA	TBA	2.C. Stacy 3.A. Robinson		
Sat. 5/25 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	C. Saunders	1.T. Hager	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
					2. V. Hager 3.A. Peretti		
Sun. 5/26 9:00 am	T. Lampert	B. Musolin	R. Aiello	C. Ott	1.T. Lampert	R. Albert	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini	2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello		



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The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.

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, 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, Chase Miller, Laura Lee Null, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$21,665 which is 88% of our goal of \$24,620.

Please continue to donate if you can. You can mail in your donations to:

Catholic Sharing Appeal
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
P.O. Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003



WEEKLY COLLECTION	weekend Apr 27-28	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	2,932.00	89,915.10	76,000.00
Loose Offertory	362.00	8,123.00	8,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,294.00	\$ 98,038.10	\$ 84,000.00
Votive Candles	6.00	155.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 56	9am: 109	

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.

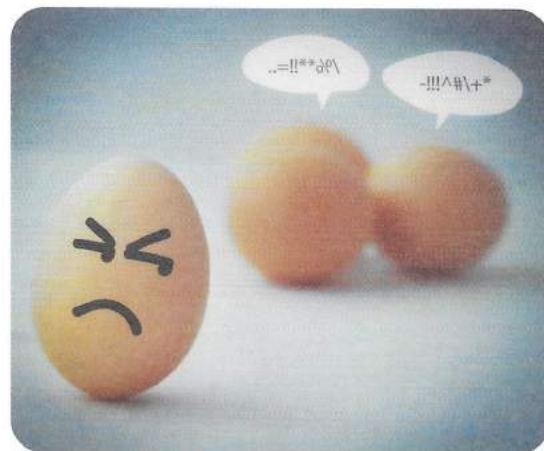
Dear Padre,

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.”
Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●



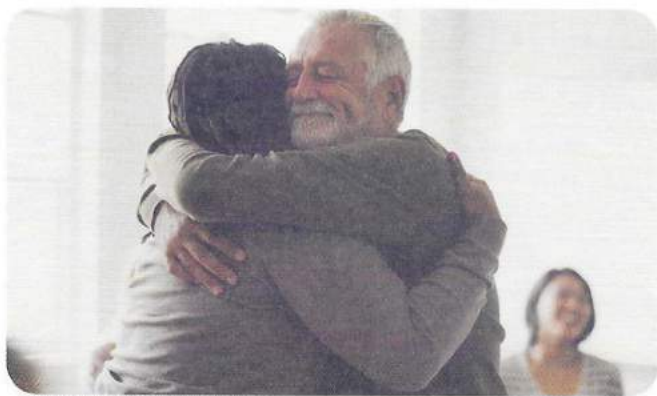
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Acts 16:11–15	Acts 16:22–34	Acts 17:15,	Acts 18:1–8	Acts 18:9–18	Acts 18:23–28	Acts 1:1–11
Jn 15:26–16:4a	Jn 16:5–11	22–18:1	Jn 16:16–20	Jn 16:20–23	Jn 16:23b–28	Eph 1:17–23 or
		Jn 16:12–15				Eph 4:1–13 or
						4:1–7, 11–13
						Mk 16:15–20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021