



When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week's Gospel suggests "when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates" (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They'd had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

Reflect

***Has a personal tragedy ever become
a doorway to new life for you?***

[Jesus said,] "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."

MARK 13:24

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 16 - 6:00 PM

✠ Frank McClendon by Louie & Vickie Bolyard

Sunday, November 17 - 4:00 PM

✠ Aldo & Claire Lijoi by Victoria Lijoi

Tuesday, November 19 - Noon

✠ Lisa Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Wednesday, November 20 - 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

Saturday, November 23 - 6:00 PM

✠ Thelma "Dina" Rasi by Maria Zalduondo

Sunday, November 24 - 9:00 AM

✠ Kathy Richards by Food Pantry Volunteers



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18: Beckley Vicariate Meeting

November 21: PPC Meeting 6 pm

November 23-24: St. Anne's Bake Sale

November 25: CANCELLED Knights of Columbus Mtg

November 27: Vigil Thanksgiving Mass 6pm

November 28 Thanksgiving Day

November 28-29: Parish Office Closed for Holiday

December 4: Advent Penance Service 6pm

December 6: First Friday Mass 6 pm

December 7: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

December 9: Immaculate Conception Mass
Noon/Princeton, 6pm/Bluefield

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

November 22: Princeton December 13: Princeton

November 29: Bluefield December 20: Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E.
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NEWMAN CENTER: 304-534-8093

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.

Ask yourself this Question?

Did you, your children, or your grandchildren get Baptised, have First Communion, Confirmation or get Married in the Church?

If you answered yes to any part of this question, we need your help. We are looking for pictures of any event that took place in the Church.

We also need family pictures for our directory. If you have digital please send them to shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com. We will be taking family pictures at weekend Masses.

If you have hard copy pictures, please bring them to Mass on the weekends. Please fill out the form in the basket and they will be returned to you as soon as possible.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2024-2025

***Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”
Matthew 25:37b***

The schedule through January 2025:

November 17 ~ **VIRTUS Lesson** first part of class. **All teachers please be present.**

November 24 ~ Regular Session

December 1 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8 ~ Faith Formation in the parish lounge - lesson on St. Nicholas

December 15 and 22 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children’s Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 29 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 5, 12 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 19, 26 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

OCIA



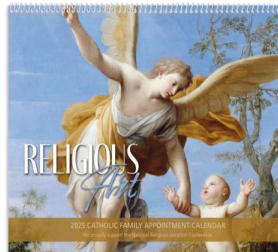
Formerly known as RCIA

If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office. The next meetings will be Wednesday, November 20th & December 4th at 4:30pm in the School Building.

***Centennial History Book
News & More!***

You now have **2 weeks** left to submit pictures and send your memories for the **Centennial History Book**. Please send all information to Theresa Bales through email at tbales54@gmail.com or call her with information **304-920-8104**.

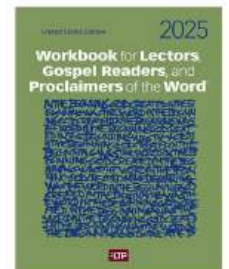
Also, memorial tributes for \$15 and Century Club donations of \$100 can be made after masses through November.



**Our 2025 Church Calendars are here!
Pick one up while at Mass!**

LECTORS!

The 2025 Lector Books are in! Please pick up yours when you come to Mass They will be in the back of the church.!



Fr. Sebastian Devasya Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

September 2-11, 2025 - 10 Days ~ \$5,999 from Charlotte

For Information and Reservations, Contact Ms. Gina Boggess, Sacred Heart Parish, Princeton WV 24740

Telephone: 304-920-7047 - Email: gina@sacredheartprinceton.org

For the Full Flyer about the Trip: <https://bit.ly/DevasyaItaly>






Turkey Drive

Collecting Turkey's November 16-17

Please help support the Food Pantry Turkey Drive by donating Turkeys to give away this Thanksgiving. The Food Pantry will be collecting turkey's the next two weekends of November: November 16-17. **There will be a grocery cart in the back of the church for you to drop off your turkey's when arriving for Mass.** Thank you so much for your support and generosity this holiday season!




Church Directory Pictures

Mark Your Calendar

Family Pictures

Sunday, November 17

After the 9am Mass



St. Anne's Bake Sale


November 23-24

RECIPE FOR THANKSGIVING

- 1 TBS Planning
- 1 Cup St. Anne's Bakers
- 3/4 Cup Advertising
- 1 1/2 Cups Baking
- 2 Cups Happy to Participate

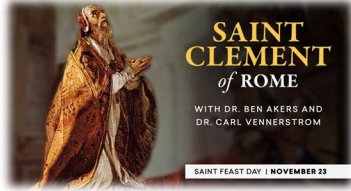
Put them all together and what do you have? St. Anne's Bake Sale! The ladies will be selling baked goods for after each Mass the weekend of November 23-24th. Baked goods or monetary donations are always welcomed and appreciated.

Thanksgiving is a time of special thanks and the members of St. Anne's are always very grateful for your support.




THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.


St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints



Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-clement-of-rome-catholic-saints>

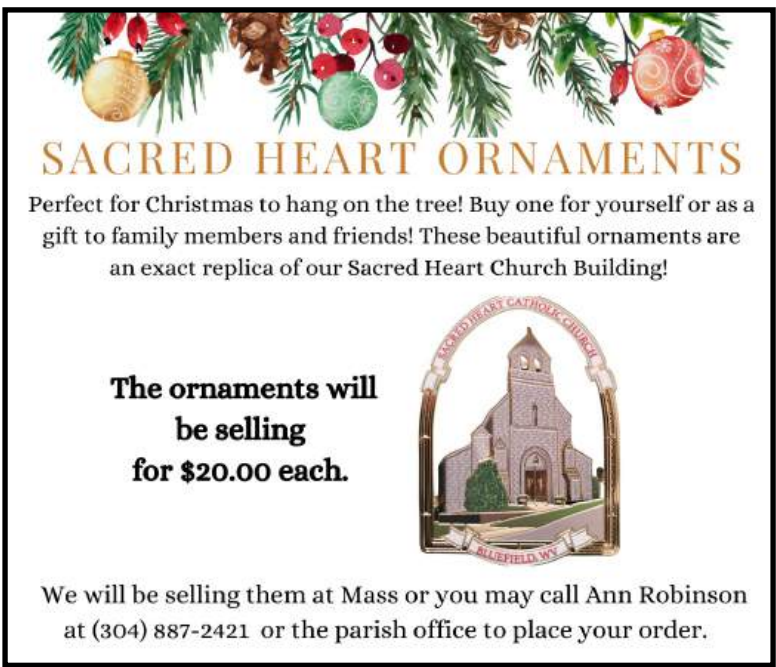
Confirmation | Brother Francis



Join Brother Francis as he shows us what the Sacrament of Confirmation is, what it does, and why Jesus promised it to us!

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/confirmation-brother-francis>

November Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
11/16 Sat 6 PM	P. Buenafe	M. Zalduondo	A. Peretti E. Peretti	Tom Behrmann	1.F. Moran 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	Pascasio's	D. Shumate M. McCoy
11/17 Sun 9 AM	Winfree's	M. Malamisura	A. Froy E. Husband	T. Bales C. Lampert	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Copolo 3.A. Robinson	R. Albert	
11/23 Sat 6 PM	J. McCloud	T. Lowery	Purita Buenafe	Deborah Garton	1.T. Behrmann 2.L. Mariotti 3.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	The Aiello's
11/24 Sun 9 AM	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.S. Copolo	R. Malamisura	
11/27 6 PM Thanks giving	P. Peretti	No Rosary	TBA	V. Hager	1.T. Hager 2.P. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	TBA	TBA
11/30 Sat 6 PM	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	1. 2.TBA 3.	TBA	
12/1 Sun 9 AM	TBA	L. Ajulo	TBA	TBA	1.M. Romeo 2.T. Lampert 3.TBA	TBA	




SACRED HEART ORNAMENTS
 Perfect for Christmas to hang on the tree! Buy one for yourself or as a gift to family members and friends! These beautiful ornaments are an exact replica of our Sacred Heart Church Building!

The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each.

We will be selling them at Mass or you may call Ann Robinson at (304) 887-2421 or the parish office to place your order.

Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas
 December 8th following Mass



Sacred Heart Catholic Church's very own Saint Nicholas is inviting ALL of our children and their parents for Cocoa and Cookies in the church lounge on Sunday, December 8, 2024 following 9am Mass.

Saint Nicholas will share his story and watch the children complete a Christmas Craft. Saint Nicholas would also like for the children to bring their Christmas letter for him.

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Carl Cook, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Cherie Beck, Yvonne Blevins, Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Mark Burnette, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Beth George, Dolly Hager, Steve Hamm, Skip Harless, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Robert Martin, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Brian Richards, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Kay Trimble, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler

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



Weekly Collection	weekend	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,557.00	229,203.20	205,500.00
Maintenance	42.00	3,794.00	4,400.00
Loose Offertory	353.00	20,669.20	21,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,952.00	\$ 253,666.40	\$ 230,900.00
DWC: Religious Retirement	100.00	100.00	0.00
DWC: Archdiocese of Military Services	625.00	625.00	500.00
Attendance:	6pm: 49	9am: 109	

Order Your Sacred Heart T-Shirt Today



Order forms will be located in the back of the church

**Don't wait, order NOW!!!
Last day to place orders will be
Sunday, December 1**

White t-shirt with this logo on the front



**Sacred Heart
Catholic Church**
Bluefield, West Virginia



We have raised **\$35,986** for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations. Please continue to donate if you can!

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 am confused by Genesis 6:6: “The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.” How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?

Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

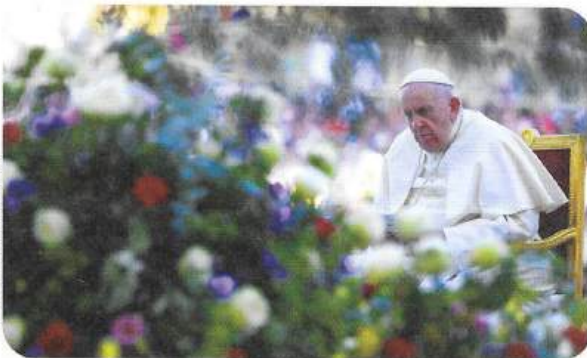
The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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
November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	Weekday	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22	Rv 4:1-11	Rv 5:1-10	Rv 10:8-11	Rv 11:4-12	Dn 7:13-14
Łk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10	Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44	Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40	Rv 1:5-8
						Jn 18:33b-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021