A large background image of a sunset over a mountain range. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. A bright sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. A simple red cross is superimposed on the right side of the image, centered vertically and slightly to the right of the sun.

[Jesus answered Pilate,]
“For this I was born and for
this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to
the truth listens to my voice.”

JOHN 18:37

His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth
Jesus’ life reveals?***

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23 - 6:00 PM

✠ Thelma "Dina" Rasi by Maria Zalduondo

Sunday, November 24 - 4:00 PM

✠ Kathy Richards by Food Pantry Volunteers

Tuesday, November 26 - Noon

✠ People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 27 - 6:00 PM

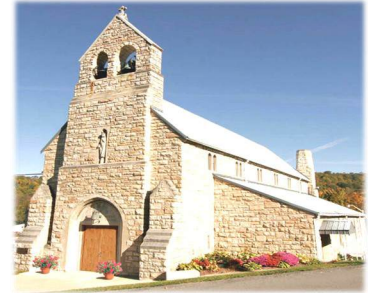
Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

Saturday, November 30 - 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, December 1 - 9:00 AM

✠ Kathy Richards by John Gibson



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 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 1: First Sunday of Advent

December 4: Advent Penance Service 6pm

December 6: First Friday Mass 6 pm

December 7: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

December 8 : 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8: Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nick 10 am

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

December 13: Princeton December 27: Princeton

December 20: Bluefield January 10: Bluefield

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.

Thanksgiving 2024

Dear beloved Sacred Heart Family,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I am grateful for our collective journey as one Sacred Heart Family. It is a time for us to reflect on the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us and express our heartfelt thanks for all we have received together as a community. I especially want to thank God for our beautiful Centennial celebration. It was a testament to the vibrant spirit of our Church.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us remember the transformative power of gratitude in our lives. Gratitude is not just a feeling, but a force that can change our hearts and minds, allowing us to see the beauty and richness of our lives. When we thank God, we acknowledge His grace and mercy and are reminded of His steadfast love for us.

In the book of Psalms, we are reminded to "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). This verse encapsulates the essence of Thanksgiving—recognizing God's goodness and His enduring love for us. Let us carry this message in our hearts as we celebrate this special day with our loved ones.

I want to express my humble gratitude to each of you for all you do for our parish and community. Your unwavering support, dedication, and love have made a difference in the lives of many in our parish. Your actions, no matter how small, have had a significant impact, and I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving alongside such remarkable individuals.

As we come together to give thanks, let us bow our heads in prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We are grateful for the abundance of blessings that you have bestowed upon us.

We thank you for your love, grace, and unwavering presence in our lives.

As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving,

we pray that our hearts will be filled with gratitude

and our spirits uplifted by the joy of this season.

Bless our congregation, our community, and all those in need.

In your holy and precious name, we pray.

Amen.

I wish you a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter,
and cherished moments with your loved ones.

In joyful thanksgiving,

Father Sebastian

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2024-2025

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

The schedule through January 2025:

- 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, December 4th at 4:30pm in the School Building.

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

You now have 1 week 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 304-920-8104.

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



On Behalf of the Staff of Sacred Heart Parish, The Parish Pastoral Council, And the Parish Finance Council, we want to wish everyone

A Happy Thanksgiving!

Your kindness and generosity are a blessing to Our Faith Community. With warmest regards for your love and support.

Bringing People to Christ by Bishop Mark E. Brennan

“Dear brothers and sisters of my beloved Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, I have written quite a few pastoral letters in my five years as your Shepherd. This may be the most important one, because it touches on the very reason we are a Church; so I ask you to take the time to read it and reflect on its message.”

Bishop Brennan’s Special Pastoral Letter Booklet will be available before and after each mass in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one.



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.

Church Directory Pictures

Mark Your Calendar

Family Pictures
Sunday, November 24
After the 9am Mass

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.

Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas

December 8th following Mass



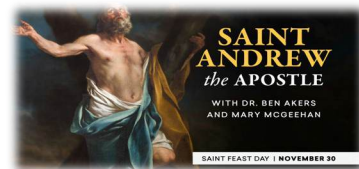
Sacred Heart Catholic Church's very own Saint Nicholas is inviting ALL of our children and their parents for Cocoa and Cookies in the church lounge on Sunday, December 8, 2024 following 9am Mass.

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.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

St. Andrew the Apostle | Catholic Saints



All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.

November Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
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 Mass	P. Peretti	No Rosary	S. Copolo M. Copolo	V. Hager D. Garton	1.T. Hager 2.P. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	Pascasio's	R. Ciccolini
11/30 Sat 6 PM	P. Peretti	C. Mulkey	A. Peretti E. Peretti	V. Hager D. Garton	1.F. Moran 2.T. Hager 3. P. Peretti	J. Monaco	
12/1 Sun 9 AM	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	T. Brown C. Tran	R. Ciccolini	1.M. Romeo 2.T. Lampert 3.	S. Copolo	



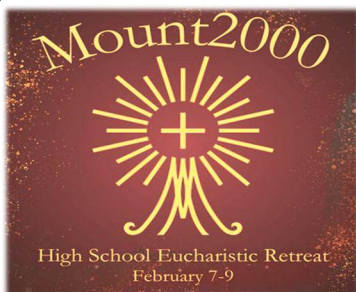
Thank you to our beloved Food Pantry Volunteers who give so much of their time to make our Thanksgiving and weekly food distributions so successful. Thanks to all those that contribute financially and with food and clothes items. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry!



Angel Tree season has officially begun! If you would like to participate in Angel Tree this year, you may pick an Angel off the Tree in the back of the church. On the back of the angel will be an index card for you to fill out. Please drop the card in the basket on the table next to the tree.

Please take the angel home with you. It should be placed on your gift-wrapped present.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934



MOUNT 2000 HIGH SCHOOL EUCHARISTIC RETREAT

Who: Beckley Vicariate High School Youth

What: Mount2000 Eucharistic Retreat

When: February 7-9, 2025

Where: Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland

For More Info: Lorin Albin, Youth Ministry Coordinator at Sacred Heart, Princeton

540.529.6495 or lorinjalbin@gmail.com

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 Nov 16-17	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,827.00	231,030.20	210,250.00
Loose Offertory	525.00	21,194.20	21,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,352.00	\$ 252,224.40	\$ 231,750.00
Votive Candles	50.00	334.60	250.00
Food Pantry	185.00	23,535.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 48	9am: 92	

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,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" ●

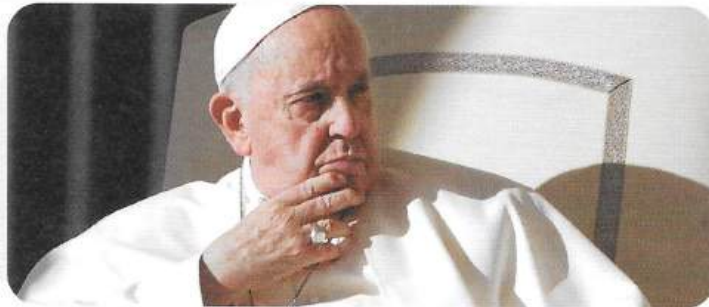
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



ALJON KAMBER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



RICCARDO DE LUCA / UPDATE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day
(US)

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew,
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

December 1

First Sunday
of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28,

34-36