



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

MATTHEW 25:40



Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25- 6:00 PM

† Eugene Cassell by The Peretti Family

Sunday, November 26- 9:00 AM

† Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Tuesday, November 28- Noon

† George Klein by Tom Behrmann

Wednesday, November 29- 9:00 AM

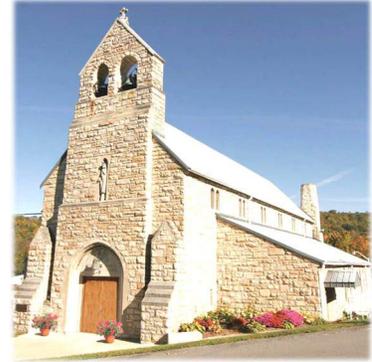
† Jim Gabbert by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Saturday, December 2 - 6:00 PM

† People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3 - 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

November 27: Knights of Columbus Meeting **CANCELLED**

December 1: First Friday Mass 6 PM

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 6: Advent Penance Service 6 PM

December 7: Immaculate Mary Vigil Mass 6 PM

December 8: Immaculate Mary Mass 12 Noon

December 9-10: 2nd Collection for Retired Religious

December 10: Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas 10 AM

December 11: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

December 12: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 AM

December 24: Children's Christmas Mass 4:00 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM

December 25: Christmas Day Mass 9:00 AM

December 26-29: Office Closed for Holiday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

December 15 - Princeton December 29 -Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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Angel Tree

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.

Cocoa & Cookies with St. Nicholas

December 10th following Mass



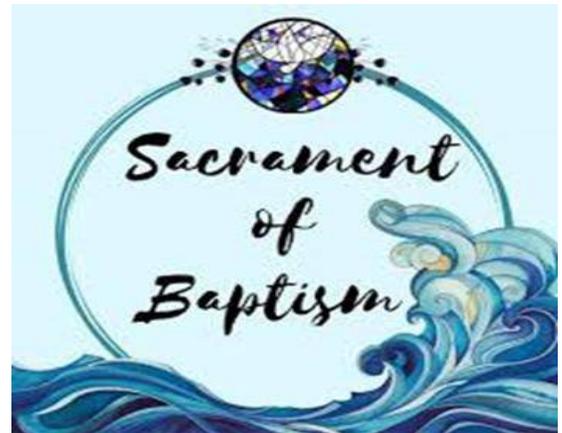
Sacred Heart Catholic Church's very own Saint Nicholas is inviting ALL of our children and their parents for Cocoa and Cookies in the church lounge on Sunday, December 10, 2023 following 9am Mass.

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.

Handbell Choir



Handbell Choir Rehearsal is
Wednesday, November 29 at
6pm



Welcome to Sacred Heart!
And pray for
Alexandria Kate Wright

Daughter of
Charles and Stacey Wright
Proud Grandparents:
Greg and Laura Rogers
And Lisa Wright

Baptized on November 25, 2023



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
Sanctuary Altar at Sacred Heart!

**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, Theresa Bales at (304) 920-8104, or the parish office to place your order.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

Theme for 2023

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will refresh you."

Matthew 11:28

The schedule through January 2024:

November 26 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 3 ~ Regular Session

December 10 ~ Faith Formation in the parish lounge – lesson on St. Nicholas

December 17 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children's Mass in the Church

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

December 31 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 7 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

RCIA



The next RCIA meeting is November 29 at 5pm in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

CRUSADERS YOUTH

Upcoming Events:

November 29th: Wednesday, November 29 at 5:30pm we will be packing for Blessings in a Backpack at the National Bank in Bluefield, VA. Please enter at the back of the building. Siblings and family members are welcome to join us.



December 24th: Youth Sunday at 4pm Christmas Mass – the youth will be asked to serve as Ministers.

Parents:

Please check your email for information regarding the MOUNT 2000 retreat. Please contact Wendi ASAP if your child is interested in attending.

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 5:

6 pm ~ Princeton

Wednesday, December 6:

6pm ~ Bluefield



Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses:



Thursday, December 7:

6pm ~ Bluefield

Friday, December 8:

12 Noon ~ Bluefield

Friday, December 8:

6pm ~ Princeton



**Congratulations to our Confirmation Group
November 19, 2023**

**Thank you to Bishop Mark Brennan
And Fr. Sebastian Devasya**

Rhys Aiello

Son of George & Wendi Aiello

Madison Rebuck

Daughter of Michael & Ashley Rebuck

Sophia Tran

Daughter of Anthony & Tracey Tran

Keagan Wills

Son of Katie Kidd

Krystin Austin

Spouse of Brandon Austin



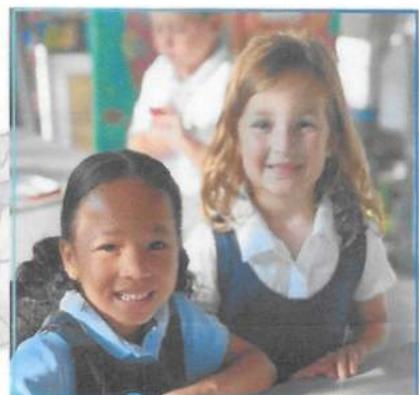
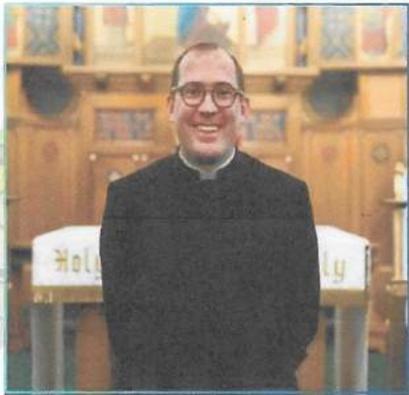
GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

Giving Tuesday, the Global Day that Celebrates Generosity and Doing Good

More than 35 million people are expected to participate in **Giving Tuesday** on November 28, by donating their time, talents, and treasure to their favorite nonprofits and religious organizations. How will YOU Celebrate?

Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish, shared ministries, Catholic education, and outreach efforts across the state with a gift to the **Catholic Sharing Appeal**. Together, we can do great things to carry out the work of the Church!

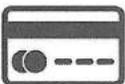


Giving Options



CASH OR CHECK

Checks should be made payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and dropped at the parish office or mailed to: Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.



CREDIT CARD / ACH - ONLINE GIVING

To donate by credit card, debit/ACH or automatic draft, please visit: csa.dwcministries.org/donate or scan the QR code.



TAX-SMART STRATEGIES

- Gifts of Appreciated Securities (Stocks)
- Donor Advised Funds (DAF)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
- Life Insurance

WISE

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Bluefield, WV 24701

304-324-5809

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www.wisewomenscenter.org

2023 Baskets & Backpacks of Hope Campaign

What's a Basket of Hope?

Every Christmas season, WISE remembers the women who struggle to find a better way of life, fleeing domestic violence, homelessness or other challenges, who will have nothing for Christmas but this Basket of Hope. Each basket represents compassion and comfort gathered up and given to a woman at a local shelter during the holiday season. Please drop off either your basket/backpack/tote by December 15th.

WISE is about Hope for all those women and girls that we serve each day and helping to brighten their Christmas and New Year.

Who can make a difference by making baskets?

You! It could also be a group working together from an office, church, family, civic organization, college, fraternal order, or a group of friends. Everyone brings one item to include and signs a Christmas card. The items are tucked into a travel tote or laundry basket. Often these are their only possessions and they may have to move quickly, so it's helpful if things are portable. If you don't have time to shop, feel free to make a cash donation. CONTACT US AT 304-324-5809.

What might be included in a Basket of Hope?

- One size fits all pajamas or sleep shirts, leisure clothing, socks, undergarments, hat, gloves
- Personal needs such as toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, comb, brush, deodorant, lotion, feminine products, soap or bodywash
- A journal and pen to write down her dreams and plans for the future
- Chocolate, of course! Other comfort items, like a lap blanket
- A generic toy, for the child they have with them (all ages, birth to age 14-15)
- Inspirational reading about positive thoughts on life
- A great laundry basket, backpack, or tote she can store and carry her things.

Drop Off Your
Baskets of Hope to
one of our Drop Off
Locations
by December 10

WISE Office
511 Commerce St
Bluefield, WV
304-324-5809
Hours 10-2 pm

Saunders Staffing
400 North St
Bluefield, WV
304-920-1051
Hours 10-4 pm

November Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
11/25 Sat 6 pm	Patty Peretti	Valerie Hager	Stephanie Copolo Marissa Copolo	Feleesha Moran	1.V. Hager 2.T. Hager 3.L. Mariotti	John Monaco	Wendi and George Aiello
11/26 Sun 9 am	Terry Lampert	Cherie Mulkey	Mary Malamisura	Ron Ciccolini Bob Buzzo	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.T. Lampert	Rocky Malamisura	

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

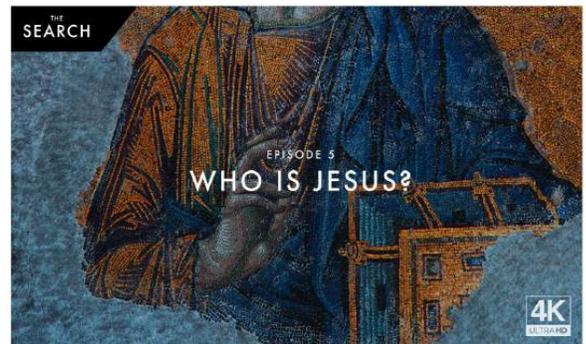
Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

We can know God’s love, personally! This is the tale of the person of Jesus. How did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Find out this weekend, the weekend of Christ the King, on Formed!



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/thesearch-ep5>

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for the Religious

December 10, 2023

Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us and ministering to all. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine, and other necessities.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL REFLECTIONS

This Weekend Our Topic Is: **Mystery of the Faith**



Jesus is now really present on the altar under the appearance of bread & wine.



Please Pray For:

Parishioners: George Aiello Sr, Jeanne Ameli, Peggy Austin, John Babbitt, Mary Jo Babbitt, Stephanie Blevins, Richard Canterbury, Loretta Carrigan, Sherry Ciccolini, Ron Ciccolini, Tony Colobro, Donella Crigger, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Alex and Joanne Ercoline, Debbie Ameli Froy, Angie Genovesi, Katie & Ron Goodwin, James (Tom) Hager, Mary Claire Keenan, Susan Kerr, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tracy Lyon, Harold Mabardy, Sue Mazol, Mary McGonagle, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha & Patrick Moran, Shane Neal, Jacob Nester, Patricia Nester, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Nancy Pochick, Nancy & Dr. Anthony Rasi, Jerry Rasi, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rocchetti, Sharon Rothausen, Rodney & Jami Rust, Mariam Salaita, Virginia Shumate, Wayne Shumate, Ann Switch, Laura Zande Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Joe Thomas, Jason and Clay Thomason, Theresa Thomason, Larry Zande Jr., Patricia & Larry Zande Sr., Kara Zande and Analeigh Dawn, Joan Zingale

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Joy Formica, Patsy Malamisura, Dolores Pritchett, Mitzi Romeo, Theresa Soulis

Friends & Family: Betty Akers, Andrew Arczynski, Sandy Arczynski, Jim Archer, Jeffery Arkland, Tim Arnold, Jack Asbury, Jonathon Bays, Robert Below, Maggie Blankenship, Cara Blankenship, Amanda Bolton, Vanessa Boyer, Teddy Bradshaw, Melissa Carnett, Zac Carter, Sandy Cassidy, Michelle Coker, Chuck Comer, Harold Cutlip, Lisa Dalton, Barry Dinger, Kim Duesing, Christina Easton, Mike Farmer, Cathy Feather, Tina Fitzgerald, Phil Gesotti, Larry Gilliam, Mary and Colin Gillespie, Vincent Godfrey, Dr. James Godwin, DDS, Skip Harless, Becky Harris, Gary Haynes, Owen Hime, Claire Holt, Alpha Jean Holly, Shannon Honaker, Madilyn Humphreys, Josh Husband, Trish Johnson, Cyndi Jones, Joseph Justin, Sherry Khatib, Sandy Kegley, Melonie Koch, Charlotte Kohlmeyer, Zoe Kotsko, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, Elaine Lilly, James & Pam Linkous, John Paul Lovell, Jaysen Marshall, Jacob and Tara Matney, Andy McKoy, Brandon McKoy, Linda Meadows, Chase Miller, Kim & Doug Miller, Scott Morris, Jacob Morton, Helen Mullins, Jane Murphy, Ane Montarroyos, Bobby Neal, Shane Neal, Steven Nelcher, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., Mason Rasi, William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Keving Roland, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Staten, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine

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 parish office.

St. Anne's Altar Society

St. Anne's would like to thank each and every one of you that helped make our bake sale a huge success. We are indeed most grateful and fortunate to be part of this wonderful and generous parish. God bless each and every one of you abundantly.

Angie Genovesi
President

Weekly Collection	weekend Nov 18-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,534.00	201,079.90	217,500.00
Maintenance	25.00	2,435.00	7,500.00
Loose Offertory	762.00	19,644.60	17,125.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,321.00	\$ 223,159.50	\$ 242,125.00
Fund Raisers/ ornaments	535.00	3,584.00	
Food Pantry	3,155.00	36,338.35	
attendance:	6pm: 43	9am: 121	

Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

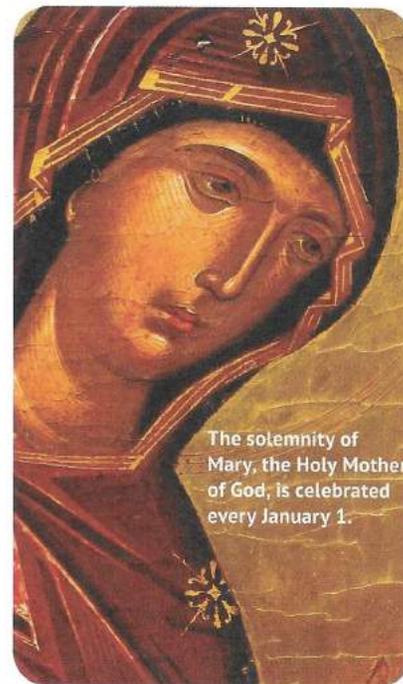
Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

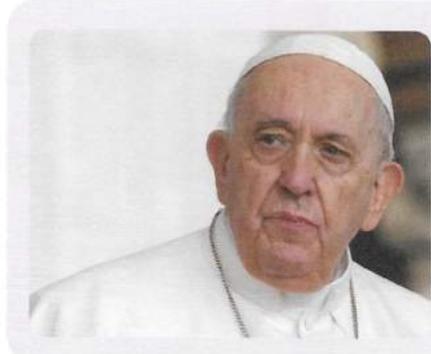
During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●

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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i>	November 28 <i>Weekday</i>	November 29 <i>Weekday</i>	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	December 1 <i>Weekday</i>	December 2 <i>Weekday</i>	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020