



Yes or No?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not

go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God. ●

Reflect

When has going where you'd rather not go enriched your life?

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

MATTHEW 22:2



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 14 & 15 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14- 6:00 PM

Seminarian Michael Tupta by The Pascasio Family

Sunday, October 15- 9:00 AM

✠ Mary & Bill Albert by The Albert Family

Tuesday, October 17- Noon

✠ Michael Rogers by Claude and Annette Morgan

Wednesday, October 18- 9:00 AM

NO MASS -Fr. at PACE Conference

Saturday, October 21- 6:00 PM

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Sunday, October 22- 9:00 AM

✠ Rose Pendleton by The Albert Family



Just a gentle reminder that our daily Mass on Wednesdays has been changed to 9am. Please consider joining us.

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

October 17-27: Rosary Rally

October 17: Joint Staff Meeting 1:00 PM

October 18-19: NO MASS -Fr. attending PACE conference

October 18: RCIA meeting at 5 pm in school building

October 18: Handbell Practice at 6 PM

October 19: PPC Meeting 6 PM

October 21-22: World Mission Collection

October 22: Youth Sunday

October 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

October 25: Finance Council Meeting 6 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

October 20- Princeton

November 10 - Princeton

October 27- Bluefield

November 17 -Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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Month of the Rosary



Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church dedicates October as the month of the Holy Rosary. It is a beautiful devotion that honors Our Lady, and we are asked to pray the rosary frequently, and if possible, daily. What makes the rosary so unique is that it is a Christocentric prayer. All its mysteries revolve around the life of Jesus. When we take time to recite the rosary we come to know and understand Christ more intimately by accompanying Him and His Blessed Mother through his birth, ministry, death, and resurrection.

Since the prayers of the rosary come from such excellent sources: from our Lord himself, from inspired Scripture, and the Church, it is not surprising that the rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. Our Lady asked us to pray the Holy Rosary for the **CONVERSION OF SINNERS** and **IN REPARATION FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD**. We also pray for our personal intentions, for our families and all in need of our prayers.

I encourage you to enter the month of the Holy Rosary by preparing your hearts and dedicating yourself to any of the following practices:

- Commit To Praying the Rosary Everyday
- Start Praying The Family Rosary
- Pray For The Sick Of Our Parish And Those Who Have Asked For Prayer
- Pray The Rosary With An Online Prayer Companion
- Surround Yourself With Art And Music That Honors Mary
- Practice Special Acts Of Charity
- Find Ways To Share The Rosary With Others
- Commit To Pray For A Specific Intention For The Month

Our prayers are more powerful when we join together, so let us begin the month of the Holy Rosary reciting this prayer:

*Mother Mary,
Mother of the Church,
Queen of families,
Queen of Peace:
through your loving
maternal intercession
may we get closer to God,
may we fall in love
more with Jesus,
may we help many souls
during this month of
October by praying
the Holy Rosary daily.*

*Queen of the Holy Rosary,
pray for us!
AMEN*

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 for September through January 2024:

October 15 ~ Rosary Lesson

October 22 ~ Regular Session

October 29 ~ **VIRTUS Lesson** first part of class, **All teachers please be present.**

November 5, 12, ~ Regular Sessions

November 19 ~ **NO** faith formation for Confirmation Sunday

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

December 3, 10 ~ Regular Sessions

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

Confirmation will be celebrated on November 19 at the 9am Mass. Please pray for our Confirmandi:
Rhys Aiello, Madison Rebuck, Sophia Tran, and Keagan Wills.

RCIA



The RCIA Team is always seeking individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith. Come on a journey with us to Catholicism. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process for welcoming new members. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at 5pm in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

Have you ever wanted to know more about Jesus? Throughout the Gospels and the New Testament we are presented with many images of Jesus. Why did the early Christians answer the question "who do you say I am?" in so many ways? How have Christians come to understand the person of Jesus over the centuries? How are we to understand him today? Through this course participants will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

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We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testament, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church.

All course materials are online and the virtual class will meet five times on Thursdays at 4 pm in the school library (not the lounge this time) starting on 10/26 and will skip the week of Thanksgiving and will end the course on the 30th. For information on how to sign-up please email Deborah Garton at dkgarton43@gmail.com or Polla Rumberg at p.g.rumberg@gmail.com



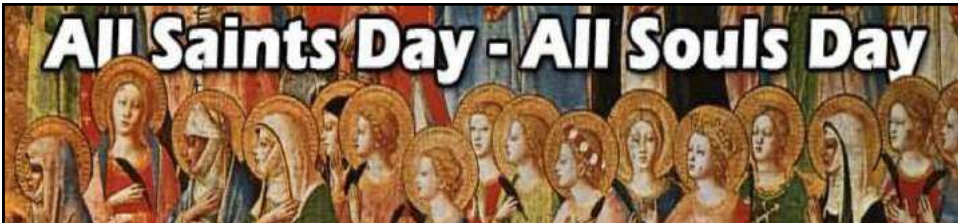
There will be no handbell practice on Sunday but it will be held instead on Wednesday, October 18 at 6pm in the school

The Hand Bell ringers are seeking new members. If you interested in this wonderful music ministry, please contact Carol Asbury at 304-887-4707. No prior knowledge of ringing is required. Please consider joining!



It is time for Angel Tree! This year we will be returning to the more traditional program for Angel Tree. There will be a tree in the church, parishioners can pick a child and purchase a present, and groups of volunteers will make sure the presents get delivered.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Angel Tree this year, Please call Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934.



All Saints Day

October 31- Princeton Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
 November 1 - Bluefield Mass 9:00 AM
 -Princeton Mass 12 Noon
 -Bluefield Mass 6:00 PM

All Souls Day

November 2
 Princeton Mass 12 Noon
 Bluefield Mass 6:00 PM



**CRUSADERS
 YOUTH MINISTRY**

October 22nd- Youth Sunday



Commemoration of All Souls

When we commemorate those that have passed the last year, we don't want to miss anyone. Here is the list:

- Helen Altizer*
- Nick Ameli Jr.*
- Pete Bellini*
- Deacon Don Hammond*
- Charmaine Powers*
- Mosie "Mike" Rocchetti*
- Michel Raymond Rogers*
- John Stacy Sr.*

Please call the church office and let us know if there is someone we might have missed.

**Submit
 Your
 Recipes**



We have extended the timeline for collecting recipes for the Church Cookbook! We are now collecting recipes for the

next week! Please donate as many recipes as you would like! there are recipe forms in the bulletin, in the back of the church, and in the parish office. You can drop your forms in the collection basket at mass, at the parish office, or you can email them to Cynthia Stacy at cystacy0622@gmail.com

October Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
Sat. 10/14 6:00 pm	Patty Peretti	Purita Buenafe	Purita Buenafe	Feleesha Moran	1.P. Peretti 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	John Monaco	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
				Anthony Peretti			
Sun. 10/15 9:00 am	Terry Lampert	Terry Lampert	Hadley Wills	Bob Buzzo	1.S. Copolo 2.K. Kidd 3.K. Kirk	Randy Albert	
			Keagan Wills	Barbara Musolin			
Sat. 10/21 6:00 pm	Theresia Lowery	Theresia Lowery	David Kelley	Maria Zalduondo	1.L. Mariotti 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
				Anthony Peretti			
Sun. 10/22 9:00 am Youth Sunday	Greg & Callie Winfree	Anthony Torrez	Rhys Aiello Aiden Zinsmeister	Sophia Tran Madison Rebuck	1.S. Copolo 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	Youth TBA	
Sat. 10/28 6:00 pm	Jean McCloud	Maria Zalduondo	Anthony Peretti	Tom Behrmann	1.J. McCloud 2.F. Moran 3.P. Peretti	John Monaco	Ron Ciccolini Bob Buzzo
			Eli Peretti	Valerie Hager			
Sun. 10/29 9:00 am	Mary Malamisura	Mary Malamisura	Ryleigh West	Ron Ciccolini	1.T. Lampert 2.K. Kidd	Bob Buzzo	
			Christine Tran	Gene Abromitis			

World Mission Sunday 2023
October 22nd

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
a Pontifical Mission Society

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:13-35

26M Children, 38,140 Seminars, 8,750 Shelters, 12,000 Health Centers, 844,000 Catechists, 258,540 Alt group rooms

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EPISODE 5
ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in all Catholic Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.



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, Victoria Crofcheck, Teresa Derenge, Fran 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, Jimmy Coplo, 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, Michael Kovach, Eddie Lanter, Dawn Lawless, Stan Lawson, 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, Jonny Phillips, Annette Pike, Barbara Polatz, Thomas Presley Sr., William Ray, Brian Richard, Roy Rogers, Mayra Rolon, Charles Rose, Barbara Sadler, Rick Saunders, Brittany Scott, Courtney Shade, Devin Shamro, Raymond Shumate, Leanna Smith, Bryan Statn, Adam Stuart, Laurie Stuart, Robert Shade, Ellie Spencer, Teresa Taylor, Jim Thompson, Evelyn Turnbough, Sarah Turner, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Jane Walthall, Charlotte Woolwine



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Church Goal: \$25,340

Amount Raised: \$64,159

253% of our Goal!

Weekly Donations	weekend Oct 7-8	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,686.00	176,718.90	190,200.00
Maintenance	10.00	2,140.00	6,500.00
Loose Offertory	333.00	16,775.60	15,100.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,029.00	\$ 195,634.50	\$ 211,800.00
Votive Candles	30.00	516.00	500.00
Food Pantry	559.00	30,740.35	0.00
Mission: Sr of Infant Jesus	50.00	2,312.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 56	9am: 91	

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

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.



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.



There will be a sign-up sheet for orders in the back of the church. 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.



Veterans Day Weekend
NOVEMBER 4-5

We Welcome All Veterans to Wear Clothing or Uniforms that Represent their Branch of Service to Mass In Honor of Veterans Day.


We would like to honor all parishioners who have served. Please submit your name and branch of service to Lucy at the office to be put in the bulletin.

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

Topic This Weekend Is: Liturgy of the Eucharist: Part II

Water & Wine
Washing of the Hands



Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with Fr. Chapin Engler's Presentation, to the Family Life Committee for the reception, and to the congregation for their support and generous donations to his TV ministry.

10- Day Rosary Rally
October 17- October 27

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart will be honoring this by hosting a 10 Day Rosary Rally. It will start on October 17th with a special Mass at Bluefield and end on the 27th with a special Mass at Princeton at Noon. We will be having Rosary before all daily masses during this time and also encourage you to pray the Rosary daily at home. We have included an October list of special Rosary Intentions to say every day of the month in honor of this special time of year.



November 5th



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Set your clocks back 1 hour



Join us for

**SACRED HEART AUTUMN FESTIVAL
&
COVERED DISH DINNER**

MUSIC • GAMES • FOOD • PRIZES

Saturday, October 28

7:00 pm * School Gym

Bring a dish to feed 10-12 people

Costume Contest for Adults & Children

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Cake Walks

Games & Delicious Food



OCTOBER ROSARY INTENTIONS

IN HONOR OF OCTOBER BEING THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY, ALONG WITH THESE SPECIAL ROSARY INTENTIONS THAT CORRESPOND WITH EACH DAY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

1. FOR THE END OF WAR AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
2. FOR BISHOP MARK BRENNAN, THE PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON
3. FOR GREATER VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE
4. FOR FATHER SEBASTIAN, LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICE STAFF OF OUR PARISH.
5. FOR ALL FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY
6. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN
7. FOR ALL NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS AND FOR THE GREATER CONVERSIONS OF NON-BELIEVERS TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH
8. FOR THE HOMEBOUND, THOSE SUFFERING PAIN AND ILLNESS, AND THE DYING
9. FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS
10. FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES
11. FOR GOOD HOLY MARRIAGES
12. FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONE, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND FOR ALL POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
13. FOR FRACTURED FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS. MAY THE GRACE OF GOD OFFER HEALING AND FORGIVENESS.
14. FOR THE HEALTH AND INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS
15. FOR THE HEALING OF THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH
16. FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES, FOOD BANKS AND ALL WHO MINISTER TO THE POOR
17. FOR A GREATER LOVE AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST
18. FOR ALL CATECHISTS THAT ECHO DOWN THE FAITH SO THAT CHRIST MAY REIGN IN ALL HEARTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
19. FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF THE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ALL NATIONS, MAY GOD GUIDE OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR DECISIONS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL
20. FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM NATURAL DISASTERS MAY GOD HELP THEM REBUILD THEIR HOMES AND LIVES, AND HAVE MERCY ON THE SOULS WHO PERISHED.
21. FOR ALL WHO SUFFER ANXIETY, FEAR, DEPRESSION, AND WORRY.
22. FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND A PURPOSE IN LIFE, AND THAT THEY TRUST IN THE LORD TO LEAD THEM AND PROVIDE FOR THEM
23. FOR ALL MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH, MAY GOD BLESS THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF THOSE WHO SERVE OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
24. FOR FAMILIES BLESSED BY ADOPTION, FOR THE ORPHANS WHO ARE WAITING FOR HOMES, AND FOR THE FAMILIES WHO WAIT TO BE REFERRED A CHILD, FOR THE PARENTS WHO PUT THEIR CHILD UP FOR ADOPTION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR THE WELFARE AND GOOD CARE OF EACH CHILD.
25. FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING RCIA AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS THIS YEAR AND FOR THE RCIA TEAM
26. FOR ALL CAREGIVERS WHO TEND TO THE HEALTH AND NEEDS OF OTHERS. MAY GOD BLESS AND PROVIDE FOR THEM IN A SPECIAL WAY
27. FOR THE GRACE OF DETACHMENT FROM ALL THE VICIES OF THE WORLD,
28. FOR THOSE IN PRISON AND FOR THEIR REHABILITATION, FOR THE WRONGLY ACCUSED, AND FOR ALL VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
29. FOR THE END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FOR THE HEALING OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE.
30. FOR ALL THOSE WHO QUESTION THEIR FAITH, MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT INFLAME THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS WITH WISDOM AND FAITH
31. FOR THE CHILDREN, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS OF OUR PARISH

Beckley Vicariate-40 Hours Devotion

The 40 Hours Devotion dates to 1527 when it was introduced by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria in the Italian cities of Milan and Vicenza and was later spread by St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Society of Jesus. Originally conceived as 40 hours of continuous prayer before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, either in one parish or in several parishes in successive periods of Eucharistic Adoration, the devotion has taken different forms over the years.

*As part of our observance of the **Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival**, the parishes of the Beckley Vicariate will be hosting 40 Hours Devotion during the month of November, beginning with an opening Mass of Exposition on Friday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield, and concluding with a Mass of Reposition on Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley. **Please join us as you are able as together we witness to our faith in Our Lord's presence in the Eucharist!***

Schedule of Devotions

Fri., Nov. 3	Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield	4:00 Mass of Exposition; 5:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
Tue., Nov. 7	St. John Parish, Summersville	3:00-8:00 p.m. Adoration
Wed., Nov. 8	St. Peter Parish, Welch	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Adoration
Thu., Nov. 9	St. John Neumann Parish, Marlinton	6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
Fri., Nov. 10	Sacred Heart Parish, Princeton	4:00 p.m. Mass; 5:00-7:00 Adoration
Sat., Nov. 11	Holy Family Parish, Richwood	1:00-4:00 p.m. Adoration
Sun., Nov. 12	Sacred Heart Mission, Powhatan	11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Adoration
Tue., Nov. 14	St. Mark Mission, Bartow	6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration
Wed., Nov. 15	St. Patrick Parish, Hinton	3:00 p.m. Mass; 4:00-7:00 Adoration
Thu., Nov. 16	SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Oak Hill	1:00-6:00 p.m. Adoration; 6:00 Mass
Fri., Nov. 17	St. Peter Parish, Welch	9:00-11:00 a.m. Adoration
Sat., Nov. 18	St. Charles Borromeo Parish, White Sulphur Springs	1:00-4:00 p.m. Adoration; 4:00 Mass
Sun., Nov. 19	St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Ronceverte	11:00 a.m. Mass; 12:00-3:00 p.m. Adoration
Mon., Nov. 20	St. Francis de Sales Parish, Beckley	9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Adoration; 6:00 p.m. Mass of Reposition

Dear Padre,

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

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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
October 16 Weekday Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32	October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41	October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9	October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54	October 20 Weekday Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7	October 21 Weekday Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12	October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"....He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020