

[Jesus said,] “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

MARK 10:43-44

## Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else's evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ. ●

### Reflect

***Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?***

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 19 & 20, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 19- 6:00 PM**

✠ Tom Pochick by Dan Pochick

**Sunday, October 20- 9:00 AM**

✠ Kathy Richards by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

**Tuesday, October 22 - Noon**

✠ NO MASS

**Wednesday, October 23 - 9:00 AM**

✠ No MASS

**Saturday, October 26 - 6:00 PM**

✠ People of the Sacred Heart Parish

**Sunday, October 27 - 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

**October 19-20:** 2nd Collection: World Missions

**October 21-25:** Priest Retreat \*No Mass\*

**October 26:** Fall Festival 7 pm

**October 26-27:** Disaster Relief 2nd Collection

**October 28:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

**October 31:** Halloween

**November 1:** All Saints Day Mass 6 pm

**November 2:** First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

**November 2:** Centennial Church & School Tours 11-2 pm

**November 3:** Centennial Mass w/ Bishop Brennan 4 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

October 25: Bluefield                      November 15: Bluefield

November 8: Princeton                      November 22: Princeton

## 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.*

# Church Directory Pictures

## Mark Your Calendar

Please be willing to attend and stay after Mass

**Family Pictures**  
**Sunday, October 20**  
 After 9am Mass

**Family Pictures**  
**Sunday, October 27**  
 After 9am Mass

The following group pictures will be taken on  
**Sunday, October 27**  
 after the 9am Mass

We will start around 10:15am, please plan to attend if you are a member of one of these groups

**Altar Servers - OCIA Team - Cantors - Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Handbells - Family Life - Collection Counters - Sacristans**  
**Rosary Leaders - Lectors - Hospitality Ministers - Youth Group**  
**Bereavement - Pastoral Visitation - Faith Formation Teachers**



We will be celebrating Veteran's Day on the **Weekend of November 9-10**. We welcome our veterans to wear clothing representing their branch of service. Please let us know if we are missing anyone.

**ARMY**

Alex Ercoline  
 Josh Husband  
 John Monaco  
 Monty Ramella  
 Tullio Ramella  
 Jay Valeyko

**NAVY**

Tom Behrmann  
 Fred Butler  
 Patrick Moran

**ARMY RESERVES**

Lou Ercoline

**AIR FORCE**

Richard Canterbury  
 George McGonagle  
 Johnny Rasi  
 Raymond Shumate  
 Wayne Shumate

**MARINE CORPS**

David Whitley

**Army Special Forces**

Gary Rumberg

### Commemoration of All Souls

The commemoration of All Souls will take place at the All Saints Mass on  
 Friday November 1 at 6:00 PM

Jeanne Ameli	Tony Colobro	Patsy Malamisura	Vivian Romano
Jean Battlo	Fran Derenge	Barbara Shumate Polatz	Patricia Santoro
Betty Browning	Joy Formica	Kathy Richards	

We are asking family members to come and light a candle in memory of their loved one at the All Saints Mass. If you can be at the Mass, please call Julia. Please call the church office and let us know if there is someone we might have missed.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Faith Formation 2024-2025*

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

**The schedule for September through January 2024:**

October 20, and 27 ~ Regular Sessions

October 26 ~ Fall Festival at 7 pm

November 3 ~ **NO** Faith Formation – Church Centennial Celebration

November 10 ~ Regular Session

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 ~ Regular Session

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.*

***Our Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 23 at 4:30pm in the school building.***

*Honoring Our Loved Ones*

*The centennial committee is offering spaces in the new church History Book to honor or memorialize a person or persons.*

*The cost is fifteen dollars a space.*

*There will be representatives at the back of the church after each mass if you are interested.*

**Finance Council News**

We would like to give a big Thank You to Claude Morgan for all the time and commitment he has given to the Finance Council and wish him luck on his next endeavors.

*Thank you!*

We would also like to welcome two new members to the Finance Council,

Tommy Jo Longworth and Bobby Johns.

**WELCOME!**

**FORMED**

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.

**What are the Two Great Commandments Adventure Catechism**



In this episode the two greatest commandments taught by Jesus are discussed and reveal the importance of Love for God and Neighbor.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-are-the-two-great-commandments-adventure-catechism>



**Church Directory**

To go along with our Centennial Celebration this year we will be compiling a new church directory.

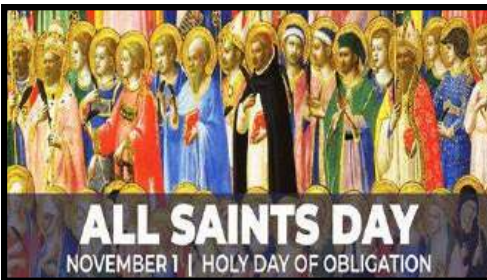
We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

We will not have picture packages or sales team involved.

Email  
shcc\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com  
to submit a digital picture

**If you need a picture taken, please call the church office or email the above address. We need a list so we can plan picture times.**

**If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office**



**All Saints Day**

**12 Noon - Princeton**

**Friday, November 1**

**6:00 PM - Bluefield**

**Please join us on this special Holy Day as we celebrate all the Saints!**

*"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2024. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."*



**Disaster Relief Special Collection**

**October 26-27**

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.

. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting [dwc.org](http://dwc.org) and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief" button.



# 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



# Sacred Heart Fall Festival

## Covered Dish Dinner

### Saturday, October 26

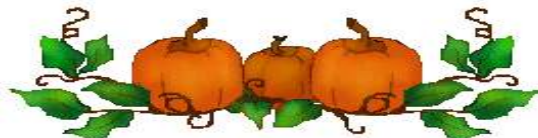
### 7:00pm ~ In the Gym

- ★ Costume Judging for Adults and Children
- ★ Pumpkin Decorating Contest  
Be sure to enter your carved pumpkin!
- ★ Cake Walks and Crafts
- ★ Games and Delicious Food



***This Festival is not just for children  
It's great fun for our entire parish family***

***Please bring a dish that will serve 10-12 People  
& treats for 30 children to Trick or Treat***



October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 10/19 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	Purita	Feleesha	1.L. Mariotti 2.D. Garton 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
			Buenafe	Moran			
Sun. 10/20 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	C. Tran	R. Albert	1.C. Havens 2.S. Copolo 3.M. Romeo	R. Malamisura	
			A. Froy	R. Ciccolini			
Sat. 10/26 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	TBA	1.T. Behrmann 2.F. Moran 3.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			E. Peretti				
Sun. 10/27 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	A. Rebuck M. Rebuck	1.S. Copolo 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	B. Buzzo	

**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.

**Volunteers Time to Update Your Virtus**

Our Mission to keep children and fragile adults safe is a top priority for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. With this in mind, the Diocese now states that all volunteers should go through yearly training to keep up-to-date on the proper interactions to have with children and fragile adults when volunteering for the church.

To keep updated on your training, simply log into your Virtus Account at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and start the latest training videos. Also, there are now fun articles to read each month!

If you have any questions on how to update your Virtus, please call Kim Hickman at the parish office at 304-327-5623.

**2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday**

**October 19-20**

**World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20th this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.**



## 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:** Yvonne Blevins, Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Beth George, Dolly Hager, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Robert Martin, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, 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](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)

Weekly Collection	weekend Oct 12-13	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,245.00	213,043.20	186,500.00
Maintenance	200.00	3,255.00	4,000.00
Loose Offertory	477.00	18,322.20	19,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,922.00</b>	<b>\$234,620.40</b>	<b>\$ 209,500.00</b>
Benefits (Fund Raisers)	20.00	4,700.00	0.00
Food Pantry	734.00	21,764.00	0.00
DWC: World Missions	30.00	30.00	500.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>6pm: 52</b>	<b>9am: 93</b>	

**EXTRA HELP NEEDED!!**

Looking for a few extra people to help take pictures of parish events



**You don't need a fancy camera, your cell phone will do**

If you are willing to help out; call the church office or email [shcc\\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com)


*Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Commission*

### History Book Church Building Pictures

**We are looking for pictures of:**  
**Weddings**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**  
**Baptism**  
**Any event that was in the Church**

Email  
[shcc\\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com](mailto:shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com)  
 to submit a digital picture or any memories you would like to share

**If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office**





**CATHOLIC  
SHARING APPEAL**

We have raised **\$35,461** 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 read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?***

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*



VATICAN/CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirtieth Sunday
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	in Ordinary Time
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	Jer 31:7-9
						Heb 5:1-6
						Mk 10:46-52



THOOM / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.***

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 17, 2021