



When [the Pharisees] heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.

MATTHEW 22:22

Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a

hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 21 & 22 2023

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, October 24- Noon

† Fr. Leo Lyden by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

Wednesday, October 25- 9:00 AM

† Sharon Blackburn by Cathy & Carl Cook

Saturday, October 28- 6:00 PM

† Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 29- 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

October 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 PM

October 25: Finance Council Meeting 6 PM

October 26: Dayton Class at 4pm in School Building

October 28: Autumn Festival 7 PM in School Gym

October 31: Halloween

October 31: Princeton All Saints Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

November 1: Bluefield All Saints Mass 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

November 2: All Souls Day: Princeton Mass at 12 Noon

Bluefield Mass at 6 PM

November 3: 40 Hour Devotion Mass of Exposition at 4 PM followed by Adoration from 5-7 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

October 27- Bluefield

November 10 - Princeton

November 17 -Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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St. Anne's Altar Society Bake Sale November 11 & 12



Good News! Good News! Come One and All! Thanksgiving will be here soon! So it is time to get those delicious goodies for your thanksgiving dinner and St. Anne's wants to help, that is why we are having a bake sale at the end of each mass the weekend of November 11 & 12. So please come and join us. Please remember we do accept donations of baked goods or in monetary form. Thank you and God Bless.



St. Anne's Altar Society will now be in charge of the Threads of Love Ministry. St. Anne's is asking for help from anyone gifted with the ability to do crafts or can sew to donate their time to making prayer shawls, lap blankets, throws, or quilts. If you are interested in participating, please call the parish office.

These donations mean a great deal to those receiving them, knowing so many prayers are being said for them. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. God Bless you all.

Angie Genovesi
President, St. Anne's Altar Society

VETERANS DAY

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

We will be celebrating Veterans Day on the weekend of November 4-5. We welcome all service members to attend wearing their uniforms.

ARMY

Josh Husband
John Monaco
Monty Ramella
Tullio Ramella

NAVY

Tom Behrmann
Patrick Moran

AIR FORCE

Johnny R. Rasi

Please let the parish office know if we have missed anyone!
Thank you!



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.

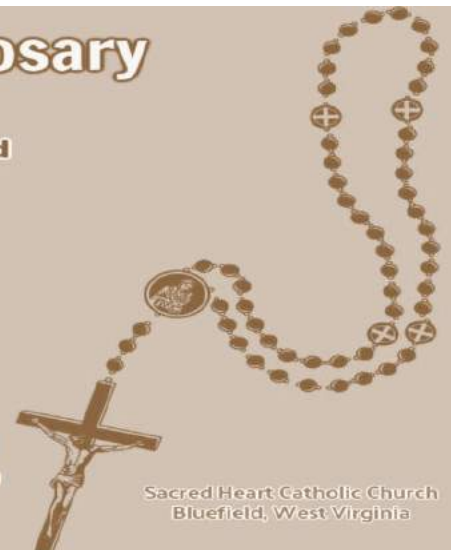
October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary Rally - October 17th - October 26th

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and both Sacred Heart Parishes will be honoring this by hosting a 10 Day Rosary Rally.

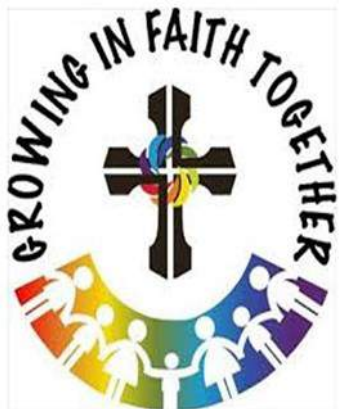
It will start on October 17th with a special Mass at Bluefield at 12 noon and end on the 26th with a special Mass at Princeton at 12 noon.

We will be having Rosary before all daily masses during this time and we also encourage you to pray the Rosary daily at home. Each morning in October a special Rosary Intentions is posted on Facebook to say every day of the month in honor of this special time of year.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bluefield, West Virginia

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:

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

January 14, 21, 28 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

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

Thank you to Barbara Musolin for facilitating our Rosary Lesson last week!

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 25 at 5pm in the school. To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

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

Mosie "Mike" Rocchetti

Nick Ameli Jr.

Michel Raymond Rogers

Pete Bellini

Greta Saunders

Deacon Don Hammond

John Stacy Sr.

Charmaine Powers

Tom Welch

We are asking family members to come and light a candle in memory of their loved one at the All Souls 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.



There will be handbell practice on Sunday, October 22 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

Eucharistic Revival Reflection

*The topic we will discuss this weekend is:
 The Eucharistic Prayer
 part 1: The Preface*



"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. 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."

Rosary at

Maple Hills Cemetery

October 24 at 1:30 pm

At Maple Hills Cemetery, there is a beautiful, marble statue of The Virgin Mary -her existence predates 1895, when the town of Bluefield, Virginia, bought the land to create a cemetery. It appears that Mother Mary resides in a section that could once have been a private family cemetery.

The Lions of Bluefield Virginia took on the project of cleaning the statue several years ago. During the cleaning process there was observed a deep crack (almost a break) in the left thumb of Mary's outstretched hands. The club decided to purchase a product to stabilize and prevent an actual, complete break. The purchase was made and the Lions returned but upon arriving, it was found that Mary was healed of this profound crack and her hand was as smooth as glass. Lila Azzo described her best by saying, 'we don't need to go to Fatima we have our own miracle here'.

Each Fall Father Sebastian and many parishioners have joined around this beautiful statue and prayed the Holy Rosary. This year we will gather on Tuesday, October 24, at 1:30 after daily Mass to pray the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady at Maple Hills Cemetery. We invite all parishioners to attend. Bring your friends.



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

1311 BYRON STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 230
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA 26003

October 17, 2023

Catholic Just War Theory applied to Israeli-Barnas Conflict

The Catholic Church has a long history of reflecting on the justification, conditions and conduct of war. Let's look at the conflict between Hamas and Israel in the light of traditional Catholic just war theory (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 2309).

When a country is attacked, a *defensive war* is justified. War should only be undertaken because of lasting and grave harm. It should be the last resort, other means of ending conflict being impractical or ineffective. There must be serious prospects of success and the use of arms should not produce harm and disorder worse than the evil to be eliminated.

Considering Hamas, it is conducting an *aggressive war*, despite its claims to the contrary. The attacks launched earlier this month were not the last resort to address legitimate Palestinian grievances. While the Middle East is a cauldron of resentments and hatreds, gains such as the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty and the Oslo Agreements show that, with good will and international support, progress can be made.

The main obstacle to peace is Hamas' hatred of Jews and its desire to destroy Israel. Instead of seeking to negotiate with Israeli authorities, Hamas has launched attacks that have caused irreparable harm by killing many hundreds of Israelis with no real possibility of succeeding in destroying Israel. Hamas' practice of hiding its fighters among non-combatants, including women and children, is cowardly and reprehensible. By attacking Israel and stirring it to a vigorous counterattack, Hamas has brought on worse evils that it seeks to eliminate.

On the Israeli side, it has a right to defend its people and to neutralize Hamas' ability to strike again. The harm caused to its people is grave; families cannot replace those murdered by the terrorists. One can argue that recent Israeli governments should have been more open to dealing constructively with the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank, but Hamas has shown that it is an unwilling partner for dialogue.

Israel will successfully defend its own territory from Hamas and will rebuild its defenses against future attacks. It is less clear that it can completely eliminate Hamas from Gaza. The danger for Israel is that a blockade on food, water, medicine and electricity and a full-scale ground war in Gaza will cause such loss of life that Israel will lose the international sympathy it now enjoys, even from its usual critics, and future prospects for peace will

Those of us who cherish Israel and want Jews to flourish in their historic homeland can and must pray to the God who is over us all, that peace based on justice may someday and somehow be achieved in the Holy Land.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



Sacred Heart Fall Festival



Covered Dish Dinner

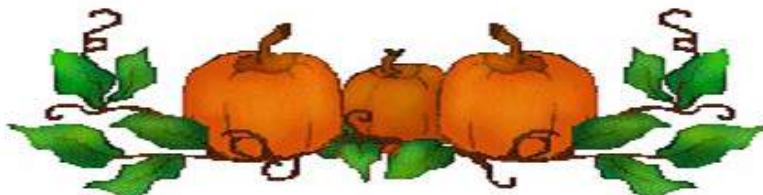
Saturday, October 28
7:00pm ~ In the Gym

- ★ Costume Judging for Adults and Children
- ★ Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- ★ Cake Walks
- ★ 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



October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters (Sundays)
Sat. 10/21 6:00 pm	Theresa Lowery	Theresa Lowery	David Kelley	Maria Zalduondo TBA	1.J. McCloud 2.V. Hager 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	Wendi Aiello
Sun. 10/22 9:00 am Youth Sunday	Greg & Callie Winfree	Anthony Torrez	1.Rhys Aiello 2.Aiden Zinsmeister 3.Tristan Brown	Sophia Tran Madison Rebeck	1.S. Copolo 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	1.Ryleigh West 2.Kylie Oakes 3.Keagan Wills	George Aiello
Sat. 10/28 6:00 pm	Jean McCloud	Maria Zalduondo	Anthony Peretti Eli Peretti	Tom Behrmann Valerie Hager	1.J. McCloud 2.F. Moran 3.P. Peretti	John Monaco	Ron Ciccolini
Sun. 10/29 9:00 am	Mary Malamisura	Mary Malamisura	Ryleigh West Christine Tran	Ron Ciccolini Gene Abromitis	1.T. Lampert 2.K. Kidd 3.C. Havens	Bob Buzzo	Bob Buzzo

Youth Ministry Leader Needed

Our dear Wendi Aiello will be slowly phasing out her leadership involvement with the Youth Ministry over the next few months. Beginning the first of the new year, we will be in need of a new Head of the Youth Ministry. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Julia at the parish office.

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

World Mission Sunday 2023
October 22nd

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

26M Children	38,140 Seminarists	8,750 Shelters	12,000 Health Centers	844,000 Catechists	258,540 Religious Orders
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WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG

BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

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.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



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, Steven Nelcher, 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: \$66,234

261% of our Goal!

Weekly Collection	WEEKEND	YTD	YTD
Envelopes	3,295.00	180,013.90	193,800.00
Loose Offertory	384.00	17,159.60	15,400.00
Holy Day Collections	150.00	2,330.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,829.00	\$ 199,503.50	\$ 210,200.00
Food Pantry	705.00	31,345.35	
Attendance:	6PM: 56	9AM: 100	

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.

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

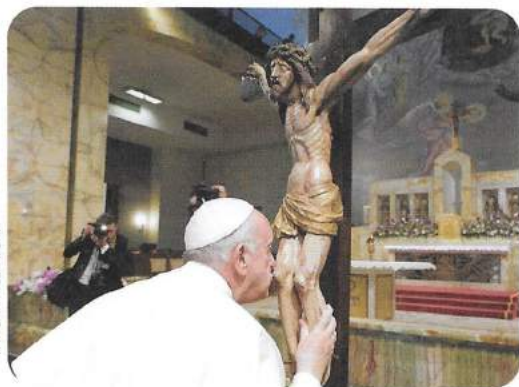
Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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
October 23 <i>Weekday</i>	October 24 <i>Weekday</i>	October 25 <i>Weekday</i>	October 26 <i>Weekday</i>	October 27 <i>Weekday</i>	October 28 <i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	October 29 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Rom 4:20–25 Lk 12:13–21	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 Lk 12:35–38	Rom 6:12–18 Lk 12:39–48	Rom 6:19–23 Lk 12:49–53	Rom 7:18–25a Lk 12:54–59	Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Ex 22:20–26 1 Thes 1:5c–10 Mt 22:34–40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020