



The Path to Faith

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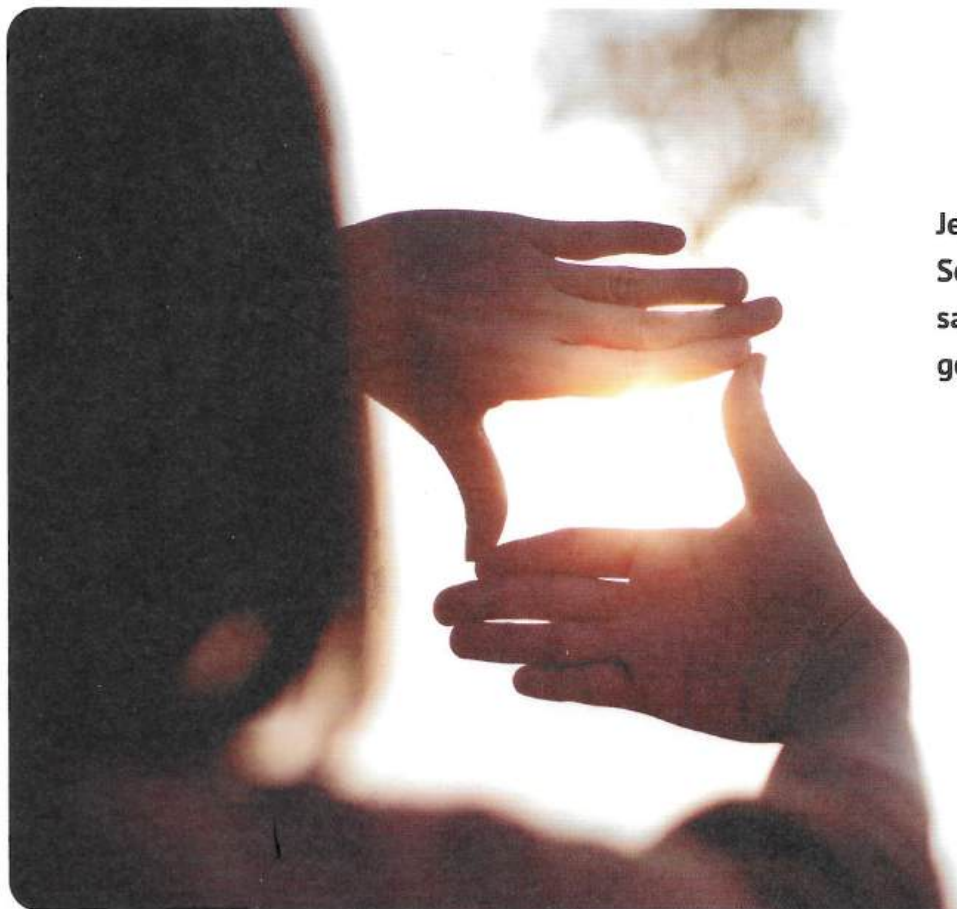
The story of blind Bartimaeus is an illustration of how we come to be people of faith. Like Bartimaeus, we may find ourselves helpless and on the side of life's road as we watch the world go by. And like him, we too then turn to God for help. Just as Jesus called Bartimaeus, we may sense that God is calling us to trust and surrender to his vision of life for us. Throwing aside the cloak that he would use to gather alms by the roadside, Bartimaeus comes to Jesus. That simple action displays his willingness to leave his old way of life behind in order to follow Jesus.

This is how we come to faith—we are given a glimpse of life from God's perspective and must trust

enough to cooperate with whatever God may bring our way. Such pivotal moments in life may come with the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or the loss of a job, when we need to trust that there is more to life in what lies ahead. Or it may come in those times when we need to learn how to cope with a lifelong illness, a failed dream, or growing old. It's all about how we come to faith—by trusting that God will bring us to new life, even though we may be blind to the ways he will bring it about. ●

Reflect

Have you ever experienced a hard ending that turned into a good beginning?



**Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man,
saying to him, "Take courage;
get up, he is calling you."**

MARK 10:49

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 26- 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, October 27- 9:00 AM

✠ Kathy Richards by Food Pantry Volunteers

Tuesday, October 29 - Noon

✠ NO MASS

Wednesday, October 30 - 9:00 AM

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, November 2 - 6:00 PM

✠ Frank McClendon by Louie & Vickie Bolyard

Sunday, November 3—4:00 PM

✠ Linda Pochick Sunderman by Dan Pochick



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 26-27: Disaster Relief 2nd Collection

October 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

October 30: PPC Meeting 5 pm

October 30: Centennial Committee Meeting 6 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

November 3: Centennial Fincastle Dinner 6 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

November 8: Princeton November 22: Princeton

November 15: Bluefield November 29: Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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PARISH BOOKKEEPER: Kim Hickman
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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.

**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 and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief" button.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.



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

NAVY

- Alex Ercoline
- Josh Husband
- John Monaco
- Monty Ramella

- Tom Behrmann
- Fred Butler
- Patrick Moran

- Tullio Ramella
- Jay Valeyko

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*

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

*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 27 ~ Regular Session
 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.

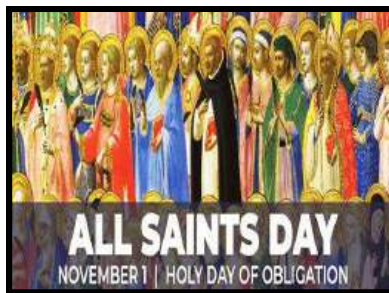
Our Next Meeting will be Wednesday, November 6 at 4:30pm in the school building. All are encouraged to attend the All Saints Day Mass on Friday, November 1 at 6 pm.

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.



All Saints Day

Friday, November 1

12 Noon - Princeton

6:00 PM - Bluefield

"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."



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.

The Catholic Take on Halloween

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-catholic-take-on-halloween-remembering-the-dead-and-celebrating-the-saints>



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

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.

Centennial Weekend Is Upon Us!

Brush Up on Your History

The construction of the Church building began with the laying of the cornerstone in October 1924 under the leadership of Father Wilbert Burke and was solemnly dedicated in September 1925. The church was designed by acclaimed architect Edward E. Weber in the Spanish Gothic tradition and built from locally quarried sandstone block. The gothic style can be noted in the pointed arches, the clerestory (upper) windows and the furnishings. The decoration, colors, and paintings are also reflective of the Spanish influence. The church building has been described as a perfect reproduction of a twelfth century European Catholic Church. The name of the church, which is quite common throughout the United States, is derived from traditional thought that the heart is the center of the entire person, of their intellect and their affection. It is believed that in every way, Christ gave himself over to the Father. In his heart, Catholics see a sign or a symbol of both the divine and human love that Jesus has for his Father and for us. It is under this symbol that the name of the church was chosen, to reflect the love of Jesus.



Centennial Weekend is November 2-3, 2024.

*Please Join us for a Walking Tour of the Church and School Building on Saturday from 11am to 2 pm
On Sunday we will be graced with Mass at 4pm with Bishop Brennan followed with Dinner at Fincastle at 6pm.*

October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
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
			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	George Aiello

You're Invited



November 14
6:00 pm

Catholic Investment Seminar!

Did you know there are exciting and highly regarded investment options for Catholics? Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors offers faith-based investment solutions to help you achieve your financial goals. You can invest without sacrificing your integrity.



Come learn how at this free Seminar.
Sponsored by KoCAA Investment
Advisor Representative

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Helpful Harvest in Speedway

Helpful Harvest in Speedway off of Route 20 is a food bank that has been helping those in Asheville, NC and the surrounding areas recover from the recent hurricane and they are asking for donations such as shovels, brooms, mops and cleaning products to help with their recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause, please bring the items to the Community Foundation Office at 128 North Street Bluefield, WV 24701

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

Weekly Collection	weekend Oct 19/20	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,385.00	216,428.20	191,250.00
Loose Offertory	522.00	18,844.20	19,500.00
Holy Day Collections	100.00	1,985.00	1,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,007.00	\$ 237,257.40	\$ 212,250.00
Food Pantry	220.00	21,984.00	0.00
DWC: Universal World	564.58	594.58	500.00
Attendance:	6pm: 56	9am: 83	

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


Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Committee

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
 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 **\$35,961** 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 am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30	Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40	Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus hears [Bartimaeus'] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 28, 2018