

Be doers of the word and not hearers only,
deluding yourselves.

JAMES 1:22

One for All and All for One

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, I asked the eighth-graders I was teaching to imagine themselves on a fantasy journey. They had to pretend they were flying across the ocean in a small airplane when suddenly the plane has engine trouble. The pilot manages to land on a sandy island beach. Everyone survives, but a few passengers are injured.

The captain divides the passengers into groups, each with a specific task. One group is responsible for finding food; another for water; another to explore and map the island; another to care for the injured. After explaining the scenario, I divided the eighth-graders into groups of four or five to complete the same “pretend” tasks—to create a set of rules by which to live until they were all rescued. The rules each group created were much the same: share everything, no hoarding, no fighting, obey the captain, no stealing,

those who do not work do not eat. In effect, these eighth-graders created their own “commandments,” enabling the community to survive in its own kind of desert, likely in the same way the Ten Commandments helped the Israelites.

The teachings of Jesus do not abrogate the original Ten Commandments. They continue to hold a great deal of wisdom for surviving as a community. Jesus taught us to focus on how our behavior shapes the sort of individuals we become and, ultimately, what sort of community we form. What flows from one’s heart, Jesus taught, reveals who we are both alone and in community. ●

Reflect

***What would you include in a set of rules
for yourself and your family?***

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31- 6:00 PM

✠ Lisa Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, September 1- 9:00 AM

✠ Mary Robinson by Loretta Hammond

Tuesday, September 3 - Noon

✠ Deacon Don Hammond by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Wednesday, September 4 - 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

Saturday, September 7 - 6:00 PM

✠ Pro Populo

Sunday, September 8 - 9:00 AM

✠ Roy Rogers by Loretta Hammond



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6: First Friday Mass and Benediction 6 pm

September 9: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

September 10: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

September 14: Crusaders Youth Picnic 4 pm

September 15: Catechetical Sunday

September 15: Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Dinner 6pm

September 21-22: 2nd Collection- Catholic Extension

September 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

September 13: Princeton September 27: Princeton

September 20: Bluefield October 11: Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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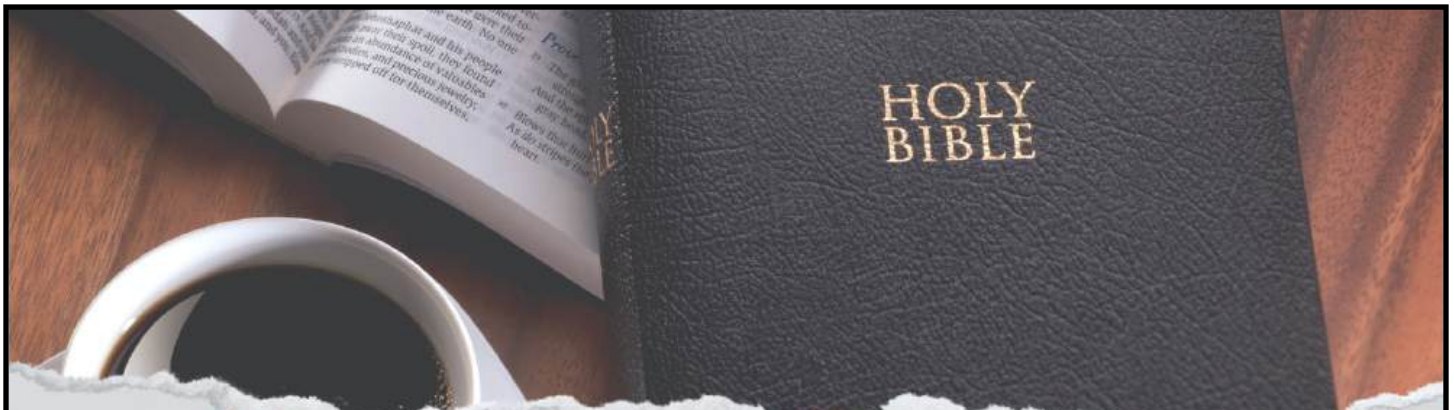
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To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.



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FAITH FORMATION



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A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Catechetical Sunday ~ September 15, 2024
Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”
Matthew 25:37b

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2024.

Faith Formation begins following Mass in the school building. Those who the Church Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called and formally commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is an invitation for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

If you are willing to help with Faith Formation this year, please call Julia at the parish office.

OCIA



Formerly known as RCIA

Walking the path as a Catholic is a lifelong journey. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that begins with an Inquiry Session which will be scheduled in the fall. The process is designed for adults who are coming to the Catholic faith from another tradition,

have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but have not received any other Sacraments, or have not been baptized in any particular faith tradition. The OCIA process allows you to journey through the full liturgical year and the timeline can vary from person to person as to the readiness of reception of the Sacraments of Initiation ~ Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

ST. ANNE'S ALTAR SOCIETY

*St. Anne's
Altar Society*

St. Anne's will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 11am in the parish lounge. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

YOUTH MNISTRY



CRUSADERS YOUTH PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 14 at 4:00 PM
Bluefield City Park
Shelter #4

Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend a day outdoors? Join us for a picnic in the park! We will have games, fellowship, and food. Everyone is welcome to bring a friend or two! Youth Ministry is open to all students in 8-12th grades.

If you have any questions please contact Wendi at 304-320-2150

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

VIRTUS[®] Online



If you have recently logged into your VIRTUS account, you may have noticed that you might have a new training module assigned for you to complete and/or some bulletins to read.

What does that mean and why:

Anyone who completed their VIRTUS training before 2022 is being asked to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Version 4.0, an update to their awareness training. If you completed training in 2022 or later, you have already completed the VIRTUS version 4.0 training.

Why are volunteers and staff with older training being asked to update? There are actually a couple of reasons:

First, some of the information regarding Safe Environment has changed over the years. For example, trainings now include information about online safety which wasn't even a consideration in the 1990s when Safe Environment training and protocols first began. Second, the definition of Safe Environment has changed over the years. No longer is it just about children/youth; it now includes vulnerable adults. Also, as experts research and learn more information regarding Safe Environment best practices, VIRTUS trainings are periodically updated so they reflect the newest information. Finally, when the Diocese is audited yearly for Safe Environment compliance, we consistently have been marked as deficient in this category for not having employees and volunteers updated with the latest information to help keep our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. Therefore, the Bishop decided that the best option at this point was to ask all employees and volunteers to update their VIRTUS trainings to VIRTUS version 4.0 and complete yearly training modules thereafter.

Again, individuals who have completed VIRTUS training after 2022 already have the latest training, so there is nothing for them to do for 2024. For those of us that completed training before 2022, we can update our training by logging into our online VIRTUS accounts (www.virtusonline.org) and clicking on the link under our Training Module block and completing the new training. Another way to update your VIRTUS training includes an in-person option at your parish or school. A third option for completing training involves receiving and reading the training module in printed material form and signing an acknowledgement form.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Bishop have also asked volunteers and staff to begin reading monthly VIRTUS bulletins. You might have noticed that this block also now shows as needing attention on your VIRTUS home screen when you log in. You can read the monthly bulletin from your logged in account. You may also pick up or read a printout of the monthly bulletin at a designated location in the parish or school, as indicated by parish staff. Your parish or school might include the monthly safety bulletin once a month in the parish bulletin that is regularly distributed at Mass. The purpose of these monthly safety bulletins is just another way to raise awareness and keep current with the latest information about keeping our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. The information presented in these bulletins is truly excellent knowledge for everyone.

Visit www.virtusonline.org/virtus

As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, **please contact Kim Hickman**. We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to Version 4.0 no later than 6 January 2025. After that date, a yearly module will be required for all employees and volunteers based on the date you completed VIRTUS Version 4.0.

We wanted to give a big thank you to Ms. Donna Kelly for her time and dedication to the Homebound Ministry.

Thank you for all you have done for our homebound parishioners and the parish.



THANK YOU!
We are grateful.

What wonderful blessings our *Litnics* have been this summer, bringing our church family together in faith, food and fellowship!

Thank you to Fr. Sebastian for making all this possible and celebrating such beautiful liturgies!

Special thanks to all our Host Families who graciously opened their homes with such warm hospitality!

Stephen & Laura Ward, Claude & Annette Morgan, and Ralph & Lind Modena!



Annette Morgan	2				Michele Holt	20	
Deborah Froy	3				Frank Brady	24	
Karen Rasi	3	Connie Saunders	11	Cynthia Mabardy	15	Ethan Aiello	25
Callie Winfree	4	Don Mullins	12	Wendi Aiello	16	Carey Ott	25
Aiden Zinsmeister	6	Barbara Musolin	12	Teresa Derenge	16	Carolina Ferrare	26
Zooey Brown	7	Claire Austin	13	Frank Monaco	17	Andrew Holt	26
Adalynn Farmer	8	Thomas Harrison	13	Mary Azzo	19	John McKenzie	26
Randall Kidd	9	LaQuay Slade	13	Cruz Redman	19	Linda Angelelli	28
Anthony Torrez	9	Monty Ramella	14	Alexandria Wright	19	John Monaco	28
Christina Flanagan	10	Jerry Rasi	14	Daeghyn Griffith	20	Michael Rebuck	28



Carl & Cathy Cook	September 14th	Anthony & Gray Peretti	September 28th
John & Susie Keczan	September 15th	Lucas & Carey Ott	September 30th
Justin & Gail Bays	September 18th		

Calling All Singers

We are forming a Sacred Heart Centennial Choir to sing for the Mass.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the parish office and let us know.



Church Directory



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

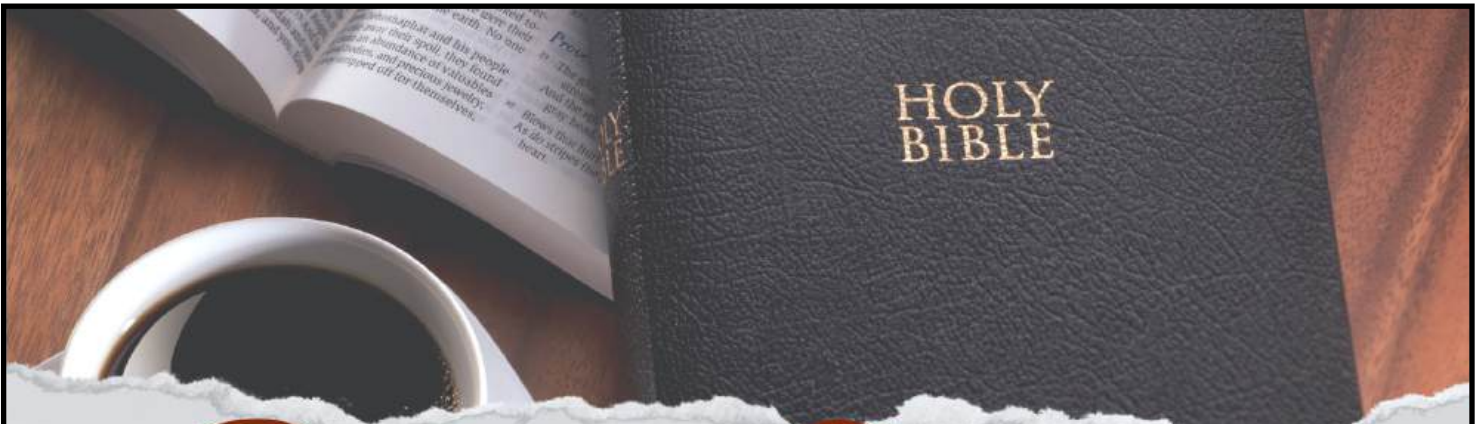
We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

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.

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August Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 8/31 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	F. Moran	1.D. Garton 2.L. Mariotti 3.. P. Peretti	J. Monaco	R. Ciccolini B. Buzzo
			E. Peretti				
Sun. 9/1 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	C. Mulkey	A. Froy	B. Buzzo	1.M. Malamisura 2.A. Robinson 3.K. Kirk	R. Malamisura	
			T. Brown	R. Ciccolini			

September Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 9/7 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	V. Hager	B. Zinsmeister	Maria	1.T. Hager 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	The Pascasio's	Randy Albert Cindy Albert
			A. Zinsmeister	Zalduondo			
Sun. 9/8 9:00 am	TBA	T. Lampert	M. Malamisura	R. Albert	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.TBA	S. Copolo	
			E. Husband	C. Ott			
Sat. 9/14 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	Dave	Tom Behrmann	1.. A. Peretti 2.F. Moran 3.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
			Kelley				
Sun. 9/15 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	L. Ajulo	R. West	T. Bales	1.A. Robinson 2.K. Kirk 3.TBA	R. Malamisura	
			K. Oakes	B. Buzzo			
Sat. 9/21 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zalduondo	Purita Buenafe	Connie Saunders	1.T. Hager 2.L. Mariotti 3.TBA	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
Sun. 9/22 9:00 am	TBA	T. Lampert	H. Wills	A. Rebuck	1.T. Lampert 2.S. Copolo 3.K. Kidd	R. Albert	
			K. Wills	M. Rebuck			
Sat. 9/28 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti E. Peretti	Feleesha Moran	1.T. Behrmann 2.P. Peretti	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
Sun. 9/29 9:00 am	M.Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. Aiello C. Tran	TBA R. Ciccolini	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.A. Robinson	B. Buzzo	

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 Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Cindy McGraw, 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, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, Laura Lee Null, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, 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

With Deepest Sympathies....

With Deepest Sympathy we announce that Kathy Richards passed away on August 24, 2024. We send our sincerest condolences to her sons Brian and Jeff, and to the rest of Kathy's devoted family members and friends in the parish.

May our lord comfort and send you all of the angels and saints, peace to all who mourn, and may Kathy rest eternally in the arms of Jesus and in the company of all the angels and saints.



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



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We have raised \$32,061 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!

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Construction

History Book Church Building Pictures

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

Email
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to submit a digital picture or any memories you would like to share

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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,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●



The Redemptorists / 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
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Gregory the</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-third</i>
1 Cor 2:1–5	<i>Great, Pope and</i>	1 Cor 3:1–9	1 Cor 3:18–23	1 Cor 4:1–5	1 Cor 4:6b–15	<i>Sunday in</i>
Lk 4:16–30	<i>Doctor of the</i>	Lk 4:38–44	Lk 5:1–11	Lk 5:33–39	Lk 6:1–5	<i>Ordinary Time</i>
	<i>Church</i>					Is 35:4–7a
	1 Cor 2:10b–16					Jas 2:1–5
	Lk 4:31–37					Mk 7:31–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 29, 2021