



Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?



[Jesus asked the disciples],
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 14- 6:00 PM

✠ Fran Derenge by Centering Prayer Group

Sunday, September 15- 9:00 AM

✠ Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 17 - Noon

✠ NO MASS ~Fr. Out of Town

Wednesday, September 18- 9:00 AM

✠ NO MASS ~Fr. Out of Town

Saturday, September 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ Tom Pochick by Dan Pochick

Sunday, September 22 - 9:00 AM

✠ Chris Malamisura by Mike & Mary Malamisura



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

September 15: Catechetical Sunday

September 15: Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Dinner 6pm

September 19: Dayton Bible Study 4 pm

September 19: PPC Meeting 6 pm

September 21-22: 2nd Collection- Catholic Extension

October 4: First Friday Mass & Benediction 6 pm

October 5: First Saturday Reconciliation 10am

October 8: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

September 20: Bluefield October 11: Bluefield

September 27: Princeton October 18: Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

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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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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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2024-2025

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.

The schedule for September through January 2024:

September 15, 22, 29 ~ Regular Sessions

October 6, 13, 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

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.

CENTENNIAL CHOIR

The Centennial Choir began rehearsals this past Thursday, the next two rehearsals will be Thursday, September 19 & 26. Anyone wishing to join, please come to the rehearsal at 6pm in the church building.



2nd Collection: Catholic Extension

September 21-22



On Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, there will be a second collection for Catholic Extension, which is an organization that supports poor faith communities and keeps the presence of the Catholic Church strong in our country. Last year Sacred Heart Bluefield and Sacred Heart Princeton joined forces and raised \$4,000. This donation allowed each parish to “adopt” a parish who was in desperate need of financial help. Your donations will help feed children, provide education, and help repair one-room church buildings and more! We are so blessed at Sacred Heart. Please share our blessings and give generously to the Catholic Extension.

Centennial Invitations



The church building Centennial committee needs information on former parishioners so they can be invited to our November celebration. Please call the office with any information you have as to names and addresses. Information can also be given to Theresa Bales or Marilyn McCoy. We will be mailing invitations soon, so this information is needed ASAP.

Altar Flowers were donated by Hobe and Susan Bauer in loving memory of the deceased members of the Bauer and Gianato Families



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

Sacred Heart Church Building Centennial History

Part 13: Refurbishing the Bells

As we celebrate the Centennial of the construction of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, it is fitting that we recognize our latest renovation to preserve the historic integrity of our beautiful church. On September 5, the two exterior bells were removed from the bell tower to undergo refurbishment. The two bells are of different size, yet made by the same company, Mc Shane Bell Foundry Co. The smaller one, dated 1895, was part of the first Sacred Heart church that was located at 209 North Mercer Street. The larger bell is dated 1925, the date of our present church building’s dedication.

After our church bells are repaired and refurbished they will be repositioned in the church bell tower. Unfortunately, due to structural concerns, they will not be rung in the traditional swinging manner. However, the parish and neighboring community will still enjoy the sound of the beautiful ringing of Sacred Heart’s bells, thanks to the wonder of modern technology.





Let's Gather for a Reception to Honor Our Veterans with the
Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc.

Thursday, October 3, 2024
Those Who Served War Museum
1500 W. Main Street | Princeton, WV 24740
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Flag Folding Ceremony by the Mercer County Honor Guard
6:00 p.m.

Live Music by Dan Turner and Becky Allen

Tours of the Museum

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
\$50 per person

If you can't attend, please consider making a donation.
Ticket Sales and All Donations will be matched 100%
by the Kendrick Family.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Community Foundation of the
Virginias, Inc. in providing scholarships for area students and grants
for area non-profit organizations.

To RSVP to this event, please call the Community Foundation Office at 304-324-0222



**KEEPERS
OF LIFE** 

SUICIDE INTERVENTION TRAINING

PRINCETON, WV

MEET THEM ^{IN} THE MIDDLE
 © **FAITH-BASED VERSION** *Brother* **UP**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Meet Them in the Middle Suicide Intervention Training helps individuals learn how to intervene, de-escalate and negotiate, when suicide is present, and life is in danger. Trainees are guided through how to facilitate an intervention and create a plan to avoid loss of life. Interventions can only happen when we meet people where they are and extend safety for immediate protection from this life and death situation. This highly interactive training allows for the understanding of personal experiences and follows a guided model rooted in evidence, best practices methods and evidence-based experiences. Training includes situational practices and requires self reflection and skills demonstration. Knowing where we end and the next person begins is crucial when it comes to saving lives. Suicide prevention is the responsibility of EVERYone and intervening with suicide is within the capability of ANYone. Understanding the components of a verbal intervention and recognizing when someone may be at risk of loss of life to suicide, while working with them to turn towards safety - can and does save lives.

**LIMITED TRAINEE SPOTS AVAILABLE. MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE.
 USE CODE PROVIDED BY YOUR CONTACT PERSON TO WAIVE YOUR TRAINING FEE.**

**Training Sponsored & Costs Covered By: Brother Up Foundation + LIFESAVERS Project
 To Receive Link to Register, Please Contact One of the Individuals Below:**

**CORNERSTONE Church Contact: ERICA MORGAN @ cfcrunforgod@gmail.com
 SACRED HEART Churches Contact: LORIN ALBIN @ lorinjalbin@gmail.com**

September Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 9/14 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	Dave Kelley	Tom Behrmann	1. A. Peretti 2. TBA 3. J. McCloud	J. Monaco	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
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	1. T. Hager 2. L. Mariotti 3. F. Moran	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
				Saunders			
Sun. 9/22 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	TBA	H. Wills	A. Rebuck	1. TBA 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	Feleasha Moran	1. T. Behrmann 2. P. Peretti 3. D. Garton	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
Sun. 9/29 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. Aiello	TBA	1. W. Aiello 2. G. Aiello 3. A. Robinson	B. Buzzo	
			C. Tran	R. Ciccolini			

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Need Help with Mass on Saturdays & Sundays

Consider Volunteering once a month or more often!

You can volunteer for the following:

Lectors, Rosary, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristan

All Skill levels, any amount of time!

For More Information :



(304) 327-5623

lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org



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, 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, 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, Beth George, 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

Weekly Collection	weekend Sept 7-8	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	5,027.00	185,557.20	162,600.00
Maintenance	125.00	2,845.00	3,360.00
Loose Offertory	307.00	16,150.20	18,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,459.00	\$ 204,552.40	\$ 183,960.00
Faith Formation	10.00	267.00	500.00
Food Pantry	540.00	20,032.00	0.00
Memorial Contribution	25.00	25.00	1,000.00
Attendance:	6pm: 46	9am: 84	


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






**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



We have raised **\$34,836** 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,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Sunday

September 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37