



[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It's not always easy to figure out where God's spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we've been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We've been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

Reflect

How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God's truth and wisdom?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28- 6:00 PM

✠ Frank McClendon by Louie & Vickie Bolyard

Sunday, September 29- 9:00 AM

✠ Angelo Monaco by Danny & Ann Robinson

Tuesday, October 1 - Noon

✠ People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 2 9:00 AM

✠ People of the Parish

Saturday, October 5 - 6:00 PM

Fr. Chapin Engler by Centering Prayer Group (Living Mass)

Sunday, October 6 - 9:00 AM

✠ Pro Populo



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 4: First Friday Mass & Benediction 6 pm

October 5: First Saturday Reconciliation 10am

October 6: Youth Sunday

October 6: Blessing of the Pets 1 pm

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

October 9: Finance Council Meeting 6 pm

October 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

October 19-20: 2nd Collection: World Missions

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

October 11: Bluefield October 25: Bluefield

October 18: Princeton November 8: Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

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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 Picture Upcoming Dates

all dates will be upstairs in the Church

Saturday, September 28

Before 6pm Mass

Starting at 5pm

please be there before Rosary begins at 5:30

Sunday, September 29

After 9am Mass

please be willing to stay after Mass

Tuesday, October 1

5:30pm - 6pm

Email

shcc__bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com
to submit a digital picture

If you have hard copy pictures please bring them during these times

Celebrate!!

CONGRATULATIONS
FR. SEBASTIAN
ON BECOMING
AN OFFICIAL U.S. CITIZEN!




*Also help us wish Fr. Sebastian a
Happy Priesthood Sunday!*

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation 2024-2025

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

The schedule for September through January 2024:

September 29 ~ Regular Session

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.

THREADS OF LOVE



We are in need of your help. If you are having or know of anyone having surgery or of anyone needing a prayer shawl or blanket, please let us know. These special gifts are handmade, blessed, and give comfort and joy to those that receive them and we don't want to forget anyone. Please call Angie Genovesi at 276-970-0893, Barbara Lynch at 304-228-2082, or the Parish Office at 304-327-5623 to inform us of anyone in need Thank you and God Bless.



Blessing of the Animals
by Fr. Sebastian will be at the Church Parking Lot on
October 6 at 1pm
in honor of the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
Bring your beloved pets for a special blessing!



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

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.



Melinda Fanning	2
Linda Grbac	3
Casi Noble	3
Terry Lampert	4
Dennis Tumbokon	5
David Kelley	6
Sharon Rothausen	6
Stephanie Blevins	7
Theresa Thomason	8
Kimberlee Husband	9
Rosalie Rocchetti	9

Bobby Johns	9
Shannon Powe	9
Chardy Staton	11
Sue Richmond	12
Marilyn McCoy	13
Theresa Lewis	14
James Valeyko	15
Courtney Hawkins	16
Stacy Justice	17
Brett McGraw	18
Linda Pendleton	18
Gina Vescio	18
Tristan Brown	20
Tess McCloud	21

Gray Peretti	22
Henry Ward	23
Patricia Nester	24
Valerie Hager	26
Kim Hickman	26
Mary Blevins	27
Cyra Vagheei	27
Ryleigh West	28
George Aiello	29
Ryan Albert	29
Stacey Wright	30
Kathleen Blaydes	31
Kelly Bourne	31
Jami Rust	31



Tullio & Linda Ramella	10
Bob & Beth Staton	18
Danny & Ann Robinson	21

James And Donella Crigger	25
Kirk & Yvonne Suehs	28

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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.

Votive Candles



A gentle reminder to please leave a donation when lighting a devotional candle. Due to rising inflation prices, we kindly ask that you donate \$4.00 for a regular sized candles and \$1.00 for the small votive candles on the Mary side of the altar. We greatly appreciate all donations. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Tickets are Limited, RSVP today!
540-529-6495



Youth Ministry Student tickets provided. Adult tickets are \$40. All are welcome! We will leave Princeton at 3 pm.

IHM Church & Father Patrick O'Connor Italian Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

The Italy Pilgrimage Trip that was scheduled to take place June of 2025 is being reevaluated due to scheduling conflicts. It may be rescheduled to be in the Fall of 2025. More information to come soon.



FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/who-are-the-angels>

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 Minsters, Sacristan

All Skill levels, any amount of time!

For More Information :



(304) 327-5623

lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org



September Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 9/28 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	Feleesha Moran	1.T. Behrmann 2.P. Peretti 3.D. Garton	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			E. Peretti				
Sun. 9/29 9:00 am	M.Malamisura	B. Musolin	R. Aiello	R. Albert	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.A. Robinson	B. Buzzo	
			C. Tran	R. Ciccolini			

October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 10/5 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	M. Zalduondo	A. Zinsmiester	Maria	1.J. McCloud 2.T. Hager 3.A. Peretti	The Pascasio's	Randy Albert Cindy Albert
			P. Buenafe	Zalduondo			
Sun. 10/6 9:00 am Youth Sunday	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	Youth TBA	Youth TBA	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.K. Kirk	Youth TBA	
			Youth TBA	Youth TBA			
Sat. 10/12 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	Dave	Tom	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.TBA	J. Monaco	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
			Kelley	Behrmann			
Sun. 10/13 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. West	T. Bales	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.TBA	S. Copolo	
			K. Oaks	C. Ott			
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	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	M. Malamisura	R. Albert	1.C. Havens 2.TBA 3.TBA	R. Malamisura	
			E. Husband	R. Ciccolini			
Sat. 10/26 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	Connie	1.T. Behrmann 2.F. Moran 3.TBA	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			E. Peretti	Saunders			
Sun. 10/27 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello	A. Rebuck	1.S. Copolo 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	B. Buzzo	
			A. Zinsmeister	M. Rebuck			

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 Donations	weekend Sept 21-22	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,030.00	202,053.20	172,200.00
Maintenance	10.00	3,055.00	3,600.00
Loose Offertory	718.00	17,033.20	17,600.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,758.00	\$ 222,141.40	\$ 193,400.00
Centennial Birthday Gift	800.00	800.00	0.00
Faith Formation	40.00	337.00	500.00
DWC: Catholic Extension	783.00	783.00	0.00
attendance:	6pm: 51	9am:103	

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 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 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 **\$35,436** 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,

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



ZWIBACKESSER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jb 1:6–22	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Jb 19:21–27	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17	Gn 2:18–24
Lk 9:46–50	Lk 9:51–56	Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 10:1–12	Lk 10:13–16	Lk 10:17–24	Heb 2:9–11
						Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021