



The Importance of Trust

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We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?



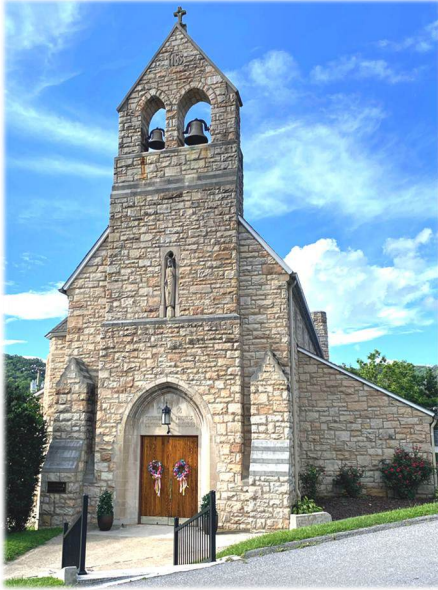
Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

APRIL 11-12, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11 - 6:00 PM

✠ **People of the Parish**

Sunday, April 12 - 9:00 AM

✠ **Maria Ciaccio** by Ron & Sherry Ciccolini

Wednesday, April 15 - 5 PM Adoration & 6 PM Mass

✠ **Charles & Opal Garton** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Thursday, April 16- 10:00 AM

✠ **Greg Garton** by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, April 18 - 6:00 PM

✠ **Joan Zingale** by St. Anne's Altar Society

Sunday, April 19 - 9:00 AM

✠ *Available to Reserve*

Sacred Heart Princeton

Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm - Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am - Confession

11:00 am - Mass

Confession: 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11-12: Divine Mercy Chaplet After Each Mass

April 13: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 PM

April 14: OCIA Meeting Time TBA

April 14: Men's Prayer Group 6:30 PM

April 19: Children's Mass 9:00 AM

April 19: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

April 21: OCIA Meeting Time TBA

April 22: Finance Council Meeting 6:45 PM

April 26: First Communion Mass 9:00 AM

April 26: Centering Prayer Group 5:00 PM

May 1: First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

May 2-3: Maintenance 2nd Collection

May 2: First Saturday Social 7:00 PM

May 3: First Sunday Social 10:00 AM

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Joseph Mandokkara Augustine, J.C.L.
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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

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.

Holy Land Wood Carvings

April 11-12

On April 11-12 the group from the Holy Land will have a display of beautiful religious handmade olive wood carvings, from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Your support through purchasing these items, 200 families will be helped, also it will support peace in the middle east.

Olivewood carvings are a part of a tradition handed down from generations. Please stop at their table and purchase a nice gift from the little town in Bethlehem.

Please help support this worthy cause!



Altar Flowers

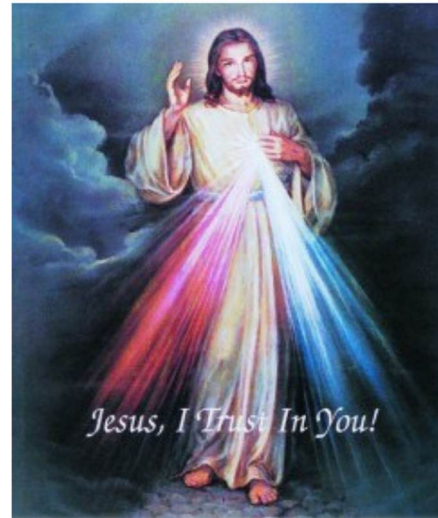
We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office to secure your preferred dates.

Dates available begin the weekend of April 11-12, 2026

Options Include:
Urns on the Altar
Floor Arrangement
Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

Prayers of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy



We will be doing the Divine Mercy Chaplet After each Mass on the Weekend of April 11-12, 2026
Join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday!

MAINTENANCE

COLLECTION

A second collection for BUILDING MAINTENANCE

will take place on the first weekend of each month. It is dedicated to the upkeep of our church buildings and ensuring our facilities are well-maintained. We will also prioritize saving for future projects by allocating resources for upcoming projects.

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

NEXT COLLECTION: MAY 2-3



Faith Formation 2026
Every Sunday at 10:15 am
in the School Building

The schedule through Spring 2026:

April 12 ~ Regular Session

April 19 ~ Youth to read for Mass & Regular Session

April 26 ~ First Holy Communion with reception – No Faith Formation

May 3 ~ May Crowning and Procession during 9am Mass

Youth to participate – more info will follow

May 3 ~ Last day of Faith Formation

+First Communion Practice to be scheduled+

APRIL
Is Child Abuse
Prevention Month



Steps to Prevent Abuse:

1. Communicate with Your Children
2. Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse
3. Identify and Report Signs of Child Abusers

“the abuse itself causes a deep wound that may last a lifetime, but often the scandal in the Church is because the door was closed and the victims were not welcomed and accompanied by authentic pastors.”

~Pope Leo XIV, Jan 10, 2026

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.



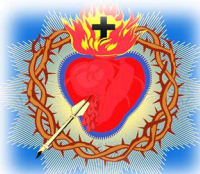
Sacred Heart
Adult Grief Support Group

Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group has changed their meeting times to every Third Friday of the month.

Next Meeting

May 15 at 4:30 pm in Church Lounge

Men’s Prayer Group!



All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men’s Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Next Meeting

April 14 at 6:30 Pm in the Lounge



Thank you to John Monaco and his nephew Josh Bourne For building the beautiful wooden stand that our Crucifix is being displayed upon. It will be used for many years to come!



Centering Prayer Group

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God. **The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.**

Thank you to St. Anne’s Altar Society for providing our new very beautiful Red Cope.

St. Anne’s Altar Society

St. Anne’s will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11 am after morning Mass. All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend!

Next Meeting will be
May 14th after Morning Mass.

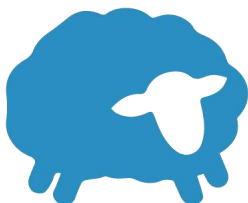


Thank you to everyone who helped with Lent and Holy Week. Our Staff, Sherry Ciccolini, Our Music Directors Dan Turner & Jack Holt, Our Choir, Our Mass Ministry Volunteers, and Our Social Committee who helped decorate and prep music.

April 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 4/11 6 PM	P. Buenafe	D. Garton	1..P. Buenafe	1..A. Peretti	1.V. Hager 2.P. Peretti	1. Pascasio	D. Duritza R. Malamisura	Dan Debbie
Sun 4/12 9 AM	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.T. Brown 2.K. Wills	1. B. Buzzo 2. R. Ciccolini	1.M. Romeo 2.C. Havens	1.R. Ciccolini 2.C. Asbury 3.K. Brown		Jack Hobe
Sat. 4/18 6 PM	J. McCloud	D. Garton	1. A. Peretti 2. E. Peretti	1.T. Behrmann 2.D. Garton	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	D. Shumate M.McCoy	Dan Debbie
Sun. 4/19 9 am Kids Mass	The Winfree's	M. Malamisura	1. R. West 2. K. Oakes	Children to Read	1.K. Kidd 2. A. Robinson	1.K. Brown 2.R. Kidd 3.R. Albert 4.S. Copolo		Jack Theresia
Sat. 4/25 6 pm	P. Buenafe	D. Crigger	1.D. Kelley 2.A. Froy	1.T. Behrmann 2M. Zalduondo	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders	1. I. Pascasio	The Aiello's	Dan Mary-Ann
Sun. 4/26 9 am	C. West	L. Ajulo	1.C. Tran 2.R. Aiello	1.R. Albert 2. C. Ott	1.G. Aiello 2.W. Aiello	1.C. Havens 2.D. Rebuck 3.R. Ciccolini 4.R. Albert		Jack Debbie

You can also Donate Online!



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Would you consider setting up a new recurring online gift? Regular, recurring gifts provide a stable, reliable foundation that not only makes church operations and projects possible but also helps us budget and plan for our exciting future

Click the link below

<https://sacredheartcatholicchu64.flocknote.com/give>

Or Scan the QR Code with your Camera on Your Phone!



Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

Friends & Family: Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Bill Cinadr, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Mike Starre, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Parishioner In Need of Driver

A Parishioner is need of a Driver to drive her to Church on a weekly basis.

If interested, please call Carolina Ferrare at 276-245-8230



Weekly Collection	week Apr 2-5	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	15,392.00	70,199.00	65,500.00
Maintenance	125.00	1,376.00	1,600.00
Loose Offertory	1,292.00	6,521.05	6,250.00
Holy Day Collections	2,186.00	4,127.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 18,995.00	\$ 82,223.05	\$ 74,350.00
Food Pantry	100.00	6,812.00	
DWC: Holy Land	887.00	887.00	2,000.00
Attendance: Holy Thurs: 146	Good Fri: 148	Easter Vigil: 131	Easter Sun: 207

Please Note: All Diocesan second collections are required to be forwarded to the Diocese within 2 weeks. Please be sure to submit your Diocesan collections in a timely manner.

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, if Fr. Joseph 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 Joseph 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.



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Spaghetti Dinner

2026

Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

TAKE OUT ONLY - NO SIT-DOWN DINING

Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs and bread \$10

no salad or dessert

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:00 am to 11:00 am after mass

Sale Sauce & Meatballs - frozen

Meatballs (Dozen) \$10

Sauce (Quart) \$6

ENTRANCE DOOR: Please enter on the Monroe St. bottom door entrance, not the main doors on Wyoming St.

PARKING: Please use the lower lot on Monroe St.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Bluefield, West Virginia

Church address:
1003 Wyoming Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.