



## Late Bloomers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**H**uman beings grow and mature at different paces. Turning twenty-one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about deathbed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this Gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow his lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church." ●



[The LORD said,]

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

ISAIAH 55:9

### Reflect

***Has your faith matured over the years, or have you stopped growing?***

September 23 & 24,  
2023

Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:  
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Very Rev. Sebastian Devasya, Assoc. V.E., V.F., Pastor

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by appointment

One Bread/One Body/ One Church

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Princeton (@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

### Catechetical Sunday

"Come to me all you  
who labor and are  
burdened"  
Matthew 11:28

"Vengan a Mí, todos  
los ue están cansados  
y cargados"  
Mateo 11:28

Eucharistic Adoration  
September 29 - 6:00 pm



Blessing of the Animals  
October 1 - 1:00 pm



### Upcoming Events:

Sun, Sep 24, Catechetical Sunday, OICA & Faith Formation begin

Fri, Sep 29, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Oct 1, 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Tue, Oct 3, 6:30 Parish Council & Youth—Amy's House of Hope

Fri, Oct 6, First Friday Mass at Noon

Oct 7-8, Visiting: Deacon John Soplinsky & Seminarian Michael Tupta

Sun, Oct 8, 6:00 pm, Walking with Purpose women's group begins

Oct 9-13 - Fr. Sebastian OOT, No MASS

Fri, Oct 13, 6:00 pm Silent Eucharistic Adoration, Bluefield

Sun, Oct 15, 5:00 pm The Harpa Dei Choir at St. John the Evangelist

Tue, Oct 17, 6:30p Finance Council Meeting

Oct 18-19, PACE conference, office closed

Tue, Oct 31, 4:30 pm All Saints Vigil Mass, HDO; 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

### Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Sep 23, 4pm - ✠ **Fannie & Mary Constantino** by Virginia Manley

Sunday, Sep 24, 11am - ✠ **Esther Picconi** by John & Mary Choate

Tuesday, Sep 26, 6pm - ✠ **Sr Theresa Metz** by Drs Trinidad

Thursday, Sep 28, Noon - ✠ **Rachael Denton** by Paula Yurkovich

Saturday, Sep 30, 4pm - ✠ **Esther Piconi** by Susie Pace

Sunday, Oct 1, 11am - ✠ **Kenneth Hillyer** by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

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Welcome! Our catechists are overjoyed for the opportunity to serve the families of Sacred Heart Parish this 2023–24 school year. Welcome to all the families returning for another year, welcome to those families that have been away from the program for a while, and welcome to all brand-new families joining our program for the first time!

Each year, the Catholic Church in United States designates the third Sunday in September as “Catechetical Sunday” a day on which we celebrate and pray for the church’s mission to teach the gospel to all people. As we celebrate a new beginning, the beginning of a new catechetical year, let us open our hearts, open our minds to God’s word, to His son Jesus Christ, to the Holy Spirit, and to one another.

This year's theme is: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened." With these words from the Gospel (Matthew 11:28), the Lord Jesus offers an invitation to follow Him and the promise that He doesn’t want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first, to be a disciple - one who draws close and rests in Jesus - and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus.

Our catechists will strive to make their time spent with the children as interesting an inspiring as possible. They will do their best to teach the lessons, to pray with students, and to involve the students in activities that will build their faith.

We believe faith formation to be a continuous lifelong process, and that the parents are the primary teachers of their children. As being your child's primary teacher, please join in our mission by:

- attending mass each weekend with your child
- Praying daily with your child and as a family
- Promoting regular attendance at Faith formation classes
- Asking your children what they've learned after each faith formation class
- Sharing your faith your own way with your child

Catechetical Sunday also offers an opportunity to recall that all the Baptized have roles in handing on the faith in their daily life, families, work, and church involvement. There will be various opportunities for adult faith formation this year, especially programs focusing on the Eucharistic. We encourage all adults to participate in these opportunities and support the programs offered.

We look forward to walking this journey of faith with you, and we need and appreciate your prayers of support!

Let us pray:

### **Prayer for Catechists**

Loving Father, we pray for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Faith Formation

### Schedule 9:30 am - 10:45 am

Sep 24  
Catechetical Sunday  
First Day of Class

Oct 1  
Oct 8  
Oct 15  
Oct 22  
Oct 29

**Welcome back to Faith Formation!** I'm so happy to see all the kids back and ready to learn about our Catholic Faith. A big shoutout to all the parents who brought their kids - you rock! Your unwavering support for our parish is truly appreciated.

Just a friendly reminder to join us at Catechetical Sunday to show our gratitude to all those who serve. They work so hard to guide and teach our youth, and we're lucky to have them. Let's come together

to express our appreciation and support for these amazing servants of God.

Registration forms are available [online](#) or in the Narthex..

**K- 5** Class follows the Curriculum: **Word of Life**

they will meet in the classrooms Narthex (first day)

**Confirmation** Class follows the curriculum:  
**Confirmed in the Spirit**

**6 - 8** Will follow the YM schedule (unless making a sacrament. )

**9 - 12** Will follow the YM schedule (unless making a sacrament. )

**First Communion Preparation:**

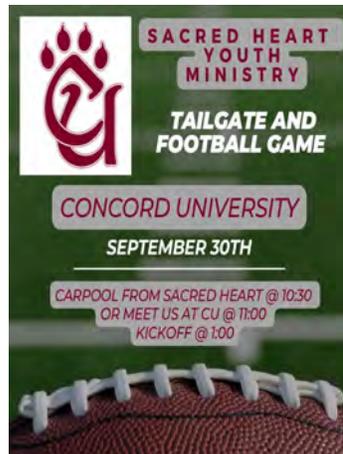
Grades 2 - 5 - Parent meeting September 24 (after Mass)

MS/HS - Parent Meeting Date coming

## Youth Ministry

Sep 30  
CU Football game

Oct 3  
Amy's House of Hope



### Calling All Sacred Heart Chefs

Help Us Feed the Hungry

Bake a tray or two of your favorite pasta for our Youth to serve at Amy's House of Hope.

Text Lorin at 540-529-6495 or sign up in the Narthex.

Meals can be delivered **HOT** to Amy's at 4:30 on Oct 3 or contact Lorin can arrange to pick up.

## Youth Sunday

Oct 15  
Nov 19  
Dec 17  
Jan 21  
Feb 18  
Mar 17  
Apr 21

## Here's What The Saints Want You To Know About The Rosary By Becky Roach



All Catholics are called to be saints. If we genuinely want to grow in holiness, we must study the lives of the saints who have gone before us to learn what habits, virtues, and values guided their path to heaven. It doesn't take long to realize that

a deep [devotion](#) to Our Mother and praying the Holy Rosary frequently were essential parts of the lives of the saints.

[Here's What The Saints Want You To Know About The Rosary - Catholic-Link](#)

## Adult Faith Formation

### Women's Prayer Group

Thursday's at 10:15 am  
Conference room

Contact: Susie Pace

### Men's Group

First and Third Thursday of  
the month at 10 am in the  
Narthex

Contact: Jim Cosgrove

### The Search (Coming Soon)

As Catholics we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means for you.

Contact: Laura Wyatt or  
MaryJane Albin

For more information or to  
sign up!

### Walking with Purpose

First meeting is Sunday,  
October 8th at 6pm.

There is a book which should be purchased before the first meeting.

Please Contact:  
Laura Wyatt or  
KD Coleman for  
information



## OCIA

We are thrilled to have you join us for the OCIA program. Our first session will take place on

**September 24th at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in Narthex to move to classroom**

Together, we will embark on an inquiry process that will delve into the Catholic faith and its teachings. This is an incredible opportunity for you to learn more about the faith, ask questions, and connect with others on a similar journey.

We look forward to seeing you there and can't wait to share this experience!

During this journey, participants

- **learn about the Catholic faith,**
- **engage in various rituals and liturgies,**
- **and ultimately receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).**

Through this process, individuals can deepen their relationship with God and

become more fully integrated into the Catholic community. This journey is personal and transformative, and it's an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually and embrace the Catholic faith.

Contact Laura Wyatt at  
304-425-3664 or

[lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org](mailto:lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org)

## This Week on Formed

**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>



 NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Revival** September 24th

***Eucharistic Reflection:***  
Jesus is Calling Us Deeper

**HE PROMISES TO RESTORE  
AND RENEW HIS PEOPLE**

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

**Blessing Prayer**

*In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide. Father Sebastian continues Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sus-taining and guiding your holy people. Bless Father Sebastian. Let your Spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



FR SEBASTIAN DEVASYA

**CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

***Silent Auction & Raffle***

This is the last weekend to purchase raffle tickets or bid on the silent auction! All proceeds support our Mommy Ministry!

Silent auction, write your bid on the paper to win a statue of Sr Paula or Fr Sebastian. Highest bid wins!

There are lots of items in our Raffle.

Tickets are \$1/ ticket or \$20/ 25 tickets.

Place your tickets in the drawing for the items you wish to win. A massage, manicure, hair cuts, are just a few of the prizes!



***Congratulation***



Sr. Paula, on becoming a citizen of our great country! Your hard work and dedication towards this achievement is truly inspiring. We are so happy for you and wish you all the success and happiness as a citizen.

***One Million ROSARIES***

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE  
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



Will you be part of the movement in the Diocese to pledge to pray

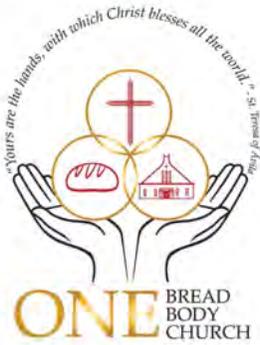
***One Million Rosaries for vocations?***

Our pledge period is now until October 7th.

*"It is not how many Rosaries you will say by October 7th," says Sr Martha Gomez, "October 7 is your pledge entry deadline. Your deadline to fulfill is between you and God!"*

Vocations include priesthood, religious life, marriage, & devoted single life—callings to join Christ. Behind & before every vocation, is strong prayer.

Vocations are born of prayer and from prayer. Please pick up a rosary and pledge to pray for more vocations today!



# Catechetical Sunday

WHAT GROUPS NEEDS YOU?

This week we hear from some of the Catechetical ministries.

- Faith Formation
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Formation
- OCIA
- Walking with Purpose

Please Listen for what calls you to minister.

We need your talents and skills!

We Need You!

**FINAL GRAND EVENT**  
**OCTOBER 21-22**  
**PRIZES AWARDED!**



walking with purpose



# Come as you are.

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

October 8 @ 6:00 pm  
 1st Meeting we will meet in Narthex then move to classroom

For more information contact:

Laura Wyatt - [lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org)  
 KD Coleman - [kd\\_f@hotmail.com](mailto:kd_f@hotmail.com)



[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

## Moments of the Lord's Supper: A Sensory Experience

Sacramental Symbols

Music

Join us as we explore the Lord's Supper using our senses!

You will be taken on an unique journey allowing you to see, hear, feel, touch, taste and smell how the Lord was not only present to the disciples in that Upper Room, but shares himself with the Church every time we gather at the Eucharistic table.

Art

Prayer

Rituals



Begins at 6:30 PM (offered at two locations for your convenience)

October 4—All Saint Parish, Bridgeport, WV  
 October 5—Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV



Sponsored by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.  
 Free and open to the public.



Sacred Heart Presents...

## Fr. Chapin Engler

INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION

On Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield will host a presentation by the renowned homilist, Father Chapin Engler. Do you suffer from the "disease of trying to please?" Do you wonder why you are here, what is your purpose? Do you question "Where did God go?" These and other existential issues will be addressed at the event in person and by streaming, followed by a question & answer period and refreshments in the lounge.

Don't miss this opportunity to come and bring a friend to meet the dynamic host of My Daily Living.

October 5, 2023

6:00 PM

Sacred Heart Bluefield  
 1003 Wyoming St.  
 Bluefield, WV

Attendance is free. A contribution to Father Chapin's television ministry would be welcome.

<https://mydailyliving.com/support/>

### About the program: My Daily Living

Airs on Sundays at 6:30 am on Channel 4  
 Sundays at 8:30 am on WVTV-FOX,  
 or anytime on Youtube.



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**THE SISTERS OF THE INFANT JESUS** (SJI) is a Religious Congregation of women founded in Gweru, Zimbabwe in 1950 with members making a vowed commitment to love and serve God and His people. We are a group of women numbering 232 professed members and 25 in initial formation stages.

The sisters work to empower women, children and the vulnerable through education, health care and social work. The Sisters are involved in pastoral ministries, teaching and nursing, as cooks, administrators and also in pastoral projects that address the needs of the poor and vulnerable, especially women and children who are orphaned or handicapped.

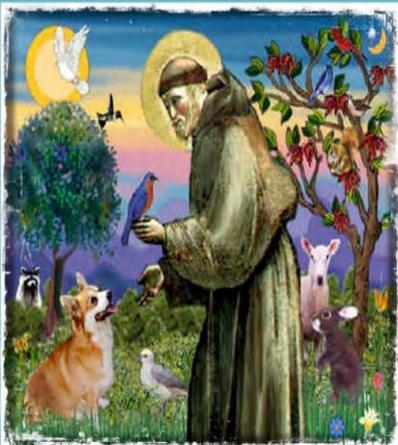
Zimbabwe's economy has been in serious decline for the past 23 years and currently most organizations and industries have been forced to close. Like other organizations operating in such an environment, the SJI Order struggles to meet its financial obligations due to limited sources of income for the Order and its works. The Community is financed by the income from sisters' salaries and by grants from funding partners when they are available. This income however, falls short of the costs associated with running of the Order and our commitment to help the poor and vulnerable in the remotest parts of Zimbabwe.

Your continuous prayers and generous financial contributions will be greatly appreciated.

**Sr. Maria Rukwishuro SJI will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of  
September 30- October 1, 2023. God Bless!**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your "Fur" Kids for a  
Special blessing on  
October 1 at 1:00 pm  
Sacred Heart Catholic  
Church, Princeton



The illustration shows a friar in a brown habit standing in a lush garden. He is holding a small blue bird in his hands. Around him are various animals: a white dove flying in the sky, a white dog, a brown dog, a white rabbit, and a purple rabbit. There are trees with red fruit and a full moon in the background.

**SABIKA**

**BINGO**

DOOR PRIZES 50/50 CONCESSIONS  
*Games, fun, and jewelry*  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

PRINCETON SACRED HEART CHURCH  
507 HARRISON STREET, PRINCETON WV

EVENT OPENS: 1:00PM  
BINGO BEGINS: 2:00PM

Tickets can be purchased starting at 1:00pm for \$25

Includes 16 games cards - Additional cards: \$5

Seating is limited to the first 80

Cover all cards: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Contact CCWVA at 304-425-4306

 Catholic Charities West Virginia

All proceeds benefit programs and services provided by Catholic Charities West Virginia's Southern Region.

# Pray for Vocations

## Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, We ask you to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church.

Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, faithful people to Consecrated Life and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love.

Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children.

Amen

### The Traveling Vocations Crucifix

The Traveling Vocations Crucifix is a wonderful way to unite our parish community in perpetual prayer for more priestly and religious vocations.

We are encouraging families and individuals of our parish to sign-up to take home the Traveling Vocations Crucifix. Every weekend the crucifix will travel to a different home where it will be enthroned in a highly visible and safe place for all to pray daily for the increase of vocations.

During this week, we encourage families and individuals to talk about vocations and to treat the Crucifix respectfully, like all sacred objects.

Thank you for your commitment to pray for vocations for a week.

We ask that the Crucifix be returned the next weekend so that it is available for the next person who signed-up.  
(Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex)

Hello, we are Daniela Sandoval Galvan and Alejandra Garcia Arevalo and we are part of the community of the Missionary Servants of the Word. Our current mission is in Beckley, but thanks to God and Fr. Sebastian, we are also going to start working with the communities in Princeton and Bluefield. We offer a variety of activities including rosaries at homes, bible courses, retreats, etc. We look forward to meeting everyone! Please be on the lookout for any announcements! Thank you so much for your support! God bless!

Hola, nosotras somos Daniela Sandoval Galvan y Alejandra Garcia Arevalo y somos parte de la comunidad de los Misioneros Servidores de la Palabra. Nuestra misión actual es en Beckley, pero gracias a Dios y al Padre Sebastian, también vamos a empezar a trabajar en las comunidades de Princeton y Bluefield. Ofrecemos una variedad de actividades incluyendo Rosarios en casa, Cursos Bíblicos, Retiros, etc. ¡Estamos muy emocionadas por conocerlos a todos! Por Favor estén al pendiente de avisos sobre eventos o actividades! De adelante, muchas gracias por su apoyo! Dios los bendiga!



“Come to Me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

## Catechetical Sunday

A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### Thank you for Serving:

#### Faith Formation

**Kinder - 5th:**  
Angelica Dumapit  
Kim Yahya

#### Youth Ministry (MS & HS):

Lorin Albin

#### RCIA:

Mike Flanigan  
Anthony Heltzel  
Gabriel Rieger

#### Adult Formation

**Mens Group:**  
Jim Cosgrove  
Bill Picknally

#### Womens Prayer Group:

Susie Pace

#### Walking with Purpose

KD Flanigan  
Laura Wyatt

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Music for  
 September 23 & 24, 2023

Celtic Mass  
 Mass Readings on pg. 328  
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G848  
 “Gather Us In”

Responsorial Psalm:  
 The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Presentation of Gifts: G760  
 “Christ Has No Body Now But Yours”

Communion: G781  
 “Lord, When You Come”

Closing Hymn: G636  
 “Now Thank We All Our God”

**2nd Collection: The Catholic University of America**



**September 23-24**

This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

The **Sisters of the Infant Jesus** will speak next weekend, **September 30– October 1st**, to plead for support to their organization. This Mission Appeal is the Authorized Mission from the Diocese of Wheeling—Charleston for 2023.

**Offering**



	<b>weekend Sept 16-17</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	2,747.00	122,468.93	122,500.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	321.00	7,285.10	3,700.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,068.00</b>	<b>\$129,754.03</b>	<b>\$ 126,200.00</b>
<b>Catholic Extension</b>	1,221.00	1,221.00	0.00
<b>Tender Mercies</b>	75.00	1,985.00	2,250.00
<b>Dioc: Catholic University</b>	50.00	100.00	150.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>4pm: 56</b>	<b>11am: 125</b>	

**September/October Ministry Schedule**

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
Sept 23 4 pm	M Tinio	<u>K Bailey</u> V Manley T. Settle	C Prox	n/a	D Richardson	T Settle
Sept 24 11 am	C Cofer	<u>A Heltzel</u> H Cofer R Modena	<b>Blankenship's</b>	W Picknally	B Carter J Holt	
Sept 30 4 pm	M Gaspersich	<u>T Marx</u> M Marx D Richardson	C Prox	N/A	C Pace	S Pace
Oct 1 11 am	D LaMothe	G Boggess TBA TBA	<b>Hillyer's</b>	W Picknally	TBA	
Oct 7 4 pm	M Bacho	<u>V Manley</u> K Bailey T Byron	F Bacho	N/A	C Pace	J Cosgrove
8 11 am	A Dumapit	TBA TBA TBA	<b>Blankenship's</b>	TBA	TBA	

### In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

**The Parish Office**  
**(304) 425-3664**

**Bluefield Parish Office**  
**(304) 327-5623**

**Kim Hickman**  
**(304) 920-2440**

**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, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

**In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying:** 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.

### Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

#### Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher  
Ruth Boyd  
Deloris Caccamo  
Ron Ciccolini  
Romulo DelaRosa  
Dr. David Garcia  
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger  
Angie Grbac  
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon  
Cyndi Jones  
Nancy Larkin  
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton  
Robert Laxton  
Kaitlyn Laxton  
Keith Laxton  
Jim Lintz  
Jim & Diane Luciano  
Tanya Marx  
Jaelynn Mendoza  
Annette Morgan  
Dr. Jun Neri  
Patricia Nester  
Alan Rieger

Vivian Romano  
Deborah Saffell  
Gareth Settle  
Felomina Yongque  
Carrie Yurkovich  
Jane Walthall

#### Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury  
Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)  
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)  
John Bowers  
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)  
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)  
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)  
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)  
Linda Cunningham  
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)  
Kyle Geiger  
Mike Goff  
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)

Myles Harris  
Velma Hartwell  
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)  
Brenda Ivelise  
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)  
Langan Family  
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)  
Richard Lockhart  
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)  
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)  
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)

Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)  
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),  
Rex Neely  
Agnes Sedi  
Sherry Sisk  
Bryan Staten  
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)  
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)  
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)  
Gianna (last name not given)

# Dear Padre,

*When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.*

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.*

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