

Blessed Sacrament Parish

January 14, 2018

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Are a Christ-Centered Community,
Committed to Worship the Father, Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts,
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People*

*Nosotros, la Parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento, Somos una Comunidad Centrada en Cristo,
Comprometidos a Adorar al Padre, Comprometidos a Responder a los Dones del Espíritu Santo,
Comprometidos en el Servicio Amoroso a Todo el Pueblo de Dios*

We Remember in Our Prayers:

Sal Ambrosio, Karen Bowling, Toni Bowers, Jim Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Jody DeBias, Ro DeBias, Karol Dunford, Patty Farry, Marietta Fenton, Patty Geissinger, Kathleen Groom, Ann Henderson, Betty Hines, Mike Howard, John & Claire Johnson, Ruth Kirk, Joe Lynch, John Lynch, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Alex Mansfield, Jr., Clara Reynolds, Phyllis Safreed, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Gary Sutton, Tim Wells, Jr., Sandy Wheeler and Lily Woolwine.

Many Thanks to the Stewards of God's Grace!

- who participated in the meeting of our Vocation Committee!
- who participated in the meeting of our Liturgy Committee!
- who helped to dismantle, pack and store our Christmas season environment!

New Adult Faith Formation Study – The Holy Spirit

Classes begin Sunday, January 21st at 10:15am in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome!

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, remains a mystery for many of us. We “adore and glorify” the Spirit with the Father and the Son, but do we really understand the power or the actions of the Spirit?

The Holy Spirit: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics, by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, guides us through seven sessions on the Holy Spirit and answers questions like:

- What is the Holy Spirit's role in creation?
- How does the Holy Spirit bestow authority and empower us?
- How did the Spirit work through the prophets?
- How does the Spirit give us wisdom and lead us “into all truth?”
- What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and the Trinity?
- How did the Holy Spirit empower Mary and others in the New Testament?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our spiritual lives?

Each of the seven sessions includes catechesis, discussion, and a call to put the learning into practice. Let this study encourage you and, in the words of the *Veni, Creator Spiritus*, pray: “Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest.”

Help Wanted

A senior couple in our parish seeks to hire helpers who can assist with errands and housework. If you or someone you know is experienced and reliable, please contact John Finnell at snowman25303@hotmail.com

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 17th from 9:00am – 2:00pm Parish Hall

To schedule a donor appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org; Put in sponsor code: blessedsp
Click on red arrow next to location address Select donation time Or call 1-800 Red Cross (1-800-733-2767)
Contact Susan Dickey, 304-744-8154 with any questions.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, January 18th beginning with a Communion Service
with John Hanna as presider in the Sanctuary at 11:30 am.
Afterward, we will have soup, chili and sandwiches. We will need salads and desserts to share.
PLEASE LABEL DISHES THAT CONTAIN NUTS!
For more information call Jane Roy: 304-768-0306

Social Justice Group

This group will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00pm in room 1. All are welcome.

Selma

On Sunday, January 28th, at 2:00pm we will show the movie "Selma." It is a historical drama based on the 1965 voting rights marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. The movie runs 128 minutes, and is for ages 12+ with an MPAA rating of PG-13 for some disturbing thematic material including violence and brief, strong language.

Childcare will be provided for those too young to view the film and participate in any discussions afterward. Please contact Jeanne if you will need this service (haasjeanne@hotmail.com or 304-744-5523).

Snacks will be provided by our St. Dismas Men's Club. There is no cost to attend, but your donations are welcome.

Human Trafficking

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline:

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will.

Sex trafficking has been found in a wide variety of venues within the sex industry, including residential brothels, escort services, fake massage businesses, strip clubs, and street prostitution.

Labor trafficking has been found in diverse labor settings including, domestic work, small businesses, large farms, and factories.

To learn more, visit the National Human Trafficking Hotline website — <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/type-trafficking/human-trafficking>

Please take one of the cards on the bulletin board with contact information – an easy resource to hand to someone in need.

Vocation View

How will YOU share responsibility to encourage future deacons, priests, religious sisters and brothers for our Church?

Some suggestions:

- Give your head and heart an opportunity to reflect on the Scripture readings for Mass this weekend.
- Read the article about Father Tom Gallagher's vocation journey (Copies on the table in the Gathering Space). Many thanks to Tony O'Leary for interviewing and composing this fine article!
- Don't hesitate to ask young men and women if they've ever considered whether God may be calling them to be a religious sister or brother, a deacon or a priest (or maybe even a bishop!). And pray especially for those whom you think might be good candidates. Be sure to tell them about the qualities you observe in them that are desirable in church leaders!
- Take time to look over the brochures and information on our Vocation Bulletin Board, at the top of the ramp.
- Join the "31 Club" (you'll be hearing about it this weekend!).
- Use the selection of prayers for vocations that Connie Jarzynski has graciously compiled for us (Copies are on the table in our Gathering Space).
- Take home our "Vocation Prayer Chalice" for a week and used the enclosed suggested prayers and discussion questions in your household. Sign up for your week on the list in our Gathering Space.
- If you haven't done so already, consider "adopting" one of the men who are in formation to become future priests in WV, our "seminarians". Their photos are next to the Vocation Bulletin Board. We gave out white slips of paper with a name and contact information for each seminarian at the beginning of Advent. These seminarians deeply appreciate the support of our prayers and words of encouragement. (As any priest will tell you, there are moments of doubt, fear, confusion and frustration during the seminary years!) Many thanks to Peg Nagem for preparing the slips and keeping this information current:
For those of you who are writing letters and cards of support for our diocesan seminarians, please note the home address change for PHILLIP SZABO: 455 Brushy Ridge Rd., Augusta WV 26704.
If you haven't yet chosen a seminarian to send birthday cards, holiday messages, and notes that let them know you're praying, there are more available slips with names, birthdays, and addresses for both home and seminary. Please check the small basket in our gathering space!
- Consider joining our parish Vocation Committee along with Bob and Irene Galloway, Ron Teufel, Theresa O'Leary, Peg Nagem and Connie Jarzynski. Thanks to all of them for their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure in this ministry!

Sr. Judith Ann Teufel C.S.J. – 60th Anniversary

St. Agnes Church will celebrate their Feast Day and Sr. Judith Ann Teufel's anniversary (37 of these years were spent with the St. Agnes community) on Sunday, January 21st during the 10:30am Mass. A potluck dinner will follow.

Our Partners in Community Service

Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center

Introduction to Motivational Interviewing Workshop with Sky Kershner, LPC, LCSW, MINT

Thursday, January 18, 2018 9:00am-12:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church Charleston, WV

[Directions](#)

Leading a Horse to Water: Can Motivational Interviewing get him to drink?

What do you do when clients are unwilling or unable to make a better choice for themselves, even when it's right in front of them?

How can you help someone who is feeling hopeless about overcoming addiction?

What can you do when a client is high or using when talking to you and is acting in self-destructive ways?

For clients seeking addiction treatment, two of the most common obstacles for individuals are confidence and the importance of change. In this class we will learn how Motivational Interviewing can be used to answer questions, like the ones listed above, by eliciting effective conversations about behavior change and helping clients explore and resolve ambivalence. We encourage you to bring your most difficult cases and join in our discussion.

This 3-hour workshop is great for counselors, social workers, coaches, nurses, clergy, or anyone who is interested in helping support others to make difficult changes in their lives. No previous experience is necessary.

Three hours of CE credit is available for Social Workers, Addictions Counselors, Recovery Coaches, LPCs and RNs.

Cost: \$40.00

[Register to Attend](#)

Thank You

The Western Regional staff of **Catholic Charities WV** would like to take a moment and **thank you** for your generous contributions to our work in 2017. Because of your *monthly contributions* to the Western Region, we were able to provide Emergency Assistance to 169 households and paid a little over \$12,000 toward utility bills in termination or court-ordered evictions. We provided food to 258 unduplicated individuals in Boone and Raleigh Counties, distributing approximately 29,000 pounds of food in 2017. Three hundred and thirteen unduplicated families received personal hygiene and household cleaning products from our pantry in Charleston and in Whitesville. The Center for Community Learning and Advancement in Huntington enrolled 94 adult learners working on career and educational goals.

Almost Heaven Directed Retreats

presented by: **The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality** located at 1601 Virginia Street, East in Charleston.

Our retreat starts May 25, 2018 and ends on July 15, 2018. The cost of our retreat is \$85.00 per night which includes your room, Spiritual direction, materials, and all meals. \$126.00 per night for the Hermitage and private bath (Handicapped Accessible). We do have limited space so we will need your reservation as soon as you have decided your retreat days. You may e-mail your reservation to wvisreq@gmail.com, our website wvis.org, or simply call our office at 304.345/0926.

Directed one-to-one retreats may be scheduled at any other time during the year as well. A private room and shared bath will be available to you.

Other Items of Interest

Saint Agnes Grade School

St. Agnes School is hosting an open house on Thursday, February 1st, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. St. Agnes educates students in Kindergarten through 5th grade, and offers preschool for 4 year old students. We also offer an onsite Daycare facility and afterschool care program. Visit us at 4801 Staunton Avenue in Kanawha City, on the web at www.stagneswv.org and Facebook @StAgnesWV or call the School office 304-925-4341.

Sacred Heart Grade School

Sacred Heart Grade School preregistration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! There are several spots still available in ECE (3 year olds), Pre K (4 year olds), Kindergarten, and grades 1-5. Assistance and scholarships are available. Please call the SHGS office at 304-346-5491 if you are interested in scheduling a tour or a visit day for your child.

Application dates are as follows:

January 8—January 19: Application window opens for students currently enrolled at SHGS (and their siblings) who will be entering our ECE through Grade 5, along with those children enrolled at Sacred Heart Early Learning Center. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled at SHGS whom you wish to be considered for admissions for the next academic year, please call the office to request a sibling application. Please turn in your application by Friday, January 19 to ensure a spot for your child/children next school year. Applications not submitted within the window of opportunity will lose their first consideration status.

January 22—January 26: Application window opens for Sacred Heart parishioners who do not currently have children enrolled at SHGS.

January 29: Admissions to SHGS is opened to the general public.

January 30: OPEN HOUSE for parents of prospective SHGS students 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Please visit our website, shgs.us, for applications, calendars, updates, class information, announcements, and photos! Susan Malinoski, Principal, Sacred Heart Grade School, Learn more. Serve many. Love all.

Holy Days of Education

In January, the Church's respect for the gift of life comes to the fore. Come, join fellow Catholics in our vicariate and learn the faith through Symbolon, the catechetical program reinvigorating the faith of Catholics everywhere. This session of Symbolon will be on: **Protecting the Dignity of Human Life** Wednesday, January 24th at 7:00pm St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Road, Charleston For more information, contact Michael Kawash: 304-549-6453 or mak@ramlaw.com

Free Dental Screenings & Cleanings for Children

The Kanawha Valley Dental Society's "Give Kids a Smile!" day is Friday, February 2, 2018
At 5480 Big Tyler Road, Cross Lanes from 9:00am – 3:00pm

To schedule a patient or to volunteer to help, call: 304-881-4842 or email: CapitalCityGKAS@gmail.com

Saint Agnes Parish Feast Day and Novena

We are planning our parish Patron Saint Agnes Feast day for January. Her feast day is on the 21st of January every year. As our parish is named after Saint Agnes, we need to honor her specially with a feast day and special prayers. We will begin a 9-day novena to Saint Agnes on the 13th day of January with the Saturday vigil Mass. The times for the Novena are given below.

I encourage all of you to make some extra effort to join the parish on those days for the Novena and receive the graces through Saint Agnes.

We will have Special Solemn Mass for the feast day of Saint Agnes on the 21st January Sunday at 10:30am.

Please mark your calendars and join us. Let us make this a special one by our participation as one community. Thank you. ~Fr. Joseph

Saint Agnes Novena & Mass time:

January 13 Saturday at 6:00pm (after the 5:00pm vigil Mass)

January 14 Sunday at 11:30am (after the 10:30am Mass)

January 15 to 19 (Monday through Friday Mass at 6.30pm followed with Novena

January 20 Saturday at 6:00 pm (after the vigil Mass)

January 21 Sunday at 10:30am Solemn Feast day Mass, Procession & Novena

We are having a St. Agnes Feast Day Pot Luck Dinner on the 21st after the 10:30am Mass at the school gymnasium.

We will be honoring Sr. Judith Ann Teufel C.S.J on her 60th anniversary at the dinner on the feast day for all her many years of service to St. Agnes Community.



All are Invited

Helpful Information

Our Parish Staff

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Our Pastoral Council

Jo Stone, facilitator	David Elliott	Kay Margocee	Matthew Crabtree	Rick Brennan
Susan Churchill	Molly Linehan	Colleen O'Neill	Bob Sylvester	Bob Lucas
John Gianola	Travis Green	Tom McLane	Joe Gresham	Vince Stricker
Peg Nagem	Joe Jenkins			

Minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council can be found on our webpage.

Our Contact Information:

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Our office hours are from 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday.

Web page: www.blessedsacramentwv.org