## Next Weekend - Pentecost - Wear Flame Colors! Blessed Sacrament Parish - May 16, 2021

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

#### Please keep these things in mind:

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation is still suspended by our Bishop.
You can view all Masses listed below on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BSCWV/">https://www.facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>
Worship aids for each Mass will be sent to all by separate emails.

After each weekend and holy day Mass you may drive up to our south entrance to receive Holy Communion in your car

#### **Mass Schedule**

Day	Date	Time		Intention	
Saturday	5/15	5:30pm	+	Michael Habenschuss by the Habenschuss and Battig Families	
Sunday	5/16	9:00am	+	Celine Yosuico by the Veloso/Yosuico Family	
		11:30am	+	Eric Ghiz by the Bowles Family	
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday	5/19	Noon	+	Kevin Richards by John & Arlene Hanna	
Thursday	5/20	Noon	+	Eric Ghiz by Bill & Patty Frame	
Friday	5/21	Noon	+	Pat Burriss by John & Arlene Hanna	
Saturday	5/22	5:30pm	+	Jim Mathena by Karen Ruddle	
Sunday	5/23	9:00am	+	Alice Yunker by Lew & Katie Brewer	
		11:30am	+	Tom Baldy by Jerry & Jane Roy	

## We Remember in Our Prayers

Barbara Baldy, Bo Burdette, Elizabeth Coleman, Matthew Crabtree, Rhonda Crede, Karol Dunford, Joe Eisel, Marietta Fenton, Joe Fernandes, Andrew Fields, Rose Finch, Patty Geissinger, John Gianola, Sr. Joe Gregg, Kathleen Groom, John Hanna, Ann Henderson, John & Claire Johnson, John Lordan, Bob Lucas, Louann Lynch-Kelley, Sheila Kerns, Alec Mansfield, Buz and Barbara McCormick, Evelyn Miller, Keith Morgan, Mary Ann Shear, Michelle Smith, Nicholas Taylor, Sandy Wheeler, and Lily Woolwine,

## **Pray She Rests in Peace**

Ladonna Berthelot Combs, former parishioner

# Blessed Sacrament Parish has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 18427 South Charleston WV 25303

### **This Week at Blessed Sacrament Parish**

Anyone can participate in our Masses and Adoration by just going to <a href="www.facebook.com/BSCWV/">www.facebook.com/BSCWV/</a>.

All are most welcome to join all of our ZOOM gatherings

but they must have received a personal email with connection information – so let us know if YOU want "in".

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	
Sat	5/15	9:00am	Men's Bible Study Group	ZOOM	
		5:30pm (New time!)	Mass	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass	Holy Communion in cars	South Parking Lot	
Sun	5/16	9:00am (New time!)	Mass	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass	Holy Communion in cars	South Parking Lot	
		11:30am (New time!)	Mass – High School Graduates	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass	Holy Communion in cars	South Parking Lot	
Mon	5/17	7:00pm	Laudato Si Discussion	ZOOM (link on page 4)	
Tue	5/18	5:00pm	(NO Middle School Youth Group tonight)		
		8:15pm	New RCIA Group	ZOOM	
Wed	5/19	10:00am	Bible Study-Relating to Others as Jesus Would	ZOOM	
		Noon	Mass	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		1:00pm	Bible Study – Song of Songs	ZOOM	
		4:00pm	Bible Study – Grades 1 – 5	ZOOM	
		7:00pm	Bible Study – Sunday Readings	ZOOM	
Thu	5/20	Noon	Mass	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		5:00pm	(NO High School Youth Group tonight)		
		7:00pm	RCIA	ZOOM	
Fri	5/21	11:15am	Rosary	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		Noon	Mass	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
Sat	5/22	9:00am	Men's Bible Study Group	ZOOM	
		5:30pm (New time!)	Pentecost! Wear red, yellow, or orange!	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass	Holy Communion in cars	South Parking Lot	
Sun	5/23	9:00am (New time!)	Pentecost! Wear red, yellow, or orange!	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass	Holy Communion in cars	South Parking Lot	
		11:30am (New time!)	Pentecost! Wear red, yellow, or orange!	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/BSCWV/	
		After Mass		South Parking Lot	
		` `	Pentecost! Wear red, yellow, or orange! & Initiation Sacraments  Holy Communion in cars	Parish Hall & Facebook.com/B South Parking Lot	

In-person individual Confessions are available any time by appointment in the church, in your car or in your home.

Contact Fr. John at 304-377-3560 or snowman25303@hotmail.com to schedule an appointment.

**GriefShare Program** will begin this Tuesday, May 18 at 7PM. The program will be held in Room 5 in the parish building. Masks, hand sanitizing and proper social distancing will be required.

If you are interested in the GriefShare program, please contact Jeanne Haas, Director, 304-744-5523, <a href="mailto:haasjeaane@hotmail.com">haasjeaane@hotmail.com</a>, Pam Counsil, Co-Facilitator, 734-664-1527 or <a href="mailto:pamcounsil@yahoo.com">pamcounsil@yahoo.com</a>, Ro DeBias, Co-Facilitator, 304-382-3359, <a href="mailto:rodebias@aol.com">rodebias@aol.com</a>, Missy Mowrer, Co-Facilitator, 304-545-4776, <a href="mailto:granmissy@gmailcom">granmissy@gmailcom</a>



Camp Leon Day!!!
Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – campfire
New location: Camp Virgil Tate

More details soon!



What do these graphics have in common?

They are all familiar logos!

Pastoral Council Goal 2 Team needs a LOGO for Catholic Social Teaching!

Enter our contest! DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>!

Submit a logo to <a href="mailto:haasjeanne@hotmail.com">haasjeanne@hotmail.com</a>

Winning Logo will receive a \$25.00 Amazon Gift Card!

## In your household, learn about the First Theme of Catholic Social Teaching—

The Life and Dignity of the Human Person Here:

https://youtu.be/ABRI2ZSs58E

Now share these discussion questions:

What issues of Life and Dignity of the Human Person are important to you?

What are ways you can personally address these issues?



## UPDATE on the latest project of our parish Youth Ministry!

#### **Support our Blessed Sacrament Team!**

This week, our youth logged a collective **19 miles on Tuesday and another 27 miles on Thursday**, and those are just the miles we traveled as a group!
Each person on our team has an individual goal to

walk, roll, run, or bike at least 60 miles before May 31, and also raise a minimum of \$100 in support for Faith in Action, a volunteer program providing free services to older adults.









You can help us by following the link below, selecting "Blessed Sacrament" Team Fundraiser, and then sponsoring an individual or individuals of your choice with a gift of any amount.

https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Charleston/PedalwithPurpose2021

Thank you for helping our youth to live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially:

#2: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

#4: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

#6: Solidarity!



#### **Vocations**

#### SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

Deacon Phillip Szabo is the only man who will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese this year. His ordination will take place in Charlestown on May 29. As our parish gift to Phillip, our Vocation Committee invites all to contribute brief statements of commitment to prayer, fasting, almsgiving, other sacrifices and works of mercy offered for Phillip's spiritual needs and intentions. Please send yours to John Finnell at <a href="mailto:snowman25303@hotmail.com">snowman25303@hotmail.com</a> or by mailing or bringing a hard copy to the parish office (note the new PO Box!) or place it in the Sunday Offering box when you come to Mass. We will create a single large greeting card with all of our commitments in a beautiful "spiritual bouquet". I also encourage you to mail a brief greeting and good wishes to Phillip at: Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg MD 21727.

#### 31 Club This week

DAY	MAY	
SUN	16	Connie Jarzynski
MON	17	Bob Galloway Bowles Family
TUE	18	Ruby Moore Patty Frame
WED	19	Andrea Null Herrick
THU	20	Sandy Wheeler Denise Burgess Moon Musilli and Peg Musilli
FRI	21	John Finnell
SAT	22	Susan Churchill & Don Churchill Ro DeBias

If you would like to join the 31 Club, please choose a day and contact our parish office. As you can see, we have no one for the  $10^{th}$  or the  $13^{th}$  of each month.

## **Serran Prayer for Vocations**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever, and ever. Amen.

## <u>Liturgical Ministers – May 15/16</u>

	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	Pam Counsil	John Priestley	Laura Jennings
Cantors	Charlie Wilson	Rory Isaac	Patty Frame
Communion: <i>Principals</i>	Ro DeBias	Barbara Williams	Kay Margocee
Greeters/Ushers	Rob & Bev Schissler	Joe Gresham Ken McNeil	Anna Sites Rene Norman

## <u>Liturgical Ministers - May 22/23</u> <u>Next Weekend - Pentecost - Wear Flame Colors!</u>

	5:30pm	9:00am	11:30am
Lectors	Patty Frame	Kathy Lester	
Cantors	Jack Dever	Dave Haas	John Shawler
Communion: Principals	Todd Witsberger	Rob Plutro	Sally Cline
Greeters/Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD

## **Let Us Pray – The Rosary**



LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020 Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco\_preghiere\_20200311\_madonna-divinoamore.html

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco preghiere 20200425 preghiera-mariana-maggio.html

## **Our Partners in Community Service**

## **Kroger Pick-Up Schedule for Manna Meal**

May 26John Ellison
June 2Rob Schissler
June 9Rory Isaac
June 16Tony O'Leary
June 23John Ellison
June 30Rob Schissler

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## May be of interest

New Study Suggests State Support Weakens Christianity <a href="https://www.yahoo.com/news/study-suggests-state-support-weakens-183127512.html">https://www.yahoo.com/news/study-suggests-state-support-weakens-183127512.html</a>

University of Texas at Austin 2014 Commencement Address - Admiral William H. McRaven <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxBQLFLei70">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxBQLFLei70</a>

A Christian Vision of Social Justice: Social change can be pursued with mercy and hope. https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/18/opinion/social-justice-christianity.html

I was pressured for wanting my at-risk baby. Abortion and eugenics can't be separated. <a href="https://www.yahoo.com/news/pressured-wanting-risk-baby-abortion-110129594.html">https://www.yahoo.com/news/pressured-wanting-risk-baby-abortion-110129594.html</a>

How Britain Started the Arab-Israeli Conflict <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXfuqUhzESg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXfuqUhzESg</a>

## Next Sunday's Mass Readings - May 23, 2021

### **Pentecost Sunday**

#### Reading I Acts 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the disciples of Jesus and his mother were all in one place together.

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.

At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

#### R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures.

#### R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

#### R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

#### Reading II

#### 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

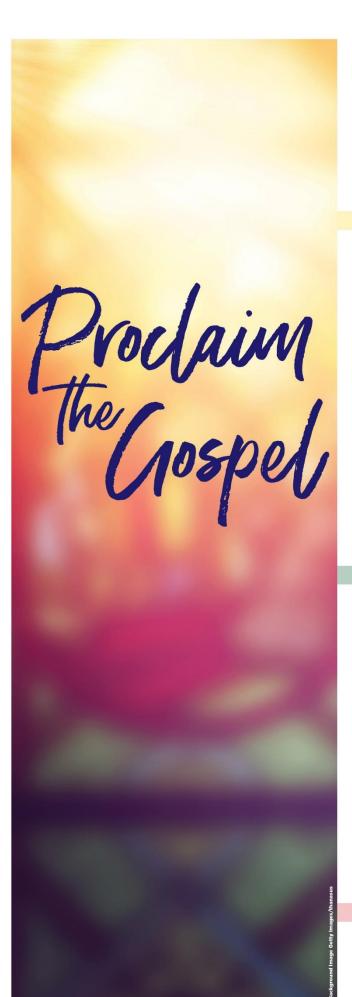
No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

#### Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

During his last supper with his disciples Jesus said to them:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



May 16, 2021

Written by THE FAITHFUL

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mk 16:15-20

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

**PRAY** Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

#### **Other Items of Interest**

Worldwide Rosary to Pray for an End to the Pandemic May 17 @ 12:00 pm



The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has been chosen by the Holy See to lead the worldwide recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 17, at 12 noon ET, in response to Pope Francis' call for a "marathon" of prayer during the month of May "to ask for the end of the pandemic."

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the National Shrine Board of Trustees, will lead the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from the Basilica's Great Upper Church.

With the ability to accommodate 1,000 people socially distanced in the Great Upper Church with other safety protocols in place, the event is open to the public and the faithful are encouraged to join this vital prayer effort in person by registering at www.nationalshrine.org/mass-registration.

For those unable to attend in person, the recitation of the Rosary will be livestreamed at www.nationalshrine.org/mass and will be shared with the Holy See for transmission throughout the world.

For additional information, please view the press release.

#### **Parish / Staff Contacts & Other Information**

Our office hours are suspended until further notice

#### **New Information!** Mailing Address: P.O. Box 18427, South Charleston, WV 25303

Physical Address: 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303 

Web page: www.blessedsacramentwv.org

#### **Our Parish Staff**

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E-mail: wmodin@frontier.com Music & Youth Director Mary Odin

**Janitors** Dan Ryan and Jeff Bradley Accompanists John Ellison and Jim Zellers

#### **Our Pastoral Council**

**Tim Norris** Pam Counsil Laura Jennings, facilitator Rick Brennan Matt Davis Reagan Whitmyer John F. Gianola Ken Holz Jack Dever Chip Counsil Joe Gresham Matt Hayes Philip Maramba Ann Dever Charlie Wilson

Katie Smithberger David Lewia

Council members are always grateful to hear about any concerns our parishioners have.

If you do not know any of the members personally, you may send a note or email to our parish office for them.

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WLUX 1450 AM Dunbar; WNUX 89.7 FM Beckley; WOUX 105.3 Parkersburg

Visit www.sprwv.org for a link to stream Catholic radio to a smart phone

Our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit* <a href="http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/">http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/</a>

Diocesan Financial Audit <a href="http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/download/spirit">http://thecatholicspiritwv.org/download/spirit</a> pdf/Financial-Audit-Pages-10-11-.pdf

#### Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Go to www.dwc.org to find a directory that includes all priests (active and retired), religious, diocesan employees, parish addresses, etc.

The main telephone number for our diocese is 304-233-0880

The main address for our diocese is P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## **Senior Sunday**

May 16, 2021

## Congratulations to the class of 2021!

Ian Adler
Gavin Cooper
Sophia Kurten
Christopher Muto
Ruth Odin
Bode Queen
Luke Ruhnke

Maggie Britt
Emmalee Dent
Hannah McCune
Hayden Newhouse
Aiden Paul
Asia Rappold
Angela Russo

Chase Compton
Maria Kershner-León
Anthony Muto
Colleen O'Leary
Genevieve Potter
Thomas Rennie

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

(Jeremiah 29:11)



**lan Adler** is graduating from George Washington High School.

He will attend West Virginia University, majoring in biology.

lan enjoyed each year when Jeanne Haas dressed up to promote the religious education program, especially the year she portrayed a football player.

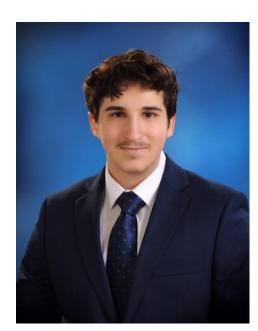
"I'm **Maggie Britt** and I'm graduating from South Charleston High School. My future plans are to attend West Virginia University to major in economics. My favorite memories from Blessed Sacrament are from all of my years at camp."





Asia Rappold is graduating as salutatorian from South Charleston High School. She plans to attend Marshall in the fall, majoring in secondary English education. Asia's favorite memories of Blessed Sacrament are of the Epiphany concerts, most vividly of dressing up as a pink shepherd!

Thomas Patrick Rennie is graduating from Charleston Catholic High School. He plans to attend WVSU and obtain a business management degree. Thomas is an avid baseball player for CCHS and has enjoyed being involved with the Blessed Sacrament Youth Group. His favorite memory is of Cardboard City. He said it was very cold and certainly gave him a good perspective of what it may feel like to be homeless. He also enjoyed being part of the Camp Leon.





Aiden Paul is graduating from Charleston Catholic High School. He plans to attend Bridgewater College in Virginia in the Flory Honors Program and study psychology. He will also play on the men's soccer team. Aiden's favorite memories of his time at Blessed Sacrament have been "Every single day at Camp Leon (which I have attended since I was 6 years old) -especially the day the fan was 'broken."

#### **Genevieve Potter**

is graduating from South Charleston High School. She plans to attend West Virginia University and major in exercise physiology. Genevieve's favorite memories at Blessed Sacrament are attending church camp in the summer as a kid.





Chase Compton is graduating from George Washington High School. He will attend the University of Alabama on a full scholarship and study pre-law. Chase's favorite memories are of Camp Leon, both as a camper and as a junior counselor.

**Gavin Cooper** is graduating from Sissonville High School. He will attend the University of Kentucky to study political science and community and leadership development. Gavin's favorite memories of Blessed Sacrament are of singing at Mass.





Emmalee Dent is graduating from George Washington High School. She will attend West Virginia University in the fall and major in exercise physiology. Her favorite memory of growing up in the church is attending Camp Leon every summer with her friends.

"Hi! My name is **Maria Kershner-León**. I attend Charleston Catholic High school. I plan to attend the University of Tampa in the fall. I hope to major in marine biology and minor in dance. My favorite memories at Blessed Sacrament have been the outdoor church picnics

and having donuts and cookies after 9 o'clock Mass before going to Sunday School when I was little."





Colleen O'Leary is graduating from Charleston Catholic High School. She plans to attend BridgeValley College to pursue a degree in medical sonography while continuing her career in professional wrestling. Colleen's favorite Blessed Sacrament memories: Camp Leon, no sleep at Cardboard City, and attempting to keep kids in their seats while helping with Vacation Bible School.

**Ruth Odin** is graduating from homeschool and will attend American University in Washington D.C. She plans to study political science or journalism and hopes to become a humanitarian defense attorney. Ruth's favorite memory of Blessed Sacrament was the time when Mary Pat was breaking up on Zoom. It was hilarious!





**Luke Ruhnke** is graduating from Capital High School. He will attend Concord University, majoring in psychology. He also plans to run cross country. Luke's favorite memory of Blessed Sacrament is the time everyone went outside for Mass on Christmas Eve and Father John talked to everyone before we came back in. Luke also really liked Cardboard City.



"My name is **Angela Russo**. I attend George Washington High School. I plan on attending Tampa University in Florida to study forensic science. My favorite memories at Blessed Sacrament Parish include the Christmas concerts as well as Camp Leon. Best of all was dancing to the hymns with my best friend Maria Kershner when we were little. abla"