

Sacred Heart

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm /
during Adoration
Sunday 10:30 - 11:00 am
and by appointment

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

Pastor: Rev. Sebastian Devasya, V.E.

Sunday Mass is livestreamed



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Mass Times: Saturday - 4:00 pm | Sunday - 11:00 am | Tuesday - 6:00 pm | Thursday - Noon | First Friday - Noon



Upcoming Events:

Fri	Apr 18	3 pm	Good Friday
Sat	Apr 19	8 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 20	11 am	Easter
Tue	Apr 22	6 pm	No Mass
Thu	Apr 24	Noon	No Mass
Tue	Apr 29	6:30 pm	Finance Council
Wed	Apr 30	5:30 pm	Walking with Grief support group
Fri	May 2	Noon	First Friday Mass
Sun	May 4	4 pm	Volunteer Dinner
Sun	May 11		Mother's Day
Tue	May 13	6:45 pm	Parish Council

Mass Intentions:

- Saturday, Apr 19 - 8 pm
OCIA Team (SI) by Laura Wyatt
- Sunday, Apr 20 - 11 am
† **Ester Piconi** by Gina Boggess
- Tuesday, Apr 22 - 6 pm
No Mass
- Thursday, Apr 24 - Noon
No Mass
- Saturday, Apr 26 - 4 pm
People of the Parish by Church
- Sunday, Apr 27 - 11 am
† **David Prox** by Shelby & Jun Neri

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.

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART



Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church! We are genuinely so grateful to have you here with us today.

If this is your first time back in a while, especially during the Easter season, please know how honored we are that you've chosen to spend this significant time with us. We deeply want you to understand that Jesus loves you more than you can imagine. He came to us as a vulnerable baby to show that love and to save you. Yes, even you, the person reading this message. If you're feeling doubtful and thinking, "That sounds wonderful, but how could He possibly love me?"—we hear you, and we want to reassure you that He truly does. That's the heart of Easter.

If you're struggling to embrace this love, we invite you to take a moment to release whatever burdens you've been carrying—whether it's stress, anxiety, or pain. Leave it at His feet today.

Remember, you don't have to carry these burdens alone—bring them to Him every day. Your conversations with God don't have to be long or complicated; just speak from your heart. Share what you're experiencing and ask for His help. While this won't change your circumstances overnight, you might begin to notice a sense of peace that feels inexplicable. That's Jesus working within you, and it can be such a comforting experience.

We also warmly invite you back for Mass this Sunday. We understand that life can be hectic, and adding one more obligation may feel overwhelming. But we genuinely believe it's worth it. Many people have shared how attending Mass helps them connect with God, offering them a chance to worship and reflect. They leave feeling renewed, hopeful, and loved, having entrusted everything—even their struggles—to the Lord. We want that same experience for you.

You are now part of our community, and we genuinely want to walk alongside you on this journey. None of us has all the answers, but we can support and pray for one another as we navigate our faith together.

So, would you consider joining us again this Sunday? We hope and pray that your Easter is filled with the profound awareness of Christ's love for you, and we look forward to seeing you again soon. God bless you!

P.S. If you have questions about your faith—such as "Is that really Jesus in the Eucharist?" or "Why do bad things happen to good people?"—please know that we're here for you. Answering your questions is one of our most important goals. Take a moment to visit the church and spend some time with Jesus; we're open every day from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Or, sign up for our email bulletins to stay informed about upcoming Bible studies and events. Don't hesitate to reach out to our priest, who would be more than happy to discuss any questions you have. We want to walk with you and support you on this journey of faith!

Dear Beloved Family in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Truly, He is risen! I greet you all with great joy and love this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the most important feast of our faith, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May this glorious day's peace, hope, and joy fill your hearts and homes.

Easter is a time of great blessing—when we remember Christ's ultimate triumph over sin and death. Through His resurrection, we are given the hope of eternal life, which is unshakable and ever-present, no matter the trials we face in this world. As Christians, we are called to live in this hope and to share it with others. The resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith, and it affirms the universal truth that through Christ, we are saved. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). But because He is risen, we are invited into a new life—a life filled with grace, forgiveness, and eternal hope.



*By his wounds
you have been
healed."*

1 P E T E R 2 : 2 4

As we rejoice in the resurrection, let us also extend a warm and heartfelt congratulations to those who have entered the Church this Easter through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. You are now fully united with the Body of Christ, and your journey of faith is just beginning. We welcome you into our community with open arms and pray that you will continue to grow in the love and knowledge of the risen Lord.

This year, as we celebrate the "Jubilee of Hope," we are reminded that hope in Christ is not just a fleeting emotion but a living, breathing reality that sustains us throughout our lives. The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of hope—hope that death does not have the final word, hope that God's love is stronger than anything the world can throw at us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

In today's Gospel, we hear the glorious account of the empty tomb, and Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Christ (John 20:1-9). This is a powerful moment of revelation and transformation. Just as the disciples found hope in the risen Christ, so too can we find hope in Him today. The message is clear: death has been conquered, and we are invited to walk in the light of Christ's resurrection.

In our celebration of Easter, let us also remember the significance of the Church and our families. This is a time for coming together—within our own households and as a church family—to rejoice in the gift of new life. Let us cherish these moments with our loved ones, offering prayers of thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings we receive each day.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this Holy Week and Easter celebration possible. To the visiting priests who have participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the OCIA team, our beautiful choir, sacristans, liturgist, lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, and all who have helped lead the Stations of the Cross, hosted Lenten luncheons, prepared the Seder meal, decorated the church, and worked tirelessly behind the scenes, your efforts have made this sacred season extremely meaningful. Your dedication is a true gift to our parish, and I am deeply grateful for all you do.

As we celebrate the risen Lord, remember His promise: "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). May we always live in the light of His resurrection, with hearts full of hope and hands ready to serve Him.

May God bless all of you with the joy and peace that only He can give. I wish you a blessed and joyous Easter surrounded by your family's love, your church family's support, and the hope that comes from our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

With blessings of joy and peace,
Father Sebastian Devasya



Welcome!

Matthew Williams

Reborn in Baptism - Confirmed by the Holy Spirit -
Nourished by the Eucharist

Lori Comer and Stephen Comer

Confirmed by the Holy Spirit - Nourished by the
Eucharist

April 19, 2025

In full communion with the Catholic Church

Thank you Catechist

**Renee Green, Tara Wyatt, Joann Gaspersich,
Angelica Dumapit, Kim Yahya, Stasia Knox,
David Knox, Logan Angell and Lorin Albin.**

Dear Lord, we deeply appreciate these men and women who have poured their hearts into our catechetical program this year, demonstrating love and patience. We recognize the challenges they have faced and the gifts they have shared selflessly in service to our parish.

We are grateful for all the time, effort, and sacrifice they have dedicated to teaching others about the faith they hold dear, understanding the impact this has on our community.



Thank You

**KD COLEMAN, ANTHONY
HELTZEL, MIKE FLANIGAN AND
GABRIEL REIGER**

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who has been a part of the journey with the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Your selflessness and dedication have allowed us to warmly welcome new members into our community, individuals who are genuinely eager to learn and grow in their understanding of our Catholic faith. Your support and guidance have played a crucial role in this process, and I deeply appreciate the inspiration you provide to all of us. Your commitment not only strengthens our community but also shows the profound impact that faith can have on our lives. Thank you for everything you do; your efforts mean so much to us all.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING IN
MEMORY / HONOR OF.....

Editha Abillar
Aiello Family
Stella & Loring Albin
Rose & Albert Bachner
John Bailey
Jean Battlo
Anne Bailey
Abel Bravo
Sara & Juan Bravo
Mary & Andrew Bisaha
Evie & Paul Carlson
Cecilija & Anton Cepelnik
Martin & Hadwick Cepelnik
Mary Choate
Choate Family
Norma & Ed Ciaburri
Margaret & RV Clark
John Clark
Pearl & Harold Cofer
Frank & Patsy Constantino
Antonio Constantino
Fannie Constantino
Mary Constantino
Willie Constantino
Ethel Cox
John Cox
Elswick Family

Wayne & Jean Ferguson
Johanna & Mike Gaspersich
Mary & Sy Gaspersich
Rosemarie Giles
Versie Hamm
Kathryn Hamm
Rence Hartman
Mary & John Hickman
Horeluk Family
Mona Kerr
Krulatz Family
Kemp Lawrence
Kathleen Lawrence
Charlie & Jewell Larkin
Jeffrey Larkin
Rosal Mondragon Lecaros
Pelagio T. Lecaros Sr.
Nancy Lucero
Maddow Family
Charley Manley
Alma Cevendish McVey
Irene & Ron Metzger
Melkus Family
Sally Murray
Magdalena P. Neri
Florencio B. Neri Sr.
Pace Family

Frank Pope
Jane & John Pope
Prinzbach Family
Anne Prox
Frank Prox
David Prox
Mary Raya
Raymond Richards
Cordelia Richards
Allen Richards
Richardson Family
Randy Spangler
Stephanie Southern
Alma & Harry Tolley
Antonia Villamore Trinidad
Cipriano Trinidad
Victor Joel Trinidad
John Vance
Frank & Lucille Via
Charles & Ann Walchonski
Mame Walchonski
Melly & Lloyd Woolwine
Jeannie Woolwine
Virginia Wyatt
Matt & Carrie Yurkovich





Religious Education Schedule of Events

Apr 17	Women's Prayer Group - No Meeting Men's Group	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 10:00 am
Apr 24	Women's Prayer Group WWP	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Apr 27	One Sunday at a Time	conference room	9:30 am

Faith Formation (K-5):

Easter Sunday

Celebrate the risen Lord at Mass with the singing of the Gloria and alleluias, the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist. The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful for the whole family!

Please be on the lookout for our Faith Formation party and **Vacation Bible School!**

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Be on the lookout for our next Youth Ministry night more details to follow.



Order of Christian Initiation:

Thank you to all who made the OCIA journey spiritual and inviting to all who participated.

As followers of Jesus today, we are invited to use any and all Catholic traditions that help us to be better disciples and to love God by loving our neighbors as ourselves. After all, that's what Jesus was trying to do with his Jewish history and tradition: to focus especially on the spirit of the law.

For information please contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

Walking with Purpose:

Last week was our final lesson. Be sure to join us at our :

Bubbles & Blooms introduction on May 31 & Jun 1 after Mass. So if you want to learn more about our bible study please join us.

Summer Session: This is a 6 week bible study. We will dive into **Rooted and Radiant Bible Study.**

POINT OF CONTACT

Faith Formation	Laura Wyatt
Adult Education	Laura Wyatt
OCIA	Laura Wyatt
Youth Ministry	Lorin Albin
Women's Prayer Group	Susie Pace
Men's Group	Jim Cosgrove Bill Picknally
Walking with Purpose (WWP)	KD Coleman Laura Wyatt

"One Sunday at a Time"



What if ten minutes a week could help you experience Sunday Mass more fully and deepen your love of the Word of God?

Whether you're a busy parent, a convert to Catholicism, or a regular communicant, One Sunday at a Time can enrich your experience of the Mass and draw you more deeply into the world of scripture and the rhythms of the liturgical year.

Please feel free to come any Sunday that feels right for you, whether it's just one or every Sunday.



Sacred Heart invites you to join us in reciting the Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, just before the 6:00 PM Mass. Together, we will provide a guide to help you connect and engage.

Please be aware that on days when there is no daily Mass, we will not hold evening prayer.

Walking in Grief Support Group:

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community. Join us on, Wednesday, **April 30** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.

Upcoming Baptismal Preparation Class:

This class is for all expecting parents and new parents preparing for the baptism of their child. Please contact church office at 304-425-3664 to inquire about scheduling your child's baptism.

Wednesday, **April 23** - Time: 6 pm
 Saturday, **April 26** - Time: 10 am
 Location: Conference Room



April Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Apr 18 3 pm Good Friday	A. Dumapit D. LaMothe J. Gaspersich	<u>M. Flanigan</u>	L. Pendleton C. Prox	W. Picknally	C. Pace T. Byron M. Shay	
Apr 19 8 pm Easter Vigil	M. Flanigan A. Dumapit C. Jones J. Gaspersich M. Gaspersich	<u>L. Pendleton</u> L. Dumapit L. Wyatt	Blankenship's Neri		C. Pace T. Byron	LaMothe's
Apr 20 11 am Easter Sunday	D. LaMothe G. Saffell	<u>R. Modena</u> K. Suehs Y. Suehs	Hickman's B. Fanning	W. Picknally	BJ Carter E. Coleman A. Coleman	
Apr 26 4 pm	M. Tinio M. Bacho	<u>V. Manley</u> K. Bailey C. Pace	J. Gaspersich M. Gaspersich		L. Kessinger	J. Choate
Apr 27 11 am	D. LaMothe	<u>M. Cox</u> J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	Hillyer's	W. Picknally	Jo. Flanigan Ja. Flanigan	

Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

- Lorin Albin
- Bernadette Baer
- Margaret Bryan
- Ronnie Blankenship
- Matthew Bowles
- Pat Caccamo
- Maria Franco
- Peggy Friedrichson
- Dr. Billy Garcia
- MaryLu Geiger
- Kyle Geiger
- Scotty Hagerman
- Kylena Harless
- Johnathan Harding
- Kenna Johnston
- Patricia Gupton
- Wylie Rae Henson
- Nancy Larkin
- Jim Lintz
- Tanya Marx
- Lisa Mendoza
- Joshua Poorman
- Sara Poorman
- Teresa Settle
- Lee Schrage
- Agnes Tokarski

	wkend April 12-13	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,363.00	56,989.27	57,500.00
Loose Offertory	548.00	3,761.95	3,550.00
Total Contributions	\$3,911.00	\$60,751.22	\$61,050.00
Attendance:	4pm: 70	11AM: 189	

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

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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.