

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



Hope in the Holy Spirit

Bible Verse: "Serve one another humbly in love." – Galatians 5:13

Serving others is an act of hope. It reminds us that our actions can bring light into the lives of others, showing the hope we have in Christ.

Question for Reflection: How can I serve others in a way that reflects the hope I have in Christ?

Upcoming Events:

Fri	Apr 4	Noon	First Friday Mass - Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
		4 pm	Transformational Stations
		5 pm	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Tue	Apr 8	6 pm	Penance Service - Princeton
Wed	Apr 9	6 pm	Penance Service - Bluefield
Fri	Apr 11	Noon	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
Sun	Apr 13	11 am	Palm Sunday
		7 pm	Taize Prayer Service
Thu	Apr 17	4 pm	Holy Thursday
Fri	Apr 18	3 pm	Good Friday
Sat	Apr 19	8 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 20	11 am	Easter

Mass Intentions:

- Saturday Apr 5 - 4 pm
- † **David Prox** by Susie Pace
- Sunday, Apr 6 - 11 am
- † **Juan Colon & Irma Del Valle** by Maria Franco
- Tuesday, Apr 8 - 6 pm
- People of the Parish** by church
- Thursday, Apr 10 - Noon
- † **Charlie Manley** by Virginia Manley
- Saturday, Apr 12 - 4 pm
- † **Carrie Yurkovich** by Annette, Paula & Mary
- Sunday, Apr 13 - 11 am
- † **Jeannie Woolwine** by Reddy & Roberts Family

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Lent*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to all of you on this 5th Sunday of Lent! As we draw closer to the solemnity of Holy Week and the joy of Easter, we are invited to reflect deeply on our relationship with God, the power of His mercy, and the call to reconciliation. In these final weeks of Lent, may we continue to open our hearts to the transforming power of God's grace.

In this Lenten season, our readings reflect on mercy and repentance. Indeed, repentance is at the foundation of our Lenten calling. May we truly examine our hearts for ways we can seek God's abundant mercy and grow in our relationship with him. In the first reading, Isaiah 43:16-21, the Lord recounts his marvelous deeds of the past, but points forward to something new. In the second reading, Philippians 3:8-14, Paul looks to continue his pursuit of hope, rooted in the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus.

The Gospel reading from John gives us the moving story of the woman caught in adultery. The scribes and Pharisees seek to condemn her, but Jesus offers her forgiveness, saying, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." He does not condemn her but calls her to repentance, saying, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Here, we see a profound example of God's mercy – Jesus, in His love, offers forgiveness and renewal.

As we reflect on these readings, the central theme is clear: God is calling us to repentance and reconciliation. We are reminded of our need for healing and the transformative power of God's forgiveness. This is a time in our Lenten journey to prepare ourselves for the renewal of our hearts at Easter, and one of the most important ways we do this is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In preparation for Easter, we are offering two opportunities for Communal Penance Services:

- **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Princeton**
- **Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. in Bluefield**

The Catholic Church encourages the faithful to go to confession at least once a year, particularly during the Easter season, to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. These services are an excellent way to receive God's forgiveness and to experience the healing power of His grace. We invite you to come and take advantage of this opportunity to reconcile with God and one another as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

As we think about the need for penance and reconciliation, it's important to remember the example of Jesus' time in the desert. After His baptism, He spent 40 days in the wilderness, where He faced temptation by the devil. Jesus was tempted in three specific ways: to turn stones into bread, to throw Himself down from the temple, and to worship the devil in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world. Yet, Jesus resisted these temptations by relying on the strength of God's Word and by remaining faithful to His Father's will. His example shows us that it is through prayer, fasting, and trusting in God's Word that we find the strength to overcome our own temptations.

As we prepare for our Communal Penance Services, it is helpful to remember two points about the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

1. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings healing** to our souls. Through the absolution of our sins, we are restored to a state of grace and healed from the wounds that sin causes in our relationship with God.
2. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation renews our commitment to God and to one another.** It helps us reconcile not only with God but with the people around us, fostering a deeper sense of unity and peace within our communities.

In preparation for these services, I encourage each of you to reflect on two spiritual questions:

1. Have I allowed the distractions and temptations of the world to pull me away from God?
2. How can I open my heart more fully to God's mercy and forgiveness, both for myself and in extending forgiveness to others?

May God bless you all during this final stretch of Lent. I look forward to seeing you at the Communal Penance Services. May this season be a time of deep renewal and transformation for each of you.

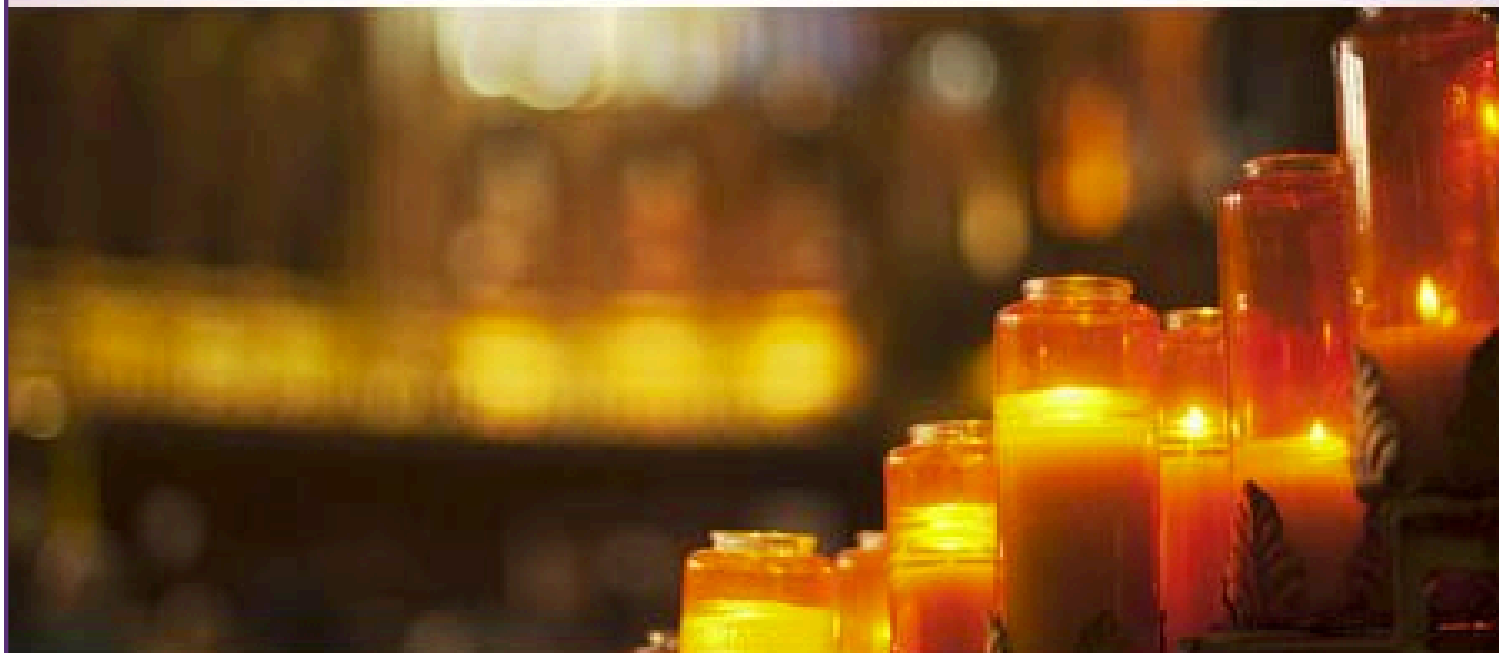
In Christ's love and peace,
Father Sebastian Devasya

HOW WILL YOU REPENT DURING LENT ?

You are invited to attend

TAIZÉ

PRAYER SERVICE



Taizé Prayer is a meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Simple songs, chants, prayerful silence, short readings will guide us to foster a deeper connection with our Lord.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 at
7:00 pm**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
507 HARRISON ST., PRINCETON, WV**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 4, Noon – First Friday Mass & Stations of the Cross led by Altar Society

April 11, Noon – Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion – led by Anchor Prayer Group.



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.

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 16** - Time: 6 pm
 Saturday, **April 19** - Time: 10 am
 Location: Conference Room

Lenten Penance Service

**April 8 – 6 pm
Princeton**

**April 9 – 6 pm
Bluefield**



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Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET FROM A KNIGHT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4
5 - 7 PM
CHURCH HALL**



**\$12
FISH, FRIES,
COLESLAW, DESSERT,
AND DRINK**

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE



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Friday - April 4
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Church

Transformational Stations EXPERIENCING JESUS PASSION

Join us on a transformative journey through different stations to experience the emotions and events that Jesus went through. You can walk this journey at your own pace or alongside others. Read and contemplate the corresponding scripture to be inspired by His strength and resilience.

As You walk through the church you will experience the:

- Painful Thorns
- Nail of Sin
- The Bitter Vinegar
- Distracting Dice
- Remember Me
- The New Covenant
- The Light of the World

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.



Religious Education Schedule of Events

Apr 6	Faith Formation class Lenten Journey (Wilderness Within)	classroom No Meeting	9:30 am
Apr 7	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Apr 10	Women's Prayer Group WWP	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Apr 13	Faith Formation class Lenten Journey (Wilderness Within)	classroom conference room	9:30 am
Apr 14	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Apr 17	Women's Prayer Group Men's Group	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 10:00 am

Faith Formation (K-5):

Bigger Kids: Lent is the time where we give things up to focus on Jesus' sacrifice of dying on the cross. He fasted for 40 days in the desert, avoiding Satans temptations. Not only does fasting help us learn better self-control, but our hunger pains remind us of our hunger for God.

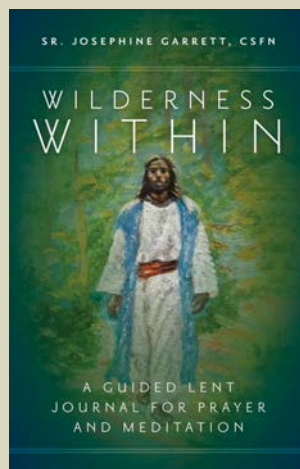
Little Kids: We don't eat a lot of food to show Jesus that we're thankful for him. Even without food, when we're feeling tired and hungry, we still love him just as much.

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

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

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



"Wilderness Within"

During Lent we warmly invite you to join every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the upstairs conference room, where we will explore the wilderness of your heart as a place to be explored.

Please feel free to come any Sunday that feels right for you, whether it's just one or all of them. We look forward to sharing the 40 days of Lent with you!

No Meeting this Week

Woman's Prayer Group Thursday - 10:15 am

Mantra for the 5th Week of Lent

*"Hear me, Lord, and
despise not my prayer."*

...from Praying with the Psalms

Read, Reflect, Discuss the Readings

Saturday readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year C (pp 593-595) Word & Eucharist

Sunday readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent,
Year A - (pp 220-222) Word & Eucharist

Walking with Purpose:

We're really excited to see all of you. Here's what we'll be diving into in our next chapters!

Opening Your Heart: Lesson 21/
How Do I Read The Bible In A Meaningful Way?

Touching the Divine: Lesson 21/
Jesus is our Restorer.

Order of Christian Initiation:

This week will will discuss: **"The Sacrament of the Reconciliation"** The sacrament of reconciliation is one of the sacraments of healing. Although it is sometimes called "confession," reconciliation is a more accurate term because the sacrament includes more than simply confessing our sins. **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** Anointing of the sick is a sacrament of healing (along with reconciliation).

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

April Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Apr 5 4 pm	M. Bacho M. Tinio	<u>K. Bailey</u> L. Wyatt V. Manley	Bisaha's	n/a	C. Pace	S. Pace
Apr 6 11 am	K. Roberts	<u>D. Richardson</u> J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	TBA	W. Picknally	E. Martinez A. Reiger	
Apr 12 4 pm	M. Gaspersich B. Schumacher	<u>L. Wyatt</u> L. Dumapit L.. Pendleton	Bisaha's	n/a	T. Byron L. Kessinger C. Pace	S. Pace
Apr 13 11 am	A. Dumapit G. Saffell	<u>M. Flanigan</u> J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	Neri's	W. Picknally	Jo. Flanigan A. Reiger E. Martinez	

Note: Holy Week Easter schedule will be sent to those who will be serving electronically next week.



Ingredients

Enchilada Pasta

- 4 cups uncooked mini penne or other small pasta
- 4 cups vegetable broth or water
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 medium sweet yellow pepper, chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn, thawed
- 1 can (10 ounces) enchilada sauce
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Optional: Fresh cilantro leaves, cherry tomatoes, chopped red onion and lime wedges



Directions

In a Dutch oven or large skillet, combine first 9 ingredients. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, until pasta is al dente and sauce has thickened slightly, 12-15 minutes. Add cheese; stir until melted. Serve with optional toppings as desired.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

HOLY WEEK

"As we embark on our own Lenten journey, we are called to follow Jesus' example of retreat, fasting, and prayer. Our world today, filled with distractions and busyness, can make it difficult to create space for God. Yet, Lent offers us the precious opportunity to step away from our daily routines and focus on our spiritual needs. Let us take this time to pause, reflect, and return to God with renewed hearts."

*From Fr. Sebastian's
Message for Lent 2025*

Saturday | April 12, 2025

4:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday | April 13, 2025

11:00 am Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday | April 17, 2025

4:00 pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday | April 18, 2025

3:00 pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday | April 19, 2025

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday | April 20, 2025

11:00am Mass



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Stay Connected



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
- 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

	weekend Mar 29-30	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,273.00	48,274.70	46,000.00
Loose Offertory	365.00	2,896.20	2,800.00
Easter Flowers	60.00	1,030.00	1,000.00
Total Contributions	\$3,698.00	\$52,200.90	\$49,800.00
Kroger fundraiser	129.97	129.97	-
Abel crisis center	20.00	185.00	125.00
Tender Mercies	5.00	480.00	750.00
Memorial Contributions	475.00	575.00	-
Attendance:	4pm: 62	11am: 156	

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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Music for
April 5 & 6, 2025
Mass of Remembrance

Entrance: G475
"Tree of Life"

Presentation of Gifts: G691
"On Eagles Wings"
Communion: G945
"I am the Bread of Life"
Closing Hymn: G680
"We Walk by Faith"

Mass Readings Year C/A
on pg. 593 (Sat)
pg. 220 (Sun)
Word & Eucharist

Responsorial Psalm 126
The Lord has done Great Things for us

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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.