

**April 6 & 7, 2024**

**Sunday Mass is livestreamed**

**Office Hours:**  
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

**Sunday of Divine  
Mercy**



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
PO Box 1310, 507 Harrison St. Princeton, WV 24740  
304-425-3664  
Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by  
appointment  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm

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(@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

**Mass Times:**

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



*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.*

**Staff**

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**Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, Apr 6, 4pm -  
✠ **Antonio & Fannie Constantino**  
By Virginia Manley  
Sunday, Apr 7, 11am -  
✠ **Mary Jane Wheby Bowling**  
By William Bowling  
Tuesday, Apr 9, 6pm -  
**No Mass**  
Thursday, Apr 11, Noon -  
**No Mass**  
Saturday, Apr 13, 4pm -  
✠ **B.E. Santon**  
By Jacinda Santon Smith  
Sunday, Apr 14, 11am -  
**People of the Parish**

**Upcoming Events:**

Apr 1 - 17, Fr. Sebastian to India  
Fri, Apr 5, First Friday Mass, Devotion to  
the Sacred Heart, Benediction - Noon  
Sat, Apr 20, 9:00 am First Communion  
Retreat  
Fri, May 3, First Friday Mass, Devotion to  
the Sacred Heart, Benediction - Noon  
Sat, May 4, Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land  
Sun, May 5, First Holy Communion  
Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land  
May 6-7, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral coun-  
cil  
Sun, May 19, 6:00 pm Parentheses



April 7

**Eucharistic Reflection: The Sacrifice of Christ**

In Christ, however, what was lost by sin has been restored and renewed even more wondrously by grace.<sup>12</sup> Jesus, the new Adam,<sup>13</sup> “was crucified under Pontius Pilate,” offering himself up as a sacrifice so that we may receive the inheritance that was lost by sin. By freely offering his life on the cross, Christ allows us to become the children of God (Jn 1:12) and to inherit the Kingdom of God.<sup>14</sup> St. Peter reminds us, Christ himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed (1 Pt 2:24).

12 See *Roman Missal*, Collect for the Nativity of the Lord, Mass during the Day.

13 See 1 Cor 15:45-49.



**Gifts from the Holy Land**

On May 4 & 5 after Mass, there will be a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last century, The Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by the tables and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem.

**April is designated National Child Abuse Protection Month.**

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

**Instructions for Reporting a Safe Environment Concern in the Diocese :**

To the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: The Diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by clergy, religious or lay personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 1-888-434-6237: Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens Jr., V.E., ext. 270; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264; or please call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability,” and utilize any of the mechanisms listed for reporting, including EthicsPoint, a third-party reporting system that accepts reports via internet or phone. You may report anonymously to EthicsPoint if you prefer.

**Summer LitNic:** What is a LitNic? It is a Liturgy (Mass) + Picnic (Nic) = LitNic. You can host at your house or in the prayer garden. If you would like to host please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kim Hickman at 304-425-3664. Dates available:

**July 9, 16, 30 - Aug 6, 13, 20**



## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Apr 7 - **Faith Formation** | **NO Class**
- Apr 7 - **OCIA** | **NO Class**
- Apr 11 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room  
**WWP Women's Group** | Zoom
- Apr 14 - **Confirmation** | 5:00 pm Student Meeting
- Apr 18 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room  
**Men's Group** | 10:15 am Narthex
- Apr 20 - **First Communion** | 9:00 am Holy Communion Retreat
- Apr 21 - **Youth Sunday**
- Apr 23 - **Confirmation** | 5:00 pm Student Meeting
- May 4 - **Confirmation** | 9:00 am Retreat
- May 5 - **First Communion** | 11:00 am Mass  
**Last Day of Class**
- May 19 - **Religious Ed** End of the year Party (Tentative)

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

### This Week on Formed - Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"



The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting."

That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?

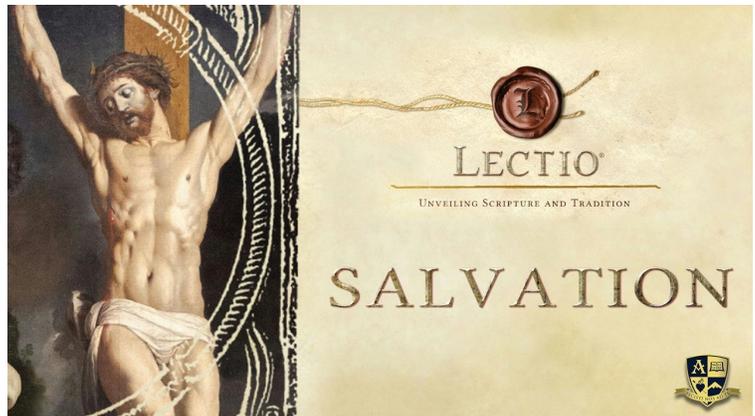
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## Religious Education

### Not Just a Legal Transaction | Lectio: Salvation | Episode 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/lec-salvation-ep05-6-1-4k-uhd-h265-40mbps>



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
**YOUTH ATTENDING THE FIRST  
HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT**

on  
*April 20th*

*Becca Carter, Jayson Flanigan,  
John Gibson, Deegan Kesiel, Isaiah  
Miller, Stella Pike, Mia Rochetti, Carter  
Wyatt and Bailey Yahya*

"May you always know the peace of  
Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy  
of His life within you."

**Woman's Prayer Group  
Thursday – April 11, 2024**

**Opening Prayer - 10:15 am**

*"The Road to Emmaus" video  
and discussion.*



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

*Editha Abillar  
Rose & Albert Bachner  
John Bailey  
Anne Bailey  
Brant Family  
Abel Bravo  
Sara Bravo  
Betty Brockemeier  
Caccamo Family  
Ernie & Paul Carlson  
Cecilija & Anton Cepelnik  
Martin & Hadwick Cepelnik  
Choate Family  
Norma & Ed Ciaburri  
Margaret & RV Clark  
Pearl & Harold Cofer  
Frank & Patsy Constantino  
Antonio Constantino  
Fannie Constantino  
Mary Constantino  
Willie Constantino  
Ethel Cox  
Dragovich Family  
Ruperto & Beatris Dumapit  
Dunemdes Family  
Elswick Family  
de la Torre Family*

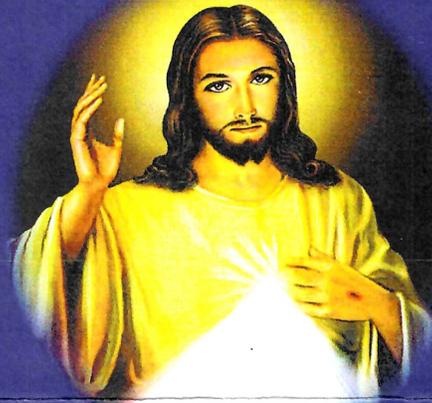
*Eulalia Footo  
Foti Family  
Geronima Garcia  
Dr. Cornelia Garcia  
Dr. Jose Garcia  
Johanna & Mike Gaspersich  
Mary & Sy Gaspersich  
Gilbert Family  
Vergie Hamm  
Kathryn Hamm  
Mr. & Mrs Arthur Hewitt  
Mary & John Hickman  
Horeluk Family  
Jack & Kathy Jackson  
Krulatz Family  
Fr. Luis Antonio Lacson  
Pelagio Lecaros  
Rosal Mondragon Lecaros  
Mr. & Mrs Boyd Lintz  
Nancy Lucero  
Maddow Family  
Charley Manley  
David Marvin  
John & Ennis McCabe  
James P. McCabe  
Irene & Ron Metzner  
Josephine Monorchio*

*Luningning Montenegro  
Basilio Montenegro  
Mullins Family  
Magdalena P. Neri  
Florencio B. Neri Sr.  
Soledad Ordanel  
Kevin O'Sullivan  
Oreskovich Family  
Pace Family  
Prinzbach Family  
Mary Raya  
Raymond Richards  
Cordelia Richards  
Richardson Family  
David Schrage  
Olivia Stallone  
Alma & Harry Tolley  
Cipriano Trinidad  
Antonia Villamor Trinidad  
Victor Joel L. Trinidad  
Jaime Vigilia  
Petra Vigilia  
Charles Walchonski  
Mame Walchonski  
Connie Walls  
Virginia Wyatt  
Leoncio Ordanel Yongque*



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Easter



## THE HISTORY

Jesus began appearing to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in 1931. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on her published diary recording the revelations she received from Jesus. St. Faustina died in 1938, at 33 years old, and was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000.

## THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

## WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

### TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus's amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

### TO OBSERVE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sincerely repent of all of your sins. Place your complete trust in Jesus. Go to Confession, the Church permits up to 20 days before the Feast. Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Venerate the image, such as a prayer before it, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!" Be merciful to others, through actions, words, and prayers.

### THE IMAGE

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death...I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

### THE CHAPLET

"Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

### THE CONVERSION PRAYER

"If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

*'O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.'*

— Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

— Diary 1397

### SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

"Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to my mercy. I will make up for what you lack."

# JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

## How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet using the Rosary

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

2. Then, on the Our Father beads, say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

3. On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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

- The Princeton 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**

George	Bowling	Wylie Rae	Henson
Margaret	Bryan	Nancy	Larkin
Fr. Chapin	Engler	Jim	Lintz
Peggy	Friedrickson	Richard	Lockhart
Dale	Geiger	Jeanne	Mancuso
Dr. Billy	Garcia	Tanya	Marx
MaryLu	Greiger	Angie	Pendleton
Kyle	Geiger	Agnes	Tokarski
Johnathan	Harding	Richard	Wentz
Kimiko	Houser		
Angie	Grbac		
Patricia	Gupton		



**Music for  
April 6 & 7, 2024  
Celtic Mass**  
Mass Readings on  
pg. 427  
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G523  
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
Responsorial Psalm 118:  
This is the Day  
Presentation of Gifts: G728  
"Eye Has Not Seen"

Communion: G9455  
"I Am the Bread of Life"  
Closing Hymn: G540  
"Jesus Christ Has Risen Today"

**Collections:**

	Easter	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	7,361.00	51,976.00	47,400.00
Loose Offertory	800.01	3,817.72	2,880.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 8,161.01</b>	<b>\$ 55,793.72</b>	<b>\$ 50,280.00</b>
Tender Mercies	20.00	500.00	750.00
Dioc: Holy Land	978.00	1,405.00	725.00
Attendance: Holy Thurs: 109	Good Fri: 119	Easter Vigil: 115	Easter: 237

**March Ministry Schedule**

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livestream	Altar Server	Counter
6 4pm	J. Gaspersich	C. Pace M. Marx T. Marx	TBA	N/A	D. Richardson	S. Pace
7 11 am	A. Dumapit D. LaMothe	R. Modena K. Suehs Y. Suehs	Hillyer	W. Picknally	TBA	
13 4pm	B. Schumacher	M. Flanigan V. Manley K. Bailey	C. Prox J. Gaspersich	N/A	C. Pace	J. Cosgrove
14 11am	L. Albin C. Cofer	H. Cofer G. Richardson B. Barrett	Blankenship	W. Picknally	B. Fanning BJ Carter	
20 4pm	G. Saffell	V. Manley K. Bailey T. Settle	Hickman	N/A	L. Kessinger	J. Choate
21 11am	B. Fanning M. Reiger	W. Picknally L. Wyatt	J. Verespie A. Verespie	K. Carter	A. Reiger TBA	