

**December 9 & 10, 2023**  
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

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

**Second Sunday of  
Advent**



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

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## Advent: The Biblical Roots

Though it's never explicitly mentioned in the Bible, Advent is inspired by scripture. Isaiah, a messianic prophet, foretold Jesus's birth centuries before it took place:

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

In the Gospels, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy.

*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

*"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"*

*which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25) <https://hallow.com/advent/>*

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### Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Dec 9, 4pm -

**Rita Montrose**

by Joe Kaminski

Sunday, Dec 10, 11am -

✠ **David Myers**

by Cathy & Jimmy Hillyer

Tuesday, Dec 12, 11am -

✠ **Souls in Purgatory**

by Maria Franco

Thursday, Dec 14, Noon

✠ **Annie Choate**

by Mary & John Choate

Saturday, Dec 16, 4pm -

✠ **Antonio & Fannie Constantino**

by Virginia Manley

Sunday, Dec 17, 11am -

**Rick Wyatt (Birthday)**

by Wyatt Family

### Upcoming Events:

Fri, Dec 8, 12 noon HDO Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - **Bluefield**

Fri, Dec 8, 6 pm HDO Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - **Princeton**

Sun, Dec 10, 5 pm Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 18, 20, 22, 6:00 pm, Parents Night Out (Christmas activities for kids)

Sun, Dec 24, 11:00 am Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

Sun, Dec 24, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Sun, Dec 24, 11:30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Mon, Dec 25, 11:00 am Christmas Mass  
Dec 25 - 29, Office Closed

Tue, Jan 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council




**December 10**

**Eucharistic Reflection:** By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfills his promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age." As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. . . . Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood" With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed.

**Silent Auction** – Bids are being accepted on the Handmade Nativity stable and grounds loving carved by Greg Saffell using our old church pew. Minimum bid \$50. All proceeds go to help our youth on their February Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Seminary retreat weekend. Located in the Narthex.




**Sacred Heart Bluefield** is selling "Sacred Heart Ornaments" The ornaments will be selling for \$20.00 each. Please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2424, Theresa Bales at 304-920-8104, or the parish office at 304-327-5623 if you would like to place your order.



**Tender Mercies Ministry** – It is Holiday season; Tender Mercies has 700 hams on order for Christmas. Tender Mercies has seen a rise in the homes they are helping. If you can help with the drive you can send a tax-deductible donation to Tender Mercies Ministry, PO Box 669, Princeton, WV 24740. Any gains over the goal to reach will go straight back into the ongoing support of the food pantry.

**Handicap seating** - Just a friendly reminder, the back pews are reserved for families of those who use a wheelchair or a walker, so they can sit comfortably with their loved ones. By showing kindness and consideration, we can create a warm and supportive community. Thank you for being a part of it!



**Second Collection - December 10 - Retirement Fund for Religious** provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes financial assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. Annual appeal begun in 1988 and approved through 2027.

**THANK YOU**  
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GREG SAFFELL FOR CREATING SUCH A STUNNING TABLE FOR US TO USE IN THE NARTHEX. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO OUR SPACE AND WE'RE SO THANKFUL FOR HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

**Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Our lady of Guadalupe mass starts at 5 PM on Dec 10. They will begin with the rosary in the prayer garden before hand. . A reception will follow in the parish hall.



La misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe comienza a las 5 p.m. el 10 de diciembre. Comenzarán con el rosario en el jardín de oración de antemano. . Seguirá una recepción en el salón parroquial.

**Knights of Columbus** - The Knights are still accepting donations for "Coats for Kids." If a Knight is not available to give your donation too, then you can leave it at the church office and we will be sure to get it. Thank you for your **Donations**.



## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Dec 10, 17 **Faith Formation** K- 5 @ 9:30 am | class rooms
- Dec 10, 17 - **RCIA** @ 9:30 am | Conf. room
- Dec 14 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Dec 17 - **Faith Formation** | Christmas party
- Dec 18, 20, 22, 6:00 pm, **Parents Night Out** (Christmas activities for kids)
- Dec 21 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Dec 21 - **YM** | Christmas Party
- Dec 24 - **Faith Formation** | 4:00 pm Children's Mass/pageant
- Dec 24, 31 - **Faith Formation** | No Class
- Dec 24, 31 - **OCIA** | No Class
- Jan 6 - **YM** | Epiphany Progressive Dinner
- Jan 21 - **YM** | Youth Ministry Night

- 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 Jime Cosgrove or Bill Picknally
- Walking with Purpose (WWP)** - Contact Laura Wyatt or KD Coleman
- Adult Education** - Contact Laura Wyatt

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**  
Drop your kids off for some fun games & activities  
**DEC 18, 20, & 22**  
SACRED HEART PRINCETON

**PARTY HIGHLIGHTS:**  
Crafts - Movies - Gingerbread House snacks - hot cocoa  
Santa may stop by  
**HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Scan QR code to register or Contact: Laura Wyatt e 304-425-3664

## Religious Education

## This Week on Formed

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This weeks lesson is on  
**December 10: Discernment**

Many people struggle with prayer, and few have been taught basic guidelines to help them notice what "movements" are from God and which are not.

Next weeks lesson  
**December 10: Disciples**

The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | **Chris Stefanick Show**  
Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.



**Marcam's Advent & Christmas Special Light the Second Advent Candle! | Marcam's Advent & Christmas | Episode 3**



### Faith Formation

We're in search of a **Prayer Sponsor** for our kids who are going through their First Communion. You can show your support by sending them cards, messages, or prayers. You can choose a child by picking up their card from the Narthex and writing your name on the clipboard to let us know which child you'll be sponsoring. Don't forget to send them your prayers, messages, and other forms of support.

### Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry Christmas party will be on Dec 21, more details to follow.


### YM Fundraiser

If you would like to buy a t-shirt/sweatshirt please fill out form in the Narthex, pay and return form with payment. You can pick your size and take your garment.  
Thank you for your support

### The Woman's Prayer Group

The Woman's Prayer Group continues its Advent journey with **Week 2: The Way of the Saints** from "Prepare Your Heart: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation" by Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR. "Lord Jesus, you surround me with so many holy saints. Through the Intercession of your mother and St. Juan Diego, instill in my heart a burning desire to be holy. Amen."





As we enter the second week of Advent, we realize that often, all our good intentions get lost amid the bright lights and celebrations of the Christmas season it precedes.

The second week of Advent is particularly significant as we reflect on the meaning of faith, which is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. In ancient times, the people were foretold of a messiah who would be named “Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” and be called “Immanuel, which means God with us.” They had faith that one day, the Savior would come, and He did! Maybe not as they expected, but as God intended – in the form of a poor, innocent child born in a manger.

Let us refocus our attention and recommit to our spiritual intentions. I urge you to take a moment to balance holiday busyness with spiritual reflection and preparation for Christmas. During Advent, we light candles and meditate on the story of Christ's birth, reminding ourselves of the humble beginnings of our Savior. We are encouraged to focus on the meaning of our faith and anticipate Christ's coming among us.

As we light the second purple candle, called the “Bethlehem Candle,” we contemplate Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We are reminded of the faith that comes with the knowledge that God keeps his promises. As we light this candle and meditate on the story of Christ's birth, may we be filled with hope and faith, worshiping infant Immanuel and believing in our hearts that God is always with us.

*Let us pray:  
Advent God,  
we journey with you,  
to Bethlehem's stable  
and a new-born King,  
ears attuned  
to the song of angels,  
eyes alert  
for Bethlehem's star.  
Forgive us  
if on our journey  
if we are distracted  
by the tempting offers  
of this world.  
Keep our hearts aflame  
with the hope  
of Christmas,  
and the promise  
of a Savior.  
Amen*

*In loving faith,  
Fr. Sebastian*



## December Ministry Schedule

| DATE                                            | Lector                      | Extraordinary Minister                                    | Greeter                           | Video        | Altar Server                         | Counter     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>9<br/>4pm</b>                                | G. Saffell                  | <u>M. Marx</u><br>T Marx<br>T Byron                       | TBA                               | n/a          | C. Pace                              | J. Cosgrove |
| <b>10<br/>11 am</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. Adv | J. Cox                      | <u>L. Wyatt</u><br>G. Richardson<br>M. Cox                | S. Neri<br>A. Bisaha<br>D. Bisaha | W. Picknally | BJ Carter                            |             |
| <b>16<br/>4pm</b>                               | J. Gaspersich               | <u>V. Manley</u><br>K. Bailey<br>C. Pace                  | M. Gaspersich                     | n/a          | L. Kessinger                         | J. Choate   |
| <b>17<br/>11 am</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. Adv | A. Dumapit                  | <u>A. Heltzel</u><br><del>W. Picknally</del><br>R. Modena | J. Hickman                        | K. Hickman   | Jos Flanigan<br>Jac Flanigan         |             |
| <b>23<br/>4 pm</b>                              | M. Bacho                    | <u>T. Byron</u><br>V. Manley<br>K. Bailey                 | F. Bacho                          | n/a          | C. Pace                              | T. Settle   |
| <b>24<br/>11 am</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Ad  | K. Roberts                  | <u>M. Flanigan</u><br>K. Hickman<br>J. Cosgrove           |                                   | W. Picknally | TBA                                  |             |
| <b>24<br/>4 pm</b><br>Christmas Eve             | B. Fanning<br>Jos. Flanigan | <u>Z. Romano</u><br>C. Pace<br>M. Albin                   | J. Gaspersich<br>L. Wyatt         | K. Carter    | E. Coleman<br>A. Coleman<br>A. Albin | S. Pace     |
| <b>24<br/>11:30 pm</b>                          | G. Boggess                  | <u>R. Modena</u><br>G. Richardson<br>TBA                  | Blankenship                       | TBA          | T. Byron<br>D. Richardson            |             |
| <b>25<br/>11 am</b><br>Christmas Day            | M Flanigan                  | <u>B Barrett</u><br>M Marx<br>T Marx                      | TBA                               | W. Picknally | M. Shay                              |             |
| <b>30<br/>4 pm</b>                              | M. Tinio                    | <u>C. Pace</u><br>T. Settle<br>TBA                        | <u>C. Prox</u>                    | n/a          | T. Byron                             |             |
| <b>31<br/>11 am</b>                             | C. Cofer                    | <u>H. Cofer</u><br>G. Cosgrove<br>TBA                     | TBA                               | W. Picknally | TBA                                  |             |

# 10 ATTITUDES FOR ADVENT



**Search**  
God in others and in your day to day life.



**Be generous**  
Share your time and your joy.



**Reconcile**  
with God and others.



**Be coherent**  
Match your actions to your beliefs.



**Love**  
others through simple and kind gestures.



**Be grateful**  
with God for all your blessings.



**Speak**  
about God. Don't be ashamed of Him.



**Illuminate**  
others with joy. Be a light in the world.



**Pray**  
Dedicate some special time to God.



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

- **The 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.

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.

**Collections**

|                            | weekend<br>Dec 2-3 | YTD<br>Actual       | YTD<br>Budget       |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes                  | 3,510.00           | 156,701.27          | 158,000.00          |
| Loose Offertory            | 279.00             | 10,425.55           | 4,625.00            |
| Christmas Flower memorial  | 700.00             | 1,831.00            | 2,500.00            |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>\$ 4,489.00</b> | <b>\$168,957.82</b> | <b>\$165,125.00</b> |
| Abel crisis center         | 55.00              | 670.00              | 500.00              |
| Tender Mercies             | 265.00             | 2,295.00            | 3,000.00            |
| Dioc: Religious Retirement | 150.00             | 150.00              | 1,000.00            |
| <b>Attendance:</b>         | 4pm: 38            | 11am: 136           |                     |

**Please include the following in your Daily Prayers**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Catherine Belcher       | B.J. Asbury        |
| Ruth Boyd               | Linda Berghof      |
| Deloris Caccamo         | Lou Berentes       |
| Ron Ciccolini           | John Bowers        |
| Romulo DelaRosa         | John Caccamo       |
| Dr. David Garcia        | Rita Calhoun       |
| Dale & Mary Lu Geiger   | Christopher Castle |
| Angie Grbac             | Regina Church      |
| Cynthia & Gordon Harmon | Judy Clayton       |
| Cyndi Jones             | Linda Cunningham   |
| Nancy Larkin            | Nancy Dickerson    |
| Valarie Laxton          | Russell Edmunds    |
| Christina Laxton        | Kimiko Fettro      |
| Robert Laxton           | Kyle Geiger        |
| Kaitlyn Laxton          | Mike Goff          |
| Keith Laxton            | Patricia Gupton    |
| Jim Lintz               | Myles Harris       |
| Jim & Diane Luciano     | Velma Hartwell     |
| Tanya Marx              | Wylie Rae Henson   |
| Jaelynn Mendoza         | Brenda Ivelise     |
| Annette Morgan          | Ruby Jones         |
| Dr. Jun Neri            | Langan Family      |
| Patricia Nester         | Lucas Llado        |
| Alan Rieger             | Richard Lockhart   |
| Vivian Romano           | Sandy Morefield    |
| Deborah Saffell         | Tina Mullins       |
| Gareth Settle           | Wayne Mullins      |
| Felomina Yongque        | Carolyn Munther    |
| Carrie Yurkovich        | Susan Nelson       |



**Thank You for Your Donations**

Raised \$42,535  
41 Gifts  
218 % of Goal

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