

Sacred Heart

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm
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

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.

Upcoming Events:

Sat	Dec 21	10:00 am	Baptismal Preparation Class
Tue	Dec 24	4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass
Tue/Wed	Dec 24	11:30 pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Wed	Dec 25	11:00 am	Christmas Mass
Tue/Wed	Dec 24/25		Office Closed
Tue/Wed	Dec 31/Jan 1		Office Closed
Tue	Dec 31	6 pm	Solemnity of Mary Mass



ADVENT

*For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may
have eternal life.*

John 3:16

WEEK FOUR

Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Dec 21	4 pm	✝	Charley Manley	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Dec 22	11 am	✝	Dr. Julito Sultan	by Dr. Julito Sultan
Tuesday	Dec 24	4 pm	✝	Nancy Oliver	by Church
Wednesday	Dec 25	Midnight	✝	Nancy Lucero	by Church
Wednesday	Dec 25	11:00 am		People of the Parish	by Church
Thursday	Dec 26	Noon		No Daily Mass	
Saturday	Dec 28	4 pm	✝	Willie Constantino	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Dec 29	11 am	✝	Dr. Julito Sultan	by Dr. Julito Sultan

4th Sunday of Advent

Dear Beloved Faithful,

As we gather on this beautiful Fourth Sunday of Advent, we find ourselves on the cusp of a profound celebration—the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This season of waiting and anticipation draws to a close, inviting us to reflect on our journey together and the spiritual significance it holds for us.



Advent has always been a time of journey—not just the physical act of moving toward a destination but a deep spiritual pilgrimage within our hearts. Much like Mary and Joseph, who traveled to Bethlehem, we, as a congregation, are called to embark on a journey of deeper understanding and faith. This journey reminds us that our lives are not just a series of events but a progression toward grace and reconciliation. Each step draws us closer to God, nurturing our spirits and renewing our hope.

In today's readings, we witness the announcement of the miraculous birth of Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, the angel Gabriel shares the incredible news with Mary, who, though initially perplexed, responds with profound faith. Mary's acceptance of God's plan reaffirms the theme of trust and surrender that resonates throughout our Advent journey. We are reminded that true faith often requires us to step into the unknown, holding fast to the belief that God's purpose will unfold in our lives.

As we light the fourth Advent candle today, a symbol of love, let us bask in the warmth and light it brings. This candle represents God's love for us, a love that comforts and guides us. It calls us to embody that love in our daily interactions, offering support, and extending forgiveness where it might be lacking. Love is a powerful force for reconciliation—it transforms hearts and mends broken relationships, bringing hope and comfort to all.

This Advent is a particularly opportune time to reflect on areas of our lives that may need healing. The call for reconciliation is not just essential, it's urgent. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, let us seek to mend our relationship with God and strive to heal any rifts with those around us. Whether through a simple apology, a heartfelt conversation, or acts of kindness, our actions can bridge the gaps and draw us closer to one another as a community of faith.

Let us conclude this reflection with a prayer as we journey together toward the celebration of Christ's birth:

Heavenly Father,

As we stand on the threshold of Your arrival,
we thank You for the gift of this Advent season.
Help us embrace the love You offer so freely
and guide us as we strive to share that love with others.
May our hearts be open to reconciliation,
our spirits filled with hope,
and our lives be a testament to Your grace.
As we light the fourth candle,
fill us with the warmth of Your presence and
prepare us to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth.

In Jesus' name, we pray,
Amen.

May the light of this season illuminate your hearts and guide your steps as we approach the holy celebration ahead.

With love in Christ,
Father Sebastian



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Sacred Heart Princeton	Sacred Heart Bluefield
Dec 24 – 4:00 pm – Children's Mass	Dec 24 – 4:00 pm – Children's Mass
Dec 24 – 11:30 – Carols followed by Mass	Dec 24 – 7:00 pm – Christmas Mass
Dec 25 – 11:00 am – Christmas Mass	Dec 25 – 9:00 am – Christmas Mass

Second Collection: Catholic Charities West Virginia/CCWV - December 25



provides services to the people of West Virginia who need it most. These contributions provide food, clothing, shelter, dignity and reassurance for the poor, elderly, homeless, and those fighting addictions.



In January, Sacred Heart will begin a journey to enable our parish to thrive and grow together in faith.

The first step involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities by completing the Disciple Maker Index. The DMI is a survey that invites each of you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at (insert parish name). The DMI is designed to

- Invite all to reflect on their faith journey and help you grow in faith
- Enables our leadership to make data driven decisions

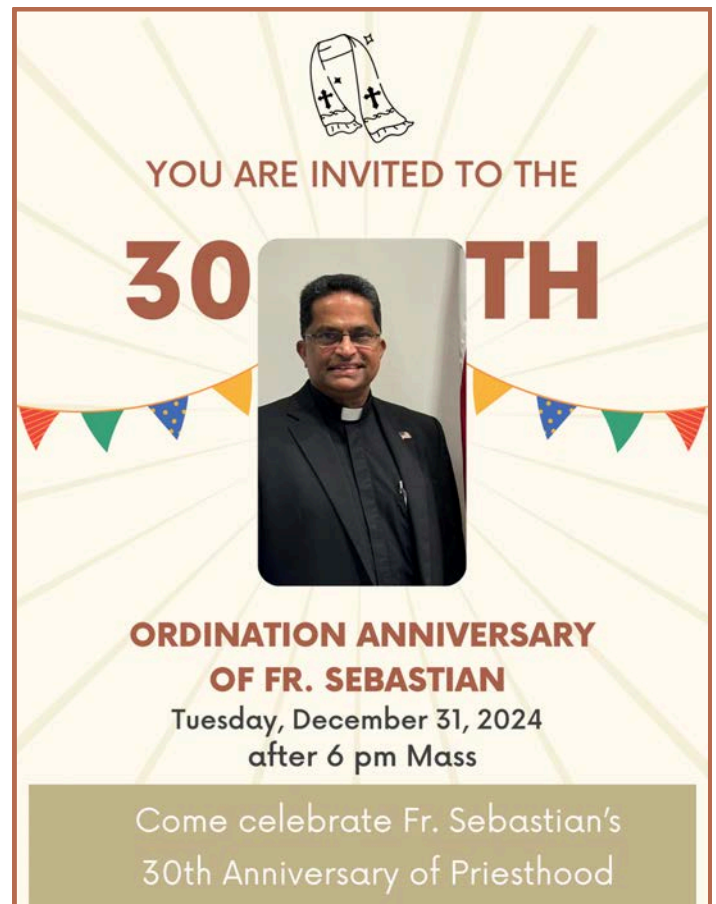
The DMI is a 10-15 minute survey accessed online from January 8 through February 6, 2025. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and to give input on our parish's efforts to help you grow closer to Christ. The survey is confidential and the parish will receive only information about the parish as a whole. The link to the survey will be provided closer to January 8th. If you have questions, please see Gina Bogges, Deb LaMothe, and Susie Pace.

Prayer in the Parish Community




Welcoming the Eucharistic Jesus: the broken bread becomes nourishment for the life and presence of God that strengthens and sustains us. It is necessary to experience this important moment with greater awareness in the certainty that the Lord enters each person's life and desires to be received into a generous and attentive heart. As you approach Holy Communion, some silent prayers can be recited in your heart that will prepare you to receive the Lord with greater awareness and gratitude.

Ref: Teach us to Pray, Dicastery for Evangelization



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

30TH



**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
OF FR. SEBASTIAN**

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
after 6 pm Mass

Come celebrate Fr. Sebastian's
30th Anniversary of Priesthood

Faith Formation (K-5):

This weekend Faith Formation will have its Christmas Party. We hope your kids will be able to join us in this fun event.

A reminder that we will not have Faith Formation for the next two weeks. We want to wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Order of Christian Initiation:

We're so excited to welcome all the new members eager to explore the Catholic Faith with us! We'll take a little break for the holiday season, but we'll be back to continue our journey together on January 6. Looking forward to seeing you then!.

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

Walking with Purpose:

We will go on hiatus during the Christmas Season and resume in the new year, January 9.

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Be sure to watch out for texts or emails from Lorin for any activities happening with Youth Ministry.

We wish you all A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Opening Your Heart:

Touching the Divine:

Children's Liturgy of the Word (K-5):

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word is happening on January 19! Please encourage your child to join us for a fun and engaging time, where they'll hear the liturgy in a way that's just right for them. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to connect with Scripture in a kid-friendly way!

Bible Study:

Our Weekly Bible Study will take a little break until the new Missionary Sisters come back from California after the New Year. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again then!



Religious Education Schedule of Events

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

Dec 22	Faith Formation Christmas party	classroom	9:30 am
Dec 24	Children's Christmas Mass Youth Sunday	church	4:00 pm
Dec 29 Jan 5	No Faith Formation Class No OCIA		
Jan 6	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Jan 9	Women's Prayer Group Men's Group WWP	conference room Narthex Narthex	10:15 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm
Jan 12	Faith Formation class	classroom	9:30 am
Jan 16	Women's Prayer Group WWP	conference room Narthex	10:15 am 6:30 pm
Jan 19	Faith Formation class Youth Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word	classroom Church Church	9:30 am



In Memory / Honor of....

Nancy Lucero

By Mario Lucero

Bolen Shellock

By Judy & Lee Schrage

Lieby Family

Buckler Family

By Joan & Mike Buckler

Ann & Charles Walchonski

Mame Walchonski

Pearl & Harold Cofer

By Carol & Harold Cofer

Frank & Patsy Constantino

Ethel Footo Cox

John Cox

By Maria Cox

Jack & Kathy Jackson

John & Ennis McCabe

James P. McCabe

By Patricia & John Johnson

John Bailey

Anne Bailey

Versie Hamm

Kathryn Hamm

By Kay Bailey

Elaine LaMothe

Prosper LaMothe

Edward Higgins

Barbara Higgins

By Deborah & Michael LaMothe

Duremdes Family

Mullins Family

Prinzbach Family

Richardson Family

By Donna & Gene Richardson

Shirley Hillyer

Kenneth Hillyer

Helen Myers

David Myers

By Cathy & James Hillyer

Ruperto & Beatriz Dumapit

Fr. Luis Antonio Lacson

Soledad Ordanel

Leoncio Yongque

By Linda & Ruperto Dumapit Jr.

Annie Choate

Bob Choate,

Mary Choate,

Sophia & Bob Krulatz,

Horeluk Family,

By John Chote

Antonio Constantino

Fannie Constantino

Mary Constantino

Willie Constantino

Charley Manley

By Virginia Manley

John Clark

Rose & Albert Bachner

Norma & Ed Ciaburri

Margaret & RV Clark

Mary & John Hickman

By John and Kim Hickman

Frank Prox

Anne Prox

Kathleen Lawrence

Kemp Lawrence

Arretta Blankenship

By Connie & David Prox

Abel Bravo

Sara Bravo

Rudy Bravo

Mary Raya

Virginia Wyatt

By Laura & Rick Wyatt

Cipriano Trinidad

Victor Joel Lecaros-Trinidad

Antonia Villamor Trinidad

Victoriano Lecaros

Pelagio Lecaros Sr.

Rosal M. Lecaros

By Christina & Victor Trinidad

Florencia B. Neri Sr.

Magdalena Neri

Editha Abillar

Raymond Richards

Cordelia Richards

Alvin Richards

By Shelby & Florencia Neri

Larkin Family

Via Family

Bladwin Family

Ferguson Family

Vance Family

Bennett Family

By Nancy & Phil Larkin

Advent

First candle / Sunday: HOPE (The Prophecy Candle)
Second candle / Sunday: PEACE (The Bethlehem Candle)
Third candle / Sunday: JOY (The Shepherd's Candle)
Fourth candle / Sunday: LOVE (The Angel's Candle)

Fourth Advent Candle/Sunday: Love

"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love." – St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. This Advent, light the fourth candle on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

What season is after Advent?

After Advent, the Christmas season begins with Christmas Eve vigil masses. The Christmas season ends on Monday, January 8, 2024, the day on which we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

When are the 12 days of Christmas?

The 12 days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day, December 25, and end on January 5, the day before Epiphany.

When is Epiphany?

Epiphany is always celebrated on January 6. Traditionally, this day marks the visit of the Magi – when the three wise men visited the baby Jesus. It's often observed on the Sunday between Jan. 2 and 8.

Advent Traditions in Different Cultures

Perhaps one of the most beautiful aspects to Advent is the different traditions it has inspired around the world in different countries.

Consider some of these Advent traditions and perhaps they'll inspire:

Las Posadas (Mexico, Latin America, parts of the U.S.)

The tradition of posadas usually takes place from Dec. 16-24, for nine consecutive days. Posadas date back hundreds of years and spans many parts of Latin America and the U.S.

Two local members of the community portray Joseph and Mary and visit homes, looking for shelter. They are refused shelter until finally being granted entry at the last home, where a celebration takes place. Posadas can take place on a single day.

La Novena (Italy)

A similar tradition takes place in Italy, where children often go door to door, singing carols and calling to mind the journey that the wise men made to find Jesus. The Novena prayer is also very popular at this time.



Goal: \$25,000 to update our Hall

DONATE TODAY!

**LAST CHANCE!
ALL DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 31ST**

\$18,020 CSA goal

Join us in reaching our goal. We need \$16,305!



To date, Coming back to our Parish: **\$8,720.**

\$9,010 Diocese portion
Mail your donation to:

Catholic Sharing Appeal
PO Box 230
Wheeling, WV 26003

Be sure to mark your check for Sacred Heart-PRINCETON
Envelopes available in the NADTHEY



Winter Coat Drive



Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that made a donation to the Coats for Kids Program. The generous donations from the Sacred Heart parishioners and organizations within the church was enough to cover the costs of the 96 new coats and to provide for a monetary donation to Catholic Charities and Tender Mercies. The Knights of Columbus would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

December Ministry Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
DEC 21 4 pm	M. Tinio	V. Manley T. Byron K. Bailey	F. Bacho		C. Pace	
DEC 22 11am	A. Dumapit	Y. Suehs K. Suehs B. Barrett	Neri	W. Picknally	BJ Carter Jo Flanigan Ja Flanigan	T. Settle
DEC 24 4 pm	M. Reiger K. Carter	K. Suehs Y. Suehs K. Hickman	B.Fanning BJ Carter		A.Reiger	
DEC 24 11:30 pm	L. Albin	D. Richardson M. Albin G. Boggess	Blankenship's		T. Byron C. Pace	
DEC 25 11 am	J. Gaspersich	W. Picknally - J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	C. Prox	W. Picknally	L. Kessinger M. Shay	TBA
Dec 28 4 pm	M. Bacho	M. Flanigan - K. Bailey C. Pace	Bisaha's		T. Byron	
DEC 29 11 AM	D. LaMothe	A. Heltzel - M. Flanigan M. Albin	S. Neri	W. Picknally	TBA	
DEC 31 6 pm	M. Gaspersich	M. Flanigan - G. Boggess C. Pace	TBA		T. Byron	
Jan 4, 2025 4pm	G. Saffell	K. Bailey - V. Manley T. Byron	C. Prox		TBA	
Jan 5, 2025 11:00 am	C. Cofer	H. Cofer - Y. Suehs K. Suehs	Blankenship's	W. Picknally	TBA	S. Pace

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Bernadette Baer	Kyle Geiger	Lisa Mendoza
Margaret Bryan	Kylena Harless	Laura Modena
Ronnie Blankenship	Johnathan Harding	Angie Pendleton
Matthew Bowles	Kenna Johnston	Joshua Poorman
Pat Caccamo	Patricia Gupton	Sara Poorman
Fr. Chapin Engler	Wylie Rae Henson	Agnes Tokarski
Maria Franco	Nancy Larkin	
Peggy Friedrichson	Jim Lintz	
Dr. Billy Garcia	Tanya Marx	
MaryLu Geiger		



	weekend Dec 14-15	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,260.00	180,148.00	173,600.00
Loose Offertory	209.00	13,688.23	9,680.00
Holiday Flowers	115.00	2,020.00	2,500.00
Total Contributions	4,584.00	195,856.23	185,780.00
Abel crisis center	250.00	650.00	500.00
Tender Mercies	290.00	2,080.00	3,000.00
Attendance:	4pm: 54	11am: 127	

Music for
December 21 & 22, 2024
Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass Readings Year C
on pg. 546
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G421
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Responsorial Psalm Is 80
Lord, Make us Turn to You, show us your
face, and we shall be saved

Presentation of Gifts: G891
"Ave Maria"
Communion: G889
"Holy is his Name"
Closing Hymn: G590
"Christ Be Our Light"

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

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(304) 425-3664

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Kim Hickman
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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.