

**December 23 & 24,
2023**
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

**Fourth Sunday of
Advent**



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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Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

Ref: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/christmas>

Mass Intentions:

Upcoming Events:

Staff

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Saturday, Dec 23, 4pm -
✠ **Willie Constantino**
by Virginia Manley
Sunday, Dec 24, 11am -
✠ **Mary Jane Wheby Bowling**
by William Bowling
Sunday, 4pm, Childrens' Mass
✠ **Nancy Oliver**
Midnight Mass
✠ **Nancy Lucero**
Monday, Dec 25, 11 am -
✠ **Esther Piconi**
Tuesday, Dec 26, 6pm -
NO MASS
Thursday, Dec 28, Noon
✠ **Sophia Krulatz**
By Mary & John Choate
Saturday, Dec 30, 4pm -
✠ **Charley Manley**
by Virginia Manley
Sunday, Dec 31, 11am -
✠ **Bob Walthall**
by Dr's Trinidad

Sun, Dec 23, 4:00 pm Fourth Sunday of
Advent Mass
Sun, Dec 24, 11:00 am Fourth Sunday of
Advent Mass
Sun, Dec 24, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve
Childrens' 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
Fri Jan 5, Noon, First Friday Mass,
Devotion to Sacred Heart
Tue, Jan 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council
Fri, Jan 12, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration.
Tue, Jan 16, 6:30 pm Finance Council
Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral
council

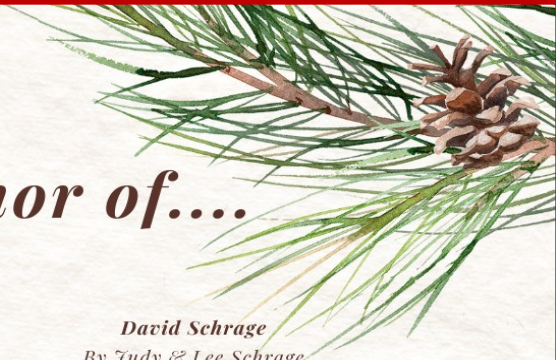



MERRY Christmas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas my beloved Sacred Heart family! My heart is filled with joy and gratitude for the opportunity to share this special time with each of you. Christmas is a time of great spiritual significance as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to bring light and hope to a world in darkness. As we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, let us remember the humble beginnings of our Lord, born in a stable surrounded by animals and visited by shepherds. May we be reminded that it is not the grandeur of our surroundings that matters, but the purity and sincerity of our hearts. Let us also remember those less fortunate and extend a hand of love and compassion to those in need. May our celebrations reflect the generosity and kindness that Christ himself showed during his time on earth. This year has been a challenging one for many of us, but as we gather together with our families and friends, let us take comfort in the knowledge that we are never alone. Christ is always with us, guiding us along the path of righteousness and leading us towards eternal life. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with peace, love, and hope. May you be blessed with the joy of Christ's presence in your life, and may your celebrations be a testament to the goodness and greatness of our Lord. I pray that this Christmas season will be a time of renewal and spiritual growth for each of you, and that you will continue to be a shining example of Christ's love in the world.

With love and blessings,
Fr. Sebastian





In Memory / Honor of....

Enrica Margaret Zrande
By Patricia & Avery Nester

Nancy Lucero
By Mario Lucero

David Schrage
By Judy & Lee Schrage

Pace Family
Elswick Family
By Margaret Pace

Frank & Patsy Constantino
Ethel Footo Cox
The Footo Family
By Maria & John 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

Dr. Lawrence & Nettie Pace
Roy & Pauline Woomer
Pacie Pace
Esther Piconi
By Connie & Charles Pace

Duremdes Family
Mullins Family
Prinzbach Family
Richardson Family
By Donna & Gene Richardson



Shirley Hillyer
Kenneth Hillyer
Helen Myers
David Myers
By Cathy & James Hillyer

Earl & Agnes Mathewson
Tim & Bernice O'Sullivan
Kevin O'Sullivan
Isaac & Mary Beth Mitchell
By Ann O'Sullivan

Sharon Buttaci
Sal Buttaci
Toni Renee Caccamo
Paune Caccamo
Dorene Gilbert
By Delores & Pat Caccamo

Choate Family.
Dragovich Family.
Horeluk Fmaily.
Krulatx Family.
Maddox Family.
By Mary & John Chote

Antonio Constantino
Fannie Constantino
Mary Constantino
Willie Constantino
Charley Manley
By Virginia Manley

de la Torre Family
Estrella E. Juele
Fr. Luis Antonio Lacson
Soledad Ordanel
Leoncio Yongque
By Linda & Ruperto Dumapit Jr.


John Clark
Rose & Albert Bachner
Norma & Ed Ciaburri
Margaret & RV Clark
Mary & John Hickman
By John and Kim Hickman

Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Lintz Family
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hewitt Family
Betty Brockmeier
Fr. Greg Lyttle
Esther Piconi
By Loretta & James Lintz

V. Joel Lecaros-Trinidad
Lourdes Trinidad Celis
Victoriano Lecaros
Pelagio Lecaros Sr.
Rosa Lecaros
By Christina & Victor Trinidad

Editha Abillar
Florencio B. Neri, Sr.
Magdalena P. Neri
Raymond Richards
Cordelia Richards
Kathie Soler
By Shelby & Florencia Neri

Larkin Family
Via Family
Bladwin Family
Ferguson Family
Vance Family
Bennett Family
By Shelby & Florencia Neri



Geronima Garcia
Dr. Cornelia V. Garcia
Dr. Jose V. Garcia
Ramona Reglos
Olivia Stallone
Jaime T. Vigilia
Petra R. Vigilia
By Jocelyn & Servillano Garcia





December 24

Eucharistic Reflection: In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

Come let us Adore Him



Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Princeton – Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23-24)
Saturday, December 23 - 4 pm
Sunday, December 24 - 11 am

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Sunday, December 24 - 4 pm
Sunday December 24 - Carols at 11:30 pm
Monday, December 25 - 12 am (midnight Mass)
Monday, December 25 - 11 am

PLEASE NOTE: The Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent does not fulfill the obligation to attend one of the Christmas Masses, nor do the Christmas Masses fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Silent Auction -



Congratulations!!
Monica Mills
on winning the Nativity created by Greg Saffell. The Silent auction was to help our youth attending Mount 2000. Thank you!

Parish Council -



Congratulations! to our newest members of Parish council.

Angelica Dumapit and Logan Angell.

Our reelected members

Santina St. John and Zach Romano.



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invite all married and engaged couples to the second annual **Together in Holiness marriage conference** on **February 11, 2023 from 10:30 am – 5:30 pm** at **St. Michael Church in Wheeling, WV.**

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual
Early Bird discount available through January 9.
Scholarships available upon request.
On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

May you reap the fruits of success, today and always... Congratulations!



Congratulations!

Angela Walters
on your appointment as a judge in the 12th Family Court Circuit.



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Charities
West Virginia

**Catholic Charities West Virginia
is on a mission to end poverty,
one family at a time.**

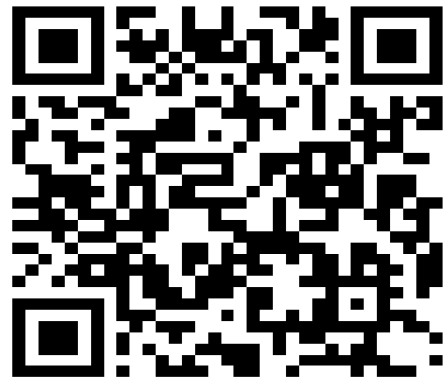
Join us! Please donate.

- Give to the second collection at Christmas masses
- Donate online at:
www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org
- Mail donations to: 2000 Main Street,
Wheeling, WV 26003



Come to me, all who are
weary and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28



Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Dec 24 - **Faith Formation** | 4:00 pm Children’s Mass/
Youth Sunday
- Dec 24, 31 - **Faith Formation** | No Class
- Dec 24, 31 - **OCIA** | No Class
- Jan 4 - **Women’s Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Jan 6 - **YM** | Epiphany Progressive Dinner
- Jan 7 - **WWP** @6:00 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women’s Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
Men’s group @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Jan 14 - **WWP** @6:00 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 18 - **Women’s Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Jan 21 - **YM** | Youth Ministry Night
- Jan 14 - **WWP** @6:00 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 21 - **WWP** @6:00 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women’s Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room

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) - We will be back from our break and starting our weekly bible study “Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point.” We will begin on January 7 at 6 pm. We continue on our exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life’s biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. If you missed coming at the beginning we welcome all ladies to attend. See you next year.



Religious Education

This Week on Formed

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

December 24 & 31: No Class

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The 12 Days of Christmas We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Faith Formation

“Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day and the many blessings You’ve given us. Grant us a restful night of sleep as we await the celebration of the birth of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.”



Youth Ministry

YM Fundraiser

Please support our teens heading to Mount 2000. Grab a tag from the Christmas tree and support one youth or the entire group on their pilgrimage.

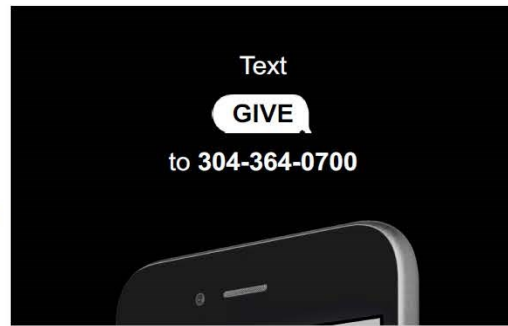
The Woman’s Prayer Group

The Woman’s Prayer group will continue its Advent Journey entering Week 4: The Way of Mary from *Prepare Your Heart: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR.

“Lord, may Mary’s constant yes resound in my heart. Assist me now with what you have placed within my heart. Heal the times I have turned away, and intensify the desire to follow you with my whole self. Amen”

We will not meet December 28.
Merry Christmas

Interested in Electronic Giving or Online Giving?



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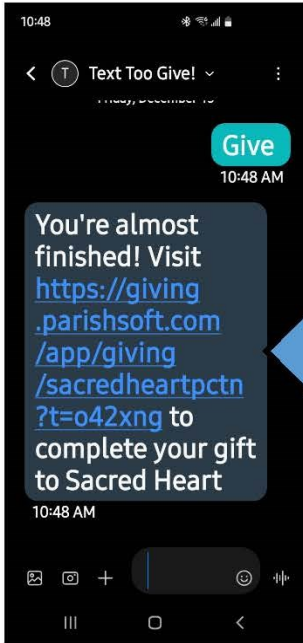
1. For your first time click "SIGN IN" then "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"
2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap "Save Payment" to use it for future gifts.

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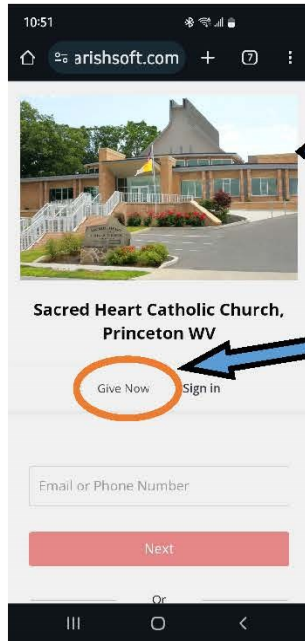
KEYWORD - See a list of Keywords (Funds) you can give towards

REFUND - Made a mistake? Refund your last gift. (15 min. expiry)



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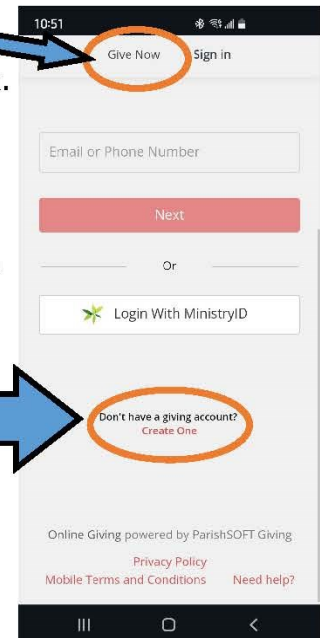
Next step: click (touch) the blue link.



The link will take you to this screen with a picture of our church.

You can select **Give Now** for a one time donation.

Or select (scroll to the bottom of the screen) **Create one** to set up an account for repeat donations



Any questions? See Kim after Mass or call the church office 304-425-3664.

Thank you for supporting our Parish!!

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.

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 |
| John Shay | Wayne Mullins |
| Gareth Settle | Carolyn Munther |
| Felomina Yongque | Susan Nelson |
| Carrie Yurkovich | Rex Neely |
| | Agnes Sedi |
| | Sherry Sisk |
| | Bryan Staten |
| | Agnes Tokarski |
| | Jamie Willoughby |
| | Richard Wentz |
| | Brent Younts ianna |

Collections

	weekend Dec 16-17	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,742.00	163,240.41	166,000.00
Loose Offertory	141.73	10,850.28	4,875.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,883.73	\$174,090.69	\$170,875.00
Votive Candles	229.00	970.66	600.00
Attendance:	4pm: 39	11am: 158	



Thank You for Your Donations

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



DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
23 4 pm	M. Bacho	T. Byron V. Manley K. Bailey	F. Bacho	n/a	C. Pace	Settle
24 11 am 4 th Sunday Ad	K. Roberts	M. Flanigan K. Hickman J. Cosgrove	B. Fanning	W. Picknally	A. Hall	
24 4 pm Christmas Eve	B. Fanning Jos. Flanigan	Z. Romano C. Pace M. Albin	J. Gaspersich L. Wyatt	K. Carter	E. Coleman A. Coleman A. Albin	Pace
25 Midnight	G. Boggess	R. Modena G. Richardson K. Hickman	Blankenship	n/a	T. Byron D. Richardson	
25 11 am Christmas Day	M Flanigan	B Barrett M Marx T Marx	C. Prox	W. Picknally	M. Shay	
30 4 pm	M. Tinio	C. Pace T. Settle V. Manley	C. Prox	n/a	T. Byron	
31 11 am	C. Cofer	H. Cofer G. Cosgrove M. Flanigan	S. Neri	W. Picknally	A. Albin	