

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/Sun	Dec 7-8		Second Collection: Retired Religious
Mon	Dec 9	Noon	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass (HDO) Princeton
		6:00 pm	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass (HDO) Bluefield
Tue	Dec 10		No Daily Mass
Fri	Dec 13	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed	Dec 18	6:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation Class
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

Advent Prayer

**GOD OUR FATHER
HELP US KEEP WATCH
AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH
AS WE WAIT FOR THE COMING
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
WAKE US UP
AND FIND US READY
TO SERVE AND PRAISE HIM.
AMEN.**



Mass Intentions:

Friday	Dec 6	Noon	✝	Ingrid Marie Franco & Family	by Franco Family
Saturday	Dec 7	4 pm	✝	Antonio & Fannie Constantino	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Dec 8	11 am	✝	Florencio Neri Sr.	by Delia Neri
Tuesday	Dec 10	6 pm		No Daily Mass	
Thursday	Dec 12	Noon	✝	Mary Constantino	by Virginia Manley
Saturday	Dec 14	4 pm		Pro Populo (People of the Parish)	by Church
Sunday	Dec 15	11 am	✝	Dr. Julito Sultan	by Josaphine & Albert Yongque

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the second week of Advent, we anticipate the coming of Christ, a time filled with anticipation as we reflect on the theme of preparation. The readings for the second Sunday of Advent are a beautiful tapestry woven with the common thread of spiritual readiness and the promise of redemption, filling us with peace.



The first reading from Baruch 5:1-9 invites us to cast off the garments of mourning and embrace the radiant splendor of God's glory. This symbolizes our profound transformation from despair to hope, a powerful testament to the redemptive promise of Christ's coming that inspires and uplifts us, filling our hearts with a renewed sense of purpose.

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11) resonates with the comforting assurance that God, who initiated a good work within us, will bring it to fruition. This fills our hearts with confidence and security, directing us to be filled with righteousness through Christ Jesus, instilling in us a sense of peace and trust in God's plan.

The Gospel reading from Luke 3:1-6 amplifies the call to prepare the way for the Lord by repenting and turning our hearts towards righteousness, thus resonating with the message of spiritual readiness and anticipation for the coming of Christ.

The lighting of the second candle of Advent, often called the Bethlehem Candle, symbolizes the anticipation surrounding the prophets' prophecies and the preparations for the arrival of the Christ child in Bethlehem. This candle signifies the fulfillment of God's redemptive promise through His Son, as it represents the peace that the birth of Jesus brought to the world. The Bethlehem Candle also serves as a reminder of the humble beginnings of our Savior, born in a manger in Bethlehem, and the peace and hope that his birth brought to a world in need.

Let us conclude with a prayer:

*Heavenly Father,
as we light the second candle of Advent,
may our hearts be filled with the love and
anticipation that surrounded the prophets
who foretold the coming of Christ.
Grant us the grace to prepare our hearts for his arrival.
May we be vigilant and ready for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

In joyful anticipation,

Father Sebastian

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to **Gerry Cosgrove** and the **Altar Society** for organizing the annual Thanksgiving dinner, providing an opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy a warm meal.

Our gratitude also goes out to all who generously donated coats, gloves, socks, and more to assist those in need. We are especially grateful that any items not distributed were thoughtfully donated to Catholic Charities and Oak Hill, where they can truly make a difference for those struggling during the colder months.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Join us and celebrate the coming of Christmas

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





Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

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, **December 18** - Time: 6 pm - Location: Conference Room
 Saturday, **December 21** - Time: 10 am - Location: Conference Room

Prayer in the Parish Community



Pray the Lord's Prayer attentively: meditate on the prayer that Jesus taught by reflecting on the meaning of the words that are said. Even in personal prayer, one should not rush when reciting the words, rather, dwell carefully and reverently on every expression used to converse with the Father.

Ref: Teach us to Pray, Dicastery for Evangelization



Evening Prayers
Tuesdays 5:30pm

Please be aware that on days when there is no daily Mass, we will not hold evening prayer.

The **Liturgy of the Hours**, also known as the Divine Office or the Work of God (Opus Dei), is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer.

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.

Walking in Grief Support Group:

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community. Join us on **December 18** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.

Faith Formation (K-5):

Here are some practical ways that you can prepare to fully celebrate Advent with your kids.

1. Get or make an Advent wreath
2. Bless your Advent wreath
3. Set up a nativity scene
4. Bless your nativity scene
5. Have an Advent Tree
6. Make a Jesse tree
7. Keep an Advent calendar
8. Look ahead to the feasts and celebrations of Advent

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Don't forget we have morning prayer on Sundays, we'd love for you to join us. Make sure to keep an eye on your emails as Lorin will be sending out all the necessary information.

Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study with our Missionary Sisters on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. It is offered in English and Spanish.

Jesus



Walking with Purpose:

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

Opening Your Heart:

Touching the Divine:

**Woman's Prayer Group
Thursday - 10:15 am**



Order of Christian Initiation:

We're excited to welcome new members who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith! Come join us at our next meeting on December 9 at 5:30 p.m. as we explore **"Mary Mother of God & The Rosary"** This session is about Mary (Jesus' mother) and some of the many Catholic traditions surrounding her.

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

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

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word is happening on December 15! 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!

Religious Education Schedule of Events

Dec 8	Faith Formation class	classroom	9:30 am
Dec 12	Women's Prayer Group	conference room	10:15 am
	Men's Group	Narthex	10:15 am
	Bible Study	classroom	1:00 pm
Dec 15	Faith Formation class	classroom	9:30 am
	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mass	
Dec 19	Women's Prayer Group	conference room	10:15 am
	Bible Study	classroom	1:00 pm
Dec 21	Faith Formation Christmas party	classroom	5:00 pm
Dec 24	Children's Christmas Mass	church	4:00 pm
	Youth Sunday		
Jan 5	No Faith Formation Class		
Jan 12	Faith Formation class	classroom	9:30 am

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

December Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
DEC 7 4 pm	M. Gaspersich	L. Wyatt L. Dumapit C. Pace	C. Prox		L. Kessinger	Pace
DEC 8 11 am	K. Roberts	A. Heltzel D. Richardson M. Albin	Hillyer's	W. Picknally	B. Fanning E. Martinez	
Dec 9 Noon	J. Gaspersich	K. Suehs Y. Suehs			C. Pace	
DEC 14 4 pm	B. Schumacher	K. Bailey V. Manley L. Dumapit	J. Gaspersich		T. Byron	LaMothe
DEC 15 11 am	M. Flanigan	K. Hickman B. Barrett M. Shay	Hickman's	W. Picknally		

Goal: \$25,000 to update our Hall

DONATE TODAY!

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

\$18,020 CSA goal

To date, Coming back to our Parish: **\$8,695.**



\$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 NARTHEX

Look what has arrived!!

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORIES

- if you submitted a picture be sure to pick up your copy in the Narthex.
- If you did not provide a photo the cost is \$10.



Knights of Columbus COATS FOR KIDS Coat Drive

Help families in need of new warm winter coats. The Knights Of Columbus are providing a total of 96 child and youth sized coats for girls and boys in our area. These coats will be given to Catholic Charities and Tender Mercies for distribution. If you are interested in giving a charitable monetary donation to help defray the cost of these coats, please see a member of the Knights Of Columbus or contact the church office at 304-425-3664.

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)*

Second Advent Candle/Sunday: Peace

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world. This Advent, light the second candle on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Short Advent Prayers

Advent is a relatively short liturgical season, so perhaps it's fitting that short, simple prayers are all we need to feel God's calming presence in our lives amid the many distractions of November and December. Consider these brief Catholic prayers this Advent season:

- Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do—every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.
- Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.
- I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.



PLEASE
FULLFIL OUR

*Christmas
Wishes!*

Tender Mercies

Peanut butter
soups
rice
beans
shelf safe milk
canned vegetables
Mac and Cheese
granola bars/
pre-packaged snacks



*Advent
collection!
Please make a
gift to your
favorite charity*

Donate to one or all!

Mommy Ministry

Diapers :
Size 4
Size 5,
Size 6,
Size 7
and pull-ups
Wipes
bottles
pacifiers



Place in the
appropriately
labeled gift box in
the Narthex

Catholic Charities

Prepackaged snacks
Shampoo
Bar soap
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent
Hats, gloves & scarves

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Bernadette Baer
 Margaret Bryan
 Ronnie Blankenship
 Matthew Bowles
 Pat Caccamo
 Fr. Chapin Engler
 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
 Angie Pendleton
 Joshua Poorman
 Sara Poorman
 Agnes Tokarski



	weekend Nov 30- Dec 1	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,213.00	171,160.00	167,200.00
Loose Offertory	255.00	12,975.23	9,360.00
Flowers	695.00	1,810.00	2,500.00
Maintenance	20.00	7,955.00	2,500.00
Total Contributions	\$4,183.00	\$193,900.23	\$181,560.00
Abel crisis center	10.00	400.00	500.00
Tender Mercies	215.00	1,790.00	3,000.00
DWC: Catholic Charities WV	500.00	515.00	2,000.00
Attendance:	4pm: 46	11AM: 115	



Music for
 December 7 & 8, 2024
 Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass Readings Year C
 on pg. 541
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G418
 "On Jordon's Bank"
 Responsorial Psalm 126
 The Lord has done great things for us
 Presentation of Gifts: G407
 "People of the Night"

Communion: G403
 "Come O Long Expected Savior"
 Closing Hymn: G409
 "People Look East"

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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.