

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.

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

Sunday Mass is livestreamed



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“Reminder there will be No Daily Mass from January 6 - 23 while Fr. Sebastian is out of town. Fr. Bill Petro will preside over weekend Mass”

Upcoming Events:

Sun	Jan 12	Noon	Italy interest trip gathering
Tue	Jan 14		No Daily Mass
Wed	Jan 15	6 pm	Baptismal preparation class
Thu	Jan 16		No Daily Mass
Sat	Jan 18	10 am	Baptismal preparation class
Sun	Jan 19	11 am	Youth Sunday



Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Jan 11	4 pm		People of the Parish	by Church
Sunday	Jan 12	11 am	✝ ✝	John Cox	by Dumapit Family
Tuesday	Jan 14	4 pm		No Daily Mass	
Thursday	Jan 16	Noon		No Daily Mass	
Saturday	Jan 18	4 pm	✝ ✝	Leoncio Ordanel Yongque	by Dumapit Family
Sunday	Jan 19	11 am		Pro Populo	by Church



Please be aware that if you receive an email or text from Fr. Sebastian requesting money or donations, it's important not to respond. This is a common scam, and Fr. Sebastian would never reach out for such requests. Let's stay vigilant and protect ourselves!

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, **January 15** - Time: 6 pm -
Location: Conference Room

Saturday, **January 18** - Time: 10 am -
Location: Conference Room

Walking in Grief Support Group:

Struggling with grief? Join our parish's grief support group and find comfort in community. Join us on **January 29** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.

Prayer in the Parish Community



The Liturgy of the Hours

3.2.1 «Pray without ceasing» (1Thess 5:17):
the Church's public prayer

Liturgy of the Hours - also called the Divine Office - is the public prayer of the Church, which through the centuries has responded to the mission to «pray without ceasing». Aware that the mystery of Christ penetrates and transfigures present time, this prayer enables us to make holy the whole course of the day and night by praising God.

Ref: Teach us to Pray, Dicastery for Evangelization



The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Open!

The first step in helping Sacred Heart assess our greatest strengths and opportunities is to complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today! Share your perspective now to help strengthen Sacred Heart and better prepare us for the future – as we seek to grow in missionary discipleship!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xlyxax> survey link or QR code



There will be paper surveys available Sun, Jan 26 and Thu, Jan 30 after Mass. **If you have questions, please see Gina Boggess 304-920-7047, Deb LaMothe 304-320-3744, or Susie Pace 304-920-5500.**

2nd Collection: Churches in Developing Worlds January 18 – 19, 2025

This collection will include three individual collections: Churches in Latin America, Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

The Latin America Church Collection - Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe - It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa - provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.



Faith Formation (K-5):

We can't wait to welcome everyone back in 2025!

If you're looking for something to do after dropping off your little one, consider coming to the Adult Formation group! It's a wonderful opportunity to explore the liturgical year together. You're not required to attend every week, but it's a great chance to engage with the Sunday readings.

Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

If you would like to write to Lorin Albin as she undergoes chemo therapy the address is:

WVU JW Ruby Memorial Hospital
1 medical Center Dr
Atten: Lorin Albin
Room 915
Morgantown, WV 26506

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!



Walking with Purpose:

Welcome back, we are so happy to see everyone. Here are the next chapters we will be discussing.

Opening Your Heart: Ch. 11 What does the sacrament of Penance have to do with my friendship with Christ?

Touching the Divine:

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

**Jan. 9 Read-Reflect-Discuss
Readings and Prayers for
The Baptism of the Lord**

**Jan. 16 Read-Reflect-Discuss
Readings and Prayers for the
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Order of Christian Initiation:

This week will will discuss **"Jesus"**
The goal of evangelization is nothing less than helping people to know Jesus.

We will also discuss the **"Trinity"**
There are many references to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit among the dozens of other ways God is described in the Bible.

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

Adult Formation:

"One Sunday at a Time"

We invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the upstairs conference room for "One Sunday at a Time"! Together, we'll journey through the liturgical year, exploring the Sunday scripture readings and uncovering their connections. Feel free to attend any Sunday that works for you, whether it's one or all of them. We can't wait to see you there!

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

Religious Education Schedule of Events

Jan 12	Faith Formation class Adult Formation - One Sunday at a Time	classroom conference room	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 YM Night	classroom Church Church classroom	9:30 am 5:30 pm
Jan 23	Women's Prayer Group Men's group WWP	conference room Narthex Narthex	10:15 am 10:15 6:30 pm
Jan 26	Faith Formation class One Sunday at a Time	classroom conference room	9:30 am
Feb 7-9	YM Mount 2000	St Mary	

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Lorin Albin
Bernadette Baer
Margaret Bryan
Ronnie Blankenship
Matthew Bowles
Pat Caccamo
Fr. Chapin Engler
Maria Franco
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
Laura Modena
Angie Pendleton
Joshua Poorman
Sara Poorman
Agnes Tokarski

	weekend Jan 4-5	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,236.00	3,236.00	3,842.75
Loose Offertory	234.12	234.12	863.68
Holy day	876.00	876.00	439.00
Total Contributions	<u>\$4,346.12</u>	<u>\$4,346.12</u>	<u>\$5,145.43</u>
Abel crisis center	20.00	20.00	0.00
Attendance	4pm: 49	11am: 170	

January Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Jan 11 4 pm	B. Schumacher	<u>C. Pace</u> L. Wyatt T. Byron	J. Gaspersich		L. Kessinger	LaMothe
Jan 12 11:00 pm	Z. Romano K. Roberts	<u>G. Boggess</u> G. Cosgrove J. Cosgrove	S. Neri	W. Picknally	E. Coleman A. Coleman	
Jan 18 4 pm	J. Gaspersich	<u>C. Pace</u> L. Wyatt V. Manley	C. Prox		T. Byron	Choate
Jan 19 11:00 pm	K. Carter M. Reiger	<u>R. Modena</u> D. Ricardson W. Picknally	A. Albin J. Verespice A. Verespice	TBA	Ja. Flanigan Jo. Flanigan	

Music for
January 11 & 12, 2025
Mass of Christ the Savior

Entrance: G467
"When John Baptized by Jordan River"

Presentation of Gifts: G593
"I Want to Walk as a Child"
Communion: G683
"Shall We Gather at the River"
Closing Hymn: G4598
"Song of Thankfulness and Praise"

Mass Readings Year C
on pg. 571
Word & Eucharist

Responsorial Psalm Is 104
O Bless the Lord, my Soul

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In case of emergency and 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.



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January 2, 2025

Instruction on the Communion Rite

On January 18, 2003, our former Bishop Bernard Schmitt implemented some norms for the celebration of the Mass, among them one regarding the posture of the faithful after the Lamb of God. Using the permission given to diocesan bishops by the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*, # 43, he decreed that the posture after the Lamb of God is recited should be to stand.

As Bishop Schmitt pointed out, “the whole question of posture reminds us that the nature of the Mass is to be an act of the whole people gathered together as one. The actions and the posture of the faithful should be a visible sign of their unity in faith and spirit.” He further said that “there are times when all are called to do the same thing” – the communal dimension of liturgical expression – “and times when personal expressions are allowed.”

So, the posture during the Communion Rite, from the Our Father to the Communion Procession, reflecting the communal nature of our worship and our faith in the Lord’s True Presence in the Eucharist, should be the same for all: to stand. After receiving Holy Communion, the faithful may express their adoration and love for the Lord, whose Body and Blood they have received, in the manner they choose: to kneel or sit or to stand until all have received.

I have been asked by individuals to restore the practice of kneeling after the Lamb of God. This is the common pattern in the dioceses surrounding ours. I have discussed the matter with the Presbyteral Council (priests elected by their peers) and the Diocesan Pastoral Council (mostly members of the laity). The results were somewhat mixed; there was no clear consensus.

If you consider the Rite of Communion, the posture at every point from the Our Father through the Sign of Peace and the words, “Lord, I am not worthy,” to the moment when the faithful leave their pews to form the Communion Procession, is to stand. Indeed, the normative posture for receiving Holy Communion in the United States is to stand, although no one will be denied the Eucharist who chooses to kneel (*GIRM # 160*). Kneeling after the Lamb of God, while traditional, actually breaks the continuous posture of the Communion Rite, even if only briefly.

Taking into account Bishop Schmitt’s reasoning, the greater consistency of posture in the Communion Rite if all stand and the fact that West Virginia Catholics have for twenty-one years stood after the Lamb of God, I am leaving in place the decree issued by Bishop Schmitt. This is the posture our younger Catholics have always known. It also reflects in practice the measured liberty that the Latin Rite of the Church allows in some aspects of liturgical practice.

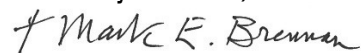
I ask you, the Catholic faithful and the priests and deacons serving in this Diocese, to receive with sincere obedience my affirmation of a good Bishop’s decision on this matter. I also

urge you to see that, in the larger picture, the posture after the Lamb of God does not approach in importance the greater matters of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist, our eagerness to bring his Gospel to others and the charity and justice we owe our neighbor – all of which the Eucharist strengthens us do.

Jesus once warned against *straining out the gnat and swallowing the camel* (Matthew 23:24). We listen to the Lord when we keep in mind the distinction between things of greater importance and those of lesser. Or, as one of our sayings puts it: "Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill." We have much more important things to do than debate the merits of standing or kneeling after the Lamb of God. We are called to serve the Lamb who was sacrificed for us to take away our sins and rose from the dead to give us new life. That is enough to engage our thoughts and energy, our time and talents.

As a new year begins, I am praying for you. Kindly pray for me. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark E. Brennan".

+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston