

**January 6 & 7, 2024**

**Sunday Mass is livestreamed**

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

**The Epiphany  
of the Lord**



## **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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The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.



Ref: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2024-01-07>

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### **Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, Jan 6, 4pm -  
**Russell Cassady (healing)**  
By Tanya & Michael Marx

Sunday, Jan 7, 11am -  
✠ **Fr. Greg Lytle**

by Jeane Schmauss

Tuesday, Jan 9, 6pm -

**People of the Parish**

Thursday, Jan 11, Noon  
**Available**

Saturday, Jan 13, 4pm -

✠ **Mary Constantino**

By Virginia Manley

Sunday, Jan 14, 11am -  
**Available**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Fri Jan 5, Noon, First Friday Mass,  
Devotion to Sacred Heart

Tue, Jan 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council

Wed, Jan 10, 3:00 pm Altar Society  
meeting

Fri, Jan 12, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
Jan 13 & 14, Second collection: Special  
Collection for the Holy Land

Tue, Jan 16, 6:30 pm Finance Council

Jan 20 & 21, Second collection: Develop-  
ing world collections

Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral  
council



**Daily Prayers** - We want to let you know that we are updating the Daily Prayers list. If you want a name to stay on the list, you should call the church office at 304-425-3664 or email lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org. We will remove any names that are not confirmed by January 16. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Sacred Heart Bluefield Cookbooks** - The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived! If you would like to purchase a book please contact Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the church office. The cook books are selling for \$15.

**Second Collection: Special Collection for the Holy Land (Jan 13 - 14)** - In Light of the Hamas-Israeli war, Bishop Brennan has approved a special second collection for those struggling in the Holy Land. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most.

|                            | weekend Dec 30- Jan 1 | YTD Actual         | YTD Budget            |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Envelopes                  | 2,981.00              | 2,981.00           | 2,800.00              |
| Loose Offertory            | 139.00                | 139.00             | 80.00                 |
| Holy days                  | 439.00                | 439.00             | 0.00                  |
| <b>Total Contributions</b> | <b>\$ 3,559.00</b>    | <b>\$ 3,559.00</b> | <b>\$ 2,880.00</b>    |
| Tender Mercies             | 5.00                  | 5.00               | 0.00                  |
| <b>Attendance:</b>         | <b>4pm: 40</b>        | <b>11am: 103</b>   | <b>Jan 1 noon: 53</b> |

# Women's Discernment Retreat

DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON | www.dwc.org

June 21-23, 2024 St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling, WV



The Office of Consecrated Life presents a discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18 and over. In a world that lacks moments of silence and reflection it can be easy for us to ignore our callings. Join us and take this time to get to know yourself, your heart, and how Christ is working in your life.

- ✦ Retreat is free.
- ✦ Be with other discerning women.
- ✦ Register now - space is limited!



To Register/More Info:

Sister Martha Gomez, RGS,  
mgomez@dwc.org

Office of Consecrated Life  
(304)233-0880 ext. 264

**Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) -**

**Introduction to Scripture** (Begins Week of January 15th)  
If you are new to studying the Bible, have questions about reading the Bible, want to learn more about the Bible but don't know where to start; or, if you are working towards your certification for catechesis, this course is for you!! Learn what the Bible is and where it comes from, understand how Roman Catholics read the Bible and what the differences are between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible, start to build your Bible vocabulary by learning about the synoptic Gospels, what is inspiration, and much more. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm for five weeks. Our first meeting will be on January 17th. This course is part of the course sequence for level one catechist certification.

**Promise to Protect** - 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.

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**ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CHARLES TOWN, WV**

**CELEBRANT:**

**VERY REV. TIMOTHY GRASSI**

**Couple \$32**

Register by January 8 to grab an Early Bird discount!

**Childcare \$5/child**

**REGISTER HERE**

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## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 - **Faith Formation** | Class
- Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 - **OCIA** | Class
- Jan 7 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Jan 14 - **Parent meeting** 10:30 am (1st Communion Only)  
**WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 18 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Jan 21 - **YM** | Youth Ministry Night
- Jan 14 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 21 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Feb 2-4 - **YM** | Mount 2000 Retreat

**Youth Ministry** - Contact Lorin Albin

**Faith Formation** - Contact Laura Wyatt

**OCIA** - Contact Laura Wyatt

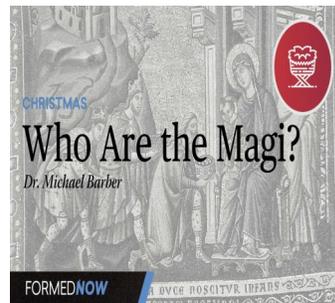
**Women's Prayer Group** - Contact Susie Pace

**Men's Group** - Contact Jime Cosgrove or Bill Picknally

**Walking with Purpose (WWP)** - Contact Laura Wyatt or KD Coleman

**Adult Education** - Contact Laura Wyatt

### This Week on Formed - **Who Are the Magi?** - In this



FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-the-magi>

## Religious Education

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

#### January 7 - Sexuality Issues

Our topic in this session is church teaching on sexuality. It's a big topic, and an important one, especially because there are numerous sound bites and misconceptions concerning what the church teaches about sex and sexuality

**Next weeks lesson:**  
**January 14 - Sabbath**

### Walking with Purpose (WWP)

We will resume **"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point."**  
January 7 at 5:30 pm.

We will continue 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. We welcome all ladies.

### The Search

As Catholics we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means for you. Watch **The Search**, a beautiful new video program that explores life's big questions.

Starting:  
Wednesday, January 17  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Conference room

#### Faith Formation

Welcome Back!! We resume Faith Formation on Jan 7 at 9:30 am.

We will have a **parent meeting** as our children prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion.

#### Youth Ministry

- **Epiphany Progressive Dinner** is being rescheduled for a later date. More info to come.
- Our **next YM** night will be on January 21, more details as the date gets closer.

If you have any questions please message Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495.

#### The Woman's Prayer Group

The Woman's Prayer Group will meet **Thursday at 10:15 am.**

Mother Teresa:  
*'We need to find God and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.'*

**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**

|                |                |                |                  |                   |                 |                   |              |               |              |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Catherine B.J. | Belcher Asbury | Romulo Russell | DelaRosa Edmunds | Velma Wylie & Rac | Hartwell Henson | Jim & Diane Tanya | Luciano Marx | Deborah Agnes | Saffell Sedi |
| Lou            | Berentes       | Langan         | Family           | Brenda            | Ivelise         | Jaelynn           | Mendoza      | Gareth        | Settle       |
| Linda          | Berghof        | Kimiko         | Fettro           | Cyndi             | Jones           | Sandy             | Morefield    | John          | Shay         |
| John           | Bowers         | Dr. David      | Garcia           | Ruby              | Jones           | Annette           | Morgan       | Sherry        | Sisk         |
| Ruth           | Boyd           | Dale           | Geiger           | Nancy             | Larkin          | Tina              | Mullins      | Bryan         | Staten       |
| Deloris        | Caccamo        | MaryLu         | Greiger          | Valarie           | Laxton          | Wayne             | Mullins      | Agnes         | Tokarski     |
| John           | Caccamo        | Kyle           | Geiger           | Christina         | Laxton          | Carolyn           | Munther      | Jane          | Walthall     |
| Russell        | Cassady        | Mike           | Goff             | Robert            | Laxton          | Rex               | Neely        | Richard       | Wentz        |
| Christopher    | Castle         | Angie          | Grbac            | Kaitlyn           | Laxton          | Susan             | Nelson       | Aubrey        | Williams     |
| Regina         | Church         | Patricia       | Gupton           | Keith             | Laxton          | Dr. Jun           | Neri         | Jamie         | Willoughby   |
| Ron            | Ciccolini      | Cynthia        | Harmon           | Jim               | Lintz           | Patricia          | Nester       | Felomina      | Yongque      |
| Judy           | Clayton        | Gordon         | Harmon           | Lucas             | Llado           | Alan              | Rieger       | Brent         | Younts       |
| Linda          | Cunningham     | Myles          | Harris           | Richard           | Lockhart        | Vivian            | Romano       | Carrie        | Yurkovich    |

**January Ministry Schedule**

| DATE    | Lector        | Extraordinary Minister                        | Greeter               | Video        | Altar Server            | Counter     |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 6 4pm   | C. Jones      | T. Marx<br>M. Marx<br>V. Manley               | J. Gaspersich         | n/a          | L. Kessinger            | S. Pace     |
| 7 11am  | D. Lamothe    | M. Albin<br>B. Barrett<br>R. Modena           | Blankenship           | W. Picknally | A. Hall<br>Jac Flanigan |             |
| 13 4pm  | J. Gaspersich | V. Manley<br>K. Bailey<br>T. Byron            |                       | n/a          | C. Pace                 | J. Cosgrove |
| 14 11am | L. Albin      | J. Cosgrove<br>G. Richardson<br>D. Richardson | S. Neri<br>B. Fanning | W. Picknally | Jos Flanigan<br>A. Hall |             |
| 20 4pm  | B. Schumacher | K. Bailey<br>C. Pace<br>V. Manley             | Prox                  | n/a          | T. Byron                | J. Choate   |
| 21 11am | K. Carter     | W. Picknally<br>M. Cox<br>G. Cosgrove         | Youth                 | K. Carter    |                         |             |
| 27 4pm  | M. Flanigan   | T. Byron<br>C. Pace<br>K. Bailey              | J. Gaspersich         | n/a          | L. Kessinger            | T. Settle   |
| 28 11am | C. Cofer      | A. Heltzel<br>H. Cofer<br>R. Modena           | Bisaha                | W. Picknally | BJ Carter               |             |