

# Sacred Heart

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 pm /  
during Adoration  
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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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.



**Hope in the Holy Spirit**

**Bible Verse:** *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13*

The Holy Spirit fills us with joy, peace, and hope, empowering us to live faithfully. We are never without hope, for the Spirit dwells in us.

**Question for Reflection:** How can I invite the Holy Spirit to fill me with more hope this week?

## Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Mar 29	4 pm	✝	Antonio & Fannie Constantino	by Virginia Manley
Sunday	Mar 30	11 am	✝	Dr. Waldro Buenafe	by Tess Byron
Tuesday	Apr 1	6 pm	✝	Delores Caccamo	by Cathy & Dickie Roberts
Thursday	Apr 3	Noon	✝	Angie Grbac	by Tony & Linda Grbac
Friday	Apr 4	Noon	✝	B. Santon	by Jacinda Santon Smith
Saturday	Apr 5	4 pm	✝	David Prox	by Susie Pace
Sunday	Apr 6	11 am	✝	Juan Colon & Irma Del Valle	by Maria Franco

## Upcoming Events:

Fri	Mar 28	Noon	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
Fri	Apr 4	Noon	First Friday Mass - Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
		4 pm	Transformational Stations
		5 pm	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Tue	Apr 8	6 pm	Penance Service - Princeton
Wed	Apr 9	6 pm	Penance Service - Bluefield
Fri	Apr 11	Noon	Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Lunches
Sun	Apr 13	11 am	Palm Sunday
		7 pm	Taize Prayer
Thu	Apr 17	4 pm	Holy Thursday
Fri	Apr 18	3 pm	Good Friday

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Lent*

Dear loving brothers and sisters,

Greetings on this joyful and reflective 4th Sunday of Lent, also known as **Laetare Sunday**. As we gather to celebrate this Sunday, we are reminded of the richness of God's grace and the hope that He offers us on our journey through Lent. Laetare, which means "Rejoice" in Latin, invites us to experience a moment of joy in the midst of our Lenten penance. The Church's liturgical colors shift to rose today, symbolizing the joy of the Resurrection that is drawing near. It is a moment of encouragement to remind us that even in the midst of our sacrifices, God's light and love shine brightly in our lives.

This Sunday is also significant as we celebrate the **Second Scrutiny** for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. It is a time for self-examination and prayer, asking God to cleanse us from sin and strengthen our resolve to walk in His light.

In the **First Reading** from the Book of Joshua, we read of the Israelites finally entering the Promised Land, where they celebrate the Passover and the miraculous provision of God. This reading reminds us of the fulfillment of God's promises and how His presence sustains us through all trials.

The **Second Reading** from Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks to the profound transformation that Christ has brought into our lives. Through Christ's sacrifice, we are reconciled to God, and our old selves are made new. Paul calls us to view others through the eyes of Christ, no longer judging by worldly standards but seeing them as Christ sees them — beloved and redeemed.

In the **Gospel** reading from John, we encounter the parable of the Prodigal Son. This powerful story reveals the unfathomable mercy and love of God the Father. The younger son, lost in sin and rebellion, is welcomed back with open arms, and the Father rejoices at his return. This story teaches us about God's boundless forgiveness, the importance of repentance, and the joy that comes from reconciliation with God.

This is also a perfect time for us to reflect on the **third pillar of Lent: charity**. **Charity** is the fruit of true reconciliation. As we experience God's mercy and love, we are called to share that love with others, particularly those in need. Charity is not just about giving material goods but also about showing kindness, forgiveness, and compassion to others.

## Ways to Practice Charity:

1. **Almsgiving:** Continue supporting those in need through donations to food banks, shelters, or charitable organizations.
2. **Acts of Kindness:** Engage in small acts of kindness each day, whether it be helping a neighbor, listening to someone in need, or offering a kind word.
3. **Forgiveness:** Extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you, as God has forgiven us.
4. **Prayers for the Needy:** Lift up the poor, sick, and suffering in your prayers, asking God to provide for their needs.

## Spiritual Questions on Charity:

1. How can I practice charity in my daily life, especially with those I find difficult to love?
2. In what ways can I be more generous with my time, talents, and treasure to serve others?

*Heavenly Father,*

*On this Laetare Sunday, we rejoice in Your love and mercy.  
We thank You for Your forgiveness and for calling us to be reconciled to You.  
As we continue our Lenten journey, help us to embrace the gift of charity,  
offering our hearts and hands to those in need.  
Teach us to love as You love, to forgive as You forgive,  
and to give selflessly for the good of others.  
May we always seek to reflect Your light in the world.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

May the joy of this Sunday fill your hearts as you continue to walk in the light of God's grace.

*In Christ's love,  
Father Sebastian Devasya*

HOW WILL YOU PRACTICE ALMSGIVING DURING LENT ?

# Lenten Penance Service

April 8 - 6 pm  
Princeton

April 9 - 6 pm  
Bluefield



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## Knights of Columbus FISH FRY

PURCHASE YOUR  
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FRIDAY, APRIL 4  
5 - 7 PM  
CHURCH HALL



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FISH, FRIES,  
COLESLAW, DESSERT,  
AND DRINK

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE



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## Friday - April 4 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Church Transformational Stations

### EXPERIENCING JESUS PASSION

Join us on a transformative journey through different stations to experience the emotions and events that Jesus went through. You can walk this journey at your own pace or alongside others. Read and contemplate the corresponding scripture to be inspired by His strength and resilience.

**As You walk through the church you will experience the:**

Painful Thorns  
Nail of Sin  
The Bitter Vinegar  
Distracting Dice  
Remember Me  
The New Covenant  
The Light of the World



**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, **April 16** - Time: 6 pm  
 Saturday, **April 19** - Time: 10 am  
 Location: Conference Room



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.

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

**Walking in Grief Support Group:**

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

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Visit the website below or scan the QR code to donate securely from your phone!

**GIVE ONLINE TODAY AT:**

[SacredHeartPrinceton.flocknote.com/give/30037](https://SacredHeartPrinceton.flocknote.com/give/30037)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE SECURELY FROM YOUR PHONE



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:

## LENTEN LUNCHES

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHURCH HALL

You will be provided a booklet for each session

PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

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<b>VIRTUS</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yearly training video	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial training documents
<b>Requirements:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> background check every 3 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly training bulletins



**Local VIRTUS Coordinator:**  
Kim Hickman, 304-920-2440  
[khickman@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:khickman@sacredheartprinceton.org)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 28, Noon, Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion – led by the Pastoral Council.

April 4, Noon – First Friday Mass & Stations of the Cross led by Altar Society

April 11, Noon – Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Communion – led by Anchor Prayer Group.



## Religious Education Schedule of Events

Mar 30	Faith Formation class Lenten Journey (Wilderness Within)	classroom conference room	9:30 am
Mar 31	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Apr 3	Women's Prayer Group Men's Group WWP	conference room Narthex Narthex	10:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm
Apr 6	Faith Formation class Lenten Journey (Wilderness Within)	classroom conference room	9:30 am
Apr 7	OCIA	conference room	5:30 pm
Apr 10	Women's Prayer Group WWP	conference room Narthex	10:00 am 6:30 pm

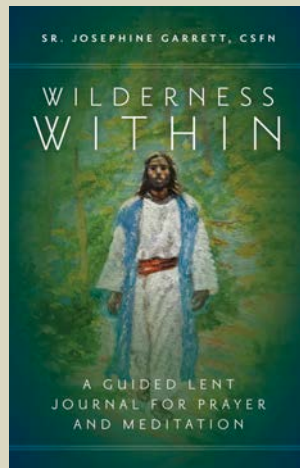
### Faith Formation (K-5):

#### What can kids fast from for Lent?

Monks practice silence in order to better hear God. Your family can, too, by turning off radios and music players (maybe just in the car), turning off the television, eating a meal in silence (or while listening to some sacred reading), practicing Thirty Seconds of Silence, being silent for the first fifteen minutes of the morning, or even having a day of silence.

### Youth Ministry (MS/HS):

Be on the lookout for our next Youth Ministry night more details to follow.



#### "Wilderness Within"

During Lent we warmly invite you to join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the upstairs conference room, where we will explore the wilderness of your heart as a place to be explored.

Please feel free to come any Sunday that feels right for you, whether it's just one or all of them. We look forward to sharing the 40 days of Lent with you!

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

Mantra for the 4th Week of Lent  
"The Lord turns every sorrow into joy."  
...from Praying with the Psalms

Read, Reflect, Discuss the Readings  
**Saturday readings:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Year C (pp 590-592) Word & Eucharist  
**Sunday readings:** Fourth Sunday of Lent,  
Year A - (pp 217-219) Word & Eucharist

#### Walking with Purpose:

We're really excited to see all of you. Here's what we'll be diving into in our next chapters!

**Opening Your Heart:** Lesson 20/  
What Is the Relevance of the Church In My Life?

**Touching the Divine:** Lesson 20/  
Jesus is our Restorer.

### 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

### Order of Christian Initiation:

This week will will discuss: **"The Sacrament of the Eucharist"** The Eucharist we celebrate today has its origins in the Last Supper, which Jesus celebrated with his friends on the night before he died."

**Sacrament of Confirmation"** Confirmation is often considered the sacrament of mature Christian commitment.

For information please contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or [lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org)

## March/April Ministry Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Mar 29 4 pm	J. Gaspersich	C. Pace L. Pendleton L. Wyatt	TBA	n/a	T. Byron	S. Pace
Mar 30 11 am	A. Dumapit C. Cofer	M. Shay Z. Romano H. Cofer	Hillyer Family	W. Picknally	TBA	
Apr 5 4 pm	M. Bacho M. Tinio	K. Bailey L. Wyatt V. Manley	Bisaha Family	n/a	TBA	S. Pace
Apr 6 11 am	K. Roberts	D. Richardson J. Cosgrove G. Cosgrove	TBA	W. Picknally	E. Martinez A. Reiger	

Don't forget  
to sign up if you  
plan to attend

# Seder

A SALVATION HISTORY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15 - 6:30 PM

SIGN UP IS REQUIRED



Join us for a very special Seder Meal. Those gathered will engage in the rituals associated with the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, the traditional foods and the meanings behind them will be presented, and an ancient song of deliverance will be sung. The meal will end with Holy Communion, pointing to the Lamb who has slain for us on the cross.

## Pesto Flatbread



### Ingredients

- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 cup prepared pesto
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 425°. Place dough on a lightly floured surface; let rest for 10 minutes. Knead in 1/4 cup cheese, basil and the oregano. Roll into a 12-in. circle; place on a greased 14-in. pizza pan. Prick with a fork. Bake 10 minutes.
- Spread pesto over crust. Sprinkle with mushrooms, mozzarella cheese and the remaining Parmesan cheese. Bake pizza until golden brown, 8-10 minutes longer.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

## HOLY WEEK

*"As we embark on our own Lenten journey, we are called to follow Jesus' example of retreat, fasting, and prayer. Our world today, filled with distractions and busyness, can make it difficult to create space for God. Yet, Lent offers us the precious opportunity to step away from our daily routines and focus on our spiritual needs. Let us take this time to pause, reflect, and return to God with renewed hearts."*

*From Fr. Sebastian's  
Message for Lent 2025*

Saturday | April 12, 2025

4:00 pm Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday | April 13, 2025

11:00 am Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday | April 17, 2025

4:00 pm Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday | April 18, 2025

3:00 pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday | April 19, 2025

8:00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday | April 20, 2025

11:00am Mass



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Stay Connected



**Please include the following in your Daily Prayers**

Lorin Albin  
 Bernadette Baer  
 Margaret Bryan  
 Ronnie Blankenship  
 Matthew Bowles  
 Pat Caccamo  
 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  
 Joshua Poorman  
 Sara Poorman  
 Teresa Settle  
 Lee Schrage  
 Agnes Tokarski

	<b>weekend March 22-23</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	3,887.00	45,001.70	43,000.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	276.00	2,531.20	2,560.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<u>155.00</u>	<u>970.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>4,318.00</b>	<b>48,502.90</b>	<b>46,560.00</b>
<b>Memorial Contributions</b>	100.00	100.00	-
<b>Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund</b>	848.00	943.00	1,000.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>4pm: 58</b>	<b>11am: 176</b>	



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.

Music for  
 March 29 & 30 2025  
 Mass of Remembrance

Entrance: G475  
 "Tree of Life"

Presentation of Gifts: G724  
 "I Heard The Voice of Jesus"

Mass Readings Year C/A  
 on pg. 590 (Sat)  
 pg. 217 (Sun)  
 Word & Eucharist

Responsorial Psalm 23: G35  
 Shepherd Me Oh God

Communion: G712  
 "The King of Love My Shepherd"  
 Closing Hymn: G645  
 "Amazing Grace"

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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.



*Let Us Pray,*

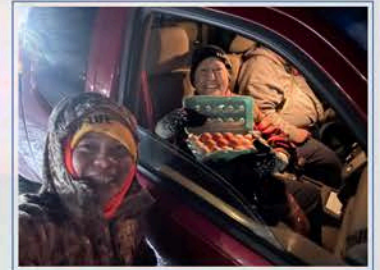
Use me, God, as part of Your enduring legacy. Show me how to give generously, pray purposefully, and serve joyfully, as we honor 175 years of faith, community, and mission. Let my actions be a reflection of gratitude for the generations before me and a beacon of hope for those to come. May I serve Your greater purpose with a heart full of love and a spirit inspired by this milestone celebration.

*Amen.*



## CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

The Catholic Sharing Appeal is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, it also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic Education, Evangelization and Outreach efforts across the state.



### The Catholic Sharing Appeal

- YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CSA!**
- with a **monthly** gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for a **total commitment** of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- with a **one-time** gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be made payable to **CSA** and mailed to:  
P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

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# Together we raised more than \$4 million in 2024!

## Gifts supported:

- Parishes & Missions
- Catholic Education
- Evangelization
- Outreach Efforts



More than \$250,000 was awarded in Grant Funding to:  
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## Ministries Impacted by the 2024 CSA included:

- Youth & Young Adult Discipleship
- Catholic Charities West Virginia
- Vocations
- Holy Family Childcare Center
- Year of the Eucharist Programs



## Giving Options



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Checks should be made payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and dropped at the parish office or mailed to: Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.



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