

**May 4 & 5, 2024**

**Sunday Mass is livestreamed**

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

**Sixth Sunday  
of Easter**



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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**Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by  
appointment**  
**Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

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**Mass Times:**

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

**This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. -  
6th Sunday of Easter Year B**



*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.*

**Mass Intentions:**

Saturday, May 4, 4pm -  
✚ **Willie Constantino**  
By Virginia Manley  
Sunday, May 5, 11am -  
✚ **Marie Saleh Santon**  
By Jacinda Santon Smith  
Tuesday, May 7, 6pm -  
**No Mass**  
Thursday, May 9, Noon -  
**No Mass**  
Saturday, May 11, 4pm -  
✚ **People of the Parish**  
Sunday, May 12, 11am -  
✚ **John Shay**  
By MaryAnn Shay

**Upcoming Events:**

Fri, May 3, First Friday Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, Benediction - Noon  
Sat, May 4, 9:00 am Confirmation Retreat  
Rei from Gifts of the Holy Land  
Sun, May 5, First Holy Communion  
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May 6-9, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral council & Priest Convocation  
**NO Mass**  
Fri, May 10, Eucharistic Adoration  
Sun, May 12, 4:00 pm May Reflection by Daniel Maul (Princeton)  
**Mother's Day**  
Mon, May 13, 6:00 pm May Reflection by Daniel Maul (Bluefield)  
Tue, May 14, 6:45 pm Parish Council  
Wed, May 15, 6:00 pm Finance Council  
Sun, May 19, 6:00 pm Parentheses  
May 25-26, 2nd Collection - Catholic Relief Society

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May 5

**Eucharistic Reflection: The Real Presence of Christ**

In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith we see before us Jesus Christ, who, in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave himself for us (Ti 2:14), accepting even death on a cross (Phil 2:8). St. John Chrysostom preached that when you see the Body of Christ "set before you [on the altar], say to yourself: Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, [and closeness] with Christ."24

Ref: The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Catholic Church.

Welcome Seminarian  
**Joe Derico**  
who will join us on May 18



Joe currently attends St. John Paul II seminary in Washington, DC

Joe is from St. Patrick Parish in Weston, and grew up there with his parents, Tim and Kim and one younger brother, Tom. He joined seminary because he felt that the Lord was asking him to give his life over in a radical way.

Academically, Joe is particularly interested in the sacred liturgy, sacred music, studies on marriage and the family, and studies on the virtues. In his free time, he loves cooking, baking, hunting, fishing, and reading.



**May is designated the Month of Mary**

Throughout the year, Catholics dedicate each day to honor Mary through prayers as a way of acknowledging the many ways God blessed her. Mary's life is detailed in the Scripture, and she is celebrated worldwide through various devotions. However, May is a special month dedicated to Mary, also known as the month of Mary. This May, it would be wonderful to encourage children and families to join in the celebration of Mary. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God."



Looking for ways to pay a special tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary this month? Here are nine ideas that can help you honor her and allow her to touch your heart in a meaningful way.

1. Flower Your Mary Statue
2. Pray a Novena to Our Lady
3. Spread Devotion to the Rosary
4. Learn about a New Marian Devotion
5. Share the Miraculous Medal
6. Memorize a Marian Prayer or Hymn
7. Get Invested in the Scapular
8. Read a book about Mary
9. Pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Summer LitNic:** If you would like to host please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kim Hickman at 304-425-3664.  
**Dates available:**

July 16, 30 - Aug 6, 13, 20

SACRED HEART PRINCETON

**Graduation Sunday**

May 26, 2024  
11:00 am

IT'S TIME TO BOAST ABOUT YOUR STUDENT. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT MASS. PLEASE SEND US YOUR STUDENT'S INFORMATION (SCHOOL, DEGREE, CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND FUTURE PLANS).

Submit your information to  
lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

Deadline for submission: May 12

## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- May - **Faith Formation** | Summer schedule coming soon
- May - **OCIA** |
- May 4 - **Confirmation** | 9:00 am Retreat
- May 5 - **First Communion** | 11:00 am Mass
- May 9 - **Women’s Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room  
**Bible Study** | 1:00 pm classroom  
**WWP** | 7:00 pm Prayer Garden
- May 16 - **Women’s Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room  
**Men’s Group** | 10:15 am Narthex  
**Bible Study** | 1:00 pm classroom  
**WWP** | 7:00 pm Prayer Garden
- May 19 - **Religious Ed** | End of the year Party
- Jun 1 - **Youth Ministry** | End of School Lock-In
- Jun 9 - **Confirmation** | 11:00 am Mass

**Faith Formation** - Contact Laura Wyatt

**Adult Education** - Contact Laura Wyatt

**OCIA** - Contact Laura Wyatt

**Youth Ministry** - Contact Lorin Albin

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

**Men’s Group** - Contact Jim Cosgrove or Bill Picknally

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

### Order of Christian Initiation:

This Sunday’s gospel selection continues the emphasis upon how God in the risen Christ is always caring for us; the other readings remind us that God’s cares for people whom we think are supposed to be outside his love. Christ’s victory is for everyone!

**How do you regularly lay down your life for others?**

**Woman’s Prayer Group  
Thursday  
Opening Prayer - 10:15 am**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.” (1John 4:7 )

### Faith Formation:

- \* **First Communion** Please keep our First Holy Communicants in your prayers.
- \* We will have a survey soon, be on the lookout and be sure to complete.

### Youth Ministry:

- ◆ Greetings! We are looking for volunteers who can help us feed our wonderful teenagers during their YM nights. It would be amazing if you could lend us a hand. If you're interested, please do let us know, and we will provide you with all the necessary details. Thank you for considering this opportunity!
- ◆ Don’t forget the “**Confirmation Retreat**” on May 4. May the Fourth be with you.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for the “**Confirmandi**” as they continue preparing for the sacrament for Confirmation.

### Bible Study:

Weekly Bible study with our Missionary Sisters Alejandra & Janette. We will meet in the classrooms downstairs. They will offer in English and Spanish.

Thursdays at 1 pm in the classroom

Jueves a las 13 horas en el aula

Estudio bíblico semanal con nuestras Hermanas Misioneras Alejandra y Janette. Nos reuniremos en las aulas de abajo.

**Walking with Purpose:** Opening Your Heart Women’s Bible Study

**All ladies welcome!**

We will discuss Lesson 16: What Does Mary Have to do with My Relationship with Christ?

**This Week on Formed: Saint John Paul II | Lukas**



**Storyteller**

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul III! The kids

wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.



**In case of an emergency and a 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.

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

Margaret	Bryan	Patricia	Gupton
Matthew	Bowles	Wylie Rae	Henson
Mary	Choate	Nancy	Larkin
Fr. Chapin	Engler	Jim	Lintz
Peggy	Friedrickson	Richard	Lockhart
Dale	Geiger	Jeanne	Mancuso
Dr. Billy	Garcia	Tanya	Marx
MaryLu	Greiger	Angie	Pendleton
Kyle	Geiger	Agnes	Tokarski
Johnathan	Harding	Richard	Wentz
Kimiko	Houser		
Angie	Grbac		



**Music for May 4 & 5, 2024 Celtic Mass**  
 Mass Readings on pg. 436  
 Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G850  
 "All Are Welcome"  
 Responsorial Psalm 98:  
 All the End of the Earth  
 Presentation of Gifts: G701  
 "No Greater Love"

Communion: G945  
 "I am the Bread of Life"  
 Closing Hymn: G949  
 "Alleluia Sing to Jesus"

**Collections:**

	weekend Apr 27-28	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Envelopes</b>	1,983.00	68,107.00	61,000.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	212.00	4,756.17	3,600.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,195.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,863.17</b>	<b>\$ 64,600.00</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>4pm: 48</b>	<b>11am: 146</b>	

**May Ministry Schedule**

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livestream	Altar Server	Counter
4 4pm	J. Gaspersich	M. Marx T. Marx T. Settle	A & D Bisaha	n/a	C. Pace	S. Pace
5 11 am	L. Albin	G. Richardson B. Barrett M. Albin	C & J Hillyer	W. Picknally	BJ Carter	
11 4pm	B. Schumacher	K. Bailey V. Manley C. Pace	C. Prox	n/a	L. Kessinger	J. Cosgrove
12 11am	D. LaMothe	G. Boggess R. Modena TBA	C & V Blankenship	W. Picknally	A. Albin	



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF

✠  
*First Holy  
Communion*

Becca Carter, Avery Cox,  
Jayson Flanigan, John Gibson,  
Deegan Kisiel, Isaiah Miller,  
Stella Pike, Mia Rochetti,  
Carter Wyatt and Bailey Yahya

SACRED HEART, PRINCETON  
MAY 5, 2024



*Thank You*

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude towards the catechist who helped us with the Faith formation program this year. Your contributions have been invaluable and truly appreciated by all of us. Your dedication towards our children and the church community is remarkable, and we cannot thank you enough for everything you do. Without your help, this would not have been possible. I really appreciate all the hard work and effort you put in.

GERRY COSGROVE - ANGELICA DUMAPIT - KIM YAHAYA

# Thank You

## to our OCIA Catechist

*To all those who contributed to the journey of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, I want to express my sincere gratitude. Your selflessness has allowed us to welcome new members into our community who are eager to learn more about our Catholic faith. Your invaluable help and guidance has been a true inspiration to us all. Your commitment and dedication to this cause have shown us the true power of faith and community. Thank you for all that you do.*

**Anthony Heltzel, Mike Flanigan and  
Gabriel Reiger**



*Join us for our Annual Ladies' Event on Mother's Day, May  
12th -  
"Hat Day at Church".*

*Whether you have an old or new hat, a floppy or fitted one, a  
big or small one - wear it with pride! Let's celebrate the  
history of women wearing hats in church by reviving this  
tradition. Did you know that prior to 1983, women were  
required to wear a hat to mass?*

*So let's honor our mothers and grandmothers by wearing  
hats on this special day. And who knows, there might even be  
a prize for the best hats!*

