

# Sacred Heart

PO Box 1310, 507 Harrison St.  
Princeton, WV 24740  
304-425-3664

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



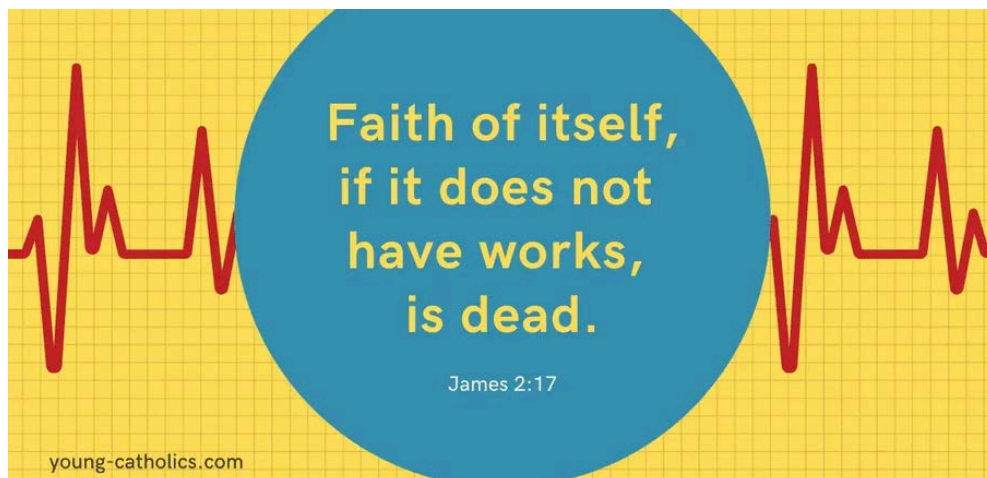
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**Mass Times: Saturday - 4:00 pm | Sunday - 11:00 am | Tuesday - 6:00 pm | Thursday - Noon | First Friday - Noon**

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:

Fri	Sep 13	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	Sep 16-18		Fr. Sebastian - Presbyteral Council
Tue	Sep 17	6:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed	Sep 18	6:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation Class
Sat	Sep 21	10:30 am	Baptismal Preparation Class
	Sep 21-22		Second Collection - Catholic Extension
	Sep 23-24		Fr. Sebastian - Wheeling
Tue	Sep 24	6:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b>
	Sep 28-29		Second Collection - Catholic University
Sun	Sep 29	Noon	Feast of St. Lorenzo lunch after Mass



## Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Sep 14	4 pm	✝ Pro Populo	
Sunday	Sep 15	11 am	✝ Mary Choate	by Kathy & Dickie Roberts
Tuesday	Sep 17	6 pm	Available	
Thursday	Sep 19	Noon	✝ Geno Preservati	by Timm & Gina Boggess
Saturday	Sep 21	4 pm	✝ Betsy Hodges	by Harry Sasick & Valli Hoski
Sunday	Sep 22	11 am	✝ Mary Choate	by Kathy & Dickie Roberts

**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, **Sep 18 - 6:00 pm** or
- Saturday, **Sep 21 - 10:00 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 **September 25** at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.

**Second Collection:**

**Sept 21 & 22** - for Catholic Extension

**Sept 28 & 29** - for The Catholic University of America. It provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools



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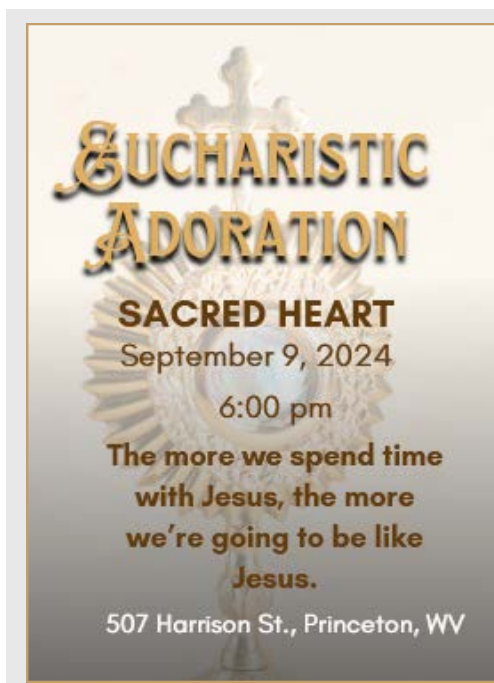
**“When we praise God or give him thanks for his benefits in general, we are not particularly concerned whether or not our prayer is acceptable to him. On the other hand, we demand to see the results of our petitions. What is the image of God that motivates our prayer: an instrument to be used? Or the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?”**  
 CCC 2735

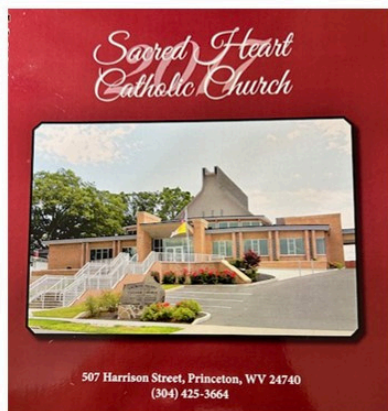
**2nd Collection: Catholic Extension**  
**September 21-22**

On Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, there will be a second collection for Catholic Extension, which is an organization that supports poor faith communities and keeps the presence of the Catholic Church strong in our country. Last year Sacred Heart Bluefield and Sacred Heart Princeton joined forces and raised \$4,000. This donation allowed each parish to “adopt” a parish who was in desperate need of financial help. Your donations will help feed children, provide education, and help repair one-room church buildings and more! We are so blessed at Sacred Heart. Please share our blessings and give generously to the Catholic Extension.



**Thank You!**





# It's Time to Update Our Directory!

Our last Directory was printed in **2017**. Church volunteers are coordinating efforts to print an updated Directory.

If you would like to submit a picture to be included, you may do so **now** to the email account listed below.

Those who have their picture taken or submit one for inclusion in this updated Directory will receive ONE FREE copy. Additional copies may be purchased for \$10.00 each. No picture packages or up-sale team will be involved in this process.

## **IMPORTANT**

- ♦ Pictures will be taken by our volunteers at each weekend Mass during September (9/7-9/8, 9/14-9/15, 9/21-9/22, and 9/28-9/29).
- ♦ **Deadline** for having your picture taken or submitting one to be included is Monday, September 30, 2024.

**shdirectory7@gmail.com**

**Faith Formation (K-5):**

Classes are starting on September 15 at 9:30 am, and we're also having a parent meeting that morning. It's super important for you to be there.

All of our Catechists are really excited to see all you kids, sharing the faith and teaching your child the truth about God and the Catholic church.

**Youth Ministry (MS/HS):**

Youth Ministry Sunday starting on Sep 15. We hope you can join us.

- **Creeper Trail Rosary Ride** on Sep 22. Will attend 9 am Mass in Bluefield, then leave from there.

Student cost: Free | Adult cost \$40

- **YM Night** on Sep 29
- **Matt Maher** concert on Oct 5. Be sure to RSVP Now!!

Contact Lorin Albin for more details.



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

What is Liturgy of the Word with Children? It is a worship experience designed specifically for children, mirroring the larger community's worship experience in an engaging and interactive style. Jesus acknowledged the pure spirituality of children and made them the primary spiritual model for all believers. Coming in September.

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

**"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living"**  
**Ps. 116**

**Order of Christian Initiation:**

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. For information please contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or [lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org](mailto:lw Wyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org)

**Walking with Purpose:**

Be sure to join us October 3 as we begin our new year of Walking with Purpose. The two books we will use are **"Opening Your Heart"** which is recommended to start with. The second book study will be **"Touching the Devine"** it is a study focused on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John.

*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**

Sep 15	1st Day of Faith Formation Catechetical Sunday Youth Sunday WWP: Bubbles and Blooms Event	classroom Mass Mass Narthex	9:30 am  Noon
Sep 19	Women's Prayer Group Men's Prayer Group Bible Study	Conf. Room Narthex classroom	10:15 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm
Sep 22	Children's Liturgy of the Word	classroom	Mass
Sep 26	Women's Prayer Group	Conf. Room	10:15 am
Sep 22	Faith Formation	classroom	9:30 am
Sep 29	YM Night	classroom	
Oct 3	Women's Prayer Group Men's Prayer Group WWP	Conf. Room Narthex classroom	10:15 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm
Oct 20	Youth Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word		Mass
TBD	Blaze - WWP tween girls	classroom	TBD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



*May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill you with confidence and joy as you proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.*



## Honor our Catechist

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day designated by the U.S. Bishops to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At Sacred Heart Parish, we are deeply grateful for the dedicated ministry of those who have answered the call to educate other adults, youth, and children in our Faith Formation Programs. We give thanks and acknowledge with gratitude the following catechists for their dedicated service:

**Lorin Albin**  
**KD Coleman**  
**Jim Cosgrove**  
**Angelica Dumapit**  
**Michael Flanigan**

**JoAnn Gaspersich**  
**Renee Green**  
**Anthony Heltzel**  
**David Knox**  
**Stasia Knox**

**Susie Pace**  
**Bill Picknally**  
**Gabriel Reiger**  
**Tara Wyatt**  
**Kimberly Yahya**

## A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENT

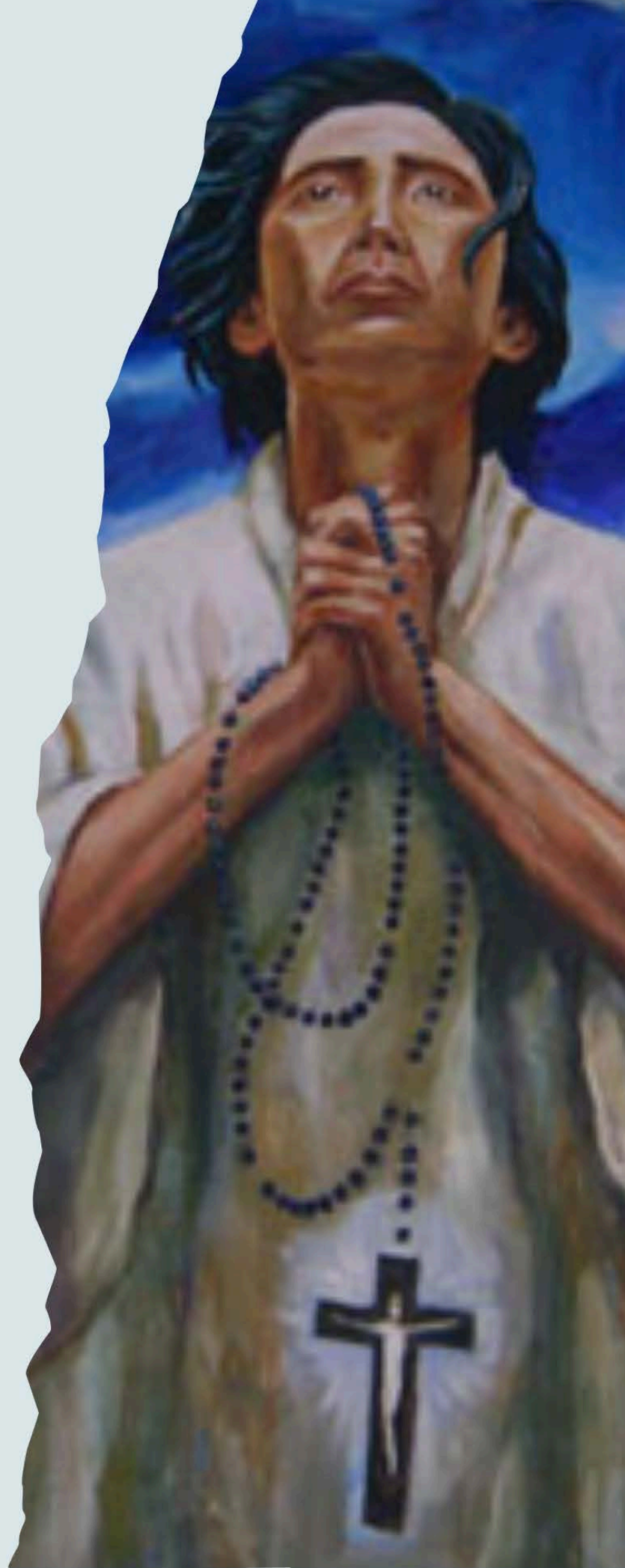
# Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

*Unwavering Faith that  
Conquered All*

29 September 2024  
Sacred Heart Princeton

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz is the patron saint of Filipino youth, the Philippines, people working overseas, and altar servers.

Please join us after mass in the church hall for lunch provided by the Filipino community.



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# VIRTUS ONLINE

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**If you have recently logged into your VIRTUS account, you may have noticed that you might have a new training module assigned for you to complete and/or some bulletins to read.**

## **WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AND WHY:**

Anyone who completed their VIRTUS training before 2022 is being asked to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Version 4.0, an update to their awareness training. If you completed training in 2022 or later, you have already completed the VIRTUS version 4.0 training.



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## **WHY ARE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF WITH OLDER TRAINING BEING ASKED TO UPDATE? THERE ARE ACTUALLY A COUPLE OF REASONS:**

First, some of the information regarding Safe Environment has changed over the years. For example, trainings now include information about online safety which wasn't even a consideration in the 1990s when Safe Environment training and protocols first began. Second, the definition of Safe Environment has changed over the years. No longer is it just about children/youth; it now includes vulnerable adults. Also, as experts research and learn more information regarding Safe Environment best practices, VIRTUS trainings are periodically updated so they reflect the newest information. Finally, when the Diocese is audited yearly for Safe Environment compliance, we consistently have been marked as deficient in this category for not having employees and volunteers updated with the latest information to help keep our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. Therefore, the Bishop decided that the best option at this point was to ask all employees and volunteers to update their VIRTUS trainings to VIRTUS version 4.0 and complete yearly training modules thereafter.

Again, individuals who have completed VIRTUS training after 2022 already have the latest training, so there is nothing for them to do for 2024. For those of us that completed training before 2022, we can update our training by logging into our online VIRTUS accounts ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)) and clicking on the link under our Training Module block and completing the new training. Another way to update your VIRTUS training includes an in-person option at your parish or school. A third option for completing training involves receiving and reading the training module in printed material form and signing an acknowledgement form.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Bishop have also asked volunteers and staff to begin reading monthly VIRTUS bulletins. You might have noticed that this block also now shows as needing attention on your VIRTUS home screen when you log in. You can read the monthly bulletin from your logged in account. You may also pick up or read a printout of the monthly bulletin at a designated location in the parish or school, as indicated by parish staff. Your parish or school might include the monthly safety bulletin once a month in the parish bulletin that is regularly distributed at Mass. The purpose of these monthly safety bulletins is just another way to raise awareness and keep current with the latest information about keeping our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. The information presented in these bulletins is truly excellent knowledge for everyone.

As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, please contact **Kim Hickman**. We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to Version 4.0 no later than 6 January 2025. After that date, a yearly module will be required for all employees and volunteers based on the date you completed VIRTUS Version 4.0.

**MORE INFORMATION AT: [WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG/VIRTUS](http://WWW.VIRTUSONLINE.ORG/VIRTUS)**

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

Bernadette Baer	MaryLu Geiger	Jeanne Mancuso
Margaret Bryan	Kyle Geiger	Tanya Marx
Ronnie Blankenship	Kylena Harless	Lisa Mendoza
Matthew Bowles	Johnathan Harding	Angie Pendleton
Delores Caccamo	Patricia Gupton	Agnes Tokarski
Pat Caccamo	Wylie Rae Henson	
Fr. Chapin Engler	Nancy Larkin	
Peggy Friedrichson	Jim Lintz	
Dr. Billy Garcia	Richard Lockhart	



Offertory	weekend Sept 7-8	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Envelopes</b>	4,151.00	133,231.00	126,400.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	421.25	9,681.70	7,120.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$4,572.25</b>	<b>\$142,912.70</b>	<b>\$133,520.00</b>
<b>Fund Raisers: Kroger</b>	102.69	483.64	-
<b>Abel crisis center</b>	115.00	390.00	350.00
<b>Tender Mercies</b>	220.00	1,350.00	2,250.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	4pm: 49	11am: 131	

**Music for  
September 14 & 15, 2024  
Mass of Thanksgiving**

Mass Readings on  
pg. 512  
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G641  
"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"  
Responsorial Psalm 116:  
The Name of God  
Presentation of Gifts: G728  
"Eye Has Not Seen"

Communion: G936  
"Softly and Tenderly"  
Closing Hymn: G645  
"Amazing Grace"

**Staff**

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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's Gather for a Reception to Honor Our Veterans with the  
*Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc.*

Thursday, October 3, 2024  
Those Who Served War Museum  
1500 W. Main Street | Princeton, WV 24740  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Flag Folding Ceremony by the Mercer County Honor Guard  
6:00 p.m.

Live Music by Dan Turner and Becky Allen

Tours of the Museum

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
\$50 per person

If you can't attend, please consider making a donation.  
Ticket Sales and All Donations will be matched 100%  
by the Kendrick Family.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Community Foundation of the  
Virginias, Inc. in providing scholarships for area students and grants  
for area non-profit organizations.

**To RSVP please call the Community Foundation office at 304-324-0222.**

## September Ministry Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Sep 14 - 4pm	C. Jones	C. Pace - K. Bailey - V. Manley	J. Gaspersich		T. Byron	
Sep 15 - 11am	Youth	M. Albin - R. Modena - W. Picknally	Youth	K. Carter B. Fanning	Jo Flanigan E. Martinez	J. Choate
Sep 21 - 4pm	M. Tinio	Y. Suehs - K. Suehs - TBA	C. Prox		C. Pace	
Sep 22 - 11am	L. Albin C. Cofer	H. Cofer - G. Cosgrove - Z. Romano	Blankenship's	Picknally	B. Fanning A. Romano J. Verespie	T. Settle
Sep 28 - 4pm	B. Schumacher	K. Bailey, - C. Pace - V. Manley	M. Gaspersich		L. Kessinger	
Sep 29 - 11am	M. Flanigan G. Boggess	L. Wyatt - B. Barret - M. Shay	Hickman Family	B. Picknally	Jo. Flanigan Jo Flangan	

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RECENTLY ADDED



Brother Francis and Friends Brother Francis has a new friend! Meet Sister Imelda, a teacher from the neighboring parish school.

In each episode of this four-part series on "Mary's Visits," Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of a Marian apparition. These four stories include: Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Enjoy these moving stories, along with new songs, new friends, fun and laughter, and learn more about our Blessed Mother and the messages her apparitions have conveyed to us.

<https://watch.formed.org/brother-francis-and-friends>