

# Sacred Heart

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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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(@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

**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 6	Noon	First Friday Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, Benediction
Sun	Sep 8	Noon	Parish Picnic
Tue	Sep 10	5:30 pm 6:45 pm	Patriotic Rosary Parish Council
Fri	Sep 13 Sep 16-17	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Fr. Sebastian - Presbyteral Council
Wed	Sep 18	6:00 pm	Baptismal Preparation Class
Sat	Sep 21 Sep 21-22 Sep 23-24	10:30 am	Baptismal Preparation Class Second Collection - Catholic Extension Fr. Sebastian - Wheeling



## Mass Intentions:

Saturday	Sep 7	4 pm	✝ Dr. L.J. Pace	by Susie Pace
Sunday	Sep 8	11 am	Tresa & Cove Ogg(BDay)	by Rick & Laura Wyatt
Tuesday	Sep 10	6 pm	People of the Parish	
Thursday	Sep 12	Noon	✝ Mary Ellen Campbell	by Parish
Saturday	Sep 14	4 pm	Pro Populo	
Sunday	Sep 15	11 am	✝ Mary Choate	by Kathy & Dickie Roberts



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Catechetical Sunday, it is important to reflect on its significance. This day is set aside to recognize the importance of teaching the faith and to commission catechists. This year's theme, "**Lord, when did we see you hungry**" (Matthew 25:37), reminds us of our call to serve others and to be Christ-like in our actions.

St. John Paul II once said, "The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission." This serves as a powerful reminder that we are all called to holiness and to share the message of the Gospel with others. As we gather to celebrate Catechetical Sunday, let us open our hearts to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I extend a warm welcome to all our students as we begin a new year of faith formation. I am grateful to our dedicated catechists for their hard work and commitment to passing on the faith to our younger members. I also want to recognize our OCIA team and inquirers as they begin the OCIA process, as well as all leaders and members of prayer groups in our parish. Lastly, I thank the parents, grandparents, and guardians for their role in their child's spiritual formation and for ensuring their presence in our Church.

We must recognize the importance of passing down the faith to future generations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2226) reminds us, parents are the primary educators of the faith and have a vital role in shaping the religious identity of their children. Your role is crucial and empowering in this journey of faith formation.

As we embark on a new year of faith formation, I humbly ask for your prayers and support for our catechists and students. Let us unite as a community, each one of us contributing our prayers and support, to ensure this year's faith formation is a fruitful and enriching experience for all involved.

Let us pray:

Loving Father, we pray in a special way for our catechists.

We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom so 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 that leads  
others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

May God bless each of you as we grow in faith and mission.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Sebastian




**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**  
Conference Room



LET US PRAY

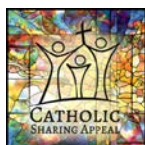


**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**  
for the Consecration of Our Nation

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**  
5:30 pm

Holy Mass will follow.  
Princeton – Sacred Heart Catholic Church

We all have ears, but very often we cannot hear. There is, in fact, an interior deafness worse than the physical one: the deafness of the heart that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today.  
**Pope Francis**



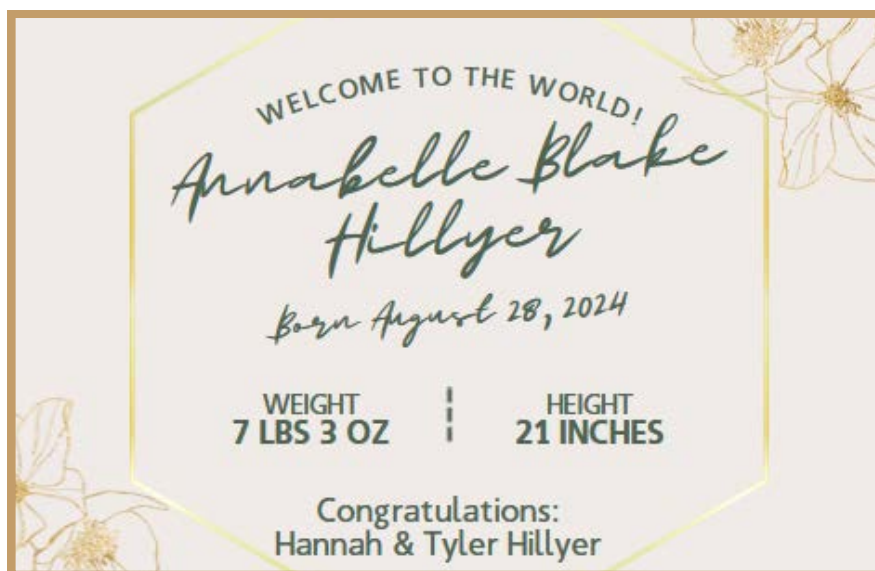
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9/11. For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of September 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. To mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11 in 2011, we gathered reflections and remembrances from clergy who ministered to victims and their families, and others who were impacted by the tragedy.



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. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**Congratulations !**



**Faith Formation:**

Hey everyone! The new Faith Formation year is just around the corner. A big thank you to all who have already signed up. If you haven't registered your child yet, no worries, there's still time! Classes kick off on September 15 at 9:30 am, and we're also hosting a parent meeting that morning. It's really important for you to be there. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the church office. See you there!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

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.

**Youth Ministry:**

Youth Ministry Sunday is Back. Be on the lookout for dates of the next one via text message.

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

**"Praise the Lord, my soul."  
 Ps. 146**

**BLAZE** is the **Walking with Purpose** ministry for tween/teen girls. The mission of BLAZE is to



use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth, beauty, and identity. Our BLAZE ministry offers a number of resources to help reach girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith.

**Order of Christian Initiation:**

So your challenge this coming weekend is to notice at least three people you don't recognize at your Sunday liturgy. Pray about this, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Then what? Invite them back to Mass.

Remember, creating a welcoming parish starts with you. Every encounter is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love. By being present and attentive to those around you, practicing active listening, and showing genuine interest in others' journeys, you can transform your parish into a place where seekers truly feel seen, valued, and loved.

**Walking with Purpose:**

Bet sure to join us for **Bubbles & Blooms** to learn about Walking with Purpose. We will start two books in October. **"Opening Your Heart"** is recommended to start with. The second book study will be **"Touching the Devine"** bible study. We hope you can join us. Books will be available to purchase at our event Sunday, Sep 15.

*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 12	Women's Prayer Group	Conf. Room	10:15 am
Sep 15	Catechetical Sunday 1st Day of Faith Formation Youth Sunday WWP: Bubbles and Blooms Event		11:00 am  Noon
Sep 19	Women's Prayer Group Men's Prayer Group	Conf. Room Narthex	10:15 am 10:15 am
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
Oct 20	Youth Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word		Mass
TBD	Blaze - WWP tween girls	classroom	TBD

# Catechetical Sunday - June 15



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Catechetical Sunday  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

*Our theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.*

*We would like to invite you to join us next Sunday as we launch the new Catechetical year and express our gratitude to all the volunteers who generously contribute their time to support the ministries in our parish.*

walking with purpose  
***Come as you are.***

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

Join us for a brief introduction of WWP  
at Sacred Heart, Princeton in the Narthex  
September 15th after Mass

(we will have a video and Q&A)

Contact: KD Coleman at 304-888-5647 | kd\_f@hotmail.com or  
Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 | lwyatt@sacredheartprinceton.org

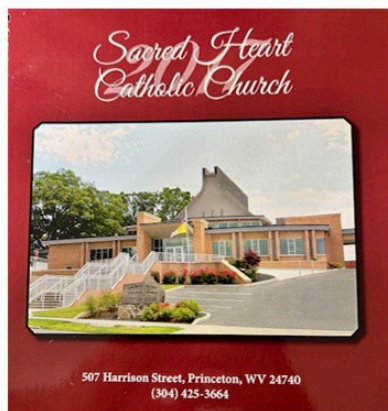
[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

All Ladies please join us at our  
First Walking with Purpose event:

***Bubbles and Blooms***

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your Catholic faith? Would you like to see how Scripture applies to your everyday life? If you do, we invite you to consider participating in Walking with Purpose! Walking with Purpose transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Jesus Christ personally—by making Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church relevant and applicable.

**Join us September 15th after Mass  
to learn more about  
Walking with Purpose**



# 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**

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

 **VIRTUS**<sup>®</sup> *Online*



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.

### 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.

Visit [www.virtusonline.org/virtus](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

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.

**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 Aug 31- Sept 1	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Envelopes</b>	2,595.00	128,831.00	123,200.00
<b>Loose Offertory</b>	237.00	9,260.45	6,960.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,832.00</b>	<b>\$138,091.45</b>	<b>\$130,160.00</b>
<b>Abel crisis center</b>	25.00	275.00	350.00
<b>Tender Mercies</b>	115.00	1,130.00	2,250.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	4pm: 65	11am: 143	

September Ministry Schedule						
Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livesteam	Altar Server	Counter
Sep 6 - Noon	G. Boggess	G. Richardson - TBA	J. Gaspersich		T. Byron C. Pace	
Sep 7 - 4 pm	J. Gaspersich	C. Pace - K. Bailey - V. Manley	C. Prox		L. Kessinger	Cosgroves
Sep 8 - 11 am	K. Roberts	G. Richardson - J. Cosgrove - K. Hickman	S. Neri		A. Albin S. Pike	
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	Jo Flanigan E. Martinez	J. Choate

**Music for  
September 7 & 8, 2024  
Mass of Thanksgiving**

Mass Readings on  
pg. 510  
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G850  
"All are Welcome"  
Responsorial Psalm 146:  
Praise the Lord, my soul!  
Presentation of Gifts: G790  
"The Summons"

Communion: G658  
"Seek Ye First"  
Closing Hymn: G835  
"They will Know we are  
Christians"

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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.