January 13 & 14, 2024

Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

> 2nd Sunday in **Ordinary Time**



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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Curiosity to Identity

In the gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, two of John the Baptist's disciples, upon hearing him call Jesus the "Lamb of God," start following Jesus. Jesus notices their presence and asks them, "What are you looking for?" They inquire where He is staying, to which He responds, "Come, and you will see." After spending time with Jesus, one of the disciples, Andrew, brings his brother Simon to meet Jesus. Jesus recognizes Simon as "Peter."

This passage highlights the power of personal encounters with Jesus. The disciples' decision to follow Jesus begins with curiosity and leads to a deeper understanding of His identity. Andrew's enthusiasm in sharing his discovery with Simon emphasizes the transformative impact of encountering Christ. Just as Jesus knew Peter's true identity. He knows each of us intimately.

This reading reminds us that encountering Jesus is a journey of discovery. It invites us to approach Him with openness, to spend time with Him, and to share the transformative joy of His presence with others. Like Peter, our encounter with Christ can lead to a new identity and a purposeful life of discipleship.

Ref: https://young-catholics.com/3114/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/

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Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Jan 13, 4pm -

☆ Mary Constantino

By Virginia Manley

Sunday, Jan 14, 11am -

People of the Parish

Tuesday, Jan 16, 6pm -

People of the Parish

Thursday, Jan 18, Noon

☆ Leoncio Ordanez Yongque

By Linda Dumapit

Saturday, Jan 20, 4pm -

☆ Mary McMahon

By Joe Kamenski

Sunday, Jan 21, 11am -

♣ Nettie Pace

by Susie Pace

Upcoming Events:

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

Thu, Jan 18, 12:45 pm Liturgy Committee meeting

Jan 20 &21, Second collection: Church in

the Developing World

Fri, Jan 26, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Feb 2-4, Mount 2000 Retreat

Feb 10, First Communion Reconciliation

Retreat

Feb 14, Ash Wednesday

Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral

council



To all Doners and the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston.

We're excited to share that our trip to Mount 2000 has been fully funded! We couldn't have done it without the generous donations from our parishioners, families, and friends, as well as the Diocese who helped cover the remainder of the balance. We are immensely grateful to Bishop Brennan and Nick Chancey, Exec. Dir. Of Youth & Young Adult Discipleship, from the Diocese for their support. Without everyone's incredible support and dedication, this trip couldn't have become a reality. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who supported their children, the youth who were eager to attend, and Lorin Albin, the Youth Ministry Coordinator who made this trip possible. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Knights of Columbus - The Princeton Knights of Columbus



would like to thank all those who donated to the Coats for Kids program. Of the 96 coats ordered, 72 were donated to Catholic Charities for distribution during their December Charity Dinner. The remaining coats were donated to Tender Mercies for general distribution. With your generous support, we hope to continue the

Coats for Kids program next year. Thank You.

	Weekend Jan 6-7	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,596.00	7,622.00	6,800.00
Loose Offertory	206.00	345.00	400.00
Total Collections	\$ 2,802.00	\$7,967.00	\$7,200.00
Attendance:	4pm: 63	11am: 108	

Second Collection:

Special Collection for the Holy Land (Jan 13 - 14) - There is a special Second Collection this weekend for those struggling in the Holy Land. If donating by check, please make the check out to Sacred Heart Church and put in the memo line ("Holy Land").

Church in the Developing World (Jan 20 - 21)

- -Church in Latin America
- -Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- -Church in Africa

We kindly request, all 2^{nd} collection donations be submitted with two weeks of the original collection date. This allows us to submit the donation to the Diocese or other entity in a timely manner.

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 see Cynthia Stacy in the Narthex after Mass on Sunday or call her at 304-952-3534. The cook books are selling for \$15.

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality -

Almost Heaven Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Almost Heaven Retreats throughout the year. These retreats can be made via Zoom or in person. During your retreat, you will engage in meditation rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition. Following the CDC Guidelines, we are respecting limits for in-house registrations.

Questions/Schedule: Email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com

Donation: \$90/night (includes retreat, retreat house accommodation, and all meals).

Living in the Gap via Zoom. A 4-week program on Thursday evenings January 18th and 25th and February 1st and 8th from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. EST Questions: email Ms. Sally Orcutt, O.P. at sally@sayyes2yourlife.org

Living in the Gap is about living and responding with intention. As we grow to understand ourselves and what is at the root of why we react in ways we often regret or don't understand, we can instead choose "the gap." In the gap, we recognize when we've been triggered, and because of our awareness, the wounds and negative stories no longer control how we live each day. During this 4-week program, we will explore the work of Fr. Richard Rohr, Fr. Thomas Keating (Programs for Happiness), Riso and Hudson (Enneagram and Transforming our Inner Critic), Ira Progoff (Journaling as a Reflective Practice), and David Richo (Understanding Triggers and Triggering Events).

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$70. Partial scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com. Register: Visit our website at Programs - WVIS or call 304.345.0926.

Women's Retreat - Hold On To Hope! Co-sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Presented by Sr. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ March 8-10, 2024. St. John XXIII Pastoral Center Charleston WV.

The focus of this retreat will be on HOPE! We will reflect together on the experience of hope in each of our lives, remembering that the single source of our hope is in God, and relying on the Scriptures that provide us hope. We will be renewed in the call to be bearers of hope in our families, our Church, our world. May we indeed hold on to hope

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Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Jan 14, 21, 28 Faith Formation | Class
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- Jan 14 Faith Formation | 10:30 am Parent meeting (1st Communion Only)
 YM | 12:30 pm Mount 2000 meeting

TW | 12.30 pm Wount 2000 meeting

WWP | 5:30 pm Downstairs classroom

- Jan 17 Forgiven | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- Jan 18 Women's Prayer group | 10:15 am Conf. room
- Jan 21 YM | Youth Ministry Night
 WWP | 5:30 pm Downstairs classroom
- Jan 24 Forgiven | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- Jan 25 Women's Prayer group | 10:15 am Conf. room
 Men's group | 10:15 am Narthex
- Jan 28 WWP | 5:30 pm Downstairs classroom
- Jan 31 Forgiven | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- 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 - God's Doorkeeper: St. André of

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Montreal
This week, we
celebrate the memorial of a humble
doorkeeper, St.
André of Montreal.
Learn how this man
became a great
saint through his
small acts of love!

https://watch.formed.org/videos/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal

Religious Education

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

January 14 - Evangelization

Our topic in this session is on *Evangelization*. The word we use to refer to this process of passing on the faith to others, and it can only be done from one person to another. The institutional church can't do it for us.

Next weeks lesson:

January 21 - The 10 Commandments

Walking with Purpose (WWP)

"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point." Lesson 6 - "The Holy Spirit"

We will discuss Lesson 6, we discover how the **Holy Spirit** can assist as a counselor and how it makes a difference to use the God's person breath to uncover how he wants to work in your life.

Forgiven

Join us for a 3-week, video-based study on formed.org. Forgiven is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Starting: Wednesday, January 17

Faith Formation

Attention parents, a meeting will be held on Sunday to discuss the preparations for the Sacrament of First Communion for our children. (only First Communion parents)

We kindly request that you work closely with your child to help them learn their prayers. Thank you.

Youth Ministry

Mount 2000 meeting on Sunday after

Our **next YM** night will be on January 21, more details as the date gets

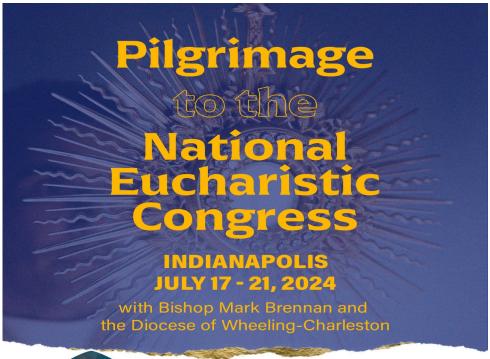
If you have any questions please message Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495.

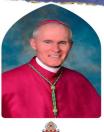
The Woman's Prayer Group

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

"I cannot have enough hours of silence when nothing happens. When the clouds go by. When the trees say nothing. When the birds sing. I am completely addicted to the realization that just being there is enough, and to add something else is to mess it all up."

- Thomas Merton, When the Trees Say Nothing: Writings on Nature





Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.











Worship with Matt Maher

By now, you've heard plenty of reasons to make the trip to the National Eucharistic Congress. Well, here's one more:

Grammy-nominated Catholic artist Matt Maher will lead us in worship on Saturday night!

Since 2002, Matt has consistently provided the Church with music expressing God's greatness and our need for his grace. He and his band travel worldwide, performing music that opens minds and hearts to powerful encounters with Jesus Christ. We are thrilled he will be joining us in Indianapolis this summer!

This is just one of many exciting additions to the Congress schedule. The event will also feature the National Shroud of Turin Exhibit, Mass with a papal delegate, an epic Eucharistic procession throughout the city, music from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and so much more!



A message from Bishop Mark Brennan on the National Eucharistic Congress

"It is going to be invigorating to see the faithful of WV at the National Eucharistic Congress representing their local parishes. I'm happy we are partnering with Corporate Travel, a Catholic company that specializes in Catholic pilgrimages, to ease the travel logistics burden for us."

-Bishop Brennan

Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily (pending hotel assignment)
- Roundtrip transportation from West Virginia to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach
- Daily transportation from hotel to the Indianapolis Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
- Gratuities payable to motorcoach drivers

Tour Does Not Include

- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above

3 Step Registration Process

- 1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click <u>HERE</u> to access our online registration site.
- Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
- Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.



Payment Schedule:

\$250 per person deposit due upon registration \$500 per person due January 15, 2024 Remaining balance due April 17, 2024

All payments are non-refundable. By registering for this tour, you understand and agree to CTS Terms and Conditions and accept our CTS Liability Release. All cancellations must be received in writing.





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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, that he or she cannot 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 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	Belcher	Romulo	DelaRosa	Velma	Hartwell	Jim & Diane	Luciano	Deborah	Saffell
B.J.	Asbury	Russell	Edmunds	Wylie & Rae	Henson	Tanya	Marx	Agnes	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

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