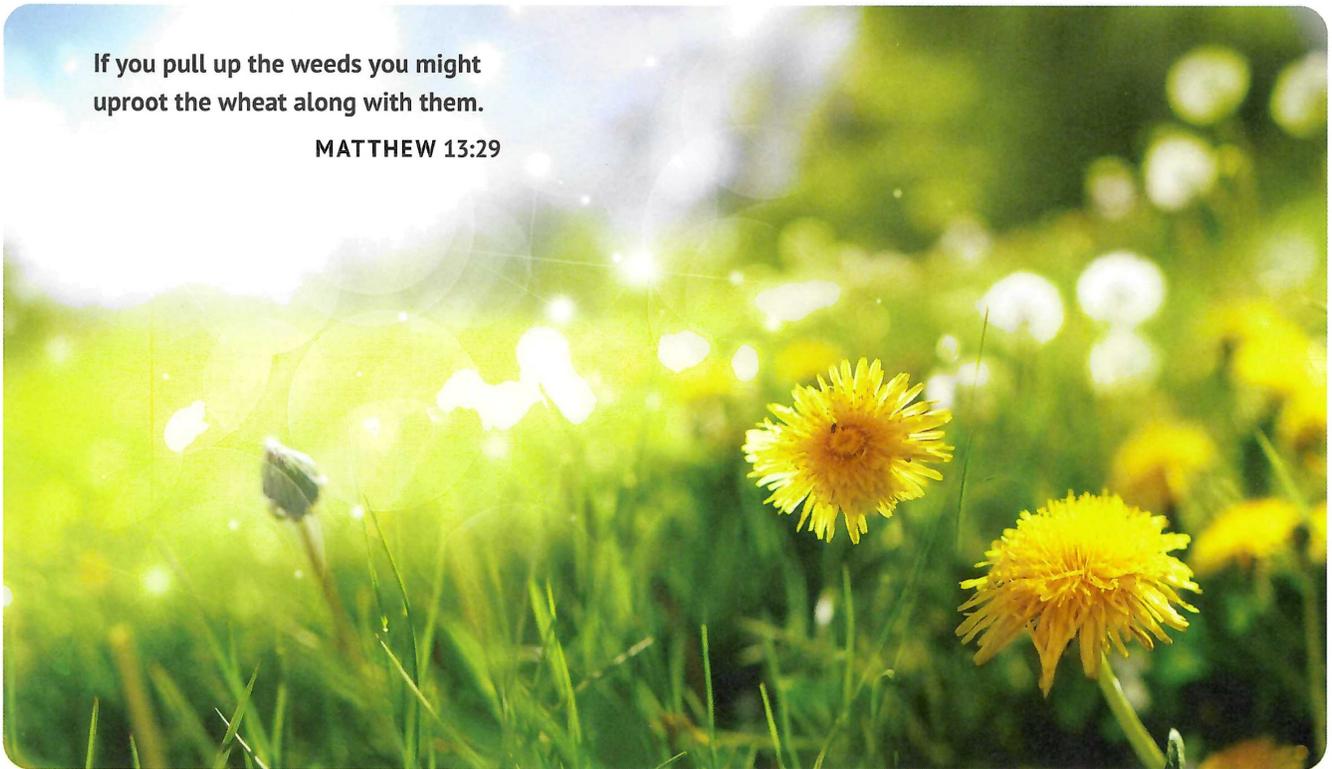




If you pull up the weeds you might  
uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



## Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

### Reflect

***Are there some believers  
you find difficult to  
tolerate?***

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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JULY 22 & 23, 2023

**CONFESSION: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:30 AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY,  
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
SUNDAY MASS IS AVAILABLE ON LIVESTREAM  
[www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton](http://www.facebook.com/sacredheartprinceton)  
[Sacred Heart  
Princeton \(@shprinceton\)](https://www.instagram.com/shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos  
Office Hours: Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm**

## Mass Intentions:

Saturday, July 22, 4pm - † Dr. Rolando Paredes by Trinidad Family  
Sunday, July 23, 11am - (SI) Charlie Larkin by Nancy & Phillip Larkin  
Tuesday, July 25, 6pm - No Mass  
Thursday, July 27, Noon - † Joel Trinidad by Dr. Christina & Victor Trinidad  
Saturday, July 29, 4pm - † (SI) Mark Grant by Joe Kaminski  
Sunday, July 30, 11am - Available

## Upcoming Church Events

<u>Fri, Jul 21</u> , Silent Adoration (Princeton)	<u>Sun, Aug 13</u> , 9:45 am RCIA Information session
<u>Sun, Jul 23</u> , Seminarian Send off - Pot Luck dinner after Mass	<u>Sun, Aug 20</u> , Parish Picnic after Mass
<u>Tues, Jul 25</u> , No Mass., Fr. Sebastian at tribunal training	<u>Wed, Sep 6</u> , 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting
6:00 pm Knitting Class	<u>Sun, Sep 17</u> , Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner
<u>Tue, Aug 1</u> , 6:00 pm LitNic at Modena home	
<u>Sat, Aug 5</u> , 7:00 am Altar Society Yard Sale	
<u>Tue, Aug 8</u> , 6:00 pm LitNic at Prayer Garden	
<u>Tue, Aug 15</u> , 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Abbreviated meeting)	

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As our time hosting Seminarian Dr. Michael J Tupta III comes to an end, I want to acknowledge and thank him for his service to our people here at Sacred Heart!

Michael came with a servant's heart and exhibited great kindness and humility in serving our people. I am very grateful for the many ways he participated in our parishes by serving at the Altar, attending prayer groups, working at the food pantry, meeting regularly with our youth, attending Litnics, preparing and giving a reflection for daily and weekend Masses, attending staff and pastoral council meetings, and being a chauffeur to this old priest! Michael did everything well and is very knowledgeable about liturgical matters, especially the sacraments.

I am very thankful to our people for their love and support towards Seminarian Michael. Let us continue to pray for the vocations in West Virginia, specifically for the eleven seminarians in various stages of their formation.

Pope John Paul II said: "The priest is not and must not be a civil servant of the Church. Above all the priest is a man who lives for the spirit for God. This being the case the Seminary is the place where he learns 'to be with Him.'" Michael, as you continue your preparations to go out into the world in service, I am excited to know that you do so by representing the love of Christ. The Church is truly blessed to have you as a witness of faith, and I have no doubt that as the Spirit dances through and in you, great things will happen. Understanding the path may be difficult at times because your calling is higher. Remember that smooth waters have never made a good sailor.

As we send you off with prayers of support, we pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and renew you as you continue your studies and prepare to serve God in many ways. Keep Christ intimately close to your heart. Engage the world through your Catholic lens and know that your journey toward **in persona Christi** will involve many ups and downs. Do not get discouraged but continue to focus on the knowledge that Christ will never leave your side. The development of your spiritual genealogy as a seminarian is intended to prepare you to take on the heart and mind of Christ in all things, which will require the exercise of great prudence and perseverance. Please know that as you leave this place, you will be in our hearts and prayer as you continue your journey toward priesthood.

*Prayer for Seminarians  
Jesus, our great priest,*

*Please hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your footsteps.  
Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others.  
May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother,*

*Queen of Vocations increase,  
enabling them to do your will.*

*Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions.  
Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.*

*May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations,*

*until they know the joy of being a priest.*

*We ask this in your holy name.*

*Amen.*

Prayerfully,

Father Sebastian

If you would like to write to Seminarian, Dr. Michael Tupta

16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.

Mt. St. Mary's Seminary

Emmitsburg, MD 21727



### Schedule:

#### Faith Formation

#### Youth Sunday:

#### Youth Ministry:

Aug 20

Dear Lord, please guide and inspire young men and women to serve in the priesthood and religious life. Bless them with courage, strength, and knowledge to carry out your mission. May seminarians grow in wisdom, faith, and love, to become effective leaders in your church. May the Holy Spirit bless and guide those discerning their vocation. Thank you for their selfless service. Amen.

## Faith Formation



### Back to School Blessing

and final summer social

**Join us!**

**Sunday August 20th**

Food trucks, door prizes, & more!

All parishioners are invited to help us welcome our students back!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Stop by our Christmas in July table to help support our Youth Ministry Students.

Please contact Lorin with any questions: 540-529-6495  
Thank you for your support!!

**Women's Prayer Group**

Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

**Men's Group**

First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC**

A deeper relationship with God?  
A sense of belonging in a faith community?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith and are not Catholic?

Are you a Christian who wants to learn more about Catholicism?

Has God been calling you to consider the Catholic Christian Faith?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please join us at the information session for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)!

Sunday, August 13 @ 9:45 am

Contact Laura Wyatt at 304-425-3664 or [lwatt@sacredheartpinceton.org](mailto:lwatt@sacredheartpinceton.org)

Princeton & Bluefield  
Please Join us

**LITURGY + PICNIC = LITNIC**

Sacred Heart Princeton invites you to share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. *Please bring your favorite dish.*

Date	Host/Location
August 1, 2023 @ 06:00 pm	Modena Family home
August 8, 2023 @ 06:00 pm	Sacred Heart Prayer Garden

Please sign up or contact the Church office.



## THEMES FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are focused on the Kingdom of God. The first reading reminds us that God desires justice and has shown us the way of kindness. The second reading tells us that the Spirit aids us in our weakness. And in the gospel Jesus gives us several parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the parable of the weeds in the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast.

- **Coexistence of Good and Evil:** In the gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus presents the reality that in this world, both the children of the kingdom (believers) and the children of the evil one (unbelievers) will coexist until the final judgment, highlighting the presence of evil and the challenges faced by believers in a fallen world.
- **Spiritual Warfare:** The parable depicts the ongoing spiritual battle between good and evil, illustrating the strategies of the enemy to sow deception and hinder the growth of God's kingdom.
- **Patience and Delayed Judgment:** The parable emphasizes God's patience and long-suffering, as He allows both the wheat and the tares to grow together until the harvest, symbolizing the delay of final judgment and the opportunity for repentance.
- **God's Sovereignty:** The parable portrays God's ultimate sovereignty and authority over the final judgment, when the wheat (righteous) will be gathered into His kingdom, and the tares (wicked) will be cast into eternal punishment.
- **Growth and Fruitfulness:** The parable highlights the importance of spiritual growth and fruitfulness in the lives of believers, as represented by the wheat, emphasizing the need for genuine faith and righteous living.
- **The Kingdom's Expansion:** In the gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God will expand and grow, starting small but eventually encompassing many people, cultures, and nations, reflecting God's plan for the expansion of His kingdom.

Ref: [16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Embracing God's Mercy \(young-catholics.com\)](https://www.young-catholics.com)



16h Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
Music for  
July 24 & 24, 2023

Celtic Mass  
Mass Readings on pg. 307  
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G837  
“Gather Your People”

Responsorial Psalm:  
Lord, you are good and  
forgiving.

Presentation of Gifts: G658  
“Seek Ye First”

Communion: G924  
“Song of the Body of  
Christ!”

Closing Hymn: G663  
“Lord of All Hopefulness”



Goal: \$19,510  
Raised: \$12,605  
Gifts: 34  
65% of Goal

### Offerings

	Weekend July 15-16	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,872.00	95,583.55	92,400.00
Loose Offertory	291.00	4,884.10	2,800.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,163.00</b>	<b>\$100,467.65</b>	<b>\$95,200.00</b>
Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry	450.00	375.00	0.00
Dioc: Camp for Human Development	445.00	545.00	500.00
Dioc: Communication Campaign	219.00	269.00	200.00
Attendance:	4pm: 62	11am: 109	

### Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

### Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

### July Ministry Schedule

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
July 22 4 pm	G Saffell	<u>K Bailey</u> V Manley C Pace	C <u>Prox</u>	N/A	M Tupta	T Settle
July 23 11 am	D LaMothe	<u>K Suehs</u> Y <u>Suehs</u> W Picknally	J Hickman	K Hickman	D Richardson A Coleman <u>A Rieger</u>	
July 29 4 pm	M Gaspersich	<u>V Manley</u> K Bailey D Richardson	J Gaspersich	N/A	C Pace	S Pace
July 30 11 am	L Albin	<u>A Heltzel</u> G Cosgrove J Cosgrove	S Neri	W Picknally	T Byron G <u>Kaklis</u> E Coleman	

## Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

### Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher  
Ruth Boyd  
Deloris Caccamo  
Ron Ciccolini  
Romulo DelaRosa  
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger  
Angie Grbac  
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon  
Cyndi Jones  
Nancy Larkin

Valarie Laxton  
Christina Laxton  
Robert Laxton  
Kaitlyn Laxton  
Keith Laxton  
Jim Lintz  
Jim & Diane Luciano  
Tanya Marx  
Jaelynn Mendoza  
Annette Morgan  
Dr. Jun Neri  
Patricia Nester

Esther Piconi  
Alan Rieger  
Vivian Romano  
Deborah Saffell  
Gareth Settle  
Felomina Yongque  
Carrie Yurkovich  
Jane Walthall



### Friends and Family

.Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)  
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)  
John Bowers  
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)  
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)  
Irene Charney  
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)  
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)  
Linda Cunningham  
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)  
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)  
Kyle Geiger  
Mike Goff  
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)  
Myles Harris  
Velma Hartwell  
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)  
Brenda Ivelise  
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)  
Langan Family

Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)  
Richard Lockhart  
John Mills (brother of Gary Mills)  
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)  
Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)  
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)  
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)  
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),  
Rex Neely  
Agnes Sedi  
Sherry Sisk  
Bryan Staten  
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)  
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)  
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

### In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

**The 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

# Dear Padre,

**Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?**



Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●

**Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
Weekday	St. James, Apostle	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.***

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020