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St. Patrick Church

Up Front



with Mary Hendricks

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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9am - 4pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday: 8am (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday: 6pm (church)

Thursday: 8am (St. Joseph Chapel)

Friday: 8:15am (church)

Saturday: 6pm (church)

Sunday: 9:30am (church)

The Sacraments:

Baptism - By arrangement

Marriage - At least nine months' notice.

Reconciliation - Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:45

Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45pm

Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20am

Anytime by request (304-269-3048)

Pastoral Care of the Sick - Please notify the parish office (304-269-3048) of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive Eucharist or the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Sat - 7pm & Sun - 10:30am, church - "After Mass Class."

RCIA: Wed, 6:30 in the parish meeting room.

For more info, contact Mary Hendricks at 304-269-1244. "Like" on Facebook: St. Pat's RCIA

Counseling: Contact Valerie Corley at 304-476-6009.

Rosary: Weekly: Wed 5:35pm & Thurs:

7:35am (before Mass, no Mass = no Rosary)

Oct. and May: Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wed: 5:55pm

Prayer Line: Micki Snyder 304-269-3688 or 304 476-6516

Mission Contact Info: Kim Derico 304 884-6984 or hshcrafts1@yahoo.com.

St. Patrick School

Pre-School - 6th Grade

224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452

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Principal: Maureen Gildein

Secretary: Regina Frazier

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Luke 4:21-30

My mother strictly enforced this rule in our home: Children should be seen and not heard. She reminded me with a swat and harsh words when I forgot and tried to correct a story she was embellishing for dramatic effect. So, I learned to keep my mouth shut, and my naturally extroverted nature was subdued in social and school situations. No adult, no teacher heard a peep from me. I wasn't shy, just convinced that I should be silent. Until seventh grade.

Now, remember, I was a few months away from becoming a teenager. There's a certain need for autonomy at that age, so give me a break. Here's what happened:

My little brother had surgery, and I decided to visit him in the hospital during my school lunch period. Two other girls and I walked from St. Mary's School to St. Mary's Hospital, which, if you know Clarksburg, was quite a distance to cover in 30 minutes. An impossible distance to cover in that amount of time. But Sister Marita said it was okay.

We were late getting back to school. It was 1964, before child abduction was vogue. Clarksburg was a pretty safe place, but the teachers still were concerned. Sister Marita made me and the other two girls stand up in class and explain our tardiness. "I went to see Larry in the hospital," I replied. "Who said you could go?" "You did, Sister." "No, I did not. I would never allow you to leave school grounds like that."

I found my voice.

For the next few minutes, we went back and forth: "Sister, you said I could go." "No, I did not." "Yes, you did." "No, I didn't." And I stood my ground until she gave up. I can't say I felt any sense of victory, but I still remember the defeated look on her face when she quietly said, "Sit down. Don't do that again," without any further discussion or punishment. She had seen but never heard me all year, so she must have sensed that this issue was important enough for me to speak up. My conviction, my words had weight.

Having being seen but not heard for 30 years, Jesus is in the synagogue today, telling the people that he is the fulfillment of the scriptures. They were "amazed" and "spoke highly of him." But, then they remembered who he was. Joseph's son? Didn't we see you grow up around here? And you're the Messiah?

Jesus knew they weren't going to accept him. "That's okay," he conceded. "Others are going to be saved before you are, if you don't straighten up."

They didn't like that much. In fact, they were furious and tried to kill him. They wanted to throw him off a cliff! First day on the job, and he's already a wanted man. No matter. He walked away, untouched.

Jesus found his voice. After this dramatic and harrowing threat to his life, he didn't go back to the carpenter shop. He continued speaking the truth. He was the Word of God, and he didn't waste a single word.

That tells me that what Jesus says has weight. Every word. We all should be listening to him.

GIFT Next Week!

Fr. Steve will continue his teaching Mass next Sunday (Feb. 7) at GIFT. We only got halfway through the Mass last time! Learn all about the Liturgy of the Eucharist after a delicious meal prepared by the RICA. Be in the school cafeteria at 10:30am, meet the wonderful people in RCIA, and let's learn together!



Stewardship Update - *Thank You!*

Mass Attendance			Weekly Offering	Goal	Over/Short Weekly	Over/Short Year to Date	School	Debt Reduction
Sat	Sun	Total						
?	?		375					50

SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- Jan. 31—Church in Latin America
- Feb. 10—Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Mass Intentions					
Day	Date	Time	Intention	Requested By	
S	1/30/16	6:00 PM	Parishioners		
S	1/31/16	9:30 AM	†Roland and Tom Daugherty	Barbara Daugherty	
M	2/1/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	
T	2/2/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	
W	2/3/16	6:00 PM	†Marie Sims	Parish	
T	2/4/16	8:00 AM	†Karen O'Connor	Peggy and Travis Crites	
F	2/5/16	8:15 AM	†Thomas Jerome Dolan	Tom Dolan	
		11:00 AM	Rev. Roy Lombard	Rev. J. Stephen Vallelonga	
S	2/6/16	6:00 PM	Parishioners		
S	2/7/16	9:30 AM	†Dan and Edith Messenger	Mike and Rose Neal	
The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered before Mass on Wed. and Sat. from 5 - 5:45, and Sun. from 9 - 9:20.					

Wednesday Rosary Leaders:	
2/03	Ronnie B.
2/10	Rudy P.
Rosary begins at 5:35pm each Wednesday when Mass is celebrated, followed by the Miraculous Medal novena.	

SAVE THE DATE
Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Mon., Feb. 22 at 6.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Easter falls early this year (March 27), which makes Ash Wednesday fall early too (February 10). Ash Wednesday Masses will be offered at noon and 6 in the church!

Ministry Schedules										
DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters	Altar Servers		Readers		Gifts	Eucharistic Ministers		Cantor
SAT	1/30	Rudy and Karen Pascasio	A	Hunter Blake	1	Debbie Rittenhouse	Joe and Amanda Blake & family	1	Valerie Corley	Gracie Marsh
	B		Deanna Pascasio	2	Nancy Law	2		Barbara King		
	6 PM					3		John Weber		
SUN	1/31	Catholic School Students	A	Brayden Carder	1	Kristen Determan	Catholic School Students	1	Maureen Gildein	Catholic School Students
	B		Lucas Mullooly	2	Joey Aman	2		Tyler Mehr		
	9:30				3	Christian Mullins		3	Brooklyn Queen	
SAT	2/6	Spring and Kami Franklin	A	Joseph Blake	1	Hannah Linger	Mike and Rose Neal	1	Pam Thompson	John Collins
	B		Briana Franklin	2	Matthew Linger	2		Barbara King		
	6 PM					3		Rock Garton		
SUN	2/7	Kids	A	Jacob Aman	1	Moragn Turner	Kids	1	Tyler Mehr	Kids
	B		Sydney Aman	2	Erin Turner	2		Brooklyn Queen		
	9:30					3		Danielle Mick		
Ash Wed	Noon	School Kids	A	Joey Aman	1	School Student	School Kids	1	Maureen Gildein	School Kids
	2/10		B	Manny Robinson	2	School Student		2	Mary Hendricks	
								3	Sandy Mick	
		6 PM	TBA	A	Megan Moran	1	GL Shearer	TBA	1	Paul Derico
	B			Emily Paugh	2	Brenda Riley	2		Larry Bowers	
							3		Luanne Bowers	
SAT	2/13	T. J. and Mindy Hall	A	Andrew Davis	1	Don Markley	Bill and Brenda Riley	1	Valerie Corley	Rudy Pascasio
	B		Madison Hall	2	Theresa Francis	2		Julia Marsh		
	6 PM					3		John Weber		
SUN	2/14	Payton and Jordyn Aman	A	Ethan Mehr	1	Steve Corley	Turner family	1	Jim Mehr	Joe Derico
	B		Patrick Mehr	2	Jimmy Fealy	2		Betty Hill		
	9:30					3		Marissa Aman		

PLEASE DO NOT CALL, EMAIL, FACEBOOK, TEXT, etc. SANDY, MARY, FR. STEVE or THE PARISH OFFICE—IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED. Please find a substitute!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Brad Curtis (Ruby) Lynn Hammond (UHC), Susan Bailey (West Penn Burn Center), Diane Collins, Rose Determan, Butch Dodson, Phoebe Herron, Sara Jane Huntz, Keith Marshall, Judy McCauley (Frances McCauley's daughter in law), Betty Reed (Brenda Reed's mother), Burke Riley, Jack Rollins, Lori Saltis, Bob Swiger, Clarence and Mary Lou Weber.
- ◆ **Those who are homebound or in nursing homes!**
- ◆ **Those who have died:** Harold Ellis, John Michael "Jack" Ward, Austin Montanez (Carolyn Allman's husband). May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ◆ **Those in RCIA:** Amanda Blake, Chris Cunningham, Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Lynn Lynch, Alex Romero
- ◆ **All Military Personnel:** Eddie Burroughs, Ryan Faulkner
- ◆ **Our current and past principals:** Mrs. Gildein, Mr. Derico, and Sister Eileen—Thank you for your dedication to our school!

— Pope Francis, Twitter, January 22, 2016

"In today's society, in which forgiveness is so rare, mercy is ever more important."

MASS AT GOOSEPEN TO BE RESCHEDULED

Mass St. Bridget Church in Goosepen was cancelled due to the Storm Jonas. Please watch the bulletin for rescheduled date.

NO DAILY MASS

We will not have Mass on Monday, Feb. 1.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAROLD ELLIS

Visitation will be held at St. Patrick Church on Tuesday, February 2 from 11a.m. to 1p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will begin at 1. Internment will follow at Weston Masonic Cemetery.

STATE OF THE PARISH ADDRESS

What was the financial picture for St. Pat's in 2015? Find out when John Weber, chairman of the finance council, reports on the state of the parish. John will speak at the weekend Masses on January 30-31. Topics: 2015 income/expenditures, 2016 budget, loan repayment and capital campaign progress, school and parish statistics. Listen and learn!

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting today, January 31, for all whose child is preparing for this spring. The meeting will be held at 10:30am in the church. A second meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 in the church.

CHANGE TO THE AFTER MASS CLASS SCHEDULE

Due to the need to reschedule the one of the First Communion parent meetings because of the snow storm, After Mass Class for Feb. 13 and 14 will be combined with the sessions on Feb. 20 and 21.

HEADS UP!

The Diocesan Confirmation Retreat is set for Sunday, February 21, in Wheeling. This retreat is mandatory for the St. Pat's confirmation class! Watch the bulletin and the Facebook group for information about departure time and transportation arrangements!

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: 345,000.00

98 Pledges to Date: \$225,375.00

7 Other gifts: \$950.00

Total: \$ 226,325.00

Needed: \$118,675.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

It's not too late to participate! You can make a one-time gift or pledge for any number of months, make a one time gift or give when you have a little extra. Whatever works best for your situation.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

— Francis of Assisi



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Jan 31: 10:30, First Communion parent mtg., church

Jan 31 - Feb 6: Catholic Schools Week

**February – Toilet Paper
LCFRN—Canned stew and meats**

Linens - Luanne Bowers

**Funeral Greeters - Gennette Casto and
Barbara King**

**AFTER MASS CLASS -
Sat. 7pm & Sun. 10:30am, church**

**Adoration: Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26
9am til noon, church**

**Ash Wednesday
February 10, Mass will be offered at noon
and 6 in the church**

**Stations of the Cross:
Thursdays at 8:30 (beginning Feb. 18)
and Fridays at 6 (beginning Feb. 12)
in the church**

**1 Mon: Mullady Scholarship application
deadline**

7 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

**10 Wed: noon & 6pm, Ash Wednesday
Mass, church**

**14 Sun: 10:30, First Communion parent
mtg., church**

14 Sun: 4pm, Latin Mass, church

**21 Sun: Confirmation Retreat in
Wheeling**

**21 Sun: Rite of Election, 3pm, St. Joseph
Cathedral, Wheeling**

Alcoholics Anonymous

**AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school
basement.**

Narcotics Anonymous

**NA - Mon., 8pm school basement
Use the door on the side of the school
building facing the rectory for AA and NA
meetings.**

LAST CALL FOR CALENDAR CASH TICKETS

Sandy will be in the vestibule after Mass on Sun. Jan 31 selling tickets. If you are attending Mass on Sat., Jan. 30, please call or text her at 304 517-8660. Please turn your sold Calendar Cash tickets into the school on Monday, Feb. 1! This school fundraiser has a cash winner each day in If you win, your name will be put back in the bin so you are eligible for future drawings. This year, the total prize money is \$3,100 in cold, hard cash.

IRISH GEAR FOR SALE

The PTO is taking orders for Irish gear. Hoodies are \$30 or \$34 depending on size (personalization available for an extra charge), the blanket throws are 36 and the hats are \$10. Order forms are in the church vestibule and parish office!

SCRIP

Don't forget, some scrip cards are available at any time. So if you find yourself in need of last minute gift, call the parish office to see what is available! Scrip makes the perfect gift!

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL RALLY

April 16-17, 2016

(11:00 Saturday to 2:00 Sunday)

\$95 per person

Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville, WV
To register, please contact Sandy, Mary or Fr. Steve, or list your info on the form in the vestibule. All participants will be registered on the same form. For more info, contact Heather Bise at 1-888-434-6237 ext. 311.

www.wvcatholicym.org

ADDRESSES NEEDED!!!

Do you know the addresses for the following? Help!! Nancy Alfred, Nancy Riley Dawkins, Mary Riley Fallon, Patricia Garton, Jeff Garton, Joanne Riley Greenlief, Sylvia Angotti Hayhurst, Julie Attanasio Jones, Dorothy Eakle McLaren, Roland Meffert, Sharon Fahey Querry, Sean Sleigh, Nancy Mylinus Smith. Please contact the parish office or email: Mash111@aol.com. Thanks!!

MULLADY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE FEB. 1

Applications will be accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award until February 1. This fund helps Catholic students in Lewis County with accredited college costs. Applications are in the vestibule and can be emailed to you. Please contact the parish office to receive an application.

Applicants must be Lewis County residents and enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students). Completed applications can be returned in the church collection basket or to the parish office. Funds will be distributed in February or March.

CALLING ALL CHOCOLATE LOVERS

The Valentines Chocolate Lovers Feast is back!

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 - 3pm

Glass Museum (230 Main Ave.)

Live music!

Eat all you wish! Take out available at additional charge.

Adults \$8

(\$4 if you arrange IN ADVANCE to donate homemade chocolates for the event.) Advance tickets available.

Children \$4 (ages 6 to 12) Under 6 FREE

For more info, contact Sheila Sayre or Faye Bell at 304 269-4761.



Catholic Schools Week 2016

Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (Luke 6:36)

♣ Sunday, January 31 -Mass. Choir will be singing and students will be participating in

Mass beginning at 9:30 am.

- ♣ Monday, February 1 - "Rally" The students will have a Pep Rally in the gym showing support for how God shows mercy to us. Wear blue and red for Divine Mercy.
 - ♣ Tuesday, February 2 - "Crazy For Critters" Students will be collecting loose change for the Lewis/Upshur Humane Society. Students may dress crazy with mix and match crazy clothes and hair.
 - ♣ Wednesday, February 3 - "Sports Day" Students in grades 4-6 will face the STAFF in a game of basketball. Students may wear sports clothes.
 - ♣ Thursday, February 4 - "Superhero Day" Students will make lunch for the elderly at Criss Manor. Students may wear a superhero T-shirt.
 - ♣ Friday, February 5 - "Worship Together With Family Mass" Parents may join children to worship together in Mass. Open House will be held immediately after mass at 9:00 AM. Students will wear school uniforms bottoms and green St. Patrick t-shirt today.
- If your child chooses not to dress for the day, he/she is to wear their uniform.

Prayer for Catholic Schools

O Christ, our Teacher,

You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where

The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed,
Christian community is experienced,
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,
And worship of You is cultivated.

Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools. Amen.

+RIP+ JACK WARD

Former St. Pat's organist and school alumnus, John Michael "Jack" Ward, 85, passed away on January 23. Jack and wife Leann lived in Cold Spring, KY, but Jack visited friends in Weston at least annually. Jack began playing the organ at St. Pat's when he was just ten years old. He continued his music career as a music teacher and choir director in schools and churches in Ohio and Kentucky. Condolences may be mailed to Leann Ward, 5 Paul Circle, Cold Spring, KY, 41076

SAINT OF THE WEEK

February 1
St. Brigid of Ireland

Saint Brigid was born Brigit, and shares a name with a Celtic goddess from whom many legends and folk customs are associated.

It is widely believed her mother was Brocca, a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father was Dubthach, a Leinster chieftain. Brocca was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery.

When Dubthach's wife discovered Brocca was pregnant, she was sold to a Druid landowner. It is not clear if Brocca was present to care for Brigid, but legend states Brigid vomited any food the Druid attempted to feed her, as he was impure, so a white cow with red ears sustained her instead.

Many stories of Brigid's purity followed her childhood. She was unable to keep from feeding the poor and healing them. One story says Brigid once gave her mother's entire store of butter, that was later replenished after Brigid prayed.

When she was about ten-years-old, Brigid was returned to her father's home, as he was her legal master. Her charity did not end when she left her mother, and she donated his possessions to anyone who asked.

Eventually, Dubthach became tired of her charitable nature and took her to the king of Leinster with the intention of selling her. As he spoke to the king, Brigid gave his jeweled sword to a beggar so he could barter it for food for his family. When the king, who was a Christian, saw this, he recognized her heart and convinced Dubthach to grant her freedom by saying, "Her merit before God is greater than ours."

After being freed, Brigid returned to the Druid and her mother, who was in charge of the Druid's dairy. Brigid took over and often gave away milk, but the dairy prospered despite the charitable practice, and the Druid eventually freed Brocca.

Brigid then returned to Dubthach, who had arranged for her to marry a bard. She refused and made a vow to always be chaste.

Legend has it Brigid prayed that her beauty be taken so no one would want to marry her, and the prayer was granted. It was not until after she made her final vows that her beauty was restored.

Little is known about Saint Brigid's life after she entered the Church, but in 40 she founded a monastery in Kildare, called the Church of the Oak. It was built above a pagan shrine to the Celtic goddess Brigid, which was beneath a large oak tree.

Brigid and seven friends organized communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland and she founded two monastic institutions, one for men and one for women. Brigid invited a hermit called Conleth to help her in Kildare as a spiritual pastor.

She later founded a school of art that included metalwork and illumination, which Conleth led as well. It was at this school that the Book of Kildare, which the Gerald of Wales praised as "the work of angelic, and not human skill," was beautifully illuminated, but was lost three centuries ago.

There is evidence that Brigid was a good friend of Saint Patrick's and that the *Trias Thaumaturga* claimed, "Between St. Patrick and Brigid, the pillars of the Irish people, there was so great a friendship of charity that they had but one heart and one mind. Through him and through her Christ performed many great works."

Saint Brigid helped many people in her lifetime, but on February 1, 525, she passed away of natural causes. Her body was initially kept to the right of the high altar of Kildare Cathedral, with a tomb "adorned with gems and precious stones and crowns of gold and silver," but in 878, during the Scandinavian raids, her relics were moved to the tomb of Patrick and Columba.

In 1185, John de Courcy had her remains relocated in Down Cathedral. Today, Saint Brigid's skull can be found in the Church of St. John the Baptist in Lumiar, Portugal. The tomb in which it is kept bears the inscription, "Here in these three tombs lie the three Irish knights who brought the head of St. Brigid, Virgin, a native of Ireland, whose relic is preserved in this chapel. In



Dear Padre

January 31, 2016

What should spouses do if they are being abused?

I know Catholics whose spouses cheat and abuse them. What should they do? If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church would want, tell, and help that person to do whatever is needed to reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive and his wife leaves, but then he seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church would hope that the marriage could be saved. The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the affair, the next step would be a civil divorce. Even after a civil divorce, there can be hope and reconciliation. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process could begin.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call, an expectation, to work things out, to forgive and to repair hurts, and not to rush a divorce. But to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure.

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Monday
FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
2 Sm 15:13-14,
30; 16:5-13
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 2
Presentation of
the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 3
Weekday
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
FEBRUARY 4
Weekday
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Friday
FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha,
Virgin and
Martyr
Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
FEBRUARY 6
St. Paul Miki
and
Companions,
Martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
FEBRUARY 7
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Cor 15:1-11
or
15:3-8, 11
Lk 5:1-11

SCHOOL MASS COLLECTION

01/15 \$133.42

Collections will be used to support the backpack food program.

ATTENTION C.A.M.P. GOERS

C.A.M.P. HAS A NEW DATE, July 30 - August 6!

COST: ? Will be announced after Feb 13!

Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program) will be held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.

**THIS IS THE CAMP THAT SANDY ATTENDS!
ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.**

If you aren't able to go to C.A.M.P., the diocesan-run camp, Camp Bosco is also an option. Both camps offer zip-line, swimming, horses, canoeing, a rock wall, arts and crafts, archery, fishing, camping and hiking for older ages, learning about nature and much more. Both camps are for Catholics and non-Catholics and both teach about the Catholic faith.

Want more on the "Year of Mercy"?

Come to After Mass Class!

Fr. Steve's topics will concentrate on the Year of Mercy with these topics:

The Good Shepherd

- ◇ Feb. 20 & 21: The Flock & The Lost Sheep
- ◇ February 27 & 28: The Shepherd Lazarus
- ◇ March 5 & 6: The Rich Man and Poor Man
- ◇ March 12 & 13: The Brothers

IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME

Danielle Mick is our RCIA meal coordinator. If you would like to provide a meal, a sign sheet is in the vestibule or you may call Danielle at 304 517-0269. You do not have to cook to provide the meal—take-out is always an option! We need enough food for 12—14 people (Fr. Steve, Mary, Sandy, 7 RCIA participants and sponsors, helpers, etc.). Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

RCIA MEAL PROVIDERS	
2/3	Kathy Riley
2/10	Mass, No RCIA
2/17	Rose Neal

JULY 9—17, MISSION TRIP TO EL SAVADOR

Project FIAT International is planning a mission trip to El Salvador. Informational sessions will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Berkeley Springs. However, those from other parts of the state who are interested can find out all they need to know online, and can register for the trip online as well. Questions may be directed to Father Leonard A. Smith, Pastor St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church P.O. Box 634 Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-0634 Rectory/Office: (304) 258-1311 Cell Phone: (304) 376-3711.

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11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 12—22, 2016

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Ring of Kerry * Connemara * Knock * Hills of Donegal

\$2759 from Washington, D. C.

(Air/land tour price is only \$2419 plus \$336 government taxes/airline imposed surcharges)

Brochures are in the church vestibule and the parish office!

In case you were unable to make it to Mass last weekend, here is what you missed in The Upfront section of the bulletin!

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Viktor Frankl, a survivor of the Auschwitz and Dachau concentration camps, wrote Man's Search For Meaning, which has sold 9-million copies and is translated into 24 languages. It's one of my favorites, and I just finished reading it for the third time.

Frankl was a psychotherapist before being imprisoned, suffering daily physical and emotional torture for five years. When he arrived at Auschwitz, he was stripped of his clothing and possessions, shaved head to toe, and moved to the shower room. Thankfully, water, not gas, came out. That was just the beginning of his suffering.

Before his detention, Frankl's research focused on the treatment of depressed and suicidal patients. He was in charge of the "suicide pavilion" in Vienna, where he counseled 30,000 patients.

The concentration camps were fruitful ground for Frankl, who wanted to know why some men fought to stay alive while others lost the will to live. Frankl, himself, found the same purpose in prison as he did in his psychotherapy practice—helping prevent his fellow prisoners from committing suicide. Cory Edwards writes, "He did so by helping them to achieve their own sense of purpose. He would encourage one man that he had to survive in order to return to a daughter that was safe in a foreign country. He would encourage another, who had no living relatives left, that he must return to his profession to complete the work he had begun." Frankl noted that the men who held on to hope, those who found beauty in nature, who imagined their life after the concentration camp, were the ones who survived. They had a sense of purpose; they suffered well. Frankl wrote: "It did not really matter what we expected from life, but rather what life expected from us. We needed to stop asking about the meaning of life, and instead to think of ourselves as those being questioned by life—daily and hourly. Our answer must consist, not in talk and meditation, but in right action and in right conduct. Life ultimately means taking the responsibility to find the right answer to its problems and to fulfill the tasks which it constantly sets for each individual."

St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians talks about purpose today. Everyone in this church is part of Christ's body. Each one has a gift, given by God. But, wait. St. Paul uses an even better word than "given." He says these gifts are "designated." If you look it up, designated means "officially assign a specified status or ascribe a specified name or quality to." The gifts we receive are specifically meant for us.

Okay, let's put St. Paul and Viktor Frankl together here: we have certain, unique, specific gifts (Paul). The answer to "What is the meaning of life?" is another question: what does life expect from us? Life means taking responsibility to fulfill the tasks set before us (Frankl).

Once we identify our gifts, it's our duty to use them for two reasons, based on the examples I've given you today: 1) because it will make our lives meaningful, and 2) God expects us to use these gifts to build his Kingdom here on earth. Sounds like a win/win to me.

Receipts	Actual 2015	Budget 2016
Church Offerings	\$226,724.82	\$220,000.00
Adv/Bulletins	\$7,030.00	\$7,500.00
Interest	\$147.74	\$30.00
Oil/Gas Royalties	\$22,131.17	\$20,100.00
Rent/ Gym/ Parking	\$23,475.00	\$19,000.00
Special Collections	\$18,919.66	
Donations/Bequests	\$21,687.00	\$5,000.00
Stipends	\$933.00	
Refunds	\$7,819.99	
Loan Repayment	\$115,791.47	
Trust and Other Non-Assessable Income	\$8,753.50	
Total Receipts	\$453,413.35	\$271,630.00

Pastoral Statistics	2015
Baptisms	15
First Communion	7
Confirmations	0
Marriages	3
Funerals	16
Home Confined/Nursing Home	22
2015 RCIA & RCIC Participants	5

School Statistics	2015
# Students	163
% Catholic	52%
# Families	
# Teachers/aids	15
tuition Catholic	\$2,438
tuition non Catholic	\$3,560
Cost per Student	

Expenditures	Actual 2015	Budget 2016
Salaries and Taxes	\$115,458.13	\$116,900.00
Rectory/Office Expenses	\$16,721.33	\$16,250.00
Liturgical	\$5,516.70	\$4,050.00
Religious Education/Evangelization	\$5,727.44	\$4,550.00
Social Concerns	\$801.65	\$800.00
Utilities (Parish)	\$27,793.10	\$27,215.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$29,225.48	\$19,000.00
Special Collections	\$15,782.66	
Diocesan Tax	\$38,533.49	\$24,446.70
Insurance/Taxes	\$21,351.08	\$20,500.00
Vicariate Dues		\$330.00
Dues	\$90.00	\$100.00
Equipment & Furnishings	\$50.00	\$200.00
Priest's Professional Expenses	\$1,071.07	\$1,000.00
Priest's Car Replacement Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Stipends	\$2,719.00	
Visiting Priest Stipend	\$200.05	\$300.00
Safety Deposit Box	\$60.00	
Gym Utilities and Maintenance	\$13,239.12	\$12,750.00
School Supplies and Insurance	\$6,538.00	\$6,500.00
School Utilities	\$21,570.73	\$23,000.00
School Assessment	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00
Hand Bells (Refunded)	\$14,716.34	
Father's 25th Celebration	\$2,483.02	
Lively Building	\$175,808.00	
Other Expenses (Refunded)	\$1,632.94	
Loan Repayment	\$99,925.15	
Total Expenditures	\$630,614.48	\$291,491.70
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 2015	\$41,022.17	
Loan Repayment Acct Balance Dec. 31, 2015	\$47,743.68	

Pledge money collected in 2015	\$ 92,677.00
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"I'm In" Campaign Update: 2015	Pledge Total	\$ 345,000.00
	Collected	\$ 226,325.00
	Difference	\$ 118,675.00
Wesbanco Loan Balance 12/31/15		\$267,577.94

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