We Are Family!

4th Sunday of Lent, March 6, 2016

Up Front with Mary Hendricks

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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):

RCIA: Wed, 6:30 in the parish meeting room. For more info, contact Mary Hendricks at 304-269-1244.

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

"Like" on Facebook: St. Pat's RCIA

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

Rosary: Weekly: Wed 5:35pm & Thurs: 7:35am (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

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1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

Here's the background on today's reading: God wants a new king of Israel. He's not happy with King Saul, so he sends the prophet Samuel to Jesse's home to find a new leader. Jesse has eight sons. Seven are present. Samuel sees the oldest and thinks he's the one. In fact, any one of them can be God's choice in Samuel's eyes, but God stops him cold.

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart," God tells Samuel.

Rick Ezell says, "In Biblical thought, the heart was the central organ that controlled all activities thus determining one's character of living. The heart housed the place where qualities worth having in our lives were first formed. The heart embodied the womb of character."

David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, in out in the field, tending the sheep. A teenager, he killed a bear and a lion while protecting his flock. He's a ruddy, handsome youth, the Scripture says, but, hey, he's just a kid. What's he know about being a king? What's he know about leading an army? What's he know about life? He was a throwaway as far as his family was concerned—they didn't even consider him a possibility. And, yet, David is the one chosen by God to be the next king.

In Religion 6, I love to tell the story of David. This scrawny kid, playing his harp for the sheep, unaware that he is destined for greatness. You know why? Because the students I teach are just about the same age as David when he was anointed to lead the great nation of Israel. Each one of them could be a David. Each one of them could be destined for greatness. It doesn't matter how small or insignificant they appear to be to others, even to their own family. They could lead armies! No one is insignificant in God's eyes because he looks into their heart.

In 1983 after his appointment as bishop of Duluth, Bishop Brom got to meet with Pope John Paul II for what he thought was the first time. John Paul, looking pensively at Brom's face said, "I think we have met before." Brom assured the pope that they'd never met. People usually remember whether or not they met a pope!

Some days later the secretary to the Holy Father approached Bishop Brom and said, "Don't argue with the Pope. He remembers when he met you."

"When?" Brom asked.

"In November of 1963 outside the Church of the Gesu in Rome." The memory flashed back to the meeting he had with a polish cardinal when he was a young seminarian. "How can he do that?" he asked. The secretary explained that for John Paul to meet another person is to encounter God.

To St. John Paul II, no person was insignificant.

Labels are so easy. They can be useful. Teachers teach. Doctors heal. Policemen protect us. But labels are damaging, too. Teenagers are rebellious. Old people are boring. Needy people are invasive.

The problem with labels is that they are static. People are constantly growing. This week, when we are tempted to judge by appearances, let's think about looking at the heart. We will see so much more.

THE YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

"One should truly listen to the word, in the Bible, in the Gospel, meditating on the Scriptures to put their content into practice every day. But to scan the Gospel superficially is not listening to the Word of God: this is reading the Word of God, as if one would read a comic strip. To listen to God's Word is to read it and ask oneself: 'What does this say to my heart?' Only in this way, in fact, does our life change. This happens every time we open the Gospel and read a passage and ask ourselves: 'Is God speaking to me with this, is he saying something to me?' This means to listen to the Word of God, to listen with the ears and listen with the heart, to open the heart to God's Word." — Pope Francis

Mass	Attend		,		Total	Goal		Over/Short		Debt Reduction		on
Sat	Sun	Total	Offering	Offering	Total	Obai	Weekly	Year to Date	Ochool	Weekly	Electronic	Total
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Mass Intentions									
Day	Date	Time	Intention	Requested By					
S	3/5/16	6:00 PM	†Justine Fallon	Alice Morrison					
S	3/6/16	9:30 AM	Parish	nioners					
М	3/7/16	8:00 AM	†Jim Anderson	Friends					
Т	3/8/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass					
W	3/9/16	6:00 PM	†Ceferina Pedrosa	Emma Pascasio					
Т	3/10/16	8:00 AM	+Souls in Purgatory	Jr & Veronica Brumley					
F	3/11/16	8:15 AM	†John Law	Friends					
S	3/12/16	6:00 PM	Parish	ioners					
S	3/13/16	9:30 AM	†Mildred Droppleman	Ed & Anita Droppleman					

SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTION: MARCH 6: Catholic Relief Services MARCH 25: Holy Land Collection MARCH 27: Education of Seminarians

Wednesday Rosary Leaders:								
3/9	M. Snyder							
3/16	R. Pascsio							
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Rosary begins at 5:35pm each Wednesday when Mass is celebrated, followed by the Miraculous Medal novena.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us each Friday at 11:30 in the church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you don't know it, don't worry. We will have papers for you to follow.

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

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DAY	DATE TIME			Altar Servers		Readers	Gifts		Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor
	3/5		А	lan Droppleman	1	Tom Ruppert		1	Paul Derico	_
SAT	3/5	Emma Pascasio and John Weber	В	Blake Francis	2	Jim Myers	Ed and Anita Droppleman	2	Pam Thompson	Donna Lake
-	6 PM						Dioppieman	3	Margaret Blake	Lake
	3/6		А	Christian Mullins	1	Steve Corley	Jeremy & Heather	1	Jim Mehr	Lisa Marlow
SUN		Trenton Mullins and Morgan Turner	В	Jacqueline Mullins	2	Debbie Queen		2	Tyler Mehr	
2	9:30	Morgan runner					Mullins	3	Micki Snyder	Wallow
	2/40		А	Zoe Skinner	1	Mitchell Queen		1	Luanne Bowers	<u> </u>
SAT	3/12	Debbie & Brooklyn Queen	В	Garrett Skinner	2	Julia Marsh	Kelley Skinner and family	2	Larry Bowers	Gracie Marsh
	6 PM	Queen						3	Valerie Corley	Warsh
	0/40	3/13 Sara Robinson and	А	Spencer Davis	1	Jeremy Garton	Rick and Paige Bailey & family	1	Betty Hill	Kelley Skinner
SUN	3/13		В	Drew Bailey	2	Jenny Garton		2	Danielle Mick	
2	9:30	family						3	Marissa Aman	ONITIO
	2/40		А	Madison Hall	1	Mary Hendricks		1	Rock Garton	John Collins
SAT	3/19	Rose Neal, Spring Franklin & Briana	В	Kami Franklin	2	GL Shearer	Hall Family	2	Barbara King	
	6 PM							3	Tom Ruppert	COIIIIS
(0)	2/20	Maddie and Emily	Emily A E	Ethan Mehr	1	Michael Riley	PALM	1	Mitchell Queen	
SUN	3/20	Paugh, Meagan Walker	В	Dylan O'Sullivan	2	Tyler Murray	SUNDAY KIDS	2	B. Queen	Joe Derico
~	9:30	and Anna Naim					MASS	3	Tyler Mehr	-
	3/24	Karen and Deanna	А	Madison Hall	1	Mary Jane Parker	Catechumens	1	Jeremy Garton	
Thu	5/24	Pascasio	В	Jayna Jerden	2	Joe Jerden	and	2	Jenny Garton	
_	6 PM	1 4004010					Candidates	3	Mary Hendricks	
	3/25	3/25 Enter church quietly!	А	Patrick Mehr	1	Danielle Mick		1	Tyler Mehr	
F.	3/20		В	Ethan Mehr	2	Jim Mehr	N/A			
	6 PM									
s	3/26		А	Hunter Blake	1	Jenny Garton	Catechumens	1	Mary Hendricks	
AT	3/20	EASTER VIGIL, Enter Church Quietly	В	Joseph Blake	2	Jeremy Garton	and	2	Sandy Mick	
	8:30				3	Judy Jerden	Candidates	3	John Weber	
(0	3/27	Dutah Caina and	А	Joe Derico	1	Michele Turner	Linger and	1 2	Paul Derico	
SUN	5/21	Judy Foster		Tom Derico	2	Erin Turner	Edwards families		Julia Marsh	
_	9:30								Betty Hill	

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- **Those who are sick**: Joe Boggs, Susan Bailey (West Penn Burn ٠ Center), Jim Arsenault, Rose Determan, Butch Dodson, Phoebe Herron, Sara Jane Huntz, Keith Marshall, Mary Ann Murray, Linda Reed (Brenda Reed's sister), Burke Riley, Jack Rollins, Lori Saltis, Bob Swiger, Clarence and Mary Lou Weber.
- Those who are homebound or in nursing homes! ٠
- Those who have died: Lynn Moody Hammond. May the souls of all ٠ the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life ٠
- Those in RCIA: Amanda Blake, Chris Cunningham, Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Lynn Lynch, Alex Romero, Tammy Stalnaker
- All Military Personnel: Eddie Burroughs, Ryan Faulkner ٠
- Our current and past principals: Mrs. Gildein, Mr. Derico, and ٠ Sister Eileen—Thank you for your dedication to our school!

Pope Francis, January 18, 2015, speech, Manila, Philippines "True love is both loving and letting oneself be loved. It is harder to let ourselves be loved than it is to love."



ANNUAL PARISH DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT 5

Bring a covered dish and enjoy the evening. Meat, homemade hot rolls, drinks, paper products, and cutlery will be provided. If you have a favorite "Irish" dish, make it to share with your parish family!

HELPERS NEEDED! For more info, contact Lisa Marlow at 269-5777.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Thurs., March 17 5-7

West Hall (St. Paul's Church)

Take out available

Buffet Style Dinner ~ \$15 per seat ~ Mixed salad greens with dill buttermilk dressing & School house rolls & Mustard glazed corned beef brisket & Brazed cabbage with onions & Buttered parsley potatoes & Apple dumplings with vanilla ice cream

Call (304) 269-4000 to purchase tickets and for more info! Dinner prepared by Fish Hawk Acres

Proceeds benefit the Lewis County Family Resource Network.

BE RECONCILED WITH GOD

Penance Services will be held at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon on Mon., March 14 at 7!

SCHOOL MASS COLLECTION

March 4 - \$90.70 Collections will be to used to support the backpack food program.

PRINCIPAL PAID IN 2015: \$84,452.36 Interest Paid in 2015: \$12591.12 Loan Balance: \$267,577.94

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE Goal: 345,000.00

119 Pledges to Date: \$232,018.00 12 Other gifts: \$1215.00 Total: \$233,233.00 Needed: \$111,767

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

It's not to 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

March – Laundry Supplies LCFRN—Canned stew and meats Linens - Kathy Boyle

Funeral Greeters - George Garton and Judy Foster

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

> > Adoration: March 11, 18 9am til noon, church Holy Thursday (March 24) 7 - midnight, pmr

Stations of the Cross: Thursdays at 8:30 (March 10,17) and Fridays at 6 (March 11, & 18) in the church Bell Choir Practice: Sunday's following After Mass Class or GIFT; each Wednesdav after 6pm Mass

10 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council 13 Sun: 5pm. Annual Parish Dinner 13 Sun: 4pm. Latin Mass. church 14 Mon: 7pm, Penance Service, Holy Rosary Church, Buckhannon 19 & 20: Palm Sunday, bring your old palms to church and get new ones 20 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria 24 Holy Thursday: 6pm, Mass, church 24 Holy Thursday: 7 - midnight, Adoration, chapel 25 Good Friday: NO MASS 25 Good Friday: 3pm, Stations of the Cross 25 Good Friday: 6pm, The Passion of our Lord 26 Sat: 8:30pm, Easter Vigil 27 Easter Sunday: 9:30, Mass, church 30 Wed: 6pm, Mass at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry

ADORER(S) NEEDED We are in need of a person or persons for adoration from 10:30 -11 each Friday!

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.							

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the Home Study Course from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really can space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate.

BUTTER BRAIDS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Butter Braids are on sale for Easter delivery. Cherry, Apple, Blueberry/Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Caramel Rolls, Double Chocolate, Raspberry, Strawberry/Cream Cheese at \$13 each! The prefect breakfast or dessert bread! Contact any student or parent for order blank, or stop by the school office. Contact Heather at 832-755-5658.

5th Annual St. Patrick's School 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run March 19, 2016; Registration 8 am – 9am Town Park Building 74 Park Avenue, Jane Lew

Pre-Register: go to www.iplayoutside.com, enter date of race, choose St. Patrick's 5K, print out entry form and mail.

Children are welcome to run the 5K in

addition to the fun run at no additional cost. Please mark which races they are interested in running, so we can have the proper race bibs available. T-shirt guaranteed to preregistered runners. A very limited quantity will be available race day. ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON, PLEASE. You may purchase a t-shirt, even if you are not running/walking.

Approximate Schedule

- Race Day Registration, 8:00-9:00 am
- 5K Race starts at 9:30 am
- 1/2 Mile Kids Run starts immediately following the 5K (approx. 10:45)
- Awards Ceremony following 1/2 Mile Kids Run.

C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program) July 30 - August 6! COST: \$200

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.

Camp Bosco Huttonsville July 2016

This camp is open to students in grades 3rd-12th. Cost is \$315.00 per child. Early birds special \$295 till March 11th. Register online at: www.campbosco.com. Any questions, email hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311.

2016 Calendar Cash Winners

Date	Amount	Winner	Sold by
2/29/16	\$500	Leroy Barker	S. Mick

2016-2017 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 25th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2016-2017 school year.

Who is eligible? Any Catholic student accepted for the 2016 -2017 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belong to a parish included on the drop-down list on the application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

How do I apply? You may apply on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com and log in.

Cost? The application fee is \$25. The Diocese will pay \$12.50 and families pay the other \$12.50.

Grants: Diocesan grants for families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.

Phase I: Deadline is April 30, 2016

In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2016 Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2016-2017 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school.

Phase II: Deadline is August 15, 2016

In order to receive notification in late August, all applications for 2016-2017 (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2016. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (birth, death, loss of job) occur. If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless: an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted all required documentation is provided, AND the family portion (\$12.50) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the principal of your school.



Exploring our Irish Roots THE BEST OF IRELAND 11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 12-22, 2016

Visiting

Dublin * Waterford * Blarney Castle * Killarney * Galway * 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!

SAINT OF THE WEEK Sts. Perpetua and Felicity Feast day: March 7

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel-waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am-a Christian."

So writes Perpetua, young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity (a slavewoman and expectant mother) and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There, Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Felicity gave birth to a girl a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

SING YOUR HEART OUT!

Adult Choir practice will continue on Saturday, March 12, and Saturday, March19, following the After Mass Class. With this limited time frame it would be great to have a good number of interested persons to participate in this ministry to the parish. Come join us!

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: Lazarus

- March 5 & 6: The Rich Man and Poor Man
- March 12 & 13: The Brothers



Dear Padre

March 6, 2016

Clarifying Pope Francis' announcement on abortion

I heard Pope Francis allows priests to forgive the sin of abortion. Aren't priests able to forgive any sin?

In September 2015, the media announced that for the Year of Mercy Pope Francis is giving priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion. However, this is not accurate. Priests are able to forgive *any* sin; what the Holy Father is granting to priests is 21: Ps 30:1 the faculty to remit the penalty attached to the *ecclesiastical crime* of abortion. Let me explain.

performing, Procuring, or facilitating an abortion is always a grave sin. In the Catholic Church, these acts may also constitute a crime in canon law (1398). The sin is distinct from the crime, and those who commit the crime might also incur excommunication.

To incur the penalty, the person who commits the sin must: be Catholic and at least eighteen years old; be aware of the Church's penalty for abortion; and intend in full freedom to end a human life.

If any one of these elements is not present, the person did not incur excommunication. Yet if the priest discovers that the penalty is incurred, he is obliged to contact the local ordinary (usually the diocesan bishop) for permission to remit the penaltyunless the bishop has already given permission, which is the case in many dioceses in the United States. For the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is giving all priests the faculty to remove the penalty without contacting the bishop. In other words, the Holy Father has extended mercy in the realm of Church law.

No one need believe that confessed sins are unforgiven. Pope Francis' announcement is an encouragement for all, especially people who have committed grave sin, to confess their sins and receive the unfailing mercy of God.

Sun the 6th: Josh 5:9-12: Ps 34:1 -7: 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-

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Mon the

7th:

Isa 65:17-

-13; John

4:43-54 Tue the 8th: Ezek 47:1-12: Ps 46:1 -9; John 5:1-16

Wed the 9th: Isa 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18: John 5:17-30

Thu the 10th: Exod 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

Fri the

11th:

Wis 2:1-22; Ps 34:17-23: John 7:1-30 Sat the 12th:

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:1-12; John 7:40-53

