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St. Patrick Church

Up Front



with Mary Hendricks

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Mass Schedule:

Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 6pm (St. Bernard Church, Loveberry)
Thursday: 6pm (church)
Friday: NO MASS
Saturday: 8:30pm (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

Mission Contact Info: Kim Derico 304 884-6984
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St. Patrick School

Pre-School - 6th Grade
224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452
304-269-5547

Principal: Maureen Gildein
Secretary: Regina Frazier
email: st.pats@stpatswv.org website: stpatswv.org

John 20:1-9

I am afraid of the dark. Not terrified, okay? Just afraid.

There are night lights all over my house, and it doesn't bother me a bit that the Walmart lights shine into my windows all night long. I've tried those sleep blindfolds—instant panic attack.

In the darkness, I deeply regret all the googling I did of the imaginary diseases I think I have because they become very real. I tick off every symptom and am that positive sudden death is just around the corner. Thoughts of every statement or action of the day or the year or my entire life race through my head. Non-stop, ridiculous replays of interactions and fantasies what could be and what might have been. Noises don't bother me. If someone breaks in, at least I'd be able to have an interesting conversation. It's the dark. Don't like it one bit.

Darkness is a continuing theme in the Passion story. It is dark when Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, dark when Judas betrays him with a kiss. It is dark in the courtyard where Peter denies knowing his best friend who is standing trial and being condemned to death. When Jesus dies on the cross, "Darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun (Luke 23:44-45)." It is dark when Jesus is removed from the cross and laid in the tomb.

If you think about it, the "dark" thing started way back in Genesis: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters. Then God said: 'Let there be light, and there was light.'" We hear that Jesus say, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

An English teacher would tell you that darkness and light are common themes in literature, with the darkness symbolizing evil, ignorance, hatred, or despair. It is no different in the Bible.

Last night at Easter Vigil, we entered the church in darkness. Each of us lit a candle from the Paschal candle, and, in one of the most stirring rituals of the liturgical year, we heard the prayer, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness in our hearts and minds." Elsewhere in the Easter Vigil liturgy are the words: "The power of this holy [Easter] night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride." The Association of Catholic Priests website adds, "Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world."

Today, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb early in the morning, and the Gospel says, "while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb." She is a brave woman, walking alone in the darkness, stalking the tomb of a "criminal." It wasn't long until she knew the truth of the resurrection, and how the light of the world was restored.

Mary Magdalene was not afraid because she believed what Jesus said, "My followers will not walk in darkness."

Do we, too, believe?



"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people, and hallelujah is our song."
— Pope John Paul II

Mass Attendance			Weekly Offering	Electronic Offering	Total	Goal	Over/Short Weekly	Over/Short Year to Date	School	Debt Reduction		
Sat	Sun	Total								Weekly	Electronic	Total
144	233	377	3507	395	3902	4231.00	-\$329.00	-\$3,472.75	60	1440	170	1610
Catholic Relief Services											135	

MASS INTENTIONS	Day	Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
	S	3/26/16	8:30 AM	Catechumens and Candidates	
	S	3/27/16	9:30 AM	Parishioners	
	M	3/28/16	8:00 AM	No Mass	No Mass
	T	3/29/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
	W	3/30/16	6:00 PM	†William (J.R.) Rowan	Family
	T	3/31/16	8:00 AM	†Stephanie Morrison	Family
	F	4/1/16	8:15 AM	†Irene Kraus	Marlow family
	S	4/2/16	6:00 PM	Parishioners	
	S	4/3/16	9:30 AM	†Walter Shearer	Family
Mass on Wednesday, March 30, will be at St. Bernard Church in Loveberry. If you wish to carpool, please be in the parking lot next to the church office by 5:15.					

SPECIAL & SECOND COLLECTION:
MARCH 25: Holy Land Collection
MARCH 27: Education of Seminarians

Wednesday Rosary Leaders:	
3/30	N/A
4/06	Veronica Brumley
4/13	No Mass
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 11:30am 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.

Ministry Schedules

DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters	Altar Servers		Readers		Gifts	Eucharistic Ministers		Cantor
SAT	3/26 8:30	EASTER VIGIL, Enter Church Quietly	A	Hunter Blake	1	Jenny Garton	Catechumens and Candidates	1	Mary Hendricks	
			B	Joseph Blake	2	Jeremy Garton		2	Sandy Mick	
					3	Judy Jerden		3	John Weber	
SUN	3/27 9:30	Butch Caine and Judy Foster	A	Joe Derico	1	Mary Jane Parker	Linger and Edwards families	1	Paul Derico	
			B	Tom Derico	2	Danielle Mick		2	Julia Marsh	
								3	Betty Hill	
SAT	4/2 6 PM	Dave and Becky King	A	Briana Franklin	1	Barbara King	Mike and Rose Neal & Kami Franklin	1	Pam Thompson	K. Sims
			B	Blake Francis	2	Brooklyn Queen		2	A. L. Determan	
								3	Mike Determan	
SUN	4/3 9:30	Sheila West, Ashley West and family	A	Payton Aman	1	Manny Robinson	Chad and Megan Westfall & family	1	Jim Mehr	John Collins
			B	Jordan Aman	2	Sara Robinson		2	Marissa Aman	
								3	Judy Foster	
SAT	4/9 6 PM	Kelley Skinner and family	A	Kami Franklin	1	Debbie Rittenhouse	Julia Marsh, Rose Neal	1	Margaret Blake	Brenda Reed
			B	Gracie Marsh	2	Don Markley		2	Valerie Corley	
								3	Barbara King	
SUN	4/10 9:30	Robinson Family	A	Tom Derico	1	Jimmy Fealy	Stanley and Lisa Marlow	1	Butch Cain	Brenda Riley
			B	Brayden Carder	2	Steve Corley		2	Judy Foster	
								3	Paul Derico	
SAT	4/16 6 PM	Emma and Karen Pascasio	A	Deanna Pascasio	1	Daniel Pascasio	Ed and Anita Droppleman	1	Tom Ruppert	Donna Lake
			B	Ian Droppleman	2	Rudy Pascasio		2	Larry Bowers	
								3	Luanne Bowers	
SUN	4/17 9:30	Stanley and Lisa Marlow	A	Jack Paugh	1	Brenda Riley	Turner family	1	Steve Corley	Lisa Marlow
			B	Megan Moran	2	Judy Jerden		2	Jeremy Garton	
								3	Jenny Garton	

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:** Mary Smith (Kathy Boyle's sister), Ed Hubbs, Robert Fealy, Mike Shaver, Joe Boggs, Susan Bailey, 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 Weber.
- ♦ **Those who are homebound or in nursing homes!**
- ♦ **Those who have died:** 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:** Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Ray Jones, Alex Romero, Tammy Stalnaker
- ♦ **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, March 23, 2016

With how much love Jesus looks at us! With how much love He heals our sinful heart! Our sins never scare Him."



WELCOME!

The newest members of the St. Patrick Church Family were baptized/confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. Welcome to RCIA participants: Amanda Jo Blake, Christopher Jones Cunningham, Kathryn "Lynn" Lynch and RCIC participants: Alyvia Bleigh, Isaac Francis, Kiarra Paige Weaver, and Kylie Peyton Weaver! You are loved and cherished as VIPs (Very Important Parishioners)! Special thanks to the RCIC catechist - Sheila West.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, NO SCHOOL, NO MASS

The parish office will be closed and we will not have school on Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29. We will not have Mass on Monday, March 28.

MASS AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH, LOVEBERRY

On Wed., March 30, daily Mass will be held at 6pm at St. Bernard Church in Loveberry with special guests, our neophytes and RCIA members. We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity and join us there!

ADORATION

We offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament EVERY Friday from 9 til noon. Make a visit this week.

PRINCIPAL PAID IN 2015: \$84,452.36

Interest Paid in 2015: \$12591.12

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

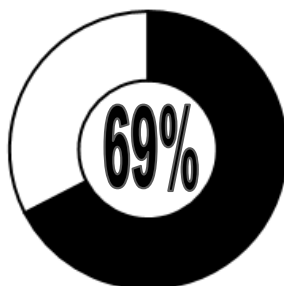
Goal: 345,000.00

123 Pledges to Date: \$236,018.00

12 Other gifts: \$1385.00

Total: \$237,403.00

Needed: \$107,597



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 cash, 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

28 Mon: NO MASS

28 & 29: No School at St. Pat's and Parish Office closed

30 Wed: 6pm, Mass at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry

31 Thu: 6:30, PTO mtg., cafeteria

April – Bath Soap

LCFRN— Cereal (hot or cold)

Linens - Mary Wagoner

Funeral Greeters - George Garton and Judy Foster

After Mass Class -

Sat. 7pm & Sun. 10:30am, church

Bell Choir Practice: Sundays following After Mass Class or GIFT; each Wednesday after 6pm Mass

5 Tue: 7:35 Knights of Columbus mtg., pmr

7 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council mtg., pmr

9 Sat: 5:30 Elimination Dinner, gym

9 & 10: After Mass, Town Hall mtg, church

10 Sun: 10:30, Confirmation class, cafeteria

11 Mon: 7pm, CDA mtg., cafeteria

17 Sun: Bishops Cross Dinner, Morgantown

24 Sun: Bread Sunday

24 Sun: 10:30 GIFT

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the beautiful Easter flowers!

A list of donors is displayed in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

ACCEPTING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

St Patrick School is accepting applications for Kindergarten -7th grade for 2016-2017 school year. You may access paperwork in the school office or on the school website at www.stpatswv.org.

TEACHERS NEEDED

St Patrick School is accepting applications for teaching positions for 2016-2017 school year. You may stop by the school office or call 304-269-5547

LATIN MASS

Latin Mass is held at St. Patrick Church on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm. The next Latin Mass will be April 10. The celebrant is Fr. Timothy Grassi. Fr Grassi will also hear confessions beginning at 3:15pm.

ELIMINATION DINNER

Saturday, April 9
Social hour 5:30
Dinner: 6:30
Drawing: 7pm
Meal provided by JAWS BBQ
\$25
Adults only

Tickets are available at the school and parish office.

WE WANT YOU

Both organizations are always looking for new members.
Check them out at their next meeting!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:35 in the parish meeting room.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas meet the second Monday of each month at 7 in the cafeteria.

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!

COLLECTION ITEMS NEEDED

- Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- Box tops, Campbell's Soup labels, and Coke reward points for the school.
- Used ink cartridges and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.

**Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P.
(Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program)
Merciful Like the Father
July 31 - August 6!
COST: \$200**

**Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100
for each additional child.**

THIS IS THE CAMP THAT SANDY ATTENDS!

**Registration forms are in the vestibule and church office.
Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis!**

REGISTER TODAY!
Held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.

HOW CAN I HELP?

The "I'm In" campaign to eliminate the debt has reached 69% with pledges or donations from 99 families or individuals. There are approximately 350 families on our mailing list. Please consider making a donation to this campaign. You do not have to pledge; you can make a one-time gift. Many of those listed in the total are one-time gifts. Some have reached their pledged total but continue to give to the campaign. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

Thank you to all who have participated in the campaign!

MEALS FOR RCIA NEEDED

If you would like to provide an RCIA meal, a sign-up 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!

REV. MR. CODY FORD TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST

Cody was a seminarian at our church during the summer of 2006. After much discernment, spiritual growth, and study, he will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 4, at 11am at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling. Cody is a native of Poca, WV, Rev. Mr. Brian Crenwelge from Greenbelt, MD, will be ordained also.

Please add these two men to your prayers, and pray for more local vocations to the priesthood!

BENEFACTOR(S) NEEDED

Would you like to make a generous donation to pay for mileage and gas for Sr. Mary Irene, when she travels to our parish for Spiritual Direction? Make check payable to: WV Institute for Spirituality. \$200 pays for one month, and any amount is welcome. Please contact the parish office to find out more.

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.

PTO COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

We have approximately 15 dozen cookbooks left to sell. At \$20 each, that is \$3600 for the PTO! Cookbooks have recipes for humans, canines, and felines! Get your copy from the church office today!

**Camp Bosco
Huttonsville
July 3-9, 10-16, 17-23, or 24-30**

This camp is open to students in grades 3rd-12th.
Cost is \$315 per child.

Register online at: www.campbosco.com.

Any questions, e-mail hbise@dwc.org or call 1-888-434-6237, ext. 311.

SAINT OF THE WEEK
St. Hugh of Grenoble
Feast day: April 1
 (1052-1132)

Today's saint could be a patron for those of us who feel so overwhelmed by all the problems in the world that we don't know where to begin.

Hugh, who served as a bishop in France for 52 years, had his work cut out for him from the start. Corruption seemed to loom in every direction: the buying and selling of Church offices, violations of clerical celibacy, lay control of Church property, religious indifference and/or ignorance. After serving as bishop for two years, he'd had his fill. He tried disappearing to a monastery, but the pope called him back to continue the work of reform.

Ironically, Hugh was reasonably effective in the role of reformer—surely because of his devotion to the Church but also because of his strong character. In conflicts between Church and state he was an unflinching defender of the Church. He fearlessly supported the papacy. He was eloquent as a preacher. He restored his own cathedral, made civic improvements in the town and weathered a brief exile.

Hugh may be best known as patron and benefactor of St. Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order.

Hugh died in 1132. He was canonized only two years later.

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, online, and in the
 parish office!

TEEN UPDATE

Just wanted to let everyone know our parish teens and families continue to help at the Clarksburg Mission. Last month was our most successful and rewarding visit. They absolutely loved the food served. We normally prepare tons of food, so there are always leftovers. We decided to change the menu up a little for Lent, and it was hugely successful! We served more than 100 pieces of fish (about 85 fish sandwiches), an enormous pan of tater tots, a huge pan of green beans, 1 1/2 large containers of cottage cheese, six pounds of cole slaw, three pounds of potato salad, 60 cups of homemade fruit delight, and fresh fruit (apples, oranges, and bananas). Almost nothing was left. A big thank you to the faithful teenagers and their parents/loved ones for helping us every other month!

For more information and to volunteer, contact Lesley White @ 269-3632.

Dear Padre

March 27, 2016

Why aren't heaven's gates open to all of humanity?

If God loves everyone, why aren't all of us saved?

When we picture heaven, we imagine a place where everyone is happy, loving, and at peace. If this is perfect bliss, then why wouldn't the Lord send everyone there? It is certainly a loving attitude to desire that all of our friends, family, and community enjoy the victory of union with the Trinity. When Jesus died and rose, he opened the door for all of humanity to enter eternal life. If we want everyone to be saved, and God wants everyone to be saved, what could possibly keep a person outside the Pearly Gates?

The answer lies in the very nature of God's love for us. Not everyone is saved because God wants us to choose salvation freely. While a person who loves God and willingly obeys his commands will find the kingdom blissful, a person choosing pride or selfishness would not. Would heaven really be paradise if people could choose to be bullies, murderers, or abusers? If I reject God's love because I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I would not freely submit myself to the Lord's authority. God has given us free will, and that means we are free to reject him and his kingdom. For heaven to be heaven, everyone there must be submissive to God's will and each other. Jesus loves us too much to force us to be saved.

Monday MARCH 28 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22–33 Mt 28:8–15
Tuesday MARCH 29 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:36–41 Jn 20:11–18
Wednesday MARCH 30 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:1–10 Lk 24:13–35
Thursday MARCH 31 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:11–26 Lk 24:35–48
Friday APRIL 1 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:1–12 Jn 21:1–14
Saturday APRIL 2 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:13–21 Mk 16:9–15
Sunday APRIL 3 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i> Acts 5:12–16 Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 Jn 20:19–31

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
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**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH
EMPOWER YOURSELF - KNOW YOUR VITAL
SIGNS TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH**

The Weston Rotary, in partnership with Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, will host a Health Fair and Screening on April 2 and 9 from 6:30 - 10 am at SJMH.

The tests are sent to you and provide a record of your overall health that can be taken to your doctor or kept for reference from year to year.

THE TESTS OFFERED ARE:

- Health Care Panel (46 different tests) \$35.00
- PSA (PROSTATE EXAM) \$20.00
- Thyroid Panel \$15.00
- Hemoglobin A1C \$15.00
- Blood Typing \$10.00

MAKE IT SHINE

Community Clean-Up

April 4 - 8

Call the City Building at 304 269-6141 for discarded item pick-up reservation.

**9th ANNUAL WESTON 5K RUN AND
WELLNESS WALK**

10 am, April 16

Awards ceremony to follow in St. Pat's gym!

Join us for our 9th Annual Weston 5K Run and Wellness Walk to provide a healthy opportunity for our family and friends in Lewis County. Sponsored by the City of Weston, Saint Patrick Catholic Church/School, and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. \$15 pre-registered, \$20 day of. Scholarships available for Lewis County students.

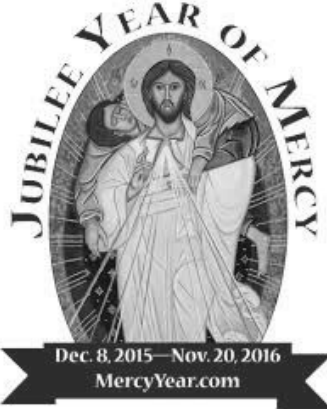


EASTER PRAYER

We are often not the Easter People
that we should be,
living in the certain knowledge
of your great mercy and love.
Distracted by the world around us
we fail to hear your voice,
or hide when faith is challenged
as we wander off the path.

Forgive us, we pray;
restore the love that we first had,
a faith that can endure.
We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord,
and with you at our right hand
we shall not be shaken.

Amen



**St. Patrick Catholic Church
Handbell Ensemble
YEAR OF MERCY CONCERT
CD now available!**

Order Form:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Price: \$12 Make checks payable to: St. Patrick Catholic Church Handbell Choir

Please give completed form and payment to a member of the handbell ensemble by
April 17, 2016.

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 at 304-269-5547.



LEAVE A LEGACY...

Your Church has been there for you throughout your lifetime; you can be there for your Church's future. Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church, your Parish, or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that means so much to you and thousands of others.

Insurance or other bequests permit you to make a gift without loss of comfort or security during your lifetime, while allowing you to take advantage of estate tax savings. Please see your tax advisor.

For more information, please call Fr. Steve at
304-269-3048 or e-mail:
pastor.spchurchweston@gmail.com

St. Patrick Church Estate Planning

St. Patrick Church is blessed to have been the beneficiary of trusts and estates over the years. When you plan the responsible and meaningful use and distribution of your resources, your parish and its programs would be grateful to be included in your plans. If you are remembering St. Patrick Church in your Will, we suggest the following language:

I give \$_____ to the Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and his successors in office, for the benefit of St. Patrick Church in Weston, West Virginia.

St. Patrick School Charitable Foundation

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