## We Are Family!

# **St. Patrick Church**

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## Up Front with Mary Hendricks

Luke 7:36-50

In Religion 6, we study today's Gospel, a story told by all four evangelists. We do a comparison/contrast exercise. I have a different kid read each of the stories. Jesus is reclining at table in a Pharisee's home when a woman comes in, breaks open a jar of expensive oil, and anoints his feet. One of the students wasn't listening, so I asked him to tell me what the story was about. He had no idea. We discuss that story and then hear the second account. I know my non-listener was alert this time and ask him to explain. "Well, there's a guy in a recliner, and a woman comes in and washes his feet with oil." A guy in a recliner? Who's the guy? He didn't know. Well, who's the main character in ALL the Gospels? No clue. I point at the crucifix on the wall and say, "What about him? Could it be *that* guy?" Gotta love sixth graders.

Let's see if you were paying attention. The nameless woman in this story is described as "sinful." We don't know what she did, but it must have been pretty bad because everyone in the room knew who she was. Everyone except Jesus, apparently, because the dinner guests say, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is and who is touching him."

Here's the problem: they knew who she was, but they didn't know who Jesus was. The host doesn't offer him water to wash his feet. Ritual washing was important to the Jewish community, especially Pharisees. By not giving Jesus the water, the host was saying, "You're dirty to me. Stay that way."

Jesus isn't greeted with a kiss. Another slap by the host. Offering "shalom" to a visitor was customary. Jesus is invited to dinner, but he isn't welcomed. Neither is he anointed with the oil that would have made him a real part of the group. Who was the real outcast in this scenario?

One outcast reaches out to the other. Without saying a word, the woman opens her alabaster flask of ointment and begins bathing Jesus' feet. The cost of that ointment? One year's wages. Think about that. She spent an entire year's wages on a bottle of perfume. A big investment, right? But she has a great debt to be forgiven, Jesus says, and shows great love. Love requires a huge investment. So does forgiveness. Jesus says only 12 words to her the whole time: "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace." It isn't even a conversation, but sometimes a conversation isn't needed. The connection between these two people who have never met before this dinner is incredible.

It's important to know that Jesus loved everyone in that room, not just the woman. He just recognized that she was the only one in the room who loved him. The biggest sinner loved the Lord. The rest of them loved the law.

Here's the thing: they were sinners as much as she. What about their pride? And their judgment. And their inhospitality? And their self-righteousness? But they didn't ask for forgiveness.

"The problem is not that we are sinners" says Pope Francis. "The problem is not repenting of sin, not being ashamed of what we have done. That's the problem."

This week, let's ask for God's forgiveness for all those sins we don't recognize in us but have no trouble seeing in others.

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#### Mass Schedule:

Monday: NO MASS Tuesday: NO MASS Wednesday: NO MASS Thursday: NO MASS Friday: NO MASS 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.

**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

St. Patrick School "An Excellent Beginning" Pre-School – 7th Grade 224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 304-269-5547 Principal: Maureen Gildein

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	MASS INTENTIONS						
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S	6/12/16	9:30 AM	Sarah Rowgh				
М	6/13/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
Т	6/14/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
W	6/15/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
Т	6/16/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
F	6/17/16	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass			
S	6/18/16	6:00 PM	Paris	shioners			
S	6/19/16	9:30 AM	All Fathers				

**NO DAILY MASS** We will not have daily Mass this week.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us each Friday at 11:30am in the church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pamphlets are in the vestibule.

#### **ROSARY CDS**

Rosary cds are available by donation. They make a wonderful present at any time. Call the parish office to get yours!

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DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters		Altar Servers		Readers	Gifts		Eucharistic Ministers	Cantor	
	<b>ഗ</b> 6/11	Junior and	A	Briana Franklin	1	Theresa Francis	- ·		Pam Thompson		
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SUN		Children's Mass	В	Joe Derico	2	Erin Turner	Children's Mass		Tyler Mehr	Gracie Marsh	
	9:30								Brooklyn Queen	Waron	
6	6/18	John and Nancy	A	Hunter Blake	1	Mitchell Queen	T L and Mindy	1 2	Mike Determan		
SAT		Riley	В	Joseph Blake	2	Jim Myers	T. J. and Mindy Hall & family		A. L. Determan	Rudy Pascasio	
	6 PM								Mary Hendricks		
S	6/19	Fred and	A B	Tom Derico	1	Jenny Garton	Butch Cain and		Jim Mehr		
SUN		Michele Turner		Jacob Aman	2	Jeremy Garton	Judy Foster		Danielle Mick	Joe Derico	
	9:30	& family	•				-	3	Sandy Mick		
S	6/25	Dave and Becky	A B	Gracie Marsh	1	Julia Marsh	T. J. and Mindy	1	Rock Garton		
SAT		King		Allia Shaver	2	Brenda Riley	Hall & family	2	Barbara King	K. Sims	
	6 PM		^	·· -	4			3	Valerie Corley		
S	6/26	Erin Turner and Ethan Mehr	A B	Morgan Turner	1	Steve Corlay	Robinson Family	1 2	Betty Hill Paul Derico	John Collins	
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Ă	6 PM	Micki Snyder	В	Drew Moodispaw	2	Jim Myers	Moodispaw family		Larry Bowers	Reed	
		1		Patrick Mehr	1	Judy Jerden		3 1	Jeremy Garton		
SUN	7/3	Butch Cain and Judy Foster	A B	Jayna Jerden	2	Martin Riley	Tucci Family	2	Steve Corley	Brenda	
ž	9:30			Jayna Jerden	-	Martin Kiley	Descendants		Jenny Garton	Riley	
	3.00		A	Zoe Skinner	1	GL Shearer		3 1	Larry Bowers	Donna	
SA	7/9	ТВА	В	Garrett Skinner	2	Debbie Queen	Joe and Amanda	2			
ÂT	6 PM					Dobbie Queen	Blake & family		Julia Marsh	Lake	
			A	Payton Aman	1	Sara Robinson	Sam and Marissa		Butch Cain	Lisa	
SUN	7/10	ТВА	В	Jordyn Aman	2	Jim Mehr			Judy Foster		
Z	9:30						Aman and family	2 3	Betty Hill	Marlow	
	9:30								Douyrinn		

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

#### ITEMS WE COLLECT TO HELP OTHERS

St. Pat's has many easy ways that every parishioner can help those in need. The following items are collected at all times.

- 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 and vet offices.

#### THE KNIGHT'S TOUR CHESS CLUB

The Knight's Tour is a new, non-profit chess club for all ages and we have continuous, open enrollment. Chess is a turnbased, strategy, board game that exercises the brain. Chess teaches discipline, independence, motivation, and requires the participant to take responsibility for their actions. Chess can improve abstract thinking, pattern recognition, planning, improvisation, concentration, logical reasoning, and calculation; chess may also improve memory, imagination, and visualization.

Our short-term goals are to learn the fundamentals of chess, and then improve upon our knowledge and skill. Despite your chess experience, we'll all start together at the beginning to ensure the correct rules are learned and followed.

For more information, please refer to our list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and for details about how to join The Knight's Tour, please contact Armando via email at chesscoacharmando@gmail.com or visit The Knight's Tour Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ TheKnightsTourChessClub/

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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. Only \$70.

We are listed at the U.S Bishops' website under NFP long distance learning: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their annual birthday celebration on Friday, June 17, at 6pm in the cafeteria. This is a covered dish dinner! Installation of officers will be held at this time. Get information or make a reservation by calling Diane Collins at 304-924-5610. If there is no answer, please leave a message!

All Catholic women are invited—active members, inactive members, and ladies who are thinking about joining the organization!

#### RCIC, GOING ON NOW

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) is ON! If you are over the age of 7 and under 18, and want to know more, tell your parents to call 304-269-3048.

VCAT—A <u>FREE</u> online resource for youth and young adults. www.vcat.org

## THANK YOU FR. STEVE!

May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go,

and guide you in whatever you do and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.

Thank you Fr. Steve for your service to St. Patrick Church!

God has called you to a special vocation, which you live with reverence, kindness and joy.

Prayers for your health, happiness and growth in holiness!

We will pray for you and we know, that we will be in your prayers as well.

#### Farm-To-Fork Buffet Sat., July 16 6 p.m. - Reception 7 p.m. - Dinner

Prepared by Chef Geoff Kraus using locally produced products At The Glass Museum on Main Avenue (If weather permits we will eat outside.)

\$40 per person benefitting the Depot Farmer's Market and The Museum of American Glass

Tickets available at Marian's Boutique, Chamber of Commerce, Lewis County CVB, Municipal Building

#### The Depot Farmers Market is located at the Municipal Building, 102 W 2nd St, Weston, Saturdays 10am-2pm

#### RCIA

Are you or do know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? If so, please join us for RCIA. We will resume meeting on Wed., Jan 6, at 6:30 in the parish meeting room. We begin each session with a delicious meal, so come hungry.

Just because you come to RCIA does not mean you have to become Catholic. Becoming Catholic is a discernment process. It doesn't happen overnight and each person's journey is different. We look forward to seeing you!

## SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS SERVED IN LEWIS COUNTY!

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation.

Open to all children 18 and younger.

No enrollment!

No cost!

WHERE	DATES	BKFST	LUNCH
Peterson-Central Elementary	June 21 - July 22	8:30-9:00	11:30-12:15
Quarry Glen Apartments	June 21 - August 9	N/A	11:00-11:15
Robert L Bland Middle #2	June 21 - August 9	N/A	11:15-11:30
Jane Lew Apartments (Main St)	June 21 - August 9	N/A	12:15-12:45
Jane Lew Apartments (Virginia St)	June 21 - August 9	N/A	1:00-1:30
Rana Estates Trailer Court	June 21 - August 9	N/A	11:15-11:45
Ireland Community Center	June 21 - August 9	N/A ,	12:00-12:30
Alum Bridge School	June 21 - August 9	N/A	11:15-11:45
Mid-Way Vol. Fire Department	June 21 - August 9	N/A	12:00-12:30
Robert L Bland Middle #1	July 25 - August 9	7:30-8:45	11:00-12:15
Lewis County High School	July 18 - July 29	8:30-9:00	N/A

### LATIN MASS THIS SUNDAY AT 4

A Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, on Sunday, June 12, at 4:00p.m. Our celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Grassi of St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas, WV. Latin - English missals and printed Propers for the day's Mass are available for use by all who attend and new people are always welcome.

MEALPROVIDERS NEEDED FOR RCIA NEEDED If you would like to provide an RCIA	<b>ADORATION</b> We offer adoration of the Blessed Sacrament EVERY Friday from 9 til noon. Don't let your prayer life go on summer vacation!
RCIA MEAL PROVIDERS6/15Call to volunteer!6/22Call to volunteer!6/22Call to volunteer!banielle at 304 517-0269.You do nothave to cook to provide the meal—take-out is always an option!We needenough food for 12 - 14 people.Thankyou for your generosity and kindness!	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. Scholarships are available! 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.
SCHOOL NEWS New teachers for 2016– 2017 Pre-Kindergarten/Pre-School: Becky Moore & Krista Paugh 7th grade: Rachel Davis	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEME: CAVE QUEST Following Jesus, The Light of the World June 20 - 24 6-8:30 Pre-K-6th Grade Graduates

Pre-registration is not required but helps make sure there are enough supplies for each child. EVERYONE who rep-registers is guaranteed a song cd, t-shirt, crafts and take home items related to this year's theme.

> 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.

St. Patrick School is accepting admission applications for students in 3rd, 5th, 6th & 7th grades. If you are interested in a Christ-centered education for your child, please contact the school office at 304 269-5547.

St. Patrick School is hiring part time teacher assistant in 1st grade. Please call if you are interested.

PLEASE PRAY FOR	NOTEWORTHY EVENTS
<ul> <li>Those who are sick: Emma Pascasio (SJMH), Christian Greathouse (Infant son of Mike and Michelle Greathouse, Eugene Garton (Ruby) Jane Taylor, Blake Francis, Jim Arsenault, Joe Boggs, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Ed Hubbs, Sarah Jane Huntz, Keith Marshall, Shirley Mason, Mary Ann Murray, Jane Myers, Burke Riley, Jack Rollins, Tom Ruppert, and Clarence Weber.</li> <li>Those who are homebound or in nursing homes!</li> </ul>	June – Dish Towels LCFRN— Canned Meats Linens - Melissa Allison Funeral Greeters - Shirley Hubbs and Jim Bohan Adoration: June 17, 24
<ul> <li>Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.</li> </ul>	9am til noon, church
<ul> <li>Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life</li> <li>Those in RCIA: Brad Curtis, Jenny Delgado, Michelle Droppleman, Tammy Stalnaker</li> </ul>	17 Fri: 6pm, Catholic Daughter Birthday (covered dish) Dinner, cafeteria 20–24: Vacation Bible School, cafeteria
<ul> <li>All Military Personnel: Ryan Faulkner</li> <li>All Priests Being Transferred: Especially Fr. Steve and Fr. DeViese</li> </ul>	July – Oral Hygiene LCFRN— Canned Pasta
<b>Pope Francis, June 5, 2016</b> "The Saints are not supermen, nor were they born perfect. When they recognized God's love, they followed it and served others."	Linens - Barbara King Funeral Greeters - Violet Angotti and Carol Castillo
CONGRATULATIONS EMMALEE & NATE	Adoration: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9am til noon, church
Emmalee Stewart and Nate Kemper celebrated the Sacrament of marriage on Sat. June 4. May you enjoy many blessed years together!	5 Tue: 7pm, Knights of Columbus mtg., cafeteria 9 & 10: Second Collection for
CONGRATULATIONS FATHER CODY FORD Fr. Cody Ford and Fr. Brian Crenwelge were ordained to the priesthood on Sat., June 4. Cody spent the summer of 2006 at our parish before entering the seminary in the fall of that year. His first assignment will be as associate pastor at St. Michael Church in Wheeling.	21 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council mtg., pmr
<b>CONGRATULATIONS, VINCENT SNUFFER!</b> Bishop Michael Bransfield celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 5 here at St. Pat's. When the Confirmandi were listed in the bulletin, Vincent Snuffer's name was omitted. We are very sorry about that Vinnie! You will always be one of our favorite Snuffer boys! Thank you to those who called this to our attention.	<b>RCIA PRAYER PARTNERS</b> Everyone needs prayers! You can journey with an RCIA participant by praying for him/
MASS—NO, ADORATION—YES! Due to the Fr. Steve moving to Parkersburg and Fr. DeViese moving here, we will not have daily Mass this week. We will have adoration on Friday from 9 until noon!	her. Sandy has five envelopes with one RCIA member's name in each. Find her today, pick a partner, and start praying! You, too will be blessed!
<i>I'M IN!</i> CAMPAIGN UPDATE Goal: 345,000.00 124 Pledges to Date: \$246,018.00 17 Other gifts: \$1385.00 Total: \$247,403.00 Needed: \$97,597	LJ
Your generosity is greatly appreciated! It's not to late too 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.	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
"For it is in giving that we receive." — Francis of Assisi	I building facing the rectory for AA and NA I meetings.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Germaine Cousin Feast day: June 15 Patron victims of child abuse Birth: 1579 Death: 1601

When Hortense decided to marry Laurent Cousin in Pibrac, France, it was not out of love for his infant daughter. Germaine was everything Hortense despised. Weak and ill, the girl had also been born with a right hand that was deformed and paralyzed. Hortense replaced the love that Germaine has lost when her mother died with cruelty and abuse.

Laurent, who had a weak character, pretended not to notice that Germaine had been given so little food that she had learned to crawl in order to get to the dog's dish. He wasn't there to protect her when Hortense left Germaine in a drain while she cared for chickens -- and forgot her for three days. He didn't even interfere when Hortense poured boiling water on Germaine's legs.

With this kind of treatment, it's no surprise that Germaine became even more ill. She came down with a disease known as scrofula, a kind of tuberculosis that causes the neck glands to swell up. Sores began to appear on her neck and in her weakened condition to fell prey to every disease that came along. Instead of awakening Hortense's pity this only made her despise Germaine more for being even uglier in her eyes.

Germaine found no sympathy and love with her siblings. Watching their mother's treatment of their half-sister, they learned how to despise and torment her, putting ashes in her food and pitch in her clothes. Their mother found this very entertaining.

Hortense did finally get concerned about Germaine's sickness -- because she was afraid her own children would catch it. So she made Germaine sleep out in the barn. The only warmth Germaine had on frozen winter nights was the woolly sheep who slept there too. The only food she had were the scraps Hortense might remember to throw her way.

The abuse of Germaine tears at our hearts and causes us to cry for pity and justice. But it was Germaine's response to that abuse and her cruel life that wins our awe and veneration.

Germaine was soon entrusted with the sheep. No one expected her to have any use for education so she spent long days in the field tending the sheep. Instead of being lonely, she found a friend in God. She didn't know any theology and only the basics of the faith that she learned the catechism. But she had a rosary made of knots in string and her very simple prayers: "Dear God, please don't let me be too hungry or too thirsty. Help me to please my mother. And help me to please you." Out of that simple faith, grew a profound holiness and a deep trust of God.

And she had the most important prayer of all -- the Mass. Every day, without fail, she would leave her sheep in God's care and go to Mass. Villagers wondered that the sheep weren't attacked by the wolves in the woods when she left but God's protection never failed her. One day when the rains had swollen the river to flood stage, a villager saw the river part so that she could cross to get to the church in time for Mass.

No matter how little Germaine had, she shared it with others. Her scraps of food were given to beggars. Her life of prayer became stories of God that entranced the village children.

But most startling of all was the forgiveness to showed to the woman who deserved her hatred.

Hortense, furious at the stories about her daughter's holiness, waited only to catch her doing wrong. One cold winter day, after throwing out a beggar that Germaine had let sleep in the barn, Hortense caught Germaine carrying something bundled up in her apron. Certain that Germaine had stolen bread to feed the beggar, she began to chase and scream at the child. As she began to beat her, Germaine opened her apron. Out tumbled what she had been hiding in her apron -- bright beautiful flowers that no one had expected to see for months. Where had she found the vibrant blossoms in the middle of the ice and snow? There was only one answer and Germaine gave it herself, when she handed a flower to her mother and said, "Please accept this flower, Mother. God sends it to you in sign of his forgiveness."

As the whole village began to talk about this holy child, even Hortense began to soften her feelings toward her. She even invited Germaine back to the house but Germaine had become used to her straw bed and continued to sleep in it. There she was found dead at the age of 22, overcome by a life of suffering.

With all the evidence of her holiness, her life was too simple and hidden to mean much beyond her tiny village -- until God brought it too light again. When her body was exhumed forty years later, it was found to be undecayed, what is known as incorruptible. As is often the case with incorruptible bodies of saints, God chooses not the outwardly beautiful to preserve but those that others despised as ugly and weak. It's as if God is saying in this miracle that human ideas of beauty are not his. To him, no one was more beautiful than this humble lonely young woman.

After her body was found in this state, the villagers started to speak again of what she had been like and what she had done. Soon miracles were attributed to her intercession and the clamor for her canonization began.

In this way, the most unlikely of saints became recognized by the Church. She didn't found a religious order. She didn't reach a high Church post. She didn't write books or teach at universities. She didn't go to foreign lands as a missionary or convert thousands. What she did was live a life devoted to God and her neighbor no matter what happened to her. And that is all God asks.

#### Prayer:

Saint Germaine, watch over those children who suffer abuse as you did. Help us to give them the love and protection you only got from God. Give us the courage to speak out against abuse when we know of it. Help us to forgive those who abuse the way you did, without sacrificing the lives of the children who need help. Amen

#### *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)

## **COMMIT TODAY!**

Currently, we have 25 people signed up, not including church staff. You can still get in on this exciting adventure.

Brochures are in the vestibule and church office! Please don't let this opportunity pass you by!

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our parish please pick up a census/registration form from the vestibule. Being a registered member of the parish helps the staff to get to know you. It adds you to our newsletter mailing list and is essential if you are asked to be a godparent, or sponsor for someone in another church. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office at 210 Center Ave. or placed in the collection plate at Mass. If you would like to become more involved in the church, there is a place on the form for you to circle areas in which you are interested. You can also list any talents you have that we may utilize in the parish.

#### BELL CONCERT CDs ON SALE NOW!

Half of the initial order of the St. Patrick Bell Ensemble's concert CDs has been sold. Get yours now! CDs are available by contacting Jim Weber at 304-269-4307 or by seeing John Collins or Marilyn Bean for your copy. The price of the CD is \$12 per disc. The Year of Mercy Concert CD includes Fr. Steve's inspirational words about God's mercy as we mark a special opportunity for grace.

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To find out more, please go to newmanconnection.com. Or contact Cassie Campton at (866) 815.2034 ext. 708, ccampton@newmanconnection.com.

## WHAT BREAKS MY FAST?

You are required to fast for one hour before receiving communion. CHEWING GUM, MINTS, COFFEE, TEA, SODA (even if it just a taste), or anything that is not medically necessary breaks your fast. Food that is required to take a prescribed medicine is okay.

# dearPadre

June 12, 2016

## Dealing with Catholics who ignore Church beliefs

How should the Church respond to Catholics who publicly ignore its beliefs and morals?

Let's begin with Jesus' recipe for dealing with a

Monday JUNE 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 1 Kgs 21:1–16 Mt 5:38–42 Tuesday JUNE 14 Weekday 1 Kgs 21:17–29 Mt 5:43–48 Wednesday JUNE 15 Weekday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14 Mt 6:1–6, 16–18 Thursday JUNE 16 Weekday Sir 48:1–14 Mt 6:7–15	person who is living in known sin (Matthew 18:15–17). First of all, gently bring instruction or correction in private. This is a simple, friendly call to repentance. If he or she does not listen, a second witness or authority may be called. We then may approach the pastor or another leader to try to help the person to reject the evil. If the person still refuses, the Church may be forced to exclude him or her from the Eucharist until there are signs of repentance. This is known as "excommunication" and is an extreme last resort. It is an ugly word for an ugly reality. It is a public proclamation by the Church that an individual is defiant in his or her rebellion and has left the community of the faithful.
Friday JUNE 17 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9– 18, 20 Mt 6:19–23	Notice that excommunication is not the Church kicking out a poor sinner, but it simply proclaims that the person has chosen to leave our values for the sake of selfishness, politics,
Saturday JUNE 18 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Chr 24:17–25 Mt 6:24–34 Sunday	money, or some other motive. In fact, the whole reason for excommunication is to try to show the person the seriousness of his or her offense so that he or she will return to Christ and the Church

JUNE 19 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 12:10–11; 13:1 Gal 3:26–29 Lk 9:18–24

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and receive mercy.

