

St. Patrick Church

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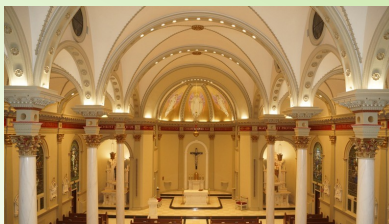
Weston, WV 26452

304 269-3048

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Mass Schedule:

Monday: 8:15am
Tuesday: 8:15am
Wednesday: 6pm
Thursday: 8:15am
Friday: 8:15am
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays, 9-12

The Sacraments:

Baptism - By arrangement
Marriage - At least six 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
Oct. and May: Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am

Miraculous Medal Novena: Wed, 5:55pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fri, 11:30am

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
Secretary: Regina Frazier
email: st.pats@stpatsswv.org
website: stpatsswv.org

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

As of Sunday, Nov. 27:

Sun., 10:30 - 12:30

Mon. & Tues., 9 - 4

Wed. and Fri., 9 - 1

Thurs., 1 - 8

UpFront

with Mary Hendricks

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

No two ways about it: you gotta love a passionate man. In this case, it's St. Paul. He doesn't do anything half-way. One hundred and ten percent, baby, all day, every day.

And he is fuming at the Christians of Thessalonica in today's second reading. They aren't "keeping busy but (are) minding the business of others." Uh oh. Isn't that always the way? Other people's business is a lot more fun to analyze, criticize, and solve than our own. And it always seems to happen when we have too much time on our hands.

Paul tells them that he tried to give them a good example while he was living among them. Paul was a hard worker who didn't look for a handout from any place he visited on his missionary journeys. A tentmaker, he made tents, and he must have made a lot of them. He tells the Thessalonians that he worked day and night, "in toil and drudgery," and wasn't a burden to anyone. In fact, he warned that those who weren't willing to work, shouldn't expect to eat.

But, you know what? Part of the blame is Paul's.

You see, the Christians in those days were positive that Jesus Christ was coming back any minute. They fully expected the Son of Man to break through the clouds, swoop them up, and take them to heaven. That's what Paul preached in his first letter to the Thessalonians. So, they just figured they'd sit back and wait for it. Why get your hands dirty when the end was coming soon?

What the people didn't understand is that the best way to prepare for the Second Coming is the way they lived every day. If they're living lazy lives, filling their days with gossip, that's not how they want Jesus to find them. Paul advises them: "Work quietly and eat your own food." That's a pretty direct way of putting it. Get busy and shut up.

So, are we busy enough to shut up? I'm not. To help myself get busier, I found these verses. They may help you, too.

- 1) "The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14) If we are taking time to build relationships, if we are generously giving our time, talent, and treasure to those who need our help, if we treat others the way we want to be treated, that takes a lot of energy. We won't have time to talk about them if we are spending our time loving them.
- 2) "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40) Serve. Let's stop thinking about how we can be served and serve others. We have several ways you can be involved—check the bulletin! Let's get out of that way of thinking that Church is only on Sundays. We **are** Church all week long!
- 3) "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!" (Proverbs 16:16) LEARN! Don't stop learning about your faith. Read the Bible, come to GIFT, find a Scripture study group! We may have gone to Catholic school 40 years ago, but we haven't learned everything.
- 4) "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:24-25) Go to Mass! Worship your Lord. Pray! The closer we are to God, the closer he will be to us. That's a promise!

 <p>JENNY GARTON Car ~ Home ~ Life ~ Health ~ Business StateFarm 269-1414 51 Circle Heights Weston, WV 26452</p>		<p>DR. DANIEL D. FARNSWORTH IV Optometrist 137 Main Ave. Weston 269-2020</p> 		<p>DC's Barber Shop 1 East Second St. Weston, WV 26452</p>		 <p>Tue — Fri 11am-3pm/ 5pm-9pm Sat: 5pm-9pm 5 1/2 East Second St., Weston WV 304-269-7177</p>	
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Stewardship Update - *Thank You!*

Mass Attendance			Weekly Church Offering	Monthly Electronic Offering	Total	Goal	Over/Short Weekly	Over/Short Year to Date	School	Debt Reduction		
Sat	Sun	Total								Church Weekly	Electronic Monthly	Total
143	196	339	4,386.00	625	5,011.00	4231.00	\$780.00	-\$14,672.10	1025*	830	860	1690

All Saints Day	Mass Attendance:	UPCOMING SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
	8:15—213	•Dec. 10 & 11: National Appeal for the Religious Retirement Fund
\$640.22	Noon—50	•All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities of West Virginia
	6pm—60	

Mass Intentions				
Day	Date	Time	Intention	Requested By
S	11/12/16	6:00 PM	†Kay Atkins	Tom Ruppert
S	11/13/16	9:30 AM	People of the Parish	
		4:00 PM	Grand Lodge of West Virginia IOOF	
M	11/14/16	8:15 AM	†Carmelo and Josephine Nacida	Nacida Family
T	11/15/16	8:15 AM	Jeannine Garton	Jeremy Garton
W	11/16/16	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Daniel O'Connor and †Rev. John McBride	
T	11/17/16	8:15 AM	John & Jamie Sasien	Jim & Tammy Arsenault
F	11/18/16	8:15 AM	†Margaret Shea	John and Jackie McLaughlin
S	11/19/16	6:00 PM	†Edna Broschart	Dan & Sandra Mick
S	11/20/16	9:30 AM	People of the Parish	

***School total includes
\$380 From electronic
giving.**

Collection for Universal Missions

\$765.35

Collection for Archdiocese of Military Services

\$793.75

ROSARY CDS

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

PARISH STORE

Need a special gift for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or a Wedding? Stop by the parish store for the perfect gift for these and all special occasions!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

Ministry Schedules

DAY	DATE TIME	Greeters	Altar Servers		Readers		Gifts	EMHC		Cantor
SAT	11/12	T. J. and Mindy Hall	A	Joseph Blake	1	GL Shearer	Joe and Amanda and Samantha		Barbara King	Donna Lake
	B		Hunter Blake	2	Jim Myers			Margaret Blake		
	6 PM							Tom Ruppert		
SUN	11/13	Butch Cain and Judy Foster	A	Ethan Mehr	1	Jenny Garton	Sheila West and family		JJ Jordan	Lisa Marlow
	B		Gracie Marsh	2	Jeremy Garton			Jim Mehr		
	9:30							Betty Hill		
SAT	11/19	Junior and Veronica Brumley	A	Allia Shaver	1	Mick, Danielle	Lynne Shaver and Sandy Mick		Collins, Diane	TBA
	B		Ian Droppleman	2				Collins, John		
	6 PM							King, Barb		
SUN	11/20	Larry and Carol Dodson	A	Christian Mullins	1	Riley, Michael	Mary Ann Edwards and Mikey Linger		Derico, Joe	Kelley Skinner
	B		Jacqueline Mullins	2	Jerden, Judy			Derico, Paul		
	9:30							Hill, Betty		
SAT	11/26	John Weber and Karen Pascasio	A	M. Empoules	1	Collins, Diane	Empoules Family		Determan, A. L.	Bob Thompson
	B		Kami Franklin					Determan, Mike		
	6 PM							Blake, Margaret		
SUN	11/27	Maddie and Emily Paugh, Anna Naim	A	Jack Paugh	1	Flesher, Joe	Chad and Megan Westfall & family		Cain, Butch	Jeremy Garton
	B		Joe Derico					Foster, Judy		
	9:30							Aman, Marissa		
SAT	12/3	Joe and Amanda Blake	A	Briana Franklin	1	Collins, John	Kiro Family		Bowers, Larry	Rudy Pascasio
	B		Haley Kiro					Bowers, Luanne		
	6 PM							Weber, John		
SUN	12/4	TBA	A	Lily Davis	1	Jerden, Jayna	TBA		Aman, Jacob	Joe Derico
	B		Tom Derico					Mick, Danielle		
	9:30							Mehr, Jim		

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

♦ **Those who are sick:** Mike Riley, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Matt McCauley, Bob Fultineer, Tina Barnette, Megan Westfall, Julieta Rilling, Merle Watson, Randy Campbell, Sal Carmona, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Ed Hubbs, Sara Jane Huntz, Rose Mazza, Mary Ann Murray, Burke Riley, Jane Taylor, and Jane White.

♦ **Those who are homebound or in nursing homes!**

♦ **Those who have died:** Fred Turner Sr. (Fred Turner's father), 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, Brandi Francis.

♦ **All Military Personnel:** Ryan Faulkner, Fr Jeff Paveglio, Alan Hamilton



Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

Christian life is a journey, but not a sorrowful journey; it is joyful.

GIFT IS THIS WEEKEND

Our next inter-generational faith formation session is Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10:30am in the cafeteria. At this session, we will learn about the rewards of discipleship. All parishioners are invited to participate in these sessions.



LATIN MASS

A Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, on Sunday, November 13, at 4:00p.m. The sacrament of reconciliation begins at 3:15. We have Latin - English missals and printed Propers for the day's Mass available for use by all who attend. New people are always welcome.

THE ANGELS HAVE ARRIVED



We have 18 angels (7 families) that need adopted. They are on the angel tree in the vestibule. If you are able, please adopt the whole family. If not, just take the tag for the child you wish to adopt.

Remember to write your name and phone number in the book next to the angel number you adopted.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE

Fr. Steve posted the following message on his Facebook page on Wed., Nov. 9: "In your charity, please pray for me tomorrow. I will be having colon surgery. While that's not fun, I do look forward to two weeks off!"

Please keep him in your prayers. We will update you as info is made available to us.

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

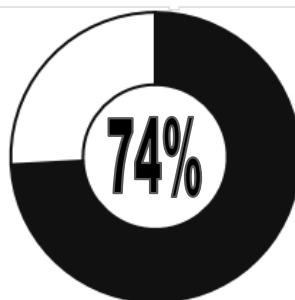
127 Pledges to Date: \$254,443.00

17 Other gifts: \$1385.00

Total: \$255,828.00

Pledges Needed to complete campaign: \$89,172

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

November – Deodorant

LCFRN—Pie crust and pumpkin pie mix

Linens - Kathy Boyle

Funeral Greeters - Mary Wagoner, Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

13 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, The Requirements of Discipleship

13 Sun: 4pm, Latin Mass

13 Sun: 7pm, Catechesis gathering for high school students (grades 9-12)

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22 Tus: 7pm, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Valley View Church of the Nazarene

24: Thu: 12:30, Thanksgiving Dinner, cafeteria

24 & 25: Parish office closed

26 & 27: Parish toy, food and glove mitten and hat drives begin

27 Sun: New parish office hours begin

13 Sun: 7pm, Catechesis gathering for high school students (grades 9-12)

December – Cleaning Supplies

LCFRN—Instant potatoes and stuffing

Linens - Melissa Allison

Funeral Greeters - Mary Wagoner, Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

4 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, Uncover your Gifts, cafeteria

13 Tue., Salvation Army bell ringing, CVS and Shop-N-Save

15 Thu: Advent Penance Service, church

16 Fri., Salvation Army bell ringing, CVS and Shop-N-Save

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.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please join us for a weekly, informal gathering for all high school students (grades 9-12). All students are welcome to attend. The group will meet on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the parish office. Snacks and drinks provided. Come as you are.

SAINT PATRICK GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4165 BOOK COLLECTION

Do you have books your kids do not read anymore...not sure what to do with them? Here is your answer! Troop 4165 is taking donation of Children/Teen/Adult books. Books found to have a corresponding AR Quiz will be added to St. Patrick School Library for student use. All other books will be donated to other organizations OR sold. If sold the money raised will go to buy MORE BOOKS! Contact troop leader Sheila McCartney at 304 452-0442 for more info.

THANKSGIVING DINNER—You're Invited

St. Patrick Church and School will host a Community Thanksgiving lunch in St. Patrick School cafeteria Thursday, November 24, at 12:30. All are welcome and we need donations of turkey, ham and the trimmings. Call Maureen or Jim Gildein if you can volunteer to help donate food or work with this event, 304 269-1487. Thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS

St. Patrick School has openings in the following grades: Pre-School, P-Kindergarten, kindergarten, first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. Call the school office for more information at 269-5547.

CDA

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) meet on the third Monday at 6pm in the parish meeting room. The next meeting is Mon., Nov. 21.

Annual dues are \$30, all of which is forwarded to National headquarters for charitable CDA activities. Make checks payable to: CDA Court Victory #379 and mail to P.O. Box 764, Weston, WV 26452.



ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

FOOTBALL FRENZY UPDATE:

Football Frenzy has begun. A list of winners can be found on our parish website: www.spchurchweston.net

MEETING DATES:

- The Knights of Columbus regular monthly meeting will be on Tues., Dec. 4, at 7 in the cafeteria.
- The monthly board meeting will be on Tues., Nov. 22, at 7 at the Hickory House Event Center. All officers and members are invited!

Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

My husband is buried in a public cemetery, which is not consecrated ground. Am I permitted to be buried next to him, and can the priest bless and consecrate our final resting place?

I commend your care in this matter. The *Catechism* stresses that "the bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy" (CCC 2300). However, it makes no reference to the place of burial—only the manner in which our bodies are treated after death (that is, conditions for autopsy, organ donation, and cremation).

Canon law "earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed"; by doing so properly and receiving an ecclesiastical funeral, you honor your body, witness to our belief in the resurrection of the body, and bring "the solace of hope to the living" (*Canon* 1176). It later specifies that "where possible, the Church is to have its own cemeteries or at least areas in civil cemeteries that are designated for the deceased members of the faithful and properly blessed. If this cannot be achieved, however, then individual graves are to be properly blessed" (*Canon* 1240). Given this, it would seem that there is no objection to your being buried in the grave next to your husband or any difficulty in requesting that the priest bless your final resting place.

FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR
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Monday November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Lk 18:35–43	Lk 19:11–28	Saturday November 19 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 11:4–12 Lk 20:27–40
Tuesday November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 Lk 19:1–10	Thursday November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Rv 5:1–10 k 19:41–44	Sunday November 20 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe</i> 2 Sm 5:1–3 Col 1:12–20 Lk 23:35–43
Wednesday November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 4:1–11	Friday November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Rv 10:8–11 Lk 19:45–48	



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING

Saint Patrick Church is working in conjunction with other area churches to ring the Salvation Army Christmas Bell at CVS and Shop-N-Save. The dates we need to fill are Thurs., Dec. 10, and Tues., Dec. 13 and Fri., Dec. 16, from 11am to 7pm. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. We ask that you sign up for at least an hour session. You are allowed to stand inside at both locations to ring the bell.

CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

Weston's Small Business Saturday Marketplace is Sat., Nov. 26 at St. Pat's Gym...join us to support your family and friends' businesses. Call the City of Weston at 269-6141 for more info.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7pm
Valley View Church of the Nazarene

Please join us!

2017 CALENDARS

The 2017 parish calendars are in the vestibule. Please pick one up today.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE:

56 gifts = \$12,554

73% of goal

Because we have surpassed 50% of our goal, from now until the end of the campaign 100% of the funds generated will return to St. Patrick's! **The next collection for the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be December 3 & 4.** Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach-surpass our goal!

The info was not updated on the diocesan website at the time the bulletin needed printed. Please check back next week, or go to www.dwc.org and click the Catholic Sharing Appeal link, "Opening the Doors of God's

WE NEED YOU

We are looking for a person to coordinate meals for RCIA. The coordinator does not have to cook the meal, their job is to find people to donate the weekly meal. Call the parish office to volunteer.

IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME!

If you would like to provide an RCIA meal, call the parish office to volunteer. You do not have to cook to provide the meal— take-out is always an option! We need enough food for 8 - 10 people. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

RCIA MEAL PROVIDERS

11/16	?
11/23	No RCIA
11/30	?

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Many of you also have used your credit cards to purchase goods online through Amazon, eBay, or a number of other sites.

We have teamed up with myEoffering to enable you to use the same process to give your offering electronically from your bank account, credit or debit cards.

There is no cost to you for this new giving option. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue uninterrupted.

You can begin participating in the electronic giving program immediately. Just visit our church website and look for the "Donate Now" button. Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

Pope Benedict Speaks on Life Issues

Pope John Paul II left behind an incredible pro-life legacy, as he was always unwavering about the sanctity of LIFE.

Pope Benedict XVI proved himself to be equally resolute in continuing to raise the pro-life standard for the Catholic Church and humanity generally. The Pope took a strong stand against practices like abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. The Pope was repeatedly emphasizing, "the inviolability of human beings, the inviolability of human life from conception to natural death."

In the Pope's book, "The Europe of Benedict in the Crisis of Cultures," the Pope took to task nations which have legalized abortion and condemned the culture which "becomes virtually insensitive to abortion."

The Pope said, "Maybe because in abortion you don't see the face of who will be condemned and never see the light. Every human life as such deserves to be always defended and promoted."