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December 11, 2016

The Third Sunday of Advent

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“UpFront” with Mary Hendricks

Matthew 11:2-1

Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? John the Baptist asks Jesus in today’s Gospel. John heard about the miracles attributed to Jesus—could he be the Messiah?

That question reminded me of a story: There once was a monastery that had fallen on some hard times. The number of monks who lived there was dwindling, and no new candidates were showing up to take their place. People had stopped coming to the monastery for retreats and spiritual direction. The monks were depressed and bitter, seeing the downward spiral and feeling helpless as to what to do about it.

The abbot, too, was distressed. He went to see a holy man who lived in the desert. Maybe he had answers, or, at the very least, some encouragement. He explained to the holy man that only seven monks remained in the once thriving monastery. He expressed his concern that the monastery soon would be forced to close.

The hermit told the abbot that he had a secret to tell him. He said the Messiah was disguised as one of the monks living in the monastery. The Messiah was living in such a way that no one could recognize him.

When the abbot returned to the monastery, he told the secret to the other monks. Each looked at the other, wondering who the Messiah could be. Maybe Brother Michael? He was holy, but he tended to gossip a little. Well, the hermit said the Messiah was living so that no one would guess, so the gossip may have been part of the disguise. Was it Brother James? He skipped morning prayers sometimes. Jesus wouldn’t do that. Well, he might, if he was trying hide identity. The only sure thing each monk knew was that any one could be the Messiah, excluding himself.

So, they began to treat one other with more patience, more kindness, more tolerance, compassion, and more humility. I mean, think about it! They could be talking to the Christ! That made them speak respectfully and to listen earnestly. They wanted to make sure they were on their best behavior at all times.

The atmosphere in the monastery began to change. It



was much more pleasant, and, undeniably, more loving. People began to notice. They started scheduling retreats and spiritual direction again, and, before long, the monastery population was growing and not just in holiness. Their number doubled, with even more candidates showing interest in joining their order.

It all happened because they thought the Messiah was among them. Of course, he wasn’t one of the eight monks living in the monastery, but he *was* present—in the Eucharist and in each monk’s heart.

When John the Baptist asked if Jesus was “the one,” Jesus pointed out the miracles that he had done: the blind could see, the lame could walk, lepers were cleansed, and the poor heard the good news.

What if he had pointed to everyone in the vicinity, saying, “The Messiah could be that guy or that one”?

What if we viewed everyone we met as the possible Messiah? My bet is that the world would be a much more loving place in which to live.

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...And much, much more!

Liturgical Musings

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The Term “Gaudete.” Gaudete is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in looking back to remember the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened by the importance of his birth that he was born to save people from their sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. Gaudete Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Joyful Adornments. The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

Joyful Prayers. The prayers in the Roman Missal on the Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful mes-

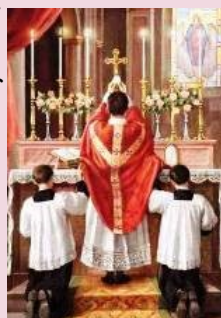
sage. The immediacy of Christmas is addressed in the Collect, “O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity,” followed by two explicit references to joy: “enable us ... to attain the joys of so great a salvation” and “to celebrate them with ... glad rejoicing.” Preface II of Advent says “we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity” and that we are “exultant in his praise.” The Communion Antiphon contains the joyful message, “Behold, our God will come, and he will save us” (cf. Is 35:4). Two invocations in the Solemn Blessing for Advent refer to joy: the second, “may he make you ... joyful in hope,” and the third, “So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer’s coming.”

Joyful Readings. The scripture texts for the Third Sunday of Advent, Year C, are filled with references to joy. The first reading exhorts, “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult” (Zeph 3:14), and continues, “The Lord ... will rejoice over you with gladness ... he will sing joyfully” (Zeph 3:17b). The refrain for the Responsorial Psalm begins, “Cry out with joy and gladness” and the first stanza adds, “With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation” (Is 12:3). The second reading repeats the Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4). In the gospel John the Baptist makes the joyful announcement: “One mightier than I is coming” (Lk 3:16).

From Father Michael Van Sloun

The Traditional Latin Mass at St. Patrick’s

For several years now, our parish has played host to The Latin Mass Community of North Central West Virginia. Through their generous support, our parish continues to offer a weekly Traditional Latin Mass (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the TLM. Please make the visitors to our parish from the Latin Mass Community feel welcome as they gather to worship.



Christmas Concert, A Family Event

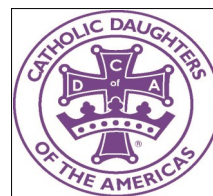
Dec. 16

Stonewall Jackson Resort

Hosted by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Michael Russell O’Brien, a nationally known Christian musical entertainer, will be performing locally at Stonewall Jackson Resort in Lewis County, in the ballroom on Friday, December 16, at 7pm. The Christmas concert will be mixed with his faith stories, experiences that led him from a successful career in secular music to Christian/Catholic, and some humor along the way. The event is for the entire family. Several Catholic Daughters participated in one of his concerts this summer. They have expressed a positive experience with witness to a humble and down to earth man, with no hesitation to share his love of our Catholic Faith. The tickets are being sold by our Catholic Daughter group for \$10.00 each, and since this is a family event, a family pack for immediate family members up to 6 persons will be sold for \$30.00. To purchase a ticket contact a Catholic Daughter, or call Kathy Sims 304-476-1200. Tickets are also available at the parish office.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) meet on the third Monday at 6pm in the parish meeting room. This month, instead of a meeting, the Daughters will celebrate Christmas on Friday, Dec. 16 at Stonewall Jackson Resort, prior to the Michael Russell O’Brien Concert.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, January 16. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

Weekly Attendance & Collection (11/27/2016)

Sat: 100	Sun: 194	Latin Mass: 17
General:	\$3391	
Loan:	\$490	
School:	\$575	

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

Dec. 10 & 11: National Appeal for the Religious Retirement Fund

All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities of West Virginia



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PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY & SPIRITUALLY

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Who?

Members of Knights of Columbus Council #1415 who want to grow spiritually in their Faith.

When?

The retreat begins Friday evening, February 3, and ends after lunch on Sunday, February 5.

Where?

Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville

Interested parties should contact Chris Todd no later

than January 3: 304-488-8773 or

christoddwv@yahoo.com

The Knights of Columbus are a faithful and proud group of men serving our parish and community. If you have a desire for camaraderie and the need to serve others, please call Robbie Clem, Membership Director with the Knights of Columbus, at 304-439-4825.

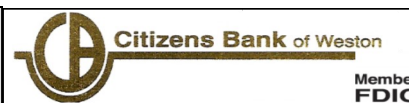


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NAMES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the parish office at 304 -269-3048. The Catholic Daughters, the church, the school and the Girl Scouts work together to insure that those who need it receive a little extra help at Christmas. All names are kept confidential!

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.


BAGS OF DRY BEANS NEEDED

Sheila McCartney and her Girl Scout Troop are collecting bags of beans to replenish local food pantries in January.

Food pantries are essentially “cleaned out” in December due to higher demand. Beans may be sent to the school, left in the church or taken to the parish office!

2017 CALENDARS

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



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Congratulations Tammy Marple!
Tammy was the winner of the American Doll raffle! The raffle raised \$1109 for St. Patrick School!

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING



Saint Patrick Catholic 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 Tues., Dec. 13 and Fri., Dec. 16, from 11am to 7pm. Sign-up sheets 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.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE:

62 gifts = \$19,389
113% of goal

We have surpassed our goal! Thank you to everyone who made this happen. We will receive back in its entirety, all donations given to the appeal. This money will then be applied to our loan repayment. We will continue our monthly collection for the Catholic Sharing Appeal on the first weekend of the month.

Thank you to all who have given to this appeal!

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday — December 10th
SATURDAY of the Second Week of Advent
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Josephine Determan, by St. Patrick Parish
RDGS: Sir 48:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday — December 11th
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
12:30p Mass (Latin) for Fr. Gerald Gawronski
Third Sunday of Advent

Monday — December 12th
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
8:15a Mass for Majorie Ruppert, by Stanley and Lisa Marlow
RDGS: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday — December 13th
Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
8:15a Mass for Alicia Rogers, by Mary Lou Weber
RDGS: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday — December 14th
Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
5:00p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
6:00p Mass for Lillian Cardinal, by Jim and Tammy Arsenault
RDGS: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday — December 15th
THURSDAY of the Third Week of Advent
8:15a Mass for Sissie Riley, by Theresa Snaith Auxiliary
RDGS: Is 54: 1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Lk 7:24-30

Friday — December 16th
FRIDAY of the Second Week of Advent
8:15a Clarence Weber, by Jackie and Dayna Smith
RDGS: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
9:00a Exposition
9:00a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
12:00p Benediction

Saturday — December 17th
SATURDAY of the Third Week of Advent
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Carmelo and Josephine Nacida, by Nacida family
RDGS: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday — December 18th
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
11:45 Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for Mary Gallagher, by Barbara Daugherty
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ministry Schedule for December 17-18, 2016

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016
Greeters: Kelley Skinner and family
Servers: Blake Francis and Drew Moodispaw
Reader: Theresa Francis
Offertory: Moodispaw family
EMHC: Tom Ruppert, Margaret Blake, Mary Hendricks
Cantor: Brenda Reed

Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016
Greeters: Jack Paugh and Morgan Turner
Servers: Macy Franklin and Michael Riley
Reader: Jenny Garton
Offertory: Paugh family
EMHC: Tyler Mehr, J. J. Jordan, Erin Turner
Cantor: Brenda Riley

December linens - Melissa Allison
December Funeral Greeters - Mary Wagoner, Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

Parish Prayer List

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Shannon Kiro, George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Randy Campbell, Shawn Campbell, Sal Carmona, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Sara Jane Huntz, Rose Mazza, Mary Ann Murray, Matt McCauley, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ♦ **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**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Ryan Faulkner, Fr Jeff Paveglio, Alan Hamilton

30th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner

The 39th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner is Sunday, December 25, from 10am to 2pm at the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center on West Second Street. A delicious traditional meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings is the menu.

Dine in, carry out, or have your dinner delivered to you. To place an order, call 304-884-6803.

Volunteers are needed for Dec. 24 and Christmas Day for food preparation, serving, and cleanup. Drivers are needed for delivery to the those who can't make it out. To volunteer call Ella Clem at 304-269-4028.

Donations of desserts may be dropped off at the Senior Center on December 24 from 12pm to 3pm.

The Lewis County Christmas Dinner is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to: Lewis County Christmas Dinner, and mail them to PO Box 1012, Weston, WV 26452.

Volunteers Needed

We need a volunteer to transport our Angel Tree presents to their distribution center at the X-Chem building (between KFC and Shentel) on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 9 to noon. The volunteer will need a large vehicle since we had 18 Angels this year.

A volunteer is needed on Monday, Dec. 19, to deliver the toys, coats, hats and gloves to Our Neighbor located at 170 West Second St.

If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 304 269-3048.

WELCOME

BRAD CURTIS WAS BROUGHT INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7. BRAD HAS BEEN ATTENDING RCIA SESSIONS FOR THE PAST YEAR. WHEN YOU SEE BRAD, CONGRATULATE HIM AND WELCOME HIM TO THE ST. PATRICK'S FAMILY!

Reader Books are Here

If you are on the reader schedule, please pick up your copy of the 2017 Living Liturgy, Sunday Missal. These books are provided so readers can prepare before they come to Mass. The books are in the vestibule and are labeled for each reader or family of readers.

*Please join us on Friday, December 30,
at 7:00 p.m. for
An Evening of Sacred Music
In Celebration
of the
Birth of the Savior*

Orchestra | St. Patrick's Handbell Choir | Chorale & Soloists

Admission is free and open to the public. There will be an opportunity to make a freewill offering to help offset the cost of the performance. All are invited!

Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex



Jesus gives meaning to my life here on earth and hope for the life to come.

Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most effective prayer that we as Christians can offer. Mass may be offered for the intentions of the living or deceased. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sacrificial Giving Envelopes for 2017 will be mailed directly to your home. They should arrive in the next couple of weeks. If you do not receive a set of envelopes (for the First Quarter), please contact the parish office. If you have received envelopes and prefer not to (for example, if you use E-giving), please place the entire packet into the collection basket, and we will remove you from the list.

REMINDER

**ANGEL TREE PRESENTS ARE DUE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12!**

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Christmas Ornaments

Decorate your Christmas tree this year with a little piece of St. Patrick's. These Limited Edition, hand-etched brass and enameled ornaments are the first in our series of annual parish ornaments. Only 250 have been commissioned, so get yours today!

Ornaments are **\$25 each**, or **3 for \$60**. Pre-orders may be placed now through the parish office. Ornaments will be available for sale and pick-up in the church vestibule the weekend of December 17-18 and in the Parish Store starting on December 16.



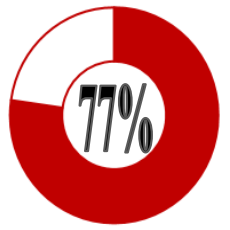
I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

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.

"For it is in giving that we receive."
— Francis of Assisi



We're already planning to **Deck the Halls for Christmas** here at St. Patrick's, and we need a lot of flowers to do it! Anyone who would like to donate a **Christmas Poinsettia** in honor of a loved one (living or deceased) should contact the parish office no later than December 17. Each poinsettia costs \$15.00, and will be used to decorate our sanctuary



HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING

All high school students are invited to participate in a weekly gathering led by Fr. DeViese.

The group will meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm in the upstairs meeting room of the parish office. Snacks and drinks provided. Come as you are.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

December – Cleaning Supplies

11 Sun: 7pm, High School Gathering, upstairs meeting room—parish office

12 Mon: Angel Tree presents are due!

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

15 Thu: 7pm, Advent Penance Service, church

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

16 Fri: 7pm, Michael Russell O'Brien Concert, Stonewall Jackson Resort

18 Sun: 7pm, High School Gathering, upstairs meeting room—parish office

21 Wed: 7pm, St. Patrick School Christmas pageant, gym

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

- **Tues., Dec. 13, 7pm, St. Brendan's, Elkins**
- **Thurs., Dec. 15, 7pm, St. Patrick's, Weston**
- **Tues., Dec. 20, 6pm, St. Boniface's, Camden**

Choir Practice

The Adult Choir will practice for the Christmas Liturgies following the Saturday evening masses on December 10 & 17. This is an opportunity for you to play a part in welcoming the Christ Child by giving of your time and talent to the parish. All are invited to participate.

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 school at 304 269-5547 to see what is available! Scrip makes the perfect gift!

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.