

April 30, 2017

A Weekly Bulletin for Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Weston, West Virginia Established 1848

What just happened?!

he dust finally seems to have settled from the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, and I find myself left with the lingering question of what I just went through. As some have observed, the lead-up to the celebration of Sacred Triduum can be somewhat of a traumatic experience for the priest-not in the sense of an actual trauma, but because the liturgies leading up to Easter represent the culmination of intense preparation and are some of the most beautiful and complicated ceremonies that the Catholic Church has to offer. While most are at least marginally aware of the amount of work that goes into making Holy Week and Easter a spiritual experience of grace and mystery, the majority of Catholics observe the liturgies and do not think much about the behind-thescenes "nuts and bolts" that make them such moving expressions that highlight the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. I say this not to in any way seek sympathy or commiseration, but because it underscores an important reality in how we worship.

What happens during Holy Week i unlike anything else in our liturgical year. The liturgies are complex, rich in history and tradition, and their length and breadth are truly epic in proportion. In living out in a very real way the very mysteries of the Life of Christ, from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his Apostles to his betrayal, death, and burial, to his glorious Resurrection, we walk the path of Christ and enter into a profound experience of Faith that does not happen outside of Holy Week. But it should!

Every celebration of the Masswhether the simplest spoken Mass or the most complicated High Mass imaginable-leads us into those same Mysteries that we commemorate so palpably during

Holy Week. But we seldom take notice, convincing oneself that "God underdo we? Does our frequency of Mass stands." attendance (I hope!) lead us into a certain Ultimately, our attitude toward the routine? Absolutely. But the intention is Mass ought to be one of awe and wonder not that we should become complacent at the fact that the True and Living God or participate in a perfunctory manner of all Creation, at the invocation of the that excludes mental and spiritual en- priest, descends upon the altar of sacrigagement. Quite the opposite! The rou- fice and makes Himself truly present in tine of the Mass is much like the repeti- our midst in all His majesty and glory. It tion of Hail Mary's in the Rosary. Its is a miracle to behold, and we are all intention is not mere repetition, but is to partakers. Yet, do our actions and dispoprovide a background to lead us into a sitions always reflect the reality that we deeper spiritual reality. acknowledge at least intellectually if not If we were to consider the ceremoni- spiritually? For some, yes. For others, al of the average parish Mass as the perhaps not so much. If we are truly a background on a canvas, the intention of people of Faith, however, the manner in the artist serves what purpose? To pro- which we comport ourselves throughout vide activity? Sure. But more im- the act of Divine Worship should reflect portantly, it gives context and meaning to the deep belief in His True Presence that the principal figures. What we see in the we are called to accept and believe. Mass, when well-celebrated, are actions And, like the Apostles on Pentecost, and rituals that highlight and bring to the filled with the Holy Spirit and unable to fore the profound reality of what we cel- contain their excitement, our external ebrate. When a priest incenses the bread actions-how we sit/stand/kneel, what and wine at the Offertory, it's not merely we wear, how we participate, whether we "something extra" that is used to make take the time to prepare for Mass or the Mass "more solemn"-it gives great- make an act of thanksgiving afterwarder context to the otherwise ordinary ac- they ought to serve not as "proof" to othtion that calls attention not just to what ers, but as acts of discipline and remindwe are offering, but to whom we are of- ers to ourselves of what we are encounfering it. The same is true when torch tering, of whom we have come to worbearers accompany the Book of the Gos- ship and encounter, and of why we return pels. They are not there merely to pro- day after day, week after week to the vide extra light, but like the virgins with same, unchanging ritual: because the their lamps that go out to meet the bride- Mass, our act of Divine Worship, is nevgroom and bring him to his bride, they er about us, but always about, directed draw our gaze to the Eternal Word of the to, and principally about the One Su-Father, the Bridegroom Himself, as He is preme Godhead, to whom be all glory,

made truly present to His Bride, the honor, and praise forever! Church in the proclamation of the Word.

Sometimes it becomes easy for cynics and "low church" Catholics to denigrate or write off as superfluous the rich ceremonial of the Church. But those attitudes are often based in either a poor understanding of what the act of Divine Worship truly is, or out of a sinful and overly-developed Pride that allows one to justify giving the least amount of devotion to God as possible whilst still

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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

3nd Sunday of Easter, Year A, April 30, 2017 Luke 24:13-35

parts:

- 1. Jesus walks with us on our journey.
- Scriptures.
- others.

sus is alive. It had to be too much for them to good news! digest. They hightailed it out of Jerusalem.

self! As they discuss and debate, they don't es to search for him, as he shows us today: in notice a stranger who joins them until he asks, the Scriptures and the Eucharist. It's no big "What's going on?" They say, "Where you secret, no remote hiding place. Both are at our been? They killed Jesus, a great prophet, and disposal every single day. Let's go look! now he's missing from the tomb." They seem despondent and hopeless. And, here's an important detail: they don't recognize him. They know all the history, may have seen his miracles, and, obviously, were his followers. Yet, they don't know who he is. Why not?

One reason is that none of this was "on script." Even though they are disciples, they believe that Jesus was going to overthrow the Romans and rid their country of the despicable invaders. They want and expected a redeemer. Well, they got one, but it wasn't the kind of redemption they were expecting. Besides, raising from the dead on his own power was beyond comprehension. Whoever did that before?

They may have seen or known Jesus, but they didn't really know him. You've had that experience before, right? You get a certain impression about people and then find out that they're completely different from what you originally thought. It could be a terrible disappointment or a happy surprise. They heard him say he was the Son of God, but that must have been hyperbole in their minds. No, it wasn't. He truly is the Son of God. The Resurrection proved it.

Another reason Jesus' identity is hidden from them is that God doesn't always reveal himself to us immediately...but always eventually. He wants us to want him, to have faith that he is always present, to search for him. We have to trust his promise: "I am with you always, until the end of time." It doesn't say "sometimes," or "when you need me" or

"when I want to be with you." It's "always" and "until the end of time."

If you notice, Jesus explains everything about himself to them by using the Scriptures The Word of God is used to explain the Word made Flesh. This tells us that it is through only to pick up a Bible and read it. Jesus used e can break this Gospel story of the Word to show who he is, why he came the Road to Emmaus into three and why he had to die to "redeem Israel" the way God wanted it redeemed, not the way people expected it to be redeemed. Imagine how awesome it was to be there, listening to the master teacher. He taught the pure, unal-2. Jesus reveals himself to us through the tered truth of the Scriptures. Another turning point is the "breaking of the bread." They rec-3. Jesus wants us to share his story with ognized him in the Eucharist, just as we do each time we receive the Body of Christ.

The third part of the Emmaus story is that Two disciples are leaving Jerusalem for Jesus encourages us to share his story. Both Emmaus. Who could blame them? Can you disciples feel a burning in their hearts when he imagine how hostile and divided the city was is speaking. Did you notice that they never after the crucifixion of "The King of the really make it to Emmaus? They head straight Jews"? They are confused. The Messiah was back to Jerusalem, meet with the apostles, and supposed to redeem Israel, and now his body tell them exactly what happened to them on is missing with angels and women saying Je- their journey. They couldn't wait to share the astray."

Each of us is on a journey. It isn't always And who do they meet? Why, Jesus him- easy to recognize Jesus, but we have two plac-

Gifts from the Holy Land April 29-30

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we have a display of beautifu handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy pecially "in the Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have bread" (Alleluia Verse). been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carv ings are part of a tradition handed down from Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Conone generation to another; Christian families fraternity of the Precious Blood. have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holv Land. Last century, The Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carvings, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem.

Thank you all and God bless.

bethlehemowood@hotmail.com Payments accepted are cash, check and credit card!

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Commentary for the Readings in the **Extraordinary Form:** 2nd Sunday after Easter

"I am the Good Shepherd. . .I lay Scriptures that God is revealed to us. We need down My life for My sheep. . .but the hireling flees because he is a hireling, and has no concern for the sheep" (Gospel).



Jesus organized the visible Church along the lines of a sheepfold. St. Peter, first shepherd of the visible Church, depicts Jesus as the invisible "Shepherd. . . of your souls" (Epistle). He tenderly remembers all that Jesus suffered for us "Sheep going

On Catacomb walls, early Christians delighted to draw pictures and to wrote explanations of the perfect understanding and love between the Good Shepherd and His sheep, such as that which exists between the "Father" and "Me."

We are not only fed through the visible guidance of His Church, but also through the invisible grace of the Sacraments, esbreaking of

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass **During the Week**

- 05/01 St. Joseph the Workman 05/02 St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
- 05/03 Ss. Alexander & Companions,
 - Martyrs
- 05/04 05/05
- Saturday of Our Lady 05/06

Pope Francis "Tweets" a Pontifex

Let us pray for the grace to never grow tired of drawing from the well of the Father's mercy and bringing it to the world.



Catholic

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, May 15 at 6 in the parish meeting room.

ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas[®] is one of the Oldest and Largest Organizations of Catholic Women in the Americas.



Knights of Columbus

In service to One, In service to all. Monthly Meeting is the first Tuesday of the each month @ 7 pm.

www.kofc1415.org Join us for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

p.m. in the school cafeteria. The next

session will be May 18! If you would

like to increase your SoulCore exercise

experience, classes are offered on the

Rosary Church in Buckhannon. If school

is cancelled or there is an early dismissal

due to weather, the classes are also

For additional information, contact

Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com or

go to www.soulcore.com

SoulCORE

cancelled.

SoulCore class is

held on the first

Thursday of each

month at 6:00

third **Parish Membership & Benefits:** To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parsecond and fourth Thursday of each ish life and ministries, and Mass attendmonth at Marist Hall located at Holy ance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 who are not living at home are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

St. Monica, Widow St. Pius V, Pope & Confessor



Dead Theologians Society



"Through the Saints of vesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

Sundays @ 6 pm

in the downstairs Parish **Meeting Room**

For updates & more info,

text @dts-weston to 81010

Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P. (Catholic Awareness Mid-summer Program)

July 30 - August 5!

COST: \$200

Families with more than one child attending will pay \$100 for each additional child. Scholarships are available!

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

REGISTER TODAY!

C.A.M.P. is staffed entirely by volunteers and is held at Camp Bosco in Huttonsville.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

210 Center Avenue Weston, West Virginia 26452 www.spchurchweston.net 304-269-3048

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Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L. pastor@spchurchweston.net

Mary Mazza Hendricks, Pastoral Associate pa@spchurchweston.net

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary secretary@spchurchweston.net Weekend Masses:

> Saturday, 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Weekday Masses: M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: See Weekly Schedule

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 10:30 - 12:30 Monday: 9 - 4 Tuesday: 9 - 4 Wednesday: 9 - 1 Thursday: 1 - 8 Friday: 9 - 1

Prayer Chain: Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688

St. Patrick Catholic School

Pre-School – 8th Grade 224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 www.stpatswv.org 304-269-5547 email: st.pats@stpatswv.org

Maureen Gildein, Principal Regina Frazier, Secretary

Kids' Corner Catechesis If I Swear, Will I GO TO Hell When I Die?

Although it is very important to watch what we say, God doesn't decide who goes to hell because of our speech. Instead, our forgiveness and eternal life are based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we trust Jesus to save us, we are forgiven. Of course, that doesn't make it all right to swear. We should try to speak and do what is right.

Key Verses

Because of his kindness, you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even that trust is not your own. It, too, is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done. So none of us Can take any Credit for it. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Related Verses

Romans 3:14; James 3:10

Note to Parents

Many Children think they are too bad or evil to be forgiven by God. If you sense that your Child feels this way, he or she needs to know that God can forgive any sin. Tell your Children that they are not uniquely bad - all people sin.

2017



Parishioners who are graduating from high school this year will be honored at Mass on Sun., May 21. If your son or daughter is graduating, please call the parish office so we can add them to our list, 304 269-3048. We must here from you if your child is to be honored!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



Join Fr. DeViese on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2018. The trip will include visits to all major Biblical sites, including the holiest sites in Christianity in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee. (Also, a possibility of an optional extension trip to Rome for a few days at the end.)

Stay updated on cost and final itinerary by signing up for information at:

www.travelillume.com/trc/lpa

Those who sign up through the website will be given first priority once registration opens.

Need Help? Get Help!

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.

St. Patrick School Now Enrolling!!!

St. Patrick School is accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year for students in Pre-School through 8th grade. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

St. Patrick School Is Now Hiring!

St. Patrick School is now accepting applications for teacher and teacher assistant positions for 2017-2018 school year. Call the school office (269-5547) for more information or pick up an application in the school office.

How Can I Help?

The following items are collected continually at our church.

- Snack food items for our backpack food program.
- Box tops, 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.
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. 'As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 1923).

Saturday—April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church 6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish RDGS: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday — April 30

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30a Mass for †Alice Murray RDGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35 12:30p Mass (Latin) for †The Souls in Purgatory Second Sunday after Easter

Monday - May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker No Mass RDGS: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday — May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church No Mass RDGS: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday — May 3

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES No Mass RDGS: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday — May 4

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter No Mass RDGS: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday — May 5

Friday of the Third Week of Easter 8:15a Mass for †Fr. Mark Gallipeau RDGS: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59 9:00a Exposition 9:00a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00p Benediction

Saturday—May 6

Saturday of the Third Week of Easter 6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish RDGS: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 11612-17; Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Sunday — May 7			
FOURTH SUNI	DAY OF EASTER		
9:30a	Mass for First Communicants		
RDGS:	Acts 2:14A, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20B-25;		
	Jn 10:1-10		
12:30p	Mass (Latin) for Special Intentions		
	Third Sunday after Easter		

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	109
Sunday:	210
Latin Mass:	27
General:	\$3640
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	+
Loan:	\$550

Upcoming Collections and Appeals

May 13 & 14: Trinity Dome National Shrine, Washington, DC

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Greeters:	Ed and Anita Droppleman
Servers:	Ian Droppleman, Jack Paugh, Brayden Carder,
	Joey Aman
Reader:	Rudy Pascasio
Offertory:	J. J. and Missy Jordan and family
EMHC:	Mike Determan
Cantor:	Diane Collins

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Greeters:	Butch Cain and Judy Foster
Servers:	Hunter and Joseph Blake, Drew Moodispaw, Joe
	and Tom Derico
Reader:	Danielle Mick
Offertory:	First Communicants
EMHC:	Jeremy Garton
Cantor:	Kelley Skinner

May Linens: Melissa Allison May and June Funeral Greeters: Jim Bohan and Shirley Hubbs

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ Those who are sick: Larry Dodson (Cleveland Clinic), Jim Kerrigan (UHC), Violet Angotti, Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Nick Bakas. James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Jackie Robinson.
- ◆ Those who have died: Fr. Mark Gallipeau, Fr. Walter Buckius, SJ 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: Alan Hamilton

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

29 & 30: Gifts from the Holy Land 30 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria, "Growth As Disciples"

May

6Sat: 3-6, Family Game Night, gym 7 Sun: First Holy Communion 7 Sun: Crowning of Mary the Mother of God (during Mass) 14 Sun: Mother's Day 18 Thu: SoulCore, cafeteria 21Sun: High School Graduates recognition at Mass 21 Sun: Noon, Parish Picnic, Lewis County Park. Pavilion 1 29 Mon: 9:30 Mass at St. Bridget Church in Goosepen



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OPAL

GARTON AND FATHER LEO

LYDON!!!

Opal celebrated her 94th birthday

on April 27. Fr. Leo's birthday is

sent to Opal Garton, Emeritus

3110 Maplewood Dr. Cards for Fr.

Leo may be sent to Rev. Leo

3109 Maplewood Dr., Bridgeport,

Ramp Dinner

May 13, 2017 11:00 am - 4:00

pm.

Join us for the First Annual

Knights of Columbus Ramp

Feast at St. Pat's Gym beginning

at 11am and join your friends and

neighbors for a ramp-filled day!

ALL YOU CAN EAT! Enjoy

ramps, deep-fried bacon, fried

potatoes, soup beans,

applesauce, cornbread, desserts

and beverages.

Keep calm and enjoy the

"Delicious Stink."

For more information call Robbie

Clem at 304-439-4825 or email

TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM

the cafeteria (following GIFT). Parents

have the option to sign an Opt-Out form

pate. If you don't opt-out, your child

kofc1415@gmail.com.

MUST participate.

WV 26330.

May - The Month of Mary

We will pray the rosary prior to weekend Masses in May. Please arrive early and enter the church quietly to participate in honoring our Blessed Mother. This is not just a church thing. Say the rosary daily to honor her at home with you family!

Join St. Patrick's Parish for Family Game Night When: Saturday, May 6th Where: St. Patrick School Gvm Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm **Cost: Entry is FREE** (donations appreciated)

Bring the whole family out for an evening of "old-fashioned" fun and games! Snacks will be provided while you play.

GIFT

Join us after Mass on Sunday for Growing The Touching Safety Program for chil-In Faith Together. Sean Madden of Bishop dren NOT attending St. Patrick School Hodges Pastoral Center will be our guest will be on Sunday, April 30, at noon in speaker.

The Session will begin with a delicious if they don't want their child to particibrunch sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 7

First Communion is Sunday May 7. This year, we will have 16 children receive the sacrament! God is good!

(Pastoral Notes & Ramblings)

Just this week. I came across this piece in the practice it. National Catholic Register written by Shaun -*Fr*. *D*.

'in Christ.'" (CCC 2038)

tween Catholics and non-Catholics, and most days, we make a confession once a year. converts are familiar with the struggle of admust learn the trust of the sacraments and the vou get better at it. Marian dogmas. There are liturgical differish, beatification, breviary and so on.

or is not a Christian. To them you're either as a collective and as individuals. saved, or not.

comparison-I think Catholics are a lot like to be perfected (Matt 5:48, 2 Cor. 12:9). the Marines: "once a Marine, always a Marine." They say this because in the military Summer is a great time to spend with our chil-Marine.

Catholics are a lot like that, correct? Ra- your summer with the kids: ther than "I was Catholic," one might say "I don't practice Catholicism anymore" or "I was raised Catholic" (implying that they are Catholic, but fail to practice). This is not to • A Mother's Rule of Life, by Holly Pierlot say that Catholicism teaches that one may not

lose his faith and perhaps even his salvation (check out Trent Horn's debate for more), But much like the Marines, Catholics have a sense of lifelong responsibility to their faith, even if they aren't good at it — and even if they don't

And this got me thinking of another huge

McAfee. I present it here for your edification. difference in the differences between Catholics and non-Catholics: the word "practice." Protestants don't exactly practice their faith, "Faith and the practice of the Gospel pro- and for several reasons, but most of them atvide each person with an experience of life tempt to avoid any tacit or apparent signs of what they see as "legalism." If they miss s of this Easter I've been Catholic church, well, they might not have to go if they for five whole years. That's not see that as a legalistic requirement. Catholics, that long, but in that time, I've on the other hand, must practice their faith: we Learned much. I've noted that attend Mass on Sundays and all holy days of there are several interesting differences be- obligation, we abstain and fast on certain And here's the big-ticket item about our justing to their newfound faith. There are, of faith that my friend Justin McClain helped me course, doctrinal differences: new Catholics word perfectly: If you practice Catholicism,

In addition to the minimum obligations of ences, too: nothing in the world is like a Mass. our Faith, we can practice more, and get better There's also a whole vocabulary to learn: par- at being Catholics-better at being Christ's followers. We can attend Mass daily and con-I was thinking recently about these differ- fession frequently. There are numerous prayences and continued to ponder on the practical ers to pray, saints to make devotions to, relidifferences I've encountered as well. I wrote gious orders to join, sacraments to participate about a lot of these in my book Filling Our in, and a rich tradition of ascetic life to aid Father's House: What Converts Can Teach Us each of these. This is such a powerful thing to About Evangelization. For example, understand because Christ instituted the Protestants are excellent at preaching and Church and referred to it as his spiritual practicing the need to have a "personal rela- spouse (Mark 2:19, cf. Eph. 5:25-27), which is tionship" with Christ, which is considered to why the Church is called the Bride of Christ. most mainstream Protestants to be the sum of As a spouse, we should find it our duty to the Christian life. To them, one is a Christian continually work toward being a better bride

We should strive to see Catholicism as Catholics believe we should have a per- our identity, for life. We should strive to see sonal relationship as well, but where faith is Catholicism not as something we join, or considered, we often don't think, don't talk, something we just are, but as something we and don't live like that. As a military guy— can do, something we can practice. And pracand I sort of have to chuckle in making this tice makes perfect-and God does want you

community you'll frequently hear things like, dren. But a lot of opportunities for Faith and "I was in the Navy" or "I was an Airman" but Catechesis can be lost without a little guid-Marines boast that they never stop being a ance? Here are a couple of book recommen dations from Father to help make the most of

& Leila Marie Lawler

The Little Oratory: A Beginner's Guide to Praying in the Home, by David Clayton



More to Come Soon! Stay Tuned!

CAMP BOSCO

(4weeks to choose from!) July 2 - 8 July 9-15 July 16 - 22 July 23 - 29

grades 3rd-12th.

Cost is \$315.00 per child (Scholarships are available)

Registrations for Camp Bosco are ` being accepted. All parish youth are encouraged to come spend a week of fun, adventure, and prayer. Applications are available online at **campbosco.com**.

Camp Bosco is run by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Camp directors, leadership staff, counselors, and trained activity staff are responsible for the dayto-day operation of camp. Each person has received training 🔾 (which includes Virtus training), 🗲 to help them make your child's experience as safe and fun as possible.