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# The Lewis County Catholic Times

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Tree of Liberty, Tree of Life: Church, State, and the Blood of the Lamb

n Tuesday of this week, our nation will cease most of its activities and join together to celebrate our Independence Day, on which the members of the Continental Congress, pledging their Lives, their Freedoms, and their Sacred Honor in signing their names to the Declaration of Independence. Tensions within the British colonies of America had risen to a level that they could no longer be ignored nor contained, and the dream of separation from Great Britain began to spread, though not nearly as much as what our sanitized mythology may lead one to believe. In recent years, the bombshell Broadway production of "Hamilton" and the excellent AMC television series "Turn" have and the sacrifice of those who fought in nation's history. the American Revolution far more signif-





what gritty approach to American history during the war, I have always been part to Sin? The Founding Fathers approprithat makes the audacity of independence ticularly fascinated by that period in our ated this imagery for their own purposes,

icant. As one who had family who undoubtedly the shedding of blood. In what hardwired to understand be attractfought in the Revolution (Lt. John C. our modern, 24-hour-news-cycle world, ed to the significance of a blood sacri-Chapman, Battle of King's Mountain, stories about the scourge of war are sani- fice—an offering by which freedom is 1780), and who attended a school found- tized. We do not see blood or suffer- gained. It has been ordained by God! ed in the wake of the Revolution (1775) ing-just clouds of smoke in the distance. But the reality is far different, and we are given now a sacrifice of the New it has always been so. In a letter in 1787, Covenant. It is the unbloody Sacrifice of Thomas Jeffers wrote: "The tree of liber- the Cross, in which the Lamb was slain ty must be refreshed from time to time once, for all. And the Blood of Christ with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It which is poured out for us "speaks more is its natural manure." And so, as we eloquently than the blood of Abel." It mark the beginning of our nation's inde- does more than simply watering the Tree pendence this year, we ought not forget of Liberty. It gives life to all who parthe bloody sacrifice of those who have take of it, and gives us the freedom to watered that Tree of Liberty throughout become Children of God (cf. John 1). In the past 241 years.

The month of July holds for us as Catholics a different focus on blood, for it is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord. And there is no shortage of parallels between our Faith and our Nation when it comes to a meditation on the Precious Blood. Consider the Tree of Liberty of which Jefferson wrote. Do we not kneel in homage of a greater tree, the Cross of Christ, in which is all our hope? And was not this tree watered with the blood of not any innocent, but the innocent victim, the spotless Lamb of God? And was that flow of blood not inflicted that we might gain not merely civil liberty, but the ultimate free-

painted a far more realistic and some- and had its own regiment in Virginia dom-from the oppressive enslavement not out of malice or parody, but because One of the enduring marks of war is we as human beings have been some-

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,

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some ways, the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to the cause of liberty can serve as an icon—an image that leads us to a greater truth—of the Sacrifice of the Cross for the same reason that we venerate the martyrs of the Church: because it gives to us a reminder of what has been lost in favor of what was to be gained. In that was, the very nature and truest definition of sacrifice is realized, for it is precisely that: something given up in order to attain something greater. From the time of the American Revolution, lives have been lost in order to preserve peace and achieve freedom. Since the days of the early Church, martyrs have joyfully gone to their deaths knowing that the life they leave pales in comparison to the life they will achieve in Heaven. And Christ's death on the Cross—the sacrifice to end all sacrifices—by breaking the cycle of Sin in the world, puts to death Death itself and renews the face of the world by opening once again the Gates of Paradise.

May we, who have been washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb, be reminded at every Mass of the sacrifice of Christ. And may the Independence and Liberty which we enjoy on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July instill in our hearts a deeper appreciation for the Cross of Christ, without which our civil liberty and freedom would bear no merit beyond this life.

## Thank You

Special thanks to Deb and Rob Stevens, all of 📦 🔰 the volunteers from St. 🖤 Patrick's and St. Boni- 🛡 face, and the members of the Dead Theologi-Society, who 🛶 📦 helped make our Vaca- 📫 🕨 tion Bible School a 🖤 great success this year. Stay tuned for a look back at the week in the next issue.

## Attention **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

We are once again administering communion under both species. Since the schedule is made through the end of August, I will adjust the weekly schedule in the bulletin. A new schedule for the remaining weeks will not be mailed. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Parish Prayer List**

## Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Amelia Krafft (Ruby) Robert Fealy, (Cleveland Clinic), Scotty McCartney, Glenn Bragg, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Luanne Cunningham, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Mary Ann Edwards, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein's father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill. Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann Murray, Betty Reed, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart
- 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: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

## St. Patrick School Has **Openings in Pre-K**

St Patrick School has a few openings in Pre-K for the 2017-2018 school year. These opening don't last long. We are accepting students in K through 8th grade as well. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

#### **Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend**

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Greeters:

Servers: Ethan Mehr, Hayden Barnett,

Jacob Aman

Reader: Barb King

Offertory: John and Nancy Riley

EMHC: Mike & Anna Lee Determan,

John Weber

Cantor: Kathy Sims

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Greeters:

Servers: Payton and Jordyn Aman, Joe

Derico

Reader: Jeremy Garton

Offertory:

EMHC: Steve Corley, Betty Hill,

Danielle Mick Cantor: John Collins

July Linens: Barbara King

July & August Funeral Greeters: Carol

Castillo

#### **Weekly Attendance & Collection**

Saturday: 106 Sunday: 190 23 Latin Mass:

General: \$5685 \$5307 Loan: School: \$440 Latin \$369

**Upcoming Collections and Appeals** 

July 15 & 16: Catholic Communications

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## July

4 Tue: Parish Office Closed 6 Thu: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

13 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council meeting

24-27: 9am - 1pm, Jarrod West Basketball

Camp, gym

## August

3 Thu: 6pm, Pastoral Council meeting 8 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria 22 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

## This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—July 1

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest (USA)

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton

RDGS: Gn 18:1-15; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday — July 2

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

RDGS: 2 Kgs 4:8-11; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Stephen and Julia Ritley by Mrs. Judith Woodruff

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Monday — July 3

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

8:15a Mass for †William Rowan by Ed and Shirley Hubbs

RDGS: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29

#### Tuesday — July 4 (Parish Office Closed)

Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

9:30a Mass for our Nation

RDGS: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday — July 5

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:05p Confessions

5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

Benediction 5:45p

6:00p Mass for Special Intentions

RDGS: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8: 28-34

#### Thursday — July 6 - Mass at St. Clara Catholic Church

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 Mass at St. Clara Catholic Church

RDGS: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday — July 7

Friday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

8:15a Mass for †Most Rev. Richard Vincent Whelan, D.D

RDGS: Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday—July 8

Saturday of the Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Clarence Weber by family

RDGS: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday — July 9

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

RDGS: Zec 9:9-10: Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14: Rom 8:9, 11-13: Mt 11:25-30

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †James Blake by Vincent Bernardo

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

#### St. Patrick Catholic Church

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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 or 304 476-8819

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#### Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

#### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



"Put out into the deep . . . lower your nets for a catch . . . Henceforth thou shalt catch men" (Gospel)

Simon Peter received the "call to action." How did he respond? "At Thy word I will lower the net." What was his reward? "All . . . were amazed at the catch." The call to Catholic Action has been repeated by the Popes in our day. "They (have) beckoned to their comrades . . . to come and help them" (Gospel).

More than ever in this age of global war, "all creation groans . . . in pain," waiting for "redemption" from life-killing sin; waiting for its "adoption" into Divine Life "as sons" of God (Epi9stle). For their sake we must act as members of a Church Militant, not of a Church "pacifist" or sleeping. "Enlighten my eyes, that I never sleep in death" (Offertory).

Do not be afraid to answer this call for Catholic Action; "put out into the deep!" "Lower your nets!" even though "armies in camp should stand together against" you (Introit).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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

St. Irenaeus, *Bishop & Martyr* Commem. of All Holy Popes 07/05 St. Anthony Mary Zaccariah Jesus Christ the High Priest SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors

St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen & Widow

## **Parish Store**

Don't forget to check out our parish store, located in the Parish Office Building! There are many religious articles, books, rosaries, statues, etc. available. Catalogs are available for ordering.

**OPEN** (When the parish office is open.)

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

## **CAMP BOSCO**

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July 2 - 8

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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.



## **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!

## **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 parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. 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 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.



#### 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.

## **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.
- •Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- •Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- •Used ink cartridges
- •NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

# (Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

Lost Members of the Body of Christ

astoral ministry often gives one a new and different perspective on the life of a parish as one sees the many difficulties that afflict the members of the Body of Christ at the local level. As many of our communities in West Virginia begin to age, the demographics of our parish communities follow suit. Here at St. Patrick's we have been very blessed to remain a relatively young and vibrant community, due in no small part to our thriving parish school. Yet, even we are not immune to the ageing process. As the years go on, many of our parishioners seem to vanish from our pews, as life begins to take its toll. For the majority of them, as our Lord said in the Garden of Gethsemane, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

to our homebound Ministry parishioners is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community, as it fulfills many of the precepts given to us by Christ, not least among them the Corporal Work of Mercy "Visit the Sick." Even in the earliest days of the Church, members of the community were deputed as custodians of the Blessed Sacrament and would carry Holy Communion to those who were absent from the Mass due to illness or infirmity. Our own parish carries on that noble tradition in our many Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who faithfully seek out and

## 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.

**Pope Francis "Tweets"** 

@ Pontifex

**August SoulCore class schedule:** Starting in August, SoulCore will move to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays!

Thursday, July 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

July SoulCore class schedule:

- Tuesday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact Rachel at rachelfweber@vahoo.com or go to www.soulcore.com

Let us seek to always hold high the "tone" of our life, remembering the goal and glory for which we exist, work, struggle and suffer.

## Kids' Corner Catechesis

our homebound

homebound

parishioners on a weekly

Time and again I hear the

same exclamations from

parishioners about how

these visits make them feel connected to

the parish and help them to remain a part of

the community that has been their home for

decades. But over the course of time, it can

become difficult to keep tabs on everyone,

and periodically it becomes necessary to

revise our listing of homebound

parishioners. My reason for writing this

missive is precisely that: to inquire among

our entire parish family as to those

members of our community who are

currently unable to attend weekend Mass

due to illness or infirmity. If you know of

someone who is currently homebound—

regardless of whether they are currently

being visited by one of our ministers—

please contact the parish office with their

name and contact information. It is a

necessary part of who we are as Catholics

that we look after our brothers and sisters,

ensuring that they are never forgotten or

overlooked. Together we can all contribute

to building up the Body of Christ in our

community by ensuring that all its

members, no matter how unseen they might

be, are able to participate fully in the life of

the Church, who does not merely value

them, but who puts them on a pedestal as

examples of Faith, of dignity, and of

and homebound parishioners, that God will

grant them healing and strength, and that

they will one day soon return to gather with

us around the Altar of the Lord!

Let us all continue to pray for our sick

perseverance to all who encounter them.

## Why Did God Create the World?

God created the world and everything in it because he enjoys making things, and he wanted to be with us. God created people because he wanted to have friends, men and women, boys and girls, with whom he could share his love. He created the world for them to live in and enjoy.

#### Key Verses

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth ... Then God looked over all that he had made. It was excellent in every way. (Genesis 1:1, 31)

### Related Verse

Genesis 1:1-2:1; Psalm 19:1, Isaiah 45:7

### Note to Parents

This question is a good opportunity to tell your children that God's plan involves them. God created the world and everything in it - including your children - so that he could have people to love.

## 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.