

The Lewis County Catholic Times

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

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The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28. A notion very prevalent among the Jews, all through their history, was that the sins of parents were punished in their children. Ezekiel tells his audience that each man is responsible for his own sins. As each man has a free will, the good man may foolishly turn to sin, and likewise, the sinner may repent and live a good life.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:1-5. St. Paul is urging his new converts to live in unity of love and mutual charity. Each one must esteem his neighbor as of more importance than himself and help him in every way. In doing this, they are only imitating their Savior Christ Jesus who although Creator became a creature, though Master He made Himself a slave—all for love of us.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 21:28-32. This parable was primarily intended to show up the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this life, and what defense can they offer the just judge? Will they dare to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their consciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spiritual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.



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We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

For the past several weeks I've been traveling to Morgantown on my days off to take a pottery class. The concept of taking a lump of clay and slowly molding it into something useful has always held a certain charm and mystery for me, so when the opportunity arose I jumped at it. Of course, there have been countless missteps and several broken bowls and pots. But I keep going back each week, thinking of the image that St. Paul gives to the Romans of God as a potter, forming us into His image out of clay. Perhaps that

is why there is always so much talk about formation: spiritual formation, catechetical formation, seminary formation. We take things that are misshapen, possibly hardened, and, like clay, make them pliable through kneading and—in the hands of an expert—*form* from them things that are beautiful, that have function and meaning, and give joy to others.

In 1998, when Pope John Paul II addressed a group of Bishops from the United States in audience with him, he focused on the need for greater catechesis in the Church. Catechesis, he said, "plays a fundamental role in transmitting the Faith...The Gospel message is the

definitive response to the deepest longings of the human heart. Young Catholics have a right to hear the full content of that message in order to come to know Christ, the one who has overcome death and opened the way to salvation.

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Efforts to renew catechesis must be based on the premise that Christ's teaching, as transmitted in the church and as authentically interpreted by the magisterium, has to be presented in all its richness and the methodologies used have to respond to the nature of the faith as truth received (cf. I Cor. 15:1)."

As I have often said, we cannot properly serve a God whom we do not love, and we cannot properly love a God whom we do not know. As Christians—and especially Catholics—in an ever-increasingly unchurched age, we have not merely a personal responsibility, but a moral imperative to seek not only to know *what* the Church teaches, but *why* those teachings exist, and *how* they assist us in achieving what is the ultimate goal of our life: salvation.

Already our parish has started a journey down a new path toward attempting to reach as many of our parishioners as possible. Our new CCD and Adult Faith Formation programs, along with our RCIA program, form the backbone of transmitting to all our members, young and old, the fullness of the Truth in Jesus Christ which rests within our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith. The members of the Dead Theologians Society meet weekly to discuss the powerful ways in which holy men and women throughout history have overcome sometimes tremendous odds in order to live out their Christian vocation. But I am still not convinced that we are doing enough.

And so we have taken even greater steps forward in seeking to inspire each and every member of our parish community to learn more about the Faith, to dig deeper into mystery of God's creation, and to ascend to greater heights of understanding how we can better fulfill our call "to know, love, and serve God in this life so as to be with Him in the life to come."

The first initiative took place over the summer and is now complete. The chapel area in the old convent (the parish office building), which also serves as a classroom, a conference room, and several other functions, has been converted into a Parish Resource Library. Books new and old line the shelves and are free to be borrowed by all our parishioners. It operates on the honor system—no checkout of any kind—and it is my sincere hope that these books will help to assist you in pursuit of a deeper understanding of the Faith. Over time, older and more dated materials will be cycled out in favor of newer volumes that hopefully will speak to current generations of Catholics.

But, some people are not necessarily readers. For them, we have a brand new initiative. Our parish has

partnered with Formed.org to offer to everyone a free membership. This membership includes completely free access to hundreds of Catholic books, thousands of hours of video and audio presentations from a variety of authors and presenters, including Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Scott Hahn, and countless others. Formed.org is a product of the Augustine Institute, which represents the very best in current Catholic thought, apologetics, and teaching. Having taken the last couple of weeks to survey the material, I can tell you that there is most assuredly something for everybody, including family movies, programs for youths and young adults, and even the most expert individuals. Formed.org represents a new medium for catechesis and evangelization, and puts at all our fingertips the tools to understand the Faith, to defend the Faith, and to help spread the Faith!

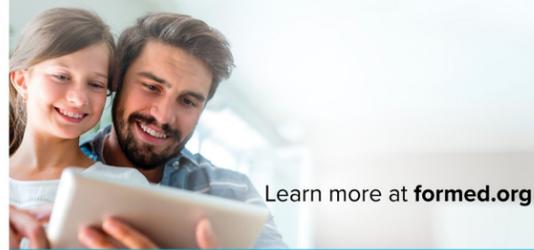
I strongly encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of these two new initiatives. The former requires a trip into town to visit our parish office (never a dull visit, I can tell you that!). The latter is something you can do from the privacy of your home. Formed.org also includes an app for mobile devices. To register with Formed.org, just follow the instructions in the graphic below and be prepared to be blown away by all that it has to offer!

Learning is a lifelong process, and we should always seek to learn more about those things which most interest us. But many times our interest wanes because we do not feel comfortable learning about something or asking for help. But now your wait is over! Don't hesitate! It is time for all our hearts to get kneaded and **FORMED!**

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Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Servers: Hunter and Joseph Blake, Ian Droppleman
 Reader: Barb King
 EMHC: Pam Thompson, John Weber, Margaret Blake
 Cantor: Brenda Reed

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Servers: Briana and Kami Franklin, Jayna Jerden
 Reader: Jeremy Garton
 EMHC: Marissa Aman, Steve Corley, Paul Derico
 Cantor: Lisa Marlow

October Linens: Mary Wagoner

October Funeral Greeters: Veronica Brumley and Scott Garton

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 102
 Sunday: 158
 Latin Mass: 37

General: \$3074
 Loan: \$784
 School: \$130
 Latin Mass: \$646
 Disaster Relief \$773.08

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 1 Sun: Respect Life Sunday
- 3 Tue: Knights meeting, cafeteria
- 7 Sat: Golf tournament, Deerfield Country Club
- 7 Sat: 9am, SoulCore, cafeteria
- 8 Sun: 2pm, Homecoming Mass and picnic at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry
- 10 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria
- 12 Thu: 6pm, Finance Council meeting, parish meeting room
- 16 Mon: 6pm Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room
- 21 Sat: Family Fun Day, Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville, WV
- 24 Tue: Trunk or Treat

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 5:00p Confessions
 6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Clarence Weber by Mary Lou Weber
 RDGS: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday — October 1

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions
 9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
 RDGS: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
 11:45a Confessions
 12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Lucy Hencke Bauman by Mary Hencke Tillman
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday — October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
No Mass
 RDGS: Zec. 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday — October 3

Tuesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
No Mass
 RDGS: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday — October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi
 5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:05p Confessions
 5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
 5:45p Benediction
 6:00p Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood
 RDGS: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday — October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
No Mass
 RDGS: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday — October 6

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Maria Rose Durocher, Virgin
No Mass
 RDGS: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday— October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
 5:00p Confessions
 6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Mary Dolan by Barbara Daugherty
 RDGS: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday — October 8

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions
 9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
 RDGS: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
 11:45a Confessions
 12:30p Mass (Latin) for †
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
2:00p St. Bernard Church, Loveberry, Mass for the People of the Loveberry Community both living and deceased

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

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Weekend Masses:

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

Reconciliation:

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

Weekday Masses:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

(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:

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Pro-Life Events

- Sunday, October 1: LIFE CHAIN, LEWIS COUNTY from 2 to 3 p.m. at Route 33 and Smith Run Road. For more information, call Cheryl Smith at 304-452-8516. One hour of peaceful, silent prayer to end abortion.
- Sunday, October 1: LIFE CHAIN, HARRISON COUNTY from 2 to 3 p.m. at Eastpointe Shopping Center along Emily Drive. Park behind the Chik-Fil-A in the Kohl's parking lot. For more information, call Shirley Bowie at 304-669-1952.
- Saturday, October 21: annual, state-wide convention of WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE at Horizons Church in Lost Creek from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Keynote speaker Wesley Smith, on the dangers of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. Go to info@wvforlife.org for more information and to register before October 14th. Includes lunch and a special session for teens.

Fall Family Day

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Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

Encountering Jesus can give a decisive direction to our life, filling it with meaning.



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The Dead Theologians Society
Saints of Yesterday
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"The Dead Theologians Society," which is the catechesis program for all our High School students meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The Dead Theologians Society is a national organization that seeks to engage high school students through prayer, catechesis, and social activity that is rooted in the Catholic tradition and based on the Lives of the Saints. DTS meetings are open to all Catholic high school students.

For more info, text @dts-weston to 81010.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 7pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Kids' Corner Catechesis

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Feast Day: October 1

Born: 1873 :: Died: 1897

St. Theresa, who was often called the Little Flower, was born in Normandy in France. She had four older sisters and her parents were Louis and Zelig Martin. Theresa was a very lively, lovable little girl and her father called her his "little queen."

Yet she could also be too sensitive and irritable. In the story she wrote of her life, she tells how the Infant Jesus helped her overcome this weakness.

Theresa wanted very much to enter the Carmelite convent where two of her sisters were already nuns. But since she was only fifteen, they did not let her.

Theresa felt sure that Jesus wanted her to spend her life loving him alone. She kept praying and asking the superior to let her join the convent. She even dared to ask Pope Leo XIII himself to grant her heart's desire and finally she was allowed to enter.

Although she was only fifteen, Theresa did not expect to be treated like a child. "Obedience, prayer and sacrifice" were her duty. She had a thirst to suffer for love of God.

Theresa had the spiritual courage of a real heroine. "May Jesus make me a martyr of the heart or of the body-or better, both!" she wrote. And she meant it.

In winter she suffered from the bitter cold and dampness of her plain bedroom. There were other kinds of sufferings, too. Whenever she was made fun of or insulted, she would offer her pain to her beloved Jesus. She would hide her hurts under a smile. She told Jesus to do with her whatever was his will.

Sister Theresa tried hard to be humble. She called her great belief in God her "little way" to holiness. She always had a burning desire to become a saint.

The young nun wanted to find a "short cut," an to take her quickly to heaven. So she looked in the Bible, and found the words, "Whoever is a little one, come to me."

When she lay dying, she could say: "I have never given the good God anything but love, and it is with love that he will repay.

After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth." The Little Flower died on September 30, 1897.

"O Jesus, my love, my vocation, at last I have found it. My vocation is LOVE!"

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ◆ **Those who are sick:** Amelia Krafft (Ruby), Frank Lydon, (Cleveland Clinic), Cathy Snuffer, Robert Fealy, Wilbur Swisher, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Bob Fultineer, Anita Droppleman, Gerry Donaldson, Nick Bakas, Jim Bohan, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein's father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Mandy Heater, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Mary Ann Murray, Betty Reed, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, and Kinley Weaver
- ◆ **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:** Rob Snuffer, Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

Knights of Columbus Selling Christmas Cards

'Tis the Season! The Knights of Columbus, Council 1415, will be selling Christmas Cards as part of the Keep Christ in Christmas initiative. Order forms will be available by the middle of October, and parishioners will have a chance to view the cards and purchase either through advance orders or after Mass from the beginning of November until December 17. The cards feature beautiful works of art and a thoroughly Catholic message to help reflect our desire to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas observances.

St. Bernard Church Mass and Homecoming

The Annual St. Bernard's homecoming has been scheduled for **Sunday, October 8, 2017**. Mass will be at 2:00 p.m. followed by a covered dish dinner at 3:00 p.m. Meats, drinks and tableware will be provided.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Festival Orchestra And Chorus

Knights of Columbus, Council 1415, Weston, WV is selling tickets for the Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus Christmas Celebration Concert. All tickets are \$11.00, general admission, and can be purchased from any Knight or after Mass on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, Sunday morning and Latin Mass. Knights will be in the Church vestibule, side parking lots and parking lots behind the church. ONLY ADVANCE TICKET SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE and must be concluded by the end of October. Please tell all friends and family to be part of this Celebration of 83 Orchestra members and 100 Choristers.

FOR TELEPHONE TICKET SALES/ORDERS-Call Brad/304-904-4735 or Jim/304-269-4307 during day and early evening. If no answer, leave message with name and phone number and call will be returned.

FOR TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS-This can be provided from St. Patrick Church to WVU by contacting Rob/304-439-4825 or Suzi/304-884-7658 or Judy/304-517-9127. Leave your name, email, and/or phone number and this will be coordinated.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION-Call 304-924-5610 or the Church Office-304-269-3048.

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS-This will be done when placing ticket order-just add \$11.00 to the ticket price that is also \$11.00. Contributors names (as you wish it to be printed) would appear in the Benefactors Section of the program. Checks are to be made to KOC Council 1415/Weston.

We hope that all will attend. We need ticket sales, but more importantly we need people to fill all 1400 seats at WVU.

COME CELEBRATE the BIRTH of CHRIST!

Commentary on the Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Love...thy God...and...thy neighbor as thyself" (Gospel).



On these two (loves) depend the whole code and creed. Each time we walk in (this) law (Introit), we not only avoid...contact with the devil (Prayer), but we answer the question: *What do you think of...Christ?* By deeds we profess our faith that He is *My Lord* (Gospel). We bear *with one another in love*, because through Baptism God becomes the *Father of all* (Epistle).

Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

- 10/02 Holy Guardian Angels
- 10/03 St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, *Virgin*
- 10/04 St. Francis of Assisi, *Deacon & Confessor*
- 10/05 St. Placid & Companions, *Martyrs*
- 10/06 St. Bruno, *Confessor*
- 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary

Youth Rally Tickets

The 2018 Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018 in Washington DC. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office. **We need to order tickets through the diocese before Oct. 24.**

Ladies Retreat

A Ladies Retreat will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Thomas, WV. BEGINNING at 9:00 AM WITH MASS. The day will end with Adoration when confessions will be available with visiting priests. The day should end at about 4 PM. The retreat will be run by the Dominican Sisters of Nashville. All are strongly encouraged to attend. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 (in the school) for CCD and Adult Religious Education.