

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 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31. The verses chosen for today are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn in praise of the ideal wife. The author saw to it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired.

The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6. In this reading St. Paul continues his discussion of the parousia. He tells his Thessalonian converts that they know as much as he does about the time of that second coming. He had already told them in his preaching that our Lord had said that it would be unexpected. However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their

own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.



Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary

helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still "God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us. These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

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

Commentary on the Readings for the Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, . . . smallest of all the seeds, but when it grows up it . . . becomes a tree, so that the birds . . . dwell in its branches" (Gospel).



"So the Church from humble beginnings in underground Catacombs, has stretched out to the remotest ends of foreign missions. . . a living shelter for man as he flees upward from the earth; a miraculous leaven transforming fallen human culture into the Divine.

Yes, the Life of Christ is a leaven hiding, as it were, from the time of our Baptism in the three measures of faith, hope

and charity until all of our humanity is leavened. Like the first Christians, we, too, are to become a pattern to all, so that our neighbors in Macedonia and Achaia (Epistle), like birds of the air, will come and dwell in the branches of the Church.

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious

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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.
Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

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

Religious Education

CCD and Sacramental Prep
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school
Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA
Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

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

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements for the Lewis County
Catholic Times must be submitted by
4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to:
secretary@spchurchweston.net.

**How can we Help in Our Par-
ish, School and Community
this Christmas?**

With Thanksgiving just days away, Christ-
mas will be here before we know it. We have
a lot of things that happen around our parish
this time of year. Soon, you will hear the
sound of the Salvation Army Bell ringers.
Our parish will be ringing the bell on Thurs-
day, Dec. 14 and Fri., Dec. 15 at CVS. Missy
Jordan will be “wrangling” volunteers after
Mass on Sunday November 19 and Saturday
November 25, or you can call her at 304 517
-8619.

It is also time to begin choir practice for
our Christmas liturgies. Practices will take
place on four Saturday evenings following
the 6:00pm Mass. The first practice is
scheduled for December 2, 2017. Please di-
rect any questions regarding practice to Mar-
ilyn Bean or Jim Weber following weekend
masses.

For many years, the Catholic Daughters
and St. Patrick Church and School have
worked together to collect food for baskets
given from our parish to those in need at
Christmas. Last year 22 baskets were given
to families who needed extra help during the
Christmas season. Donations for the food
baskets can be left in the church, school or
parish office before Fri., Dec. 15. That gives
the Catholic Daughters time to shop for
needed items and prepare the baskets. If you
know someone who could use a basket,
please call the parish office at 304-269-3048.
Before adding someone to the list, please
make sure they are okay with it. We need the
name and phone number of the family, the
family size (broken down by adults and chil-
dren) and your name and phone number.

The school is collecting new or gently
used toys and new gloves, hats, mittens and
scarves to be given to Our Neighbor.

You may remember that during Lent last
year, the Knights of Columbus collected
food for Our Neighbor. They are doing this
during Advent as well. The Knights have
taken over the annual coat drive previously
done by the school. Coats should be new or
gently used.

Suggested items for the food drive are
breakfast foods (pancake mix, syrup), canned
fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats, stuffing
mixes, instant potatoes, pasta sauces and
pasta, desserts (cake and brownie mixes,
gelatin and pudding), peanut butter, jelly,

mayo, mustard, ketchup, hot chocolate mix.

We hope you will help us to be successful
in our collection efforts. Boxes for all items
will be place in the church vestibule for your
convenience. If you are making a large dona-
tion you can call the parish office to arrange
a drop off time that is more convenient.

Don't forget that Christmas is not the only
time you can help. Through out the year we
collect the following items:

- Snack food items for our back-pack
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
- (Rinsed) aluminum cans
- NEW socks collected by the Catholic
Daughters to be donated to homeless
shelters.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to
help all who are in need.

**Advent Day of
Recollection:**

Join us on Saturday, December
9, for a day of prayer and reflec-
tion to help prepare our hearts
for Advent and the Sacrament of
Reconciliation. The Day of Rec-
ollection begins at 9:00 a.m. in
the School Cafeteria. Lunch will
be provided. Please contact the
parish office to register.

**St. Patrick Parish Thanks-
giving Dinner**

St. Patrick Church will host a
Community Thanksgiving lunch in
the school cafeteria Thursday, No-
vember 23 @ 12:30.

Last year, close to 200 people
were served. We need volunteers to
help with set-up, clean-up, cooking,
serving etc.

Volunteers are NEEDED!
Please call Judy Foster at 304 884-
8192 to volunteer. Thank you.

**Let's Get
Formed!**

Do you have questions
about the church but don't
know who to ask? Have you
asked two people the same
question on Catholic teach-
ing but gotten two completely
different answers? Do you
want to deepen your faith or
learn more about church his-
tory. Maybe you just want to
watch a movie with your fam-
ily or read a book that is not
full of bad language and vio-
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too. Each week, there is a
Formed Pick of the Week on
various subjects such as
Pope John Paul II, the Cath-
olic Reformation, Contempo-
rary Sainthood and many
others. Start with the Pick of
the Week and let the Holy
Spirit lead you from there.

Parishioners who have
already signed up are glad
they did and are enjoying the
movies, talks, books and
audiobooks available on the
site.

If you haven't signed up
yet, make a commitment to
do so.

Advent Mailing

Our annual Advent mailing is going out this week. If
you do not receive one, please contact the parish office
so we can correct your address in or add it to our data-
base. The mailing includes great suggestions on how
each of us can transform Advent from chaos to calm
through prayer and education.

Thank you

to everyone who donated to and helped
in any way with the Catholic Daughters spaghetti dinner.
The cafeteria was beautifully decorated and the food was
delicious. 110 meals were served, and \$1400 was cleared
in profit. The money will be used to buy hams and other
items not collected during the food drive for the Christmas
food baskets.

The Catholic Daughters invite all Catholic women to
join the organization. Meetings are held on the third Mon-
day of the month, at 6pm in the parish meeting room. The
next meeting is **November 20.**

Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-
cas® is one of the Oldest and Largest Organizations of
Catholic Women in the Americas.

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

11/20	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor
11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11/22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
11/23	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr
11/24	St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor
11/25	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life

Sunday — November 19

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for Mass for †Edna Broschart

Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Monday — November 20

Monday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

8:15a Mass for Intentions of the Donor

Tuesday — November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15a Mass for †James Michael Blake by Mr. and Mrs.
Philip Woodruff

Wednesday — November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †Archbishop John J. Swint

Thursday — November 23

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr/**Thanksgiving Day**

8:15a Mass of Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Friday — November 24

Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

Saturday— November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Alice Murray by
Mary Ellen Lydon

Sunday — November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for Mass for †James Michael Blake by
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Woodruff

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Devotions

Wednesday

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45p Benediction

Friday (When school students are present.)

9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30a Benediction

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



Kids’ Corner
Catechesis

St. Nerses
Feast Day:
November 19
Born: (around)
300
Died: 369

Nerses lived in Armenia and was educated at Cappadocia. He married a princess and was the father of St. Isaac the Great.

He was an official in the court of King Arshak. After Nerses’ wife died, he was ordained a priest. He became chief bishop of Armenia in 363.

He and St. Basil worked to help the people become more fervent Catholics. They called a meeting of all the Armenian bishops and wanted to help the priests and people grow in holiness.

Bishop Nerses respected the vocation of monks. He wanted new monasteries to begin. He started hospitals and encouraged the rich to be honest and generous.

King Arshak was not living a good life. When he murdered his wife, Olympia, Bishop Nerses publicly condemned this terrible crime. The king sent Bishop Nerses away from his diocese and appointed another bishop.

King Arshak was killed in battle against the Persians. His son became king but the son was more evil than his father. Bishop Nerses corrected him.

The new king pretended to be sorry. He invited the bishop to his palace for supper to show he was sorry. But the food was poisoned and Nerses died right there at the king’s table. He is considered a martyr and the Armenians call him “the great.”

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.

Give Thanks

The parish office will be closed on both Thursday and Friday, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:15. We will not have Mass on Friday, November 24.

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Rosary Leaders Needed

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. A time to start fresh, try things that will deepen our relationship with Jesus. Can you think of a better way to accomplish this than through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Beginning in Advent, the rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of weekend Masses. Instead of a weekly schedule, the schedule will be a monthly schedule, similar to our linen laundering schedule. One person will be scheduled for all Saturday Masses and another for all Sunday morning Masses during the month. Someone is currently leading the rosary before Latin Mass. The leaders for the month will be listed in the ministry schedule section of the bulletin.

The rosary will be led from the pews, not the ambo and intentions will not be announced.

If you would like to volunteer to lead the rosary, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048.

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, November 25, 2017
Servers: Joseph and Hunter Blake, Ian Droppleman
Reader: Deanna Pascasio
EMHC: Micki Snyder, Pam Thompson, John Weber
Cantor Diane Collins
Sunday, November 26, 2017
Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Ian Riffle
Reader: Michael Riley
EMHC: Jeremy and Jenny Garton, Danielle Mick
Cantor: Erin Fultineer
November Linens: Kathy Boyle
Nov. & Dec. Funeral Greeters: Mary Wagoner and Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

21 Tue: No afternoon scripture study group
23&24: Parish Office closed
23 Thu: 12:30, Thanksgiving dinner, cafeteria
27 Mon: Food, toy, hat, gloves (mittens), scarves and coat drive begin
28 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

December

9 Sat: 9am, Day of Recollection, cafeteria
11 Mon: 7pm, Advent Penance service
12 Tue: Angel Tree gifts deadline
14 & 15: St. Patrick parishioners ringing the Salvation Army Christmas Bell at CVS

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	85
Sunday:	185
Latin Mass:	36
General:	\$3009.86
Loan:	\$1150
School:	\$380
Latin Mass:	\$498
Thanksgiving Dinner:	\$791

Upcoming Second and Special Collections

- Nov. 18 & 19: Campaign for Human Development

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Dr. Frank Swisher (UHC), Amanda Smith Burcham, Cathy Snuffer, Jimmy Butcher, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan’s cousin), Bob Fultineer, Anita Droppleman, Gerry Donaldson, Nick Bakas, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s step-dad), Marsha Garton, Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Mandy Heater, Ed Hubbs, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Mary Ann Murray, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Roberta King (Dave King’s mother), 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, Fred Turner

Formed Pick of the Week

True Reformers

Presented by Dr. Christopher Blum

Meet the Six Great Saints of the Catholic Reformation.

Did you know that this year is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation? What does this mean for us as Catholics? How can we strive for unity among Christians today, 500 years later? Our FORMED Pick of the Week this week is a video study called True Reformers, which beautifully shows how it was the saints who responded to God’s grace who led the way for a true renewal and spiritual revival in the Church. This week, login to FORMED and watch the first episode of True Reformers.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Festival Orchestra And Chorus

Friday, Dec. 29, 2017

Tickets \$11

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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.
COME CELEBRATE the BIRTH of CHRIST!



Angels, Where are You?

Thank you to everyone who adopted angels from our angel tree. If you adopted angels 028, 029, 030, 117 or 118, please contact the parish office. We keep track

of this information in case something is changed on the “angels” information tag such as clothing size. The deadline to return the wrapped angel tree presents is December 12. Please include the adoption tag with your gifts. Thank you again for your generosity.

Scripture Readings

Nov. 20 –26

Monday (20)
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; PS 19:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday (21)
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-8; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday (22)
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday (23)
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday (24)
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday (25)
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday (26)
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is in need of volunteers to serve in the following capacities:

- Sacristans – responsible for setting up for Masses and other liturgies, caring for sacred vessels and maintaining proper order in the sacristy
- Pew straighteners – responsible for straightening up the pews after weekend Masses, ensuring that stray bulletins are collected, books are placed in racks, waste is disposed of, etc.
- Receptionists – responsible for answering phones in the office during normal office hours, receiving packages, and some other light office work as needed.

Please contact the office for more information and to give a bit of your time to ensure the well-ordered maintenance of our parish community.