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are destined to be. Our Lenten journey is not an end in itself, but the means to Easter greatness, to Easter glory. And the more we put into it now, the greater the rewards we will reap in 40 days' time.

Lent truly is the most wonderful time of the year, because it is our time to do the work that God asks of us, to step up and grasp the opportunity for greatness that He offers to us. It is a time in which we can join together with our brothers and sisters, united in a single effort to change the world by changing our hearts and uniting them to Christ who has conquered the world. Yes, this is a wonderful time indeed, because we know what awaits us at Easter—the joy of salvation, the joy of holiness!

Various Goings-On

During Lent

- **Stations of the Cross**, every Friday at 6:00 p.m.
- **Fish Fry**, every Friday from 5:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- **Eucharistic Adoration**, every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction at 5:55. Rosary will be prayed at the normal time.
- **Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation**, every Wednesday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- **Lenten Penance Service**, Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

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"It's the most wonderful time of the year," or so goes the Christmas song. It's a message of joy and hopeful anticipation—sentiments that seem to be quite foreign to the ethos of Lent, which is often expressed in dour faces and sullen attitudes. Oddly enough, however, the phrase "the most wonderful time of the year" far better expresses the Season of Lent than perhaps even Christmas. It seems odd at first. But in reality, our Lenten observance should equally be met with joy and hopeful anticipation—not because any joys or comforts that we are currently experiencing, but because of what we hope to achieve at Easter through undertaking our Lenten journey with seriousness and solemnity.

The Fathers of the Church and our greatest Saints all were great devotees of the Season of Lent as a means of furthering their own devotion and reevaluating the means by which they would achieve the holiness that each and every one of us should be seeking. Pope St. Leo the Great commented in one of his Lenten homilies that what the Church asks of us during Lent really and truly is precisely what we should be doing all year round, just in a more intense fashion. How it is that we as a Catholic people have gotten to the point of neglecting the acts of penance the

other 325 days of the year is hard to say. Perhaps we have grown lax as a culture in general. Perhaps we have grown so accustomed to comfort that we have simply forgotten that our call is not to comfort but to holiness, and the two rarely work well in concert with one another.

Whatever the case may be, as our Lenten journey begins, there is much that we can learn from the Fathers of the Church and the Saints of old, who consistently strove to better themselves and to remove from their lives anything that stood between them and their goal of sainthood. Their goal should be our goal. And their example of prayer and penance should be our model for how to achieve the salvation being won for us by the Cross of the Redeemer.

Sometimes it can be very easy during Lent to forget exactly why we adopt the practices that we do. It never hurts to be reminded that fasting (or abstaining) without prayer is just a diet; almsgiving without prayer is just social work; and Lent without prayer is just useless! When we approach this season with the necessary disposition of seeking holiness, then we do more than draw closer to Christ and His Cross. We open our hearts to God's radically life-altering love and set ourselves squarely on the path to become the Saints that we



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pastor@spchurchweston.net

### Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary  
secretary@spchurchweston.net

### 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  
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### Bulletin Deadline

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

## Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Ed Hubbs (Ruby), Susan Murray, Frances McCauley, John Vallelonga, (Fr. Steve's dad), Barbara Ables, Amanda Smith Burcham, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Anita Droppleman, Chris Droppleman, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Bobby Gill, Ed Hubbs, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Sam McLaughlin (Matt's brother), Donna Moore, Mary Ann Murray, Emma Pascasio, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Shane Rowan (Sandy Mick's brother) Cathy Snuffer, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Steve Alfred, 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, Bobby Summers

## Get Formed this Lent

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

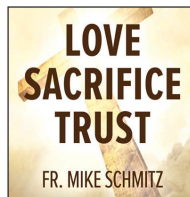
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Station days were days of fasting in the early Christian Church, associated with a procession to certain prescribed churches in Rome, where the Mass and Vespers would be celebrated to mark important days of the liturgical year. Although other cities also had similar practices, and the fasting is no longer prescribed, the Roman churches associated with the various station days are still the object of pilgrimage and ritual, especially in the season of Lent.

This Lent, we'll be taking a journey through our Facebook Page to visit the daily Station Churches. Check our page each day for a link to the Station Church that day, and march with the pilgrims down through the ages!

[https://www.facebook.com/  
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**Join us Sunday mornings  
at 8:30 (in the school) for  
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## Saint Joseph's Table & the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19. There is a history behind Saint Joseph's table that states in earlier centuries, there was a famine in Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a nonperishable canned item. Please prayerfully consider participating in this parish endeavor.

### After School GAP Assistant Needed

St. Patrick Catholic School is seeking an Assistant for the after school program. Interested individuals should call the school office @ 269-5547.

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Will be responsible for assisting in daily tasks of the center including general maintenance: interior & exterior of buildings, grounds, equipment and vehicles. Will assume responsibilities in the absence of the Maintenance Supervisor.

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Candidate will send three letters of reference and resume to: Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Bryan Minor, Human Resources office, 1311 Byron Street, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 or email [bminor@dwc.org](mailto:bminor@dwc.org).

## Calendar Cash Winners

Feb 9 –Winner: Crystal Frazier	Seller: B. Frazier
Feb 10-Winner: John White	Seller: B. Frazier
Feb 11-Winner: Cindy Pounds	Seller: K. Hughes
Feb 12-Winner: Todd Lamb	Seller: J. Cunningham
Feb 13-Winner: Dave Syrews	Seller: J. Radcliff
Feb 14-Winner: Curtis Smith	Seller:A. Lybarger
Feb 15-Winner: Nancy Pugh	Seller:J. Cunningham
Feb 16-Winner: Sarah Riffle	Seller: I. Riffle

## This Week's Liturgical Calendar

### Saturday— February 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Sarah Rowgh by family

### Sunday — February 18

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for †Frank Norris Dickinson by Mary Till-

man

#### First Sunday of Lent

### Monday — February 19

Monday of the 1st Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †J. R. Rowan by family

### Tuesday — February 20

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent

8:15a Mass for †Rev. Austin Grogan

### Wednesday — February 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †John Gallagher by Barbara Daugherty

### Thursday — February 22

#### The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:15a Mass for †Geneva Glover by Junior and Veronica Brumley

### Friday — February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:15a Mass for †Roberta Karp by Rue and Diana Thompson

### Saturday— February 24

Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish

### Sunday — February 25

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for †Mary Groover by Jim and Tammy Arsenault

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass for †Most Rev. Thomas John McDonnell, D.D., L.L.D.

#### Second Sunday of Lent

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

2/19	Feria of Lent
2/20	Feria of Lent
2/21	Ember Wednesday of Lent
2/22	Chair of Saint Peter
2/23	Ember Friday of Lent
2/24	St. Matthias



### Homemade Vanilla for Sale

There are still a few bottles of the homemade vanilla available made by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas last fall. The cost is \$10 per bottle and are available in the parish office.

### Join Us

All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join this worthy organization. Whose motto is “Unity & Charity.” Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas® is one of the Oldest and Largest Organizations of Catholic Women in the Americas. The Catholic Daughters meet on the 3rd Monday of the month in the parish meeting room at 6pm. Yearly dues are \$30.

### Knights’ News

#### The Vocation Chalice Program

Families may inquire about signing up for a week with Jim Gildein: Jim.Gildein@kofc.org

#### Chalice Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 18—Tim Derico family  
Saturday, Feb. 24—Jimmy Fealy family

#### Fish Fry Fridays

The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry on Friday evenings from 5:00 to 7:30 in the cafeteria. Dine In or Take Out order available. (Good Friday is not during Lent, it is part of the Sacred Triduum and is a day of fasting and abstinence.)

#### Concert CD Available

**Saint Patrick Catholic Church Festival Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Chorus 12/29/17 Concert CD**

As a result of several inquiries and requests regarding the December 29<sup>th</sup> Orchestra and Chorus Concert, **orders are being taken for CD recording of the concert through Wednesday, January 31st.** Please fill in the blanks with the proper information requested to obtain your personal copy(s) or special gifts for friends of St. Patrick Church. ***Make checks payable to KOC Council 1415*** and place your application and check in the offering basket. You will be notified by phone or email when CD’s are ready for pickup. Order blanks may also be given to any KOC member after any Mass or given to Greg Walker, Jim Weber or John Collins. **Order forms are in the church vestibule.**

Scripture Readings	
<b>Feb 19 - Feb. 25, 2018</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Weekly Devotions	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:55p</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>5:20p</b> Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena <b>5:45p</b> Benediction
<b>Friday</b>	(When students are present.) <b>9:00a</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30a</b> Benediction

### MASS INTENTIONS

Masses can be said for both the living and the dead. You may request a specific date for the intention, such as a birthday, wedding anniversary or the anniversary of the passing of a loved one. Masses are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

### Ministry Schedule for Weekend Masses

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**  
Servers: Joseph and Hunter Blake, Joe Derico  
Reader: Teresa Angotti  
EMHC: Larry Bowers  
Cantor: Donna Lake

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**  
Servers: Dylan O’Sullivan, Ethan Mehr, Jordyn Aman  
Reader: Morgan Turner  
EMHC: Paul Derico  
Cantor: Tommy McKee

**February Rosary Leaders:**  
Wednesday: Gary Riley  
Saturday: Veronica Brumley  
Sunday: Tommy McKee

**February Linens:** Luanne Bowers

**Feb. Funeral Greeters:** Gennette Casto, Barb King, and Rose Neal

### Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	87
Sunday:	154
Latin Mass:	25

General:	\$4170
Loan:	\$1251
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Latin Mass:	\$409

### Upcoming Special & Second Collections

- March 3 & 4: Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund
- March 10 & 11: Catholic Relief Services
- March 30: Holy Land
- March 31 & April 1: Education of Seminarians

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February**  
19 Mon: 6pm, Catholic Daughter meeting, parish meeting room

**March**  
12 Mon: 7pm, Lenten Penance Service  
17 Sat: 4:30pm, Mass  
17 Sat: 5:30pm, Irish Fest

### Gospel Commentary for the First Sunday of Lent

The Gospel is from St. Luke 5:1-11. Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for

### Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: First Sunday of Lent

"Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Gospel).

- In this picture the devil points to the bread of fleshly desire. "Now is the acceptable time" to "ration" our self-indulgence, our worship of physical culture (Epistle), and to feed our souls with the Divine Word. This temptation calls for the mortification of self.
- The "pinnacle of the temple" (in the upper left corner), recalls the pride of usurping God's power, of trying to live beyond His reach. We must topple ourselves from the pinnacle of pride and lift ourselves up by prayer to the pinnacle of God Himself.

### Need Help? Get Help!

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to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

With this example given us by Christ no Christian can or should expect to travel the road to heaven without meeting obstacles and temptations. Our weak human nature is of itself, even without any external tempter, a source of many temptations to us, especially of those three illustrated in the case of Christ. Our body desires all the pleasures and comforts that can be got out of life and resents any curtailment of these desires even on the part of our Creator and Benefactor. Our gifts of intelligence and free-will often tempt most of us to look for power, political or economic, over our fellowmen. We want to be better off than others in this world, when our purpose in life is to help ourselves and our fellowmen to the better life. Finally. so fully occupied are many in the mad rush after pleasure and power

that they have no time to devote to the one thing that matters, the attainment of eternal life.

Yet, through some foolish logic of our own, we expect God to do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. We are tempting God by presuming he will save us if we have deliberately chosen the road to perdition.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid.


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



3. The "kingdoms of the world," seen in the distance (in middle of picture), represent those who covet mere earthly "glory." To offset this temptation there must be almsgiving or devoting one's talents to the service of one's neighbor.

The Epistle exhorts us not to receive "in vain" this plan of personal reformation, first by warning, then by encouraging us in the eternal struggle between Christ and Antichrist.

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



### The Dead Theologians Society

#### *Saints of Yesterday Inspiring Youth of Today*

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.

### Catholic Radio

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You can listen to the St. Patrick Christmas Festival at [www.LoLradio.org/4aaudios.html](http://www.LoLradio.org/4aaudios.html).

### Confirmation

Confirmation will be Sunday, May 20 at 12:30. It is necessary for all who are preparing for this sacrament to attend the Confirmation preparation classes and to attend CCD on Sunday mornings. The next evening class is Sun., Feb. 18 in the cafeteria.