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Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

The Eucharist is: Jesus truly present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

At the moment of Consecration, during the Mass, the "gifts" of bread and wine are transformed (transubstantiated) into the actual Body and Blood of Christ, at the Altar. This means that they are not only spiritually transformed, but rather are actually (substantially) transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The elements retain the appearance of bread and wine, but are indeed the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is what is meant by Real Presence: the actual, physical presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Christ instituted this Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist in order to remain with mankind until the end of time (Jn. 14:18).

The (reserved) Blessed Sacrament serves as a focal point of devotion.

Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the



Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a priest or deacon removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the Altar for adoration by the faithful. "Monstrance" is the vessel used in the Church to display the consecrated Eucharistic Host, during Eucharistic adoration or benediction. The word monstrance comes from the Latin word monstrare, meaning "to expose". It is known in Latin as an Ostensorium. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, It is said to be a solemn exposition.

When the Monstrance contains the Sacred Host, the priest does not touch it with his bare hands, but instead, holds it with a humeral veil, a wide band of cloth that covers his shoulders (humera) and has pleats on the inside in which he places his hands.

At all other times, the reserved Sacrament is kept locked in the Tabernacle, so that the faithful may pray in the presence of the Sacrament.

"Perpetual Adoration" is Eucharistic Adoration round the clock (that is, twenty-four hours a day). A "Holy Hour" is "Eucharistic Adoration of Reparation" which lasts for about an hour.

Adoration ceremonies traditionally include Scripture readings, hymns, prayers and time for silent adoration.

Eucharistic exposition and benediction is a complete liturgical service.

Eucharistic exposition and benediction is a complete liturgical service in its own right and is to be celebrated as such. Eucharistic exposition and benediction are no longer

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Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted" (Gospel).

Jesus reveals His Love by curing the victim of dropsy (pictured at the left). Love overcomes all human obstacles. The humble man does not, of course, expose his talents to the contempt of others. But he does recognize that every best gift is from above, loaned not for himself alone, but for his less favored

neighbor as well.
For this reason I bend my knees to the Father (Epistle), exclaims St. Paul, as he reflects on His glorious riches: how Divine love PURGES us by strength through His Spirit, ILLUMINATES us through our faith and then UNITES us in Christ's love. . . unto. . . the fullness of God. Humbly must we recognize the power that is at work in us.
Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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Wednesday, Noon - 5:30
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Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

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p.m.

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

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

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

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements for the Lewis
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submitted by 4pm on Tuesday.
Email submissions to:
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar, & Mass Intentions

Saturday— September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Most Rev. Michael J.
Bransfield

Sunday — September 9
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
1:30p Confessions
2:00p Mass for †Rev. Patrick Mundy by
Eileen Frank
(Latin Mass, 1th Sunday After Pentecost)

Monday — September 10
Monday of the Twenty-Third Week in
Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Rev Harold Moore &
Mass for †Most Rev. James E. Michaels

Tuesday — September 11
Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week in
Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Burke Riley by Betty Hill

Wednesday — September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary
5:00pConfessions
6:00p Mass for †Rev. Msgr. Thomas Quirk

Thursday — September 13
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
8:15a Mass for †Charles Garton by
Deborah K. Garton
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass of Reparation
7:00p Confessions

Friday — September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:15a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday— September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for †James W. and Mary A.
Hines

Sunday — September 16
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for †Sonny Walker
11:45p Confessions
12:30p Mass for People of the Parish
(Latin Mass, 17th Sunday After Pentecost)

Latin Mass Time Adjustments

**Latin Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m.
on Sept. 8, 23 and October 7.**

Weekly Scripture Readings

10 Mon
1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
11 Tue
1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
12 Wed
1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-
26
13 Thu
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13, 14b,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38
14 Fri
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17
15 Sat
1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Jn
19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
16 Sun
Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk
8:27-35

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass

9/10 St. Nicholas of Tolentino,
Confessor
9/11 Ss Protus & Hyacinth, *Martyrs*
9/12 Most Holy Name of Mary
9/13 Feria
9/14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9/15 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Mass Intentions

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered
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gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a
special intention for a living person or
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placed in a “Mass Intention” envelope and
placed in the collection basket or dropped
off to the parish office. Please indicate if
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Mass dates are filled on a “first come, first
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Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Mike Allman, Norma Aman, Nick Bakas, Jack Bohan, Patty Burkhammer, Hampton Castleberry, Judi Conell, T.A. Corcoran, Anna Crim, Brad Curtis, Ed and Grace deLorenzo, Rose Determan, Marguerite Dombroski, Rose Anita Duley, Robert Fealy, Lori Hamrick, James Shaver & Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s dad and step-dad), Chuck Gildein, John Horne, Ed Hubbs, Lenora Huff, Katrina Ichoco, Bobbi Klotz, Joe Jenkins, Agnes Kraus, Betty Kreitzer, Ryan Kreitzer, Jeff Linger, Barbara Lydick, Frank Lydon, Betty Maddix, Philomena Martin, Julia Marsh, Danielle Mick, Mary Ann Murray, Sara Murray, Susan Murray, Jean Ott, Emma Pascasio, Sara Queen, Vicky Radcliffe, Buck Ratliff, Catherine Ratliff, Robin Ritter, Mike Riley, Fallon Rutherford, Conda Smith, Sandy Smith, Micki Snyder, Mike Sponaule, Greg Stark, Jane Taylor, Denver Turner, George Whelan, Jane White
- **Those who have died:** Sonny Walker, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, R. Brody Springer, Bobby Summers
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Those battling addiction**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

Ministry Schedule for Weekend Masses September 15 & 16, 2018

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Servers: Joe Derico, Jacob & Ian Riffle, Ian Droppleman
Reader: Brenda Riley
EMHC: Barb King, Tom Ruppert, Pam Thompson
Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Servers: Marley Riley, Jayna Jerden, Morgan Turner, Payton Aman
Reader: Chasity King
EMHC: Steve Corley, Butch Cain, Jim Mehr, Betty Hill, Marissa Aman
Cantor: John Collins

September Rosary Leaders:

Wednesday: Veronica Brumley
Saturday: Rudy Pascasio
Sunday: Micki Snyder

September Linens: Kathy Boyle
September & October Funeral Greeters: Veronica
Brumley and Scott Garton

***Please arrive at least
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September

11, 28, 25 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, school cafeteria or grounds
9 & 23 Sun: Latin Mass will begin at 2pm, Confession will begin at 1:30pm
13 Thu: 5pm, Confessions, St. Patrick Church
13 Thu: 6pm, Mass of Reparation, St. Patrick Church
13 Thu: 7pm, Eucharistic Adoration, St. Patrick Church
13 Thu: 7pm, Confessions, St. Patrick Church

October

2 Tue: 1pm, Prayer group resumes, parish meeting room
13 Sat: St. Patrick School Elimination dinner, gym
14 Sun: Mass and Homecoming, St. Bernard Church, Loveberry

St. Boniface Our Neighbor
Collection
September—dish soap

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday:	88
Sunday:	209
Latin Mass:	56
General:	\$3862
Loan:	\$25
School:	\$51
Latin Mass:	\$931

Second and Special Collections
Sept. 8 & 9: Diocesan Scholarship Association

2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

Almost Heaven

Thank you to everyone who has given to the 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal. St. Patrick is at **87%** with 45 gifts totaling \$16,838.

Gifts to the Catholic Sharing Appeal are exempt from diocesan tax and can be made through Dec. 31, 2018. Donations can be made online at <http://csa.dwcministries.org/>.

Fall Family Day

Saturday, September 15, 2018

10:00AM - 5:00PM

Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, Huttonsville, WV
Bring the whole family for an affordable day of Fall Fun!

Our staff will facilitate your adventure on our Zip-line, Climbing Tower & Giant Swing. We also have canoes & lifejackets for you to enjoy some time on the water. Hay rides to the pumpkin patch where you can pick out and purchase your own pumpkin. There are 1400 Acres ready for you explore on a Hike or bring your Mountain Bike and go for a ride.

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Schedule

10 am-1 pm: Activities open
10-11:30am: Climbing tower and swing-by-choice
11:30 am-1:00 pm: Canoeing and Zip line
10 am-1pm: Hayrides to pumpkin patch (hayrides every ½ hour)
1 pm: Lunch (activities + hay rides closed)
lunch will not be provided, feel free to bring a picnic lunch!
1:30-5:00 pm: Activities open
1:30-3pm: Canoeing and zip line
3-5:00pm: Climbing tower and swing-by-choice
1:30-5:00 pm: Hayrides to pumpkin patch
5:00 pm: Activities + hayrides close.

Are you bringing your kids friends? Getting together a group of young people from the church? Great! The more the merrier! If this is your plan two things are needed:

Signed forms are needed for everyone on property. If you are bringing minors whom you are not the legal guardian of, it is imperative that you have the form signed by their legal guardians. When bringing a group that is not a family, one adult chaperone is needed for every 8 minors, following applicable child protection policies.

Traditional Latin Mass

The Traditional Latin Mass (the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite) is offered weekly at St. Patrick Church in Weston. Confessions begin at 11:45 followed by Mass at 12:30. The second Sunday of each month is the traditional “High” Mass with music and the choir. Everyone is invited. This Mass does count as your weekend Mass obligation.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the St. Patrick School cafeteria. All Catholic men, 18 and older are encouraged to get involved in this vital organization. The next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, September 4.



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To be considered an “active” member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Active Parishioner Rate of tuition” 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.



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 resumes Sunday, September 16 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 Daughters of the Americas Court Victory 379



It's time to pay your CDA dues. Yearly dues are \$30. Checks can be made payable to CDA 379 and mailed to P. O. Box 764, Weston. The next meeting will be Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. All current members are asked to invite at least one perspective member to the next meeting! To find out more about becoming a Catholic Daughter, contact Regent Marilyn Bean at 304-884-8884.

The Catholic Daughters are women of Faith under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, glorifying the Lord, and serving others! The Court is not exclusive to St. Patrick Church. Members can be from anywhere that does not have a court.

10 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage February 20 - March 1, 2019 \$3579 per person from Pittsburgh

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Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 8pm

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon. at 7pm

Meetings are held in the basement of St. Patrick School, 224 Center Ave., Weston. Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.



**And thy own soul a sword
shall pierce, that, out of
many hearts thoughts may**

September 2018 - Overview for the Month

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

Highlights

During September, as in all of Ordinary Time (formerly known as Time After Pentecost), the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it

means for us to be a follower of Christ. During Ordinary Time we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.

This month the main liturgical feasts are St. Gregory the Great (September 3), the Birth of Mary (September 8), Holy Name of Mary (September 12), St. John Chrysostom (September 13), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14), Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15), St. Robert Bellarmine (September 17), St. Januarius (September 19), St. Andrew Kim and Companions (September 20), St. Matthew (September 21), Sts. Cosmas and Damian (September 26), St. Vincent de Paul (September 27), and Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (September 29).

The feasts of St. Peter Claver (September 9), Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian (September 16), St. Pio (September 23) and St. Jerome (September 30) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Month of the Harvest

Since man is both a spiritual and physical being, the Church provides for the needs of man in his everyday life. The Church's liturgy and feasts in many areas reflect the four seasons of the year (spring, summer, fall and winter). The months of August, September, October and November are part of the harvest season, and as Christians we recall God's constant protection over his people and give thanksgiving for the year's harvest.

The September Ember Days were particularly focused on the end of the harvest season

and thanksgiving to God for the season. Ember Days were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting and almsgiving at the beginning of each of the four seasons of the year. The ember days fell after December 13, the feast of St. Lucy (winter), after the First Sunday of Lent (spring), after Pentecost Sunday (summer), and after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (fall). These weeks were known as the quattuor tempora, the "four seasons."

Since the late 5th century, the Ember Days were also the preferred dates for ordination of priests. So during these times the Church had a threefold focus: (1) sanctifying each new season by turning to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (2) giving thanks to God for the various harvests of each season; and (3) praying for the newly ordained and for future vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Since the reorganization of the Roman calendar in 1969 after the Second Vatican Council, Ember Days are still retained in principle, but how and when they are to be observed is at the discretion of each country's Episcopal Conference. There is no longer set Mass readings for the Ember Days in the Ordinary Rite.

Another harvest feast is September 29, the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Before the revision of the calendar, this used to be only the feast of St. Michael. In many countries this day was referred to as "Michaelmas" and is celebrated with traditional foods and customs.

By Jennifer Gregory Miller, 2003.

Things to Do During Eucharistic Adoration

Fr. Benedict Groeschel points out in the book, *"In the Presence of Our Lord: The History, Theology and Psychology of Eucharistic Devotion"* that there are "four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance and trusting intercession." Accordingly, here are suggestions for what to do during private Eucharistic adoration.

1. Pray the Psalms or the Liturgy of the Hours

Whether you are praising, giving thanks, asking for forgiveness or seeking an answer, you'll find an appropriate psalm. The ancient prayer of the Church called the Liturgy of the Hours presents an excellent way to pray through the Book of Psalms throughout the year.

2. Recite the "Jesus Prayer"

Say "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner", repeatedly as you quiet your heart and mind.

3. Meditate using Scripture

Choose a passage from the Bible. read the words and ask God to let the passage speak to you. Pay special attention to anything that strikes you and ask God what He wishes for you to draw from that message.

4. Read the life of a saint and pray with him or her

Most holy men and women have had a great devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Therese of Lisieux, Catherine of Siena, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Peter Julian Eymard, Dorothy Day. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Baroness Catherine de Hueck are just a few. Read about them and pray their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

5. Pour out your heart to Christ and adore Him

Speak to Jesus, aware that you are in His presence, and tell Him all that comes to your mind. Listen for His response. Pray the prayer that St. Francis instructed his brothers to pray whenever they were before the Blessed Sacrament: "I adore You, O Christ, present here and in all the churches of the world, for by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world."

6. Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others

Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have neglected or hurt someone else. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns.

7. Pray the Rosary

Pope John Paul II reminds us, "...is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?" (The Church and the Eucharist, 55) Ask Mary to join you as you gaze on Christ in the Eucharist and as you pray the Rosary.

8. Sit quietly and just "be" in the presence of God

Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other's company. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.

Taken from: <http://www.uga.edu/cc/liturgy/adoration.htm>

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considered devotions, but rather are a part of the Church's official liturgy.

This liturgy is designed to "acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the Sacrament and invites us to the spiritual union with Him that culminates in sacramental communion." (Order for Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, number 7). In the past, benediction was sometimes added on to the end of another service or devotion, this is no longer done.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate -- His Divine Majesty -- in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us". The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also by praying before It outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace ..."

Pope John Paul II in one of his homilies said, "It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in His heart ... If, in our time Christians must be distinguished by the "art of prayer", how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual conversation, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament?"

"The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made." (Ps 145:13)

Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His Infinite love for us!

Jesus gives us His body (to eat) so that He can nourish us, strengthen us and give us His own life and lest we be blinded by His glory, He humbles Himself to come to us in the humble species of bread... "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is My affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)

How must we respond? ...Through our worship and recognition of Him in the Eucharist! He is calling us to faith, that we many come to Him in humility.

"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Are you tired because of the burden of your duties, because of frustration due to unsuccessful projects, because many misunderstand you? Are you heavy laden with guilt from past sins? Are you trying to find hope and meaning in life? Do not lose heart! Abandon yourself to Jesus in this "Sacrament of Love": He will refresh you!

The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will come away feeling renewed and healed. Miracles of conversion, peace, discovery of vocations, answers to prayers, physical healings, and many other wonderful things happen where and when the Lord Jesus is adored in the Blessed Sacrament. They are the "gifts" that point to the Almighty Giver and testify to His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament...

Let us love being with the Lord! There we can speak with Him about everything. We can offer Him our petitions, our concerns, our troubles, our joys, our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and

our aspirations. Above all we can remember to pray: 'Lord send laborers into Your harvest! Help me to be a good worker in Your vineyard!'

When asked, "What would save the world?" ... Mother Teresa replied: "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

"Remain in Me, as I remain in you."

We grow spiritually with each moment we spend with Jesus! Through our Adoration, Jesus calls us to a personal relationship (to become His friends and disciples), to "remain in Him" (Divine Intimacy), to "remain in His love" (Keep His commandments). He promises that all those who remain tightly bonded to Him, will bear much fruit and "their joy will be complete". For without Him, we can do nothing.

Through this "friendship", we are inspired and strengthened to take on life's challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, to become a "new creation" (more and more like Jesus).

Through Eucharistic Adoration - we proclaim Jesus to the World.

Eucharistic Adoration is an affirmation of our faith. Through this vigil of prayer, we give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling with His people.

"Love one another as I have loved you." Eucharistic Adoration helps build a community of love.

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of unity, Jesus unifying His people. Through the personal love, that one shares with the Saviour, one is more able to grasp the reality that we are the whole Body of Christ.

Prayers as a community, especially intercessory prayers for the needs of the community and the World - help to build a "civilization of love" - to "transform the World". The prayers that we say can draw the World and everybody in the World closer to Christ and to God the Father for His blessing.

A Vision for Visions...

Let us take a closer look at the sacred vessel, the Monstrance, that houses the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord. The Monstrance draws all eyes to the Sacred Host that is seemingly surrounded by rays, like the sun.

Similarly, we each are called to be a "Living Monstrance", radiating the presence of the Lord Who dwells in us.

The Monstrance is surmounted by a Cross ... what does this tell us?

Let us look at Jesus in the Monstrance, Who humbles Himself to come before us as a piece of bread. Let us reflect on our own life's situations that call us to humility. Are we humble, as God wants us to be, to bear our Crosses daily? Other virtues such as patience, temperance, self-control and piety will soon follow.

A Taste of Heaven awaits us in Eucharistic Adoration!

Indeed, Earth is joined to Heaven each time we are united with the Saints and Angels in extolling God, Who, in worship we see, if not with the sight of eyes, then with the eyes of faith.

We are called to abide in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord, like the Saints and Angels do in Heaven, as they behold the glory of God and sing His praise! The Saints and Angels wait upon the Lord and do His Will in all things. Their presence magnifies the Lord. They also intercede (for us) before the Lord.

When we look upon the Sacred Host, we look at Jesus, the Son of God. Do we see Him in all His glory and majesty? Do our lips proclaim His praise?

Do our souls magnify the Lord - making Him clearer, more in focus, and larger to others around us? Do we place the needs of others before Him? Are we open to the Will of God and strive for perfection in our spiritual lives so that we, too, may one day join the company of Saints in Heaven?

It is at this moment when we are most intimately in communion with God that we experience a taste of Heaven, a foreshadowing of what it will be like, when, by God's grace, we enter into everlasting life. "Indeed, this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

We Grow in Love for Jesus with Every Encounter.

In John 21:16, Jesus asks Peter the question that will determine his whole life: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Jesus is asking each of us the same question: do you love me? Those of us who have an experience of love, know, that true love sets no conditions; it simply loves and yet it must be nurtured and nourished by intimacy, closeness or regular contact.

It is the same with time spent in divine intimacy with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. How can our encounters with the Lord not cause us to fall more and more in love with Him? As we yield to such love, it will prompt hunger for Scripture and the Sacraments as we seek to know and experience Him on a deeper level. It will make us remember Him throughout the day, inspire us to do little things "just for Him" and try and make ourselves more attractive to Him by lives of purity and holiness. And yet, we should not feel discouraged if we cannot love Him fully because Jesus assures us that He will always love us with a love that surpasses all.

"O God, You are my God -- for You I long!"

In Psalm 63, the Psalmist longs for divine life, which is based on a close relationship with God. The Psalm most beautifully expresses the intimate relationship between God and the one who worships Him in His holy Temple.

Such must be OUR love and total self-giving to Jesus, exposed on the Altar, for our sake!

"O God, You are my God -- for You I long! For You my body yearns; for You my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless, and without water. So I look to You in the Sanctuary to see Your power and glory. For Your love is better than life; my lips offer You worship! I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on Your name. My soul shall savor the rich banquet of praise, with joyous lips my mouth shall honor You!"

Jesus asks for so little.... Yet, He gives so much!

"This - The Eucharist - the whole Christ" is His gift to all. Whether we are young or old, sick or healthy, poor or rich, only by regularly partaking in the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, can we reap immense spiritual and temporal blessings in our lives!

The Blessed Sacrament is the LIVING FOUNTAIN OF LIFE where we drink in the love of Christ Who alone quenches our thirst.

Thus, our time spent with our Beloved Saviour in Adoration, can become the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful and healing experience we could ever encounter!

May our adoration never cease!

Taken from: http://www.catholic-church.org/kuwait/eucharistic_adoration.htm

Mass of Reparation

A penitential Mass of Reparation for the sins of bishops and clergy that have led to the current crisis in the Catholic Church. Confessions begin at 5:00 p.m. Mass begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes with Eucharistic Adoration throughout the night. The event will conclude with Mass for the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross at 8:15 a.m. the next morning.

Ladies Day of Reflection

A Ladies Day of Reflection will be held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the St. Thomas Center in Thomas BEGINNING at 9:00 AM. The day will include Adoration, Benediction, Mass and Confessions will be available with visiting priests. The day should end at about 4 PM. The retreat will be run by the Nashville Dominican Sisters. All are strongly encouraged to attend. Breakfast snacks, Lunch and other snacks provided.

You're Invited

A rosary rally will be held at the Clarksburg City Park in Nutterfort, near the picnic tables on Thursday, September 13 beginning at noon. Everyone is invited!



Community Baby Shower Collection Event

The Lewis County Family Resource Network and Broad Street Methodist Church are working together to give babies a great start. New baby items for newborn to two years olds, can be donated through September 14. Drop off locations are LCFRN, Weston Sanitary and Broad Street United Methodist Church.

West Virginia Catholic Radio

St Paul Radio [an EWTN affiliate]
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WLUX AM 1450
WNUX FM 89.7
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WLoL-FM 89.7
WDWC FM 90.7

North Central WV - Fairmont / Clarksburg / Bridgeport
Morgantown WV
Upper Ohio Valley - Wheeling / Moundsville

Please Register Your Children for CCD

This year's CCD program will begin on Sunday, September 16. All children in the parish, grades 1-8 are expected to attend. Parents should contact the parish office at 304-269-3048 to register so we can have the proper amount of supplies for each class! Sacramental prep for First Holy Communion will take place exclusively through the CCD program.

Introduction to Catholicism

Introduction to Catholicism Classes for all non-Catholics wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith is held every Wednesday. We begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m., then continue in the parish meeting room. Leaders will be Jim Arsenault, Jesse Cunningham and Sandy Mick. If you know someone who is interested please invite them! If they are not able to attend on Wednesday, please have them call the parish office at 304-269-3048.

St. Bernard Church Homecoming

The annual Homecoming Mass for St. Bernard Church in Loveberry will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m. A covered dish dinner will follow the Mass.

Save the Date

The Tuesday afternoon prayer group will resume on October 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room.



Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 13, Noon, St. Patrick Church Office Parking Lot

Each year, America Needs Fatima holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. In 2015, there were 14,108 rallies and in 2014, there were 12,629 groups simultaneously praying for our country and the world all across America! These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to October 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. For more information, contact Judy Woodruff at 304-269-3455.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."



Elimination Dinner

The annual St. Patrick School Elimination dinner will be Saturday, October 13 in the gym. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets are available at the school office, from parents of any St. Patrick School student or the St. Patrick Church parish office. Parishioners of St. Boniface Church can purchase tickets from Johna or Reece Cunningham. Pull tab raffles and 50/50 raffles will be sold throughout the event. The menu is a choice of baked steak or chicken (which is ALWAYS delicious), mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, hot roll and dessert! Get your tickets now!