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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 53:10-11, and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 4:14-16 and discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's

goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The Gospel is from St. Mark, 10:35-45. Our own natural inclination most likely would be to react like the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what we thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "you do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They, with the other Apostles, had still the common Jewish idea of the messianic kingdom. They thought the Messiah—and they were now convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah—would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations.

That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations, was indicated in almost all the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, but that this kingdom would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles.

Jesus, knowing that his Apostles still had this wrong idea, was gentle with James and John. He took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the mention fell on deaf ears. Their argument was: how could he suffer death when he has still to establish his earthly kingdom? The truth in fact was that it was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious king-

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Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Render. . .to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Gospel).

In today's Mass the Church bids us prepare "without offense unto the day of Christ," that is, the day of Final Judgment (Epistle). Hence St. Paul prays with us today that our "charity may. . .abound in . . .discernment."

Yes, "discernment!" lest we be deceived by the tricky questions of Pharisee friends and foes, or even the Pharisee spirit in

our own conscience. Jesus gives the answer: "Render. . .to Caesar the things that are Caesar's", "and to God the things that are God's (symbolized by small figures at left).

On this Sunday, officials and citizens alike may well cry out "from the depths" (Introit) for forgiveness of their failure to prepare. Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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Monday, 9 - 4
Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, Noon - 5:00
Thursday, 9 - 1
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Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

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

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

Weekly Liturgical Calendar, & Mass Intentions

Saturday— October 20
Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest5:00p
Confessions
6:00p Mass for People of the Parish

Sunday — October 21
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for †Jackie True by John and
Melinda Law
11:45p Confessions
12:30p Mass for †Janie Taylor by the
Kiddy Family
(Latin Mass, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Monday — October 22
Saint John Paul II, Pope
8:15a Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by friends

Tuesday — October 23
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
8:15a Mass for Joseph Vallelonga

Wednesday — October 24
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for †Mary Lough by Stephen J.
Ruppert

Thursday — October 25
Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary
Time
8:15a Mass for Dezso "Desi" Polgar

Friday — October 26
Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Edna Brumley by Junior
and Veronica Brumley

Saturday— October 27
Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary
Time
6:00p Mass for †Francis Lydon by Mary
Ellen and Margaret Ann Lydon

Sunday — October 28
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for Fr. DeViese and Fr. Binny
11:45p Confessions
12:30p Mass for †Jackie True by Dan and
Sandra Mick
(Latin Mass, The Kingship of Our Lord
Jesus Christ)

Weekly Scripture Readings

22 Mon
Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:2-5/Lk 12:13-21
23 Tue
Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 12:35-38
24 Wed
Eph 3:2-12/(Ps) Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
25 Thu
Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
26 Fri
Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
27 Sat
Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
28 Sun
Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-
52

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass

10/22 Feria
10/23 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop &
Confessor
10/24 St. Raphael the Archangel
10/25 Ss Chrysanthus and Daria, Martyrs
10/26 St. Evaristus
10/27 Saturday of Our Lady

Mass Intentions

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a “Mass Intention” envelope and placed in the collection basket or dropped off to the parish office. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a “first come, first serve” basis.

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Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Joe Eddie Craft (SJM) Mike Allman, Norma Aman, Nick Bakas, Jack Bohan, Patty Burkhammer, Hampton Castleberry, Judi Conell, Anna Crim, Brad Curtis, Ed and Grace deLorenzo, Paul Derico, Rose Determan, Rose Anita Duley, Amanda Engstrom, 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, Robbie Klotz, Kent Kral, Agnes Kraus, Ryan Kreitzer, Jack Lang, Jeff Linger, Mary Ann McClain, Betty Maddix, Philomena Martin, Julia Marsh, Mary Ann Murray, Sara Murray, Susan Murray, Jean Ott, Emma Pascasio, Sara Queen, Vicky Radcliffe, Buck Ratliff, Mike Riley, Amanda Roberts, Donna Roberts, Conda Smith, Sandy Smith, Micki Snyder, Mike Sponaule, Greg Stark, Mary Stillwell, Ben Timmer, Denver Turner, Sherry VanLeewen, Aimee Wehrman, George Whelan, Jane White
- **Those who have died:** 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 October 27 & 28, 2018

Saturday, October 27, 2018
Servers: Marley Riley, Joseph Blake, Makenna West, Brady Jordan
Reader: J. J. Jordan
EMHC: Valerie Corley, Mike and Anna Lee Determan
Cantor: Kathy Sims

***Please arrive at least
20 minutes prior to the
beginning of Mass if
you are schedule for a
ministry.***

Sunday, October 28, 2018
Servers: Kami Franklin, Jack Paugh, Michael Riley
Reader: Jeremy Garton
EMHC: Steve Corley, Rose Neal, Betty Hill, Micki Snyder, Marissa Aman
Cantor: Jeremy Garton

October Rosary Leaders:
Wednesday: Gary Riley
Saturday: Margaret Blake
Sunday: Micki Snyder

***If you are unable to
serve, it is your re-
sponsibility to find a
substitute.***

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

Minister Training at St. Patrick Church

Father DeViese is planning minister training sessions for any interested in serving the church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, reader, cantor or sacristan. Please prayerfully consider which ministry God is calling you to.

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In this month of October, “Place Your Hope in Jesus.” Go to formed.org and read the book by Fr. Benedict L. Groeschel, “Arise from the Darkness, What to Do When Life Doesn’t Make Sense.” Or watch a discussion on: The Problem With Evil” given by Jimmy Akin. Learn how God's love does not fail in the face of evil, but shines through its will and triumph over it—in the world and in our lives. Get your agonizing question answered, If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil?
Go to: spchurchweston.formed.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October
23, 30 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, school
20 & 21: Venturing Group selling
popcorn after Mass at St. Patrick
Church
24 & 25: St. Patrick Parish Office
Closed
25 Thu: 7pm, St. Boniface Church,
Pastoral Council, church hall
28 Sun: 6-7:30pm, Trunk or Treat,
RLBMS

November

**See page 3 for All Saints Day
and All Souls Day Mass
Schedules**

6, 13, 20, 27 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore,
school
4 Sun: 6pm, Holy Hour for
Vocations, St. Patrick Church
6 Tue: 7pm, Knights of Columbus
meeting, cafeteria
11 Thu: 11-2, Spaghetti Dinner, St.
Patrick School Cafeteria
19 Mon: 6pm, Catholic Daughters
Meeting, parish meeting room

**St. Boniface Our Neighbor
Collection**
October—laundry soap

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 82
Sunday: 202
Latin Mass: 45
Loveberry 78

General: \$3979
Loan: \$380
School: \$406
Latin Mass: \$181
Loan Balance: \$119,982.28
Second and Special Collections
Oct 20 & 21: Universal World
Missions

2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

Almost Heaven

Thank you to everyone who has
given to the 2018 Catholic Sharing
Appeal. St. Patrick is at **89%** with
49 gifts totaling \$17,213.
Donations can be made online at
http://csa.dwcministries.org/.

Ladies Day of Reflection Retreat



Fr. Tim Grassi of St. Thomas Church in Thomas hosted a one day women's retreat on Friday, October 12 at the parish center. More than two dozen women attended the retreat, five of us from St. Patrick and St. Boniface Churches. The day was filled with spiritual exercises to help participant develop their prayer life and deepen their relationship with God. Attendees had the treat of being served lunch prepared by Fr. Grassi and other men of the parish. The retreat was put on by the Nashville Dominican Sisters. The day closed with Eucharistic Adoration, and opportunity to go to reconciliation to one of four priests and Mass.

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.



Respect Life Month



During this Respect Life Month, we should demonstrate our devotion to a culture of life by supporting Amendment 1 on this November's ballot. Voting for this amendment will result in our state finally having effective limits on the use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortions for women on Medicaid. A blocked law will come into effect, placing WV among the majority of states allowing such taxpayer funding only in cases of danger to the mother's life, rape, and incest.

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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.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon. at 7pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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



Holy Land Brochures are in the church vestibule or you can contact the parish office at: St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Or by email: secretary@spchurchweston.net. Include your name, address, phone number and email address.

Spaces are still available! Please get registration forms in by October 31!

The Dead Theologians Society

Saints of Yesterday Inspiring Youth of Today



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. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m.

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, WV 26452. The next meeting will be Monday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. 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 any parish that does not have a court.

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the St. Patrick School cafeteria. All Catholic men, 18 and older are encouraged to get involved in this vital organization.

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dom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price for a high place in his glorious kingdom: were they prepared to follow him through suffering and death? He accepted their affirmation, knowing it to be true, but told them their position of honor depended on his Father's decision. Once they realized the nature of his glorious kingdom they would be the last to look for positions of honor in it.

While no Christian today thinks that Christ came on earth in order to make us wealthy, happy and prosperous during our few years on earth, there are, unfortunately, many Christians who are unwilling to accept Christ's teaching that the way to heavenly glory is the way of the cross. "All this and heaven too" is their motto. It would, of course, be marvelous if all our days on earth were days of peace, happiness and prosperity to be followed by eternal happiness when we "shuffle off this mortal coil." But any man who has the use of reason sees that our world is inhabited by weak, sin-inclined and usually sinful mortals, himself included-weak mortals who can and do disturb the peace and harmony that could regulate our mortal lives. There are "accidents" on our roads and highways every day of the year, frequently causing death or grave injury to hundreds. The rules of the road, if kept by all, would prevent ninety-nine percent of such accidents—the other one percent are caused by mechanical failure. Would any man be so naive as to expect that we could have even one day free from car accidents?

Because man has a free-will, he is liable to abuse it by choosing what is sinful and wrong. Most of the crosses and trials we meet in life are caused by violations—by ourselves and others—of the rules of life and the laws of charity and justice. To prevent this abuse of free-will, God would have to deprive men of that essential gift

which, with his intellect, makes him a man. Likewise, we could prevent all road accidents by removing the steering wheels from cars but then we would have no cars. Let us face the fact, almost all the hardships and sufferings which we have to bear in life, are caused by the unjust and uncharitable actions of our fellowmen and even God himself, following his own wise pattern of life for men on earth, cannot prevent such evil actions.

Would God want to prevent all such injustices and all this inhumanity of man toward his fellowman? Not that he approves of it, much less causes it, but can he not have a purpose in permitting it? How would we, his children on earth, earn heaven if this world were an earthly paradise? What loving father would keep his children from school because they found it a hardship, and when they could be so happy playing at home all day and every day? School is absolutely necessary for those children's future, and it is because fathers are truly kind to their children that they compel them to undergo this temporary hardship. God is the kindest of fathers. He wants us all in heaven. He has mapped out the road which will lead us there. He allows these hardships to come our way so that we can prepare for our real future life.

With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

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

2018 America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally



Two dozen people braved the cold weather on Saturday, October 13 to pray the rosary on the one hundred and first anniversary of the sixth apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Judy Woodruff organized the rally and refreshments after the rally were provided by Emma Pascasio. The rally is held every year in October on the Saturday closest to the anniversary. Please plan on joining us next year. More information can be found at <https://www.americanneedsfatima.org/>.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 28, 2018

Join us in the St. Patrick School Cafeteria on Sunday, October 28 after the 9:30 Mass, as we celebrate Priesthood Sunday with a delicious brunch. Our parishes are blessed to have faithful and holy priests like Fr. Deviese and Fr. Binny. We realize that due to conflicting Mass times not everyone will be able to attend. Please take a minute to thank Fr. Binny and Fr. DeViese and let them know how much their vocation is appreciated.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Church, Weston

Thursday, November 1
8:15 (All School Mass)
Noon
6 pm

St. Boniface Church, Camden

Thursday, November 1 at 6 pm

Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville

Wednesday, October 31 at 6 pm on

All Souls Day Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Church, Weston

Friday, November 2
8:15 (K, 1 and 2 Mass)
noon

St. Boniface Church, Camden

Friday, November 2 at 6 pm

Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville

Friday, November 2 at Noon

Save the Date

Friday, January 18, 2019
March for Life
Washington, DC

If you are interested in joining a delegation to attend the March for Life, please contact the parish office by phone or email at 304-269-3048, secretary@spchurchweston.net. If enough people are interested, we may be able to charter a bus that would leave from St. Patrick Church.

St. Patrick School News

by Dr. Ian Scheu

Greetings Friends and Families of St. Patrick's School! As the days get colder and shorter, the first quarter of the school year is winding down. The coming of Old Man Winter has not slowed down the exciting things going on at the school, in fact each morning the students come enthusiastic about their day and looking forward to their lessons. The secondary program is completing their unit on the Exploration of the New World and starting their study of the Founding Fathers and civics. The lower-grades have had great success with the implementation of Singapore Math and appear to be further along than this time last year and with a deeper understanding. The middle-grades have done some great novel studies into the classics, such as Charlotte's Web and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten have been exploring art-based activities in a Reggio-style. Across the school, the new focus on writing has been working well and have increased the overall rigor of our curricula. Exciting things have been happening with our clubs and teams. The school now has an official chess team: The Chess Knights of St. Patrick's. We are also participating in Odyssey of the Mind, a world-wide creativity competition. Some of our students have been working hard in the Robotics Club for their first LEGO-based competition. The school choir is rehearsing and preparing to sing with the Christmas Concert for the first time. Looking forward, we are continuing to develop our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math) program. We are also pursuing grants and funding to help beautify and support the infrastructure our campus and school. As always, our doors are open to friends, alumni, and parishioners who wish to come and see the good work we are doing.

Congratulations and Thank You Jimmy Fealy

Jimmy Fealy was the winner of the 2018 St. Patrick School Elimination Dinner grand prize of one thousand dollars. We would like to thank Jimmy for donating his winnings back to the school!

The elimination dinner is the largest fundraiser sponsored by the Home School Association. This year, four hundred tickets were sold for the dinner, numerous raffles were held and over three hundred dollars was given away in the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the dinner a success.

Knights Chess Club

It has been four years since Armando and Hanah Almase brought the idea of Chess Club to St. Patrick School. The club has undergone a few name changes but the thing that has never changed is Armando and Hanah's dedication to share the game of chess with the young people of our community.



Trunk or Treat

This year St. Patrick School will unite with the Community Trunk or Treat held at the RLBMS field. It will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 6-7:30. St. Patrick School will have their own designated area and a tent representing our church and school. Set up will begin at 4:30 on October 28th. The event will also feature a Magic Show and Haunted House for everyone to enjoy. Those interested in reserving a spot should contact Melissa Jordan at (304) 517-8619.



Halloween Parties

St. Patrick School will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 26. The parade around town will begin at 1:15, pictures will be taken in the gym before returning to their classrooms for the parties

All Saints Day

All school Mass will be on Thursday, November 1 at 8:15 for the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. To celebrate the Communion of Saints, children are asked to dress up as a recognizable saint. They will wear their costume all day, including Mass! Children should pick a saint who would serve a good role model and they have things in common. Students who are not dressed as saints, should come in formal uniform. Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grades will have their class Mass on Friday, November 2.

Save the Dates

St. Patrick School will be in session November 5, 6, and 12. This schedule is different than Lewis County. Please remember to prepare a cold lunch for your students and make transportation arrangements if your child rides the bus.



Above: Fr. DeViese picked the final five tickets at the annual elimination dinner.

Seventh Grade Goes to Camp Magis

Begun in the fall of 2014, Camp Magis is the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's program for all seventh graders in West Virginia Catholic schools. For approximately seven weeks throughout the fall, seventh graders and their chaperones come to the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center for three days to learn about their faith and encounter Christ through high-adventure activities, prayer, fellowship, and liturgy.



Above: Jada Heater and Stormee Frymier at Camp Magis.

Fire Safety and Prevention

Students from St. Patrick School visit the Weston Fire Department to learn about Fire prevention and safety.



St. Patrick Church—Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

As many of you know, this year we established that our part of the Catholic Sharing Appeal would be used to give a much-needed facelift to our school cafeteria kitchen. While we are almost to 100% of our CSA goal, a number of those donations have been earmarked for other projects, making our actual total of raised funds for renewing the kitchen significantly less than what would be needed to do any substantive work. After conferring with both the parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, and with all the membership in agreement, I have decided that we should instead utilize our Catholic Sharing Appeal funds for 2018 to assist in paying down our parish debt.

Five years ago, as our renovation project began to wind down, the parish secured outside funding through a 30-year bank loan in the amount of \$400,000. Since that time, we have made payments far beyond the monthly mortgage and have successfully paid down over \$280,000 of the principal balance. Our current balance stands at just \$119,900! The dedication and generosity that has gone into paying down this debt has truly been substantial, and is a great indicator of how committed our parishioners are to the financial well-being of St. Patrick's.

In 2020, our bank loan's interest rate will be readjusted. If current trends continue, this will result in our interest rate (currently 4.89%) raising to an estimated 7.7%. After speaking to William Fisher, the CFO of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are being encouraged to work to pay down our debt as soon as possible in order to avoid these higher interest rates. This conversation factored heavily in my decision to discuss the state of our Catholic Sharing Appeal with the Finance and Pastoral Councils and to seek their advice. While having a more up-to-date facility for food preparation for our parish and school is a worthwhile project, getting rid of our parish's debt seems to be a more pressing concern, and one that will enable us greater financial freedom in the future.

Those who gave to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and wish their gift to continue to support the refurbishment of our school kitchen should contact the parish office, and those funds will be set aside for that specific purpose.

As always, I am grateful to all our parishioners for their ceaseless dedication to St. Patrick's.

Scenes from St. Bernard Church Homecoming



The annual homecoming Mass and picnic for St. Bernard Church was held on Sunday, October 14 at 3pm. Over 75 people braved the rain to attend. This year, congregants were able to see the newly restored, original altar rail, and to witness Mass celebrated on the original altar for the first time in over 40 years (left). Former Loveberry resident, Mary Marshall traveled from Virginia for the occasion. Mary is pictured below with long time friend, Pat Stark. Mary and Pat were the Maids of Honor at each other's weddings (below).



Parish Office Closed

St. Patrick Church Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, October 24 and 25. Sandy will be attending a conference at John the XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston.

Holy Hour For National Vocations Awareness Week

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 4-10, 2018. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation."

On Sunday, Nov. 4 at 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Everyone is invited** but we would like to extend a special invitation to all high school students.

Sunday,
November 11
11-2

**Veterans
Eat
Free**

\$10, adult
\$5, children

Menu: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Take out will be available.



Profits will be used to purchase meats and other items needed for our Christmas food baskets. In 2017, 19 families received a food basket from St. Patrick Church. Names for food baskets are given to us by parishioners and we work very hard to insure that those receiving baskets are not taking advantage of the generosity of the church.

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