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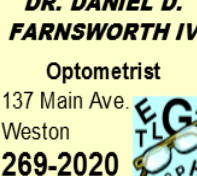
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

The first reading is taken from the Prophecy of Micah 5:1-4. In today's reading we hear words of hope that focus on one who is to be born in Bethlehem and who will bring in the day of peace when all nations will look to Jerusalem.

The second reading is taken from Hebrews 10:5-10. The perfect offering of Christ restores us to oneness with God. Jesus came to do the will of God perfectly. He overcame the power of evil that separates us from God and became our bridge back to God when we fall into evil. David prefigures Christ's sacrifice. The Psalm is now seen from the perspective of Christ.

The Gospel of this Sunday, Luke 1:38-45 recounts the visit of Mary to St. Elizabeth. An ancient title of Mary is Ark of the Covenant. The Church Fathers saw the parallels between the Old Testament wooden chest containing the divine presence and the Virgin about to give birth to Jesus. This theme is

developed in a tape series by Tim Staples. Tim brings out the similarities between today's Gospel and the ascent of the Ark to Jerusalem (2 Sam 6:1-15).

1. As the ark is brought to Jerusalem, King David is overcome with awe saying, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" (v. 9)

2. The ark remains three months in the hill country near Jerusalem, bringing great blessings to the house of Obed-edom. (v.11)

3. King David leaps for joy -- dancing before the ark. (v. 13) (Tim Staples, All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed)

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth says to Mary, "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" She tells how the babe (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb as she became filled with the Holy Spirit. Finally Mary remains three months with her kinswoman before returning to her home. This Sunday, so close to Christmas, the Church invites us to focus our attention on Mary, round-wombed because of the God-child. As we say in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin: "Ark of the Covenant, pray for us."

Excerpted from Fr. Phil Bloom

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Christmas Mass Schedule for ALL Parishes

Monday, December 24, 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Weston
Monday, December 24, 7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville
Monday, December 24, 10:00 p.m., St. Boniface Church, Camden
Tuesday, December 25, 12:00 a.m. (Midnight), St. Patrick Church, Weston
Tuesday, December 25, 8:30 a.m., St. Boniface Church, Camden
Tuesday, December 25, 9:30 a.m., St. Patrick Church, Weston
Tuesday, December 25, 10:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville
Tuesday, December 25, 12:30 p.m., (Latin Mass), St. Patrick Church, Weston

Mass Times for All parishes for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, A Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31, 5:00 p.m., St. Boniface Church, Camden
Monday, December 31, 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Weston
Monday, December 31, 7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville
Tuesday, January 1, 8:30 a.m., St. Boniface Church, Camden
Tuesday, January 1, 10:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville
Tuesday, January 1, 4:00 p.m., (Latin Mass), St. Patrick Church, Weston
Tuesday, January 1, 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Weston

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Fourth Sunday of Advent

"John, the son of Zachary," to a world now awaiting its God, pleads for our final pre-Christmas "make ready." "Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths" (Gospel).

Heroically, in the desert, he warns against the softness of life in the city, pictured in the background. Alive to the danger of a "soft garments" life, he is seen in a rough "garment of camel hair," carrying a baptismal shell, "preaching a baptism of repentance." Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Merry Christmas

Everyone's Invited!

We invite you to dine with us, take out is available for those who need it. Advance orders are being taken **NOW!**

Please Call: 884-6789 and please leave message
(On Christmas Day ONLY call 269-5738)

Meals Picked Up or Delivered:
10AM - 2PM Christmas Day

What: 33rd Annual **FREE** Lewis County Christmas Dinner
(A delicious ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings)

When: Christmas Day ~ 10AM - 2PM -- Dine in at 11:00 AM

Where: Lewis County Senior Center ~ Dining Room
West 2nd St., Weston

PLEASE HELP Volunteers are needed for Dec. 24th and
Christmas Day for food preparation,
food serving & cleanup.

Drivers are needed to deliver to the homebound.

Pie, cake and cookie donations may be dropped off at the
Senior Center on December 24th from 12 - 3, and the morning
of December 25th.

❖ To volunteer your time: call
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The Lewis County Christmas Dinner is staffed by volunteers
and funded entirely by donations. If you wish to make a
monetary donation make checks payable to: Lewis County
Christmas Dinner and mail to P. O. Box 1012; Weston, WV
26452.

SoulCore

SoulCore at St. Patrick Church in Weston is each Thursday at 6:00 p.m.. We strengthen our bodies by exercising through the prayers of the rosary. Contact Sandy Mick at St. Patrick Church office (304-269-3048) for more info.

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 and are held in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church in Weston.. For more info, text @dts-weston to 81010.

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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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Victory 379

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. Join us at our next meeting on Monday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church. Yearly dues are \$30 and are due now. Checks can be made payable to CDA 379 and mailed to P. O. Box 764, Weston, WV 26452.



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“Keep Christ in Christmas” Concert

The Christmas concert on December 28 begins at 5:45 p.m. and will last until approximately 7:05 p. m. The concert is sponsored by Saint Patrick Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

A special piece of music has been composed and arranged by John Collins to honor the Holy Souls gone before us. The composition will only be performed one time. After its performance, the composition will then be burned or buried. Perhaps, it will serve as a peaceful offering to those experiencing grief and sorrow during this blessed and Most Holy Season of Christmas.

Please help us to fill every seat in Saint Patrick Church at this concert. Admission is a free but a free will offering will taken up.

Vocations Chalice Program

Please prayerfully consider signing up to take the Vocations Chalice Program home for a week. The mission of the program is to encourage everyone to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The program will help to cultivate an increased awareness of God's plan for our lives and to help cultivate a positive environment to foster future vocations within our parish and Diocese.

We are deeply committed to increasing awareness of how critical is it that more young people begin to turn their hearts away from the distractions of the world and to follow God in a more radical way. By God's grace, we pray that He will raise up from among the youth of our parish a new generation of priests and consecrated religious that will seek to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Diocese and throughout the world!

Who Wants to Go to the March for Life?

Friday, January 18, 2019, Washington, DC

If you are interested in joining a delegation to attend the March for Life, please contact the parish office by phone 304-269-3048 or email at secretary@spchurchwerston.net.

If enough people are interested, we may be able to charter a bus that would leave from St. Patrick Church.

Calendar Cash Tickets

Calendar Cash tickets are available now! Your \$5 donation gives you twenty-eight chances to win. The student who sells the most tickets will get to put a pie in Fr. DeViese's face.

2019 Calendar

Please pick up your 2019 parish calendar before leaving Mass today. Thank you to the Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home and the Pat Boyle Funeral Home for their continued sponsorship of these calendars!

Parish Membership & Benefits:

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.

Parking

Just a gentle reminder, for parishioners and visitors of St. Patrick Church and School, not park in the lot of the Danser Hardware Building. That lot is private property and we do not have permission to park there. Thank you for respecting the wishes of the property owner.

Need Help? Get Help!

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