

The Lewis County Catholic Times

A Weekly Bulletin for the parishes of Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Weston,

Saint Boniface Catholic Church, Camden and Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville, West Virginia

Pentecost Sunday

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar,

like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it



was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit

will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . . Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

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Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: Pentecost Sunday

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind. . . it filled the whole house. . . And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Epistle).

On Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body.

How did the first Christians prepare? They were all "in prayer" with Mary; and they were "all of one mind," under the

leadership of Peter, making ready to tell "men from every nation under heaven. . . of the wonderful works of God" (Epistle). Yes, prayer and action are the marks of the true Christian.

In the Offertory we ask the Holy Spirit to "confirm" the graces "wrought in us" when we were baptized and confirmed. We pray also "to relish" things of the Spirit and to benefit by "His consolation" (Prayer) in the struggle of Church and soul against "the prince of the world" (Gospel).

Excerpted from
My Sunday Missal,
Confraternity of the
Precious Blood

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Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
Monday, 9 - 4
Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, Noon - 5:00
Thursday, 9 - 1
Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688
or 304 476-8819

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Weekday Masses:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 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 Mass Intentions &
Liturgical Calendar**

Saturday, June 8, Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass for †Rita A. Lydon by The Lydon
Family

Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday

8:45 a.m. Confessions
9:30 a.m. Mass for †Deceased members of the Catholic
Daughters
11:45 a.m. Confessions
12:30 p.m. (Latin) Mass for People of the Parish

**Monday, June 10, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the
Church**

8:15 a.m. Novena Mass for Priests of the Diocese and a New
Bishop

Tuesday, June 11, Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Fr. Matthew Shelton

**Wednesday, June 12, Wednesday of the Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time**

6:00 p.m. Mass for †Nell Fealy Moore by Margaret Blake

**Thursday, June 13, Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor
of the Church**

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Kathryn P. Gerstner by family

**Friday, June 14, Friday of the Tenth Week of Ordinary
Time**

8:15 a.m. Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

**Saturday, June 15, Saturday of the Tenth Week of
Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass for †Diana Berry

Sunday, June 16, The Most Holy Trinity

8:45 a.m. Confessions
9:30 a.m. Mass for all Fathers, Living and Deceased
11:45 a.m. Confessions
12:30 p.m. (Latin) Mass for †Theresa Lowe by Gary and
Judy Riley

**Liturgical Calendar for
Traditional Latin Mass**

6/10 Monday in the Octave of
Pentecost
6/11 Tuesday in the Octave of
Pentecost
6/12 Ember Wednesday of Pentecost
6/13 Thursday in the Octave of
Pentecost
6/14 Ember Friday of Pentecost
6/15 Ember Saturday of Pentecost
6/16 Trinity Sunday

**Scripture
Readings**

Monday, June 10

Gn 3:9-15, 20
or Acts 1:12-14
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 11

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
Ps 98:1-6 360: Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 12

2 Cor 3:4-11
Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday June 13

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 14

2 Cor 4:7-15
Ps 116:10-11, 15-18
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, June 15

2 Cor 5:14-21
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday, June 9

Prv 8:22-31
Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

**Sanctuary Lamp
Memorialization**

The Sanctuary Lamp is
burning in memory of
Bob Bess, June 9-22,
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memory of someone for a
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Mass Intentions

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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.

Come and Meet Our Future Priests

Give 3 Hours of Your Time to Men Giving Their Lives to Us!

Wednesday, June 12

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish ~ 8092 3rd Street, Stonewood

4:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction

5:00 p.m. Holy Mass

6:00 p.m. Meet-and-Greet Reception

Sponsored by the Serra Clubs of Wheeling, Clarksburg and Charleston

Book Club

The next meeting for the Catholic women's book club will be Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the meeting room of St. Patrick Church. The book is "The Organic Development of the Liturgy" by Dom Alcuin Reid. This book will be discussed in both June and July. At the June meeting will cover everything through the second chapter. Dom Alcuin will attend our June meeting to talk about the book and answer questions. For more information, email christinacrim@yahoo.com.

Please Join Us

Father DeViese's 10th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination is Thursday, June 27. Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Weston at 6:00 p.m., according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Traditional Latin Mass) featuring the Missa Aeterna Christi Munera by Palestrina.

A reception will follow in the cafeteria.

Altar Server Boot Camp

July 29 - August 2
St. Patrick Church,
Weston



Hats Off to Our 2019 High School Graduates



Congratulations to the following 2019 High School graduates from St. Patrick and St. Boniface Churches!

Graduates from Notre Dame High School are: Justin Frazier, Trenton Mullins, Devin O'Sullivan, Pat Snuffer

Graduates from Lewis County High School are: Hayden Barnette, Hunter Blake, Brooklyn Detamore, Sarah Goldsmith, Trinity Hammond, Brice Johnston, Megan Moran, Shawn Moran, Caden Rohrbough, Luke White

Camp Bosco

There is still time to register for Camp Bosco, however spots are getting limited.



June 30- July 6 July 7-13
July 14-20 July 21-27

Kid from St. Patrick Church can go for free. Registration forms are in the vestibule or can be printed at www.campbosco.com.

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The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch



Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal

The 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) theme, Sowing Seeds of HOPE, provides direction and a sense of purpose for our Diocese as we meet the challenges of today and work toward the future to make our Church more vibrant and relevant. The CSA is an essential way to reach beyond ourselves and our parish and give HOPE to others through the diversity of our ministries, programs and services which enrich a Christ-centered way of life. Go to <https://csa.dwcministries.org/> to make a gift online or learn more about the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

**Our 2019 goal is \$21,345.
Progress as of 06/19: \$2216**

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick: St. Patrick Church:** Mike Allman, Sam Aman, Nick Bakas, Madison Jane Cunningham, Paul Derico, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson Robert Fealy, Marsha Garton, Lori Hamrick, Eddie Joe Hines, Ed Hubbs, Jeff Linger, Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Mike Riley, Shane Rowan, Sheila Sayre, Kimberly Snyder, Dawn Dahmer Stafford, Grace Turner
- **St. Boniface Church:** Norma Aman, Anna Crim, Sara Queen, Vicki Radcliff, Rose Anita Duley, Luke and Jane White
- **Good Shepherd Mission:** Ken and Judi Connell, T. Conrad, Bob Klotz, Rachel Remele, Melody Riddle, Robyn Riddle, Teresa Rogucki Schultz
- **Those who have died:** Susan Schock, 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
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Servers: Brady Jordan, Blake Francis, Lily Davis
Reader: Joe Flesher
EMHC: Mike and Anna Lee Determan, Barb King
Cantor: Diane Collins

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Servers: Dylan O'Sullivan, Ethan Mehr, Kami Franklin
Reader: Jenny Garton
EMHC: Judy Foster, Jeremy Garton, Becky King
Cantor: Ian Scheu

June Funeral Greeters: Call the office to volunteer.

June Linens: Melissa Allison

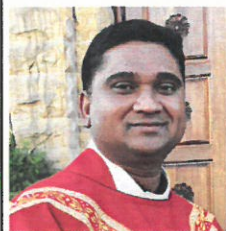
June Rosary Leaders:

Wednesday: Veronica Brumley
Saturday: Margaret Blake
Sunday: Jim Mehr

Eucharistic Minister Schedule Adjustment

We are only using two auxiliary chalices on Sundays instead of four. This decreases the need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to three instead of five.

Farewell Reception for Fr. Binny



A farewell reception will be held in Fr. Binny's honor at St. Patrick's Church in Weston on Saturday, June 15 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

There will also be a going away brunch for Fr. Binny on Sunday, June 16 at St. Boniface Church in Camden. On this day, Good Shepherd Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. and Mass at St. Boniface will be at 10:30 a.m. The brunch will follow in the Saint Boniface Church hall.

We hope everyone will attend at least one of these events and let Fr. Binny know how much we love and appreciate him. He has been a blessing to our parishes.

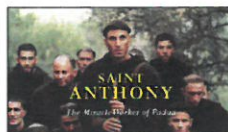
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 9

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory 379, 100th Birthday

- 9:30 a.m., Mass
- 10:30 a.m., Brunch, cafeteria

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Going Away reception for Fr. Binny at St. Patrick Church, Weston after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday June 16, 2019

Farewell brunch for Fr. Binny at St. Boniface Church, Camden after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Welcome brunch for Fr. Cody Ford at St. Patrick Church, Weston after the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, June 27

6:00 p.m., Solemn High Mass in Celebration of Fr. DeViese's 10th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination with Palestrina's Missa Aeterna Christi Munera

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 69
Sunday: 155
Latin Mass: 65

General: \$3890
Loan: \$400
School: \$415

Second and Special Collections

- June 8 & 9: Peter's Pence

Brunch

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory 379 will celebrate their 100th anniversary of being a Court on Sunday, June 9. The Daughters will sit together in the reserved pews at Mass and participate in the Mass ministries. A brunch will follow in the cafeteria.



Welcome Brunch for Fr. Ford

We will host a welcome brunch for Fr. Cody Ford on Sunday, June 23 at St. Patrick Church in Weston following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The brunch will be held in the school cafeteria. Fr. Ford was at St. Patrick Church in the summer of 2007 as a seminarian.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have all been shocked and saddened by the recent revelations of the *Washington Post* concerning accusations made against Bishop Bransfield. In the past I have commiserated with you all, and I have been very honest about my feelings with regard to all that our Diocese is currently enduring. The *Post* article serves not so much to change the nature of the crisis within the Catholic Church of West Virginia, but rather it opens wider still a deep and painful wound, especially for those of us who worked in the Chancery under the former Bishop. I have not hidden the fact that I was called by investigators to give testimony for the internal investigation conducted by Archbishop Lori, but this past week has seen my trust deeply harmed.

The nature of the investigation into accusations against Bishop Bransfield was an internal effort to collect preliminary evidence that would be used by Pope Francis and the Congregation for Bishops in making a determination about wrongdoing on his part. The report compiled from the statements made by me and many others was an internal document to be held in the strictest of confidence, as no one but Pope Francis and his delegates had any right to its contents. This is a common safeguard in Canon Law to protect the reputations of parties until such time as a judgment is issued (the Church's version of "innocent until proven guilty"). Likewise, those of us who gave testimony—and especially the four accusers—expected that our words would remain confidential. That trust has now been breached.

Someone has effectively stolen the property of Pope Francis in order to craft a damning and scandalous report for the news media. To my knowledge the details are accurate—I have not seen the report itself—but this cannot excuse the fact that these details do nothing to advance the cause of the Gospel in West Virginia, but will only serve to drive people farther from the Church and the means of their salvation. As a pastor of souls, I am beyond sickened at this fact, because my deepest concern is—and always has been—the salvation of the souls entrusted to my care.

Calls for the removal of priests of the Diocese, revenge, and hatred are unbecoming the Christian, because it is not our place to pass judgment. The Pope alone has the prerogative in these matters to judge those responsible. For us to render judgment is a grave sin against charity. Was there wrongdoing? I am certain of it. But I am in no position to pass judgment on those responsible.

For my own part, there is a matter of clarity that I feel must be brought to light. The *Post* article only lightly touched on what is a foundational piece of information in the case against Bishop Bransfield, and that is the environment in which his subordinates were forced to work. For all intents and purposes, the man was a tyrant and a bully, whose temper and demeanor imposed upon the priests serving him a fear and dread that I have never experienced elsewhere. For 19 months I experienced what some of my colleagues suffered under for over a decade—an environment in which retribution, verbal abuse, and the threat of losing one's very priesthood were all terribly real possibilities. Added to this, we know from what has been revealed that the Bishop rather diligently ensured that he would not be held responsible for any wrongdoing by the exorbitant amounts of money paid to members of the hierarchy both here in the United States, and even in the Vatican itself! When people ask why nothing was done sooner, I know the answer: because the accusations would have fallen on conveniently deaf ears and the accusers would be marginalized, maligned, and perhaps even removed from ministry.

Why was nothing done sooner? Because until last summer, far too many of our bishops operated under the delusion that they were above the law. It was not until, by God's grace, the former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was finally brought to justice and revealed for what he truly was that accusations like those leveled against Bishop Bransfield would be taken seriously. This is not to suggest that the accusers sat on their information until an opportune time, but as I stated above there was no reasonable expectation that anyone would

have taken the accusations seriously prior to last summer's series of crises. Inadequate as this response may be to a great many of you, reality is often less than adequate in assuaging our fear or satisfying our desire for answers. My prayer is that those who read this letter have not had their minds so made up that fact and truth are unable to penetrate their ideas, however noble they might be.

I remain thankful on a daily basis for the courage shown by the four accusers of Bishop Bransfield. I know for a fact that one of them has publicly declared from his own pulpit the work and risk that he undertook to bring these matters to light. It pains me greatly to see how he has been maligned and savaged in the press and among the faithful of the Diocese, when no one worked harder to bring an end to Bishop Bransfield's reign of terror than he did. I say this not only because it is true, but because I have grown weary of all the misinformation, rabble rousing, and crying for vengeance that floods my Facebook feed, jams my inbox, and assaults me both over the phone and to my face. We have to be better than this if we are to persevere!

None of us is empowered to change the past. Our rage, our disappointment, our utter disgust at what has occurred is beyond anything that we have ever had to imagine as a local Church. But it solves nothing for us, except to give the Devil a foothold in our hearts. It destroys our charity, deadens our ability to love others as they are, and makes of us tools for further destruction and scandal. And only we have the power to stop that. Only we are empowered to determine how the continual barrage of bad news and scandal affects us and affects our relationship with the Church and with Christ Jesus.

After all that our Diocese has dealt with these past 9 months, I am tired beyond measure. I am simply worn out from worry and stress about how these horrific revelations, lawsuits, and news stories are systematically eroding the Faith and goodwill of the flock entrusted to my care. And I am certain that many of you feel the same. Despite the length of this letter, I truly feel I have no words. And I feel as if I keep repeating myself every time I am forced to speak about this topic that continually tries to hijack the spiritual growth and progress of our parish. It is demoralizing for all of us, clergy and lay faithful alike. And we are all worn out from it.

There remains little left to say, save one thing: do not permit the evils perpetrated against us and the Church to take root in your hearts. From the very beginning of the Church there has been scandal and corruption—it is nothing new. That never excuses such actions, but it should serve as a healthy reminder to us that this is not the end of days for the Catholic Church nor for our Diocese. This crisis is—and ought to be—a clarion call to greater fidelity, more ardent Faith, and more active participation in the life of the Church by all, because that is how in every age we have preserved the fulness of Truth in Christ despite the failings of those who fail to live out that Faith. Week after week I am amazed to greet new people who are drawn to the Church and the Sacraments in spite of our hardships. They give me great strength, and I hope it serves to imbue all of our parishioners with hope that even the most heinous of sins can never alter God. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). Fix your eyes on Him and His Spotless Bride. Grow in holiness. Pray more fervently. And entrust this crisis to the Holy Spirit who comes to us this weekend at Pentecost, to the Virgin Mother of God, and to St. Joseph, the patron of our Diocese, that true charity and justice will prevail.

May God continue to bless you all. And know of my prayers and my unfailing paternal love for each and every one of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. DeVin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.