

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*

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The first reading is taken from the Prophet Amos 8:4-7. Amos was a shepherd in the kingdom of Judah who was called by God to go to Israel, the northern kingdom. There he was to speak in God's name to the people. This was in the 8th century B.C. The country enjoyed material prosperity but idolatry and injustice were rife among the upper classes especially. Against these vices the prophet spoke fearlessly, until he was driven from the kingdom eventually. Today's reading deals with the injustices practiced against the poor and the helpless.

The second reading is from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy 2:1-8. What St. Paul is telling Timothy, the bishop of Ephesus, to teach his congregation is the necessity and the obligation of prayer.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 16:1-13. These words of Christ warning those who would follow him on the road to heaven not to become the slaves of earthly things are applicable to all of us. Most of us may feel that this warning is for millionaires and business magnates. Our Lord didn't say so. There was not a single millionaire in his audience. He meant it for all of us, for what he warned against was not the just acquisition of this world's goods but their unjust acquisition, and the dishonest use of them when they were justly acquired.

It was God who created all that exists in this world. He intended these goods for the use of man. We are only managers, therefore, of these worldly goods. It is on our way of managing these goods, not on the quantity we had to manage, that our judgment will be based. Millionaires can get to heaven while all paupers have no guarantee that they will make it. Our Lord deduces two lessons for us from the parable of the unjust manager or steward. Firstly, the enterprise which he showed in providing for his earthly happiness when he would lose his employment, was greater and keener than that shown by most of us in providing for our eternal happiness.

Did I give one hour a day to God and the things of God, helping the needy, learning more about my religion, giving a hand in parochial affairs, advising those in difficulties, spiritual or

temporal, praying for my own and my neighbor's needs—yet even if I did, it is less than one-tenth of the free time I had at my own disposal.

If I did not, if I barely managed to get in the Sunday Mass and a few hasty prayers, could anyone suggest that I was showing great interest and was very enterprising as far as my future life was concerned? God is very generous with me. He gives me lots of time for providing for my health and temporal needs each week, and a lot of free time besides. I should not express surprise if he is disappointed at how little of that wonderful gift of time I am willing to give back to him. The unjust steward was far more enterprising as regards earthly provision for himself.

The second lesson our Lord wishes to teach us is that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who are in need of our help. By doing that, we will be making friends who will help us at the judgment seat to get a lasting reception in heaven. Remember that description of the judgment which our Lord gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy, we do for Him. Those whom we help, as far as we can, will be witnesses testifying for us when our final examination, on which our eternity will depend, comes upon us.

Two resolutions worthy of your serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods are: Never let them take up all your time. You have a far more serious purpose in life. Give it a little more thought and enterprise than you have been doing. Secondly, be grateful to God for what He has given you in this life. You might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Work honestly and be generous with what you have. You are serving God, not money. God will be waiting for you where there is no currency, and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that you made of your time and your share of this world's goods while you were alive.

— Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is available twice a week in Lewis County. Tuesday evening at St. Boniface Church in Camden and Wednesday at St. Patrick Church in Weston. The times are 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. for both parishes. In addition to praying before the Blessed Sacrament, you have the opportunity to go to Confession.

Papal Teaching on Eucharistic Worship

Pope John Paul II

The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease. —Dominicæ Cenæ (1988)

Pope Benedict XVI

The Eucharist makes the Risen Christ constantly present, Christ Who continues to give Himself to us, calling us to participate in the banquet of His Body and His Blood. From this full communion with Him comes every other element of the life of the Church, in the first place the communion among the faithful, the commitment to proclaim and give witness to the Gospel, the ardor of charity toward all, especially toward the poor and the smallest. —First Message to the College of Cardinals, April 20, 2005

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Fr. DeViese's 10th Anniversary Mass CD for Sale

The CD from Fr. DeViese's anniversary mass is available for \$25.00. Music by Giovanni Palestrina was sung under the direction of Maestro J. Melvin Collins during the Latin Mass. The CD was made thanks to the technological efforts of Leszek J. Fiutowski, MD. Dr. Fiutowski is the organist for Latin Masses at St. Patrick Church in Weston. Proceeds from the sale of the CD go to the organ rebuilding fund for St. Patrick Church. CD's will be sold in the vestibule after weekend Masses.

Bluegrass Festival

The First Annual Lewis County Bluegrass Festival, will be held Oct 4-5, at historic Annamede. **All proceeds from the festival contribute to battling West Virginia's opioid epidemic.**



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Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an “active” member of any parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the “Active Parishioner Rate of tuition” at a Catholic school), the parish takes into account the following things. First, to receive a discount at a Catholic School or to receive a sacrament, the children **MUST** attend weekend Mass. Second, family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries are taken into consideration. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the appropriate person at your parish. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Book Club

The Catholic Women's Bookclub recently read and discussed Mother Angelica's Biography. Raymond Arroyo provided a clear picture of Mother Angelica's life mission, through his fascinating account of the details of her remarkable life. Beginning with her miserable childhood in an Ohio slum, to the miraculous encounter with a stigmatic, which inexplicably healed her from a severe medical condition and led to her vocation. She then lived an intensely dedicated religious life, amidst an ongoing series of seeming miracles – all of which eventually led to founding the 'world's largest religious media empire', Eternal Word Television Network or EWTN.

Our group discussed key factors of what is faith, the benefits of not only spiritual suffering but all suffering, (no matter how great or small), that we may encounter in our lives. We talked about St. John of the Cross and his 'Dark Night of the Soul', which Mother Angelica referenced numerous times in her biography. Our group concluded that through Mother Angelica's example and her teachings, many have come to know their faith. Furthermore, she led many back to the Church and promoted fervently the Sacraments and devotions such as the Rosary. She was a champion for Jesus and His Holy Church. Out of a 5-star rating, we gave this book 4 stars! Our Next Meeting will be on September 29th at 2 pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. “My Sisters the Saints” by Colleen Carroll Campbell is the book we are currently reading and will be discussing. The book discusses the author's trials and heartbreaks and begins her journey of spiritually seeking. She stumbles upon the writings and lives of 6 saints: Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Faustina, Edith Stein, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mary of the Nazarene. A copy is available for loan at St. Patrick's office or you can order your copy on amazon.com.

Meetings are only ONE HOUR long; UNLESS WE HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER OR SPECIAL EVENT. All Catholic women are invited. A Study guide is provided to help engage discussion and for faith formation. Our meeting is only an hour-long (unless we have a guest speaker). Please join us for good books, good fellowship, and good discussions about the faith! Email christinacrim@yahoo.com if you want further information.

Income Projections for Organ Fund (Goal of \$150,000)

The goal has been set to find 500 contributors by Friday, November 1, 2019 to complete the cost of the organ renovation. Suggested giving levels are set below, but participators are encouraged to give according to one's means. No contribution should jeopardize "keeping one's body and soul together."

Some options are: "Coins for Pipes" - saving weekly pocket change or part of an allowance, \$175, \$250, \$350, \$500 and \$1000 +. Pledges can be made via a single check or in monthly installments. However, it is suggested that a quarter of the total amount pledged be paid with the initial check.

Donations may be placed in the weekend collection basket either in the regular envelope or in a white envelope. However, the envelope needs to be marked "Organ Fund." It would be helpful for the check memo space to indicate "Organ Fund" as well. Donation also may be mailed or brought to the church office.

Priesthood Sunday



Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

The number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. To see the official statistics, go to: <http://cara.georgetown.edu/frequently-requested-church-statistics/>.

Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. **The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.** The Mass Intentions for our churches on September 29 will be for an Increase of Holy Men to answer God's Call to the Priesthood.

A Priest

To live in the midst of the world
without wishing its pleasures;
To be a member of each family,
yet belonging to none;
To share all suffering;
to penetrate all secrets;
To heal all wounds;
to go from men to God
and offer Him their prayers;
To return from God to men
to bring pardon and hope;
To have a heart of fire for Charity,
and a heart of bronze for Chastity
To teach and to pardon,
console and bless always.
My God, what a life;
and it is yours,
O priest of Jesus Christ.

~Jean Baptiste Lacordaire

St. Patrick's Home School Association Annual Elimination Dinner

\$1000 Grand Prize

Saturday, October 26
St. Patrick Gym
5:30 - Social Hour
6:30 - Dinner 7:00 - Drawing

\$25 per ticket
Adults Only



Ticket holder is entitled to: 1 admission, 1 dinner, and 1 chance to win!

Need not be present to win!

“Living to the End: Practical Issues at the End of Life”

We're coming together to learn and discuss a path forward that honors the dignity of all human life so that all West Virginians can "live to the end".

October 16, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm
All Saints Church, Bridgeport
Registration: \$10

For Families: We all want our loved ones to be treated with dignity throughout their lives. But lines of communication between family members and medical professionals can be clouded by grief at the end of life.

For Professionals: The needs of patients and their families are often caught somewhere between cultural expectations and the legal implications of caring for people at the end of life. Explaining the intricacies of palliative care to grieving families can be difficult.

Register online at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/living-to-the-end, or call Christy at (304) 380-0155.

The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents – One-Day Retreat

This retreat is designed for grieving parents whose precious children of any age (from conception to old age) have died by any cause (miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, accident, suicide, murder, overdose, etc.), no matter how long ago. The retreat agenda includes prayer services, spiritual reflections, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and time for reflection. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time.

Saturday, October 19, 2019, at St. Mary Church, 3334B University Avenue, Morgantown WV 26505

Suggested donation: \$25/individual; \$40/couple. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For more information call Diane or Charley, parents of Paul, at 800-919-9332 or 617-542-8057, or register at <https://www.emfgp.org/10-19-19-morgantown/>.

Marian Procession and Rosary Rally



St. Patrick Church will have a Marian Procession and Rosary Rally following the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 13.

October 13 is anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun when the Blessed Virgin appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.

“Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” – Blessed Pope Pius IX

**Commentary for the Readings in the
Extraordinary Form:
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



"Young man, I say to thee, arise.' And he who was dead . . . began to speak. And (Jesus) gave him (to his mother" (Gospel).

Holy Mother Church, like unto "a widow," weeps for the return of every sinner (figure in background) as if for an "only child"; that the Christ-Life might return to the godless, to the apostate.

"I say to thee, arise." Though alive we may be dead! Go to Him in prayer, "morning" and "night" (Gradual); and in the Sacraments also, that His Life-giving "graces" may save us from our death-dealing "inclinations" (PostCommunion).

"While we have time, let us do good to all men," that they, too, may be reborn, renewed in this Christ-Life. "Instruct . . . (one who is) doing something wrong . . . Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Epistle).

~Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood



SoulCore

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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.

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The Cardinal Virtue of Prudence

Prudence helps us to think ahead about what is right, to make good choices and to act properly.

It regulates our thoughts to prevent them from straying away from God.

It regulates our motives so we seek only to please God in all that we do.

It regulates our affections so that we center them on loving and serving God.

Prudence helps us to act with common sense and with supernatural sense, that is, using all human know-how and counting on God's grace. It means to choose the best means to obtain a particular goal.

(In order to give a more practical twist to what follows, instead of merely considering what "The prudent person..." does, one could take each point to heart and say: "I" want to make only good choices; "I" want to avoid evil and to do what is good in every moment, etc.)

1. The prudent person:

- wants to make only good choices.
- wants to avoid evil and to do what is good in every moment.
- takes into account his/her experience from the past.
- learns from his/her mistakes and tries not to repeat them.
- tries to learn from others: from what has been good for them and what has been bad for them.
- wants to avoid making mistakes, especially in those matters that might be most costly.
- wants always to do what is right and good, fair to others and pleasing to God.
- knows that he/she does not have all the right answers.
- tries to develop his/her memory, keeping in mind the lessons learned in the past.
- tries to be observant and to learn as much as possible every day.

2. The prudent person:

- looks ahead and tries to plan wisely.
- eagerly seeks advice from persons -parents, teachers, coaches, friends- who are more knowledgeable and experienced.
- tries to foresee problems –bumps in the road- that lie ahead.
- makes sure to think things through before going on to act.
- before acting, pauses to consider if this is really the best thing to do or say.
- tries to act on the good advice received from others.
- knows his/her weaknesses and takes them into account.

3. The prudent person:

- tries to think ahead and plans well for the next day, for the rest of this day, for the next few weeks, for the rest of his/her life.
- gives a lot of importance to the value of time and tries hard not to waste a minute.
- knows it is wise to be on time: for Mass, for school, for each appointment.
- knows that it pays to keep things in order: each thing in its proper place.
- tries to do first things first: not putting off for later what should be done here and now.

4. The prudent person:

- tries not to do anything rash or foolish.
- is prepared to say NO to others who would lead him/her into sin.
- knows how to stay away from any person, place or thing that would lead him/her into sin.
- prefers to stand-alone rather than to be with "a friend" or a crowd who are acting foolishly (and offending God in the process).
- tries not to waste anything or lose things or break things.
- does nothing in an unthinking way.
- chooses to be a friend only of those who are also ready to behave properly.
- is careful not to get hurt or to hurt others and so he/she always follows the rules of the game and is careful not to crash into others.
- looks both ways before crossing the street (even on a one-way street).
- looks out for pedestrians and other cars before opening the car door.
- listens carefully to any/all instructions before beginning an assignment or playing a game.

5. The prudent person:

- knows that he/she can always count on God's help.
- prays to the Holy Spirit for light and for the grace necessary to be able to make good choices.
- is not ashamed to ask for advice and help from parents, teachers, coaches, and friends.
- is confident that the future is bright and that "for those who love God, all things work together unto to good." (Romans 8:28)