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Saint Boniface Catholic Church, Camden and Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville, West Virginia
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The first reading is taken from the second book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 and recounts the story of the seven brothers and their mother who were arrested and put to death because they would not abandon their religion.

Second, He clearly affirmed that those risen from the dead are no longer liable to death. Leaving aside the other greater joys of heaven, such as the beatific vision, and the close association with Christ our Savior in His risen humanity, the meeting with our blessed Mother and with all the Saints, including our relatives and friends, what a source of happiness and joy will it be for us, to know that we can never die again! The happiness and joy which we shall have will never end. We all have had moments of happiness in this life. Great as these moments were, the thought that they had to end too soon cast a shadow on our joy. There will be no shadow to darken or lessen our future joy and happiness.

The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, 2:16; 3:5, in which he prays to God for them and prays that they may persevere loyally in the faith that they profess. In return, he asks them to pray that he will be able to continue to spread the Christian faith to many others.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 20:27-38. We can thank the Sadducees today. They came to our Lord with what they thought was a case that would make the doctrine of the resurrection look very ridiculous. It would have appeared so, if it were understood in the crude sense which they gave it, namely, that we would come forth again from the grave in the very same bodies which we now have, with all their needs and instincts. Our Lord corrected that erroneous idea. We shall all rise to a new and eternal life, in a form and an existence very different from that of our present life. Thus, the question of ownership of wives or property will not, and cannot, arise in our new life. He gave us a brief but basic description of what our risen bodies will be. I am sure that most of us would love to know a lot more about what our future state will be like. But if we knew all, then where would our faith and trust in God come in? Some saints are said to have had brief visions of the joys of heaven. They wanted to die immediately in order to get there. God wants each one of us to [attain] heaven, by living our life on earth, and trusting in His word that heaven will be our eternal home if we do our part here below.

In his brief answer to the Sadducees, Christ gives us the essential facts concerning our future status. First, he affirms that all those who have proved themselves worthy while in this life will rise to an eternal life. In that life we will become like angels. We will not be angels, pure spirits without bodies, but we will be like them in that our bodies will become "spiritual." They will lose all the restrictions and limitations imposed on them now, as mere material composites. They will no longer be subject to decline and decay as they now are. Therefore, they can never suffer from pain or sickness or weakness of any sort.

Many Christians, even good, pious Christians, fear death and try to keep the very thought of it far from their minds. This is very understandable for one who believes (if there is such a one) that death is the end. To a certain degree it is understandable in the case of the believer or the Christian, whose conscience is not at peace with God. That latter, however, has the means of removing his fears by removing his sins, and by putting himself right with God. The normal, pious Christian should see death as what it is, an end of his time of probation and the door to his eternal reward. It is not normal for a student to dread his graduation day. Death for the God-fearing, honest Christian is graduation day. Therefore, no Christian should be afraid of it.

Of course, part of the fears which death instills come from the fear of the judgment which accompanies it. If we think every now and then, that our death is around the corner, we will turn to the God of mercy, to our loving Father, and ask for His forgiveness. He never refuses pardon to those who with a sincere heart, ask for it.

Let each one of us look into our own conscience this morning. Let us ask ourselves, how we would fare if death should claim us tonight. If there are sins on my conscience, which I would not want there when facing my just Judge, I still have time to approach the merciful Father. The Christian who does this daily, or even weekly, will not worry when death calls. He can rest assured that it is the beginning of the true and everlasting life, planned for him by God before time began.

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



THANK YOU VETERANS

Parish Office Closed

Monday, November 11, 2019 for Veterans Day

A Prayer for Veterans Day

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in non combative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, November 10
11-2
St. Patrick School
Cafeteria**

\$10: adult, \$5: children
Veterans eat FREE!

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 2018, 21 families received a food basket from St. Patrick Church. Names for food baskets are given to us by parishioners. We work very hard to ensure that those receiving baskets are not taking advantage of the generosity of the church.

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



Organ Renovation

Our organ at St. Patrick Church is in need of major repair. It was built in the early 1950's and has withstood building renovations, dust, a fire and periodic dampness. After nearly 70 years of service, it requires quite a bit of attention.

In the process of an assessment, organ deterioration was more than what was expected. The console is worn out while the internal leathers of the mechanism are dried and deteriorating. Other parts are rusted and weak. This is leaving dead notes where air is not passing into the pipes. Repairing just the worn out parts is not possible as the M. P. Moller Company that built the organ ceased operation in 1992. Manufacturing individual components for the repair is financially impossible.

After several proposals were submitted and considered, a plan was chosen to give the organ a complete rebuild using modern technology. The leather valves will be replaced with electro-mechanical magnet valves that will prevent further deterioration in the organ's wind chest. New stops (musical voices) will be added to increase the sounds to better compliment the music. When the project is completed, St. Patrick Church will then have one of the finest organs in West Virginia. This will give our parish a musical instrument that completes the renovation efforts of the parish and matches the beauty of the church.

The cost of the project will be \$150,000. Efforts are underway to raise money for the organ renovation. The goal cannot be reached without your support. The results will be worth the effort.

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.



Veteran's Day Mass, Assembly and Breakfast

November 11
8:15 a.m., Mass
St. Patrick Church

9:00 a.m. (approx.) Assembly
St. Patrick School gym

9:30 a.m. (approx.)
St. Patrick School cafeteria

All veterans and their families are invited to join us at Mass on Monday, November 11 at 8:15 for our daily Mass at St. Patrick Church in Weston. The Mass intention will be for all veterans both living and deceased.

Following the Mass, we will have a brief assembly in the gym. At this time, the Lewis County Honor Guard will present the colors and the students of St. Patrick School will thank the veterans for their service to our country. We will then head to the school cafeteria for a delicious breakfast prepared by the Home School Association.

Please extend an invitation to any family or community member who is a veteran so that we might honor them for their service and dedication to our country.

The Angels have Arrived



Every year, Saint Boniface and Saint Patrick Churches host Angel Trees for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Each church has 20 angels that need adopted. The angels on the St. Pats tree are stapled together in families with a total of 8 families.

Linda Schmidt is the contact person for Saint Boniface Church. Thank you, Linda, for once again leading this project.

At St. Pats, a binder is placed with the tree with the sign-up sheet inside. Once you have chosen your angels, please write your name and contact information in the binder. This way, if we need to contact you about your angel we know how to do so.

Presents need to be wrapped with the adoption tag attached. Presents must be returned to the church they were adopted from before Wednesday, December 11.

Thank you!



Change for Life Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The “Change for Life” fundraiser sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was a huge success, bringing in \$3251.78 with more bottles trickling in. Please return all bottles whether or not they are full or have any money in them. The bottles will be used again next year.

Visitation and Funeral Mass for Ed Hubbs

Tuesday, November 12
Saint Patrick Church, Weston
Visitation 11:30a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Funeral Mass - 1:00 p.m.

To view Ed's complete obituary, go to
www.patboylefuneralhome.com

News and Events from Saint Boniface Church and Good Shepherd Mission

Saint Boniface

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society of St. Boniface will meet on Tuesday, November 12 in the church hall following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Boniface Catholic Church

Thursday, November 28
11:30—1

St. Boniface Church Hall



The Ratliff / Fallon families will be hosting their annual free Thanksgiving Dinner, on Thanksgiving day 11:30 - 1:00 At St. Boniface parish hall at Camden. Don't be alone on Thanksgiving come and share a traditional thanksgiving dinner with friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome. **RSVP requested but not required!** RSVP by calling Catherine Ratliff at 304-269-2872, Judy Jerden at 304-884-8267 or Janet Rinehart at 304-884-6977.

Good Shepherd

Directory Update

Good Shepherd Directory-Good Shepherd is updating its directory. Please review your information on the draft copy available on the guestbook podium in the church entryway and make any necessary changes or additions to your name, address, spouse, email, telephone and children information. If your name is not included, please add your information using the last page provided in the draft. If you do not want to be included in the directory, please mark out your information.

Volunteers Needed

Good Shepherd Church Cleaning-A monthly list for volunteers to sign up to clean the church is available on the bulletin board in the church entryway. Cleaning involves at least running the vacuum in the Sanctuary, Sacristy, Cry Room and over all door mats, dusting and removal of cobwebs in all areas, cleaning the Hall bathrooms, wiping down kitchen counters and Hall tables if needed and sweeping the Hall floor.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Dinner-Good Shepherd's Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 10th after Mass. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and drinks will be provided. Parishioners may bring their favorite covered dish or dessert item. Members of St. Boniface are invited to attend.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Start saving your pennies now to join Fr. DeViese for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November, 2020. On his first pilgrimage there in February on 2019, Fr. DeViese

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posted Live on Facebook from many of the places we visited. Because of that and the photos posted by those on the pilgrimage many people have asked Father when he would take another group. Info is available in the vestibules of the each church.

Catholic Women's Book Club

Join us November 17th at 2pm in the parish meeting room of St. Patrick Church (please use the back door). The next book is “The Power and The Glory” by Graham Greene, a personal pick of Father DeViese for our group. The book is fiction and it is about the 1940s in Mexico when it is a bad time to be Catholic. Churches are being burned and priests are either forced to give up their vocation or to die for the faith. One priest travels throughout Mexico hearing confessions, burying the dead, and saying 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 fulfill as your weekend Mass obligation.