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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saint Boniface Catholic Church, Camden and Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville, West Virginia  
Established 1848

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the Prophecy of Malachi 3:19-20 and concerns the day of retribution, of judgment when the Lord will punish the wicked and reward His faithful ones.

The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12, in which he addresses those few in the community who were unwilling to earn their daily bread and were abusing the charity of their fellow Christians.

The Gospel is from St. Luke, 21:5-19. The reason why these verses of St. Luke's gospel was chosen for today's Mass is that the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking this morning. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of the Kingship of Christ, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin our new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence he merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

Long before that day comes, each of us here present today will already have faced his or her own particular judgment. It is this judgment which will seal our eternal fate. It is on this judgment that we should try to concentrate this morning. It is to help and encourage us to do just this that the church brings the thought of the end of the world before our minds. The end of this world will come for each one of us when we draw our last breath. How will we stand in God's sight when that moment comes? An eternity of happiness or grief will depend on our spiritual state at that moment.

The thought of death is a frightening thought for most of us. We would rather put it far from our minds, but of all the other things that can possibly happen to

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Saturday, November 23

After the 6:00 p.m. Mass

St. Patrick Church, Weston



Please plan to join us throughout the night to prayer for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

us on this earth, death is the one and only certainty. It would be utter folly then to try to ignore it or forget it. It is not the moment or the circumstances or the fact itself of death that matters. The vast majority, even of those dying of a slow illness, do not know that they are on the point of death. What matters is the judgment which follows death. How will we fare in that?

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbors in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

What of those who have even more serious sins on their consciences? Over two hundred thousand people will leave this world between now and midnight. If we were called, and we have no guarantee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judgment in our present state? "Today if you hear God's voice harden not your heart" the scripture warns us. Today you have heard Him speak to you. He has reminded you that your end is coming, that you should put your spiritual accounts in order. This is an act of God's mercy. He does not need you, It is you who need Him. Your eternal future will depend on whether you listen to His call today, as tomorrow may be too late. You

can put your accounts straight this very day. Why take a risk with your own eternal welfare?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. He is to try to live always in God's friendship. The man who does this by living his Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death. ~Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

## Old Calendar: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, plagues, and famines in various places — and in the sky fearful omens and great signs. But before any of this, they will manhandle and persecute you, summoning you to synagogues and prisons, bringing you to trial before kings and governors, all because of my name. You will be brought to give witness on account of it. I bid you resolve not to worry about your defense beforehand, for I will give you words and a wisdom which none of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict. You will be delivered up even by your parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and some of you will be put to death. All will hate you because of me, yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. By patient endurance, you will save your lives."

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Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

This week \$346.76 was collected from the baby bottle fundraiser bringing the total to \$3598.51. The Catholic Daughters are extremely thankful for the support received for this fundraiser. Please return all bottles whether or not they are full or have any money in them. The bottles will be used again next year.

St. Patrick’s Small Business Saturday, Vendor and Craft Show

November 30, 2019

Saint Patrick’s School Gym

229 Court Ave. Weston, WV 26452

9am-4pm



35+ small local businesses in one place -

- Young Living Essential Oils
- Food Trucks
- Hand Made Crafts
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- Chair Massage
- Paparazzi
- Thrive
- Christmas Decorations
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SANTA WILL BE VISITING FROM 11am-1pm

Digital Pictures will be available for \$5 each by CLQ Photography. Christmas Mini Sessions available before and after Santa pictures. Call 304-517-8943 to schedule an appointment.

Bring a non-perishable food (or more) item and receive an entry for the door prize drawing. Donations given to Our Neighbor food pantry.



Each vendor and other businesses have donated items to be used for the door prize or raffle drawings.

Why I Support the Organ Restoration Fund at St. Patrick Church

By Luanne Bowers

I’ve been asked this question, and here’s my answer. First, I love sacred music – from classical (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee), to traditional folk tunes (Go Forth with God’s Blessing) to old time country gospel (I’ll Fly Away). Yes, I even like Kum By Yah! Our rented organ may sound good now, but just think how our music will sound when our “real” organ is played. I’m so looking forward to hearing it in all its newly restored glory.

Second, I think of the legacy our church family from the past has given us. St. Patrick Church was founded by poor, immigrant factory workers and farmers who came here for a better life and wanted to worship God in the Catholic Church. Beginning with mass in people’s homes, and through their sacrifices, the church has grown over the decades, and in the 1950’s parishioners wanted their music to match their beautiful building. Through more sacrifice of funds large and small they were able to buy and install the organ we continue to enjoy. To honor their desire for beautiful music to worship the Lord, we should pass on that legacy to our own children, grandchildren and generations to come.

A week or so ago we received a donation in memory of a deceased parishioner, and I was so touched by that. What a wonderful gift to honor a loved one who was so dedicated to St. Patrick’s. When we celebrate All Souls’ Day you might consider who you might want to memorialize with a donation. And maybe, just maybe when the organ makes beautiful music glorifying God, if you listen real close, you might hear the voice of your loved one singing.

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.

News and Events from Saint Boniface Church and Good Shepherd Mission

Saint Boniface

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. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. on November 28.

Sunday Mass Time Swap on December 8

St. Boniface Church and Good Shepherd Mission will swap there Mass times on Sunday, December 8 so St. Boniface can have the parish Christmas party. The Altar Society will provide the meal. Please bring a salad or dessert.

Good Shepherd

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.

CRI's weekend backpack program is still in dire need of food items with the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Anyone who would like to donate can drop off items at CRI, 206 E Main St, Glenville, WV 26351 (across the street from United Bank) or if more convenient, donations may be left in the box located in Parish Hall. A Girl Scout will deliver the items to CRI. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the program.

Good Shepherd’s Thanksgiving Dinner

The Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Dinner was packed full with people, food and fun. We appreciate everyone who chose to spend part of their day with us!



Important Collection Info for All Parishes

During the months of November and December, Good Shepherd will be collecting items for the National Guard 30th Armored Brigade deployed in Syria and whose members will be overseas for the holidays. The 30th is made up of units from North Carolina, South Carolina and includes soldiers from all over West Virginia. Items to be collected include: water flavoring packets (Crystal Light, Kool-Aid, etc.), beef jerky, hard candy, slim jims, foot powder, ramen noodles, lens cleaning cloths, hard candy, high quality socks and sunflower seeds. Please no chocolate items.

St. Patrick Parish will once again participate in their annual winter clothing and toy drive. Clothes and toys should be new or gently used. They are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Christmas food baskets.

Collection boxes will be placed in each church for all collections. Let’s work together to make these collections a success.

Angel Tree Update

Thank you to everyone in all churches for adopting the angels this year. St. Boniface and Good Shepherd adopted 31 angels between the two places and St. Patrick’s parishioners adopted 20 angels. Angel tree presents are to be wrapped and returned to the church they were adopted from before Wednesday, December 11.