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December 15, 2019 The Third Sunday of Advent Volume IV. Issue 50

# 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 Established 1848

# Third Sunday of Advent

### **Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem**

vidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

Excerpted from Our Way to the Father by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.

## **Area Penance Services**

Monday, December 16, 2019 St. Boniface Church, Camden Tuesday, December 17, 2019 St. Patrick Church, Weston

Both begin at 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick
Catholic Church
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Weston, West Virginia
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#### Pastor:

Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L. pastor@spchurchweston.net

#### Associate Pastor: Fr. Cody Ford (304) 462-7130

(304) 462-7130 cford@dwc.org

## Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary secretary@spchurchweston.net

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

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, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest, and Doctor of the Church

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass for †Lynna Davis by Junior and Veronica Brumley

#### Sunday, December 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 a.m. Confessions

9:30 a.m. Mass for People of the Parish

11:45 a.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m. (Latin - Third Sunday of Advent) Mass for †Ed Hubbs

#### Monday, December 16, Monday of the third Week of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Msgr. Daniel O'Connor

## Tuesday, December 17, Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass for †William Newbrough

#### Wednesday December 18, Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass for †Jim Myers by Dale and Micki Snyder

## Thursday, December 19, Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Janie Taylor by Anthony Paletti

#### Friday, December 20, Friday of the Third Week of Advent

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Opal Garton by Louis & Rosanne Oliverio

#### Saturday, December 21, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass for †James Blake and Bob Bess by the Blake family

#### Sunday, December 22, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 a.m. Confessions

9:30 a.m. Mass for People of the Parish

11:45 a.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m. (Latin –Fourth Sunday of Advent) Mass for †Mary Dolan by Barbara Daugherty

# **Scripture Readings**

**Monday:** Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17 **Wednesday:** Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

**Thursday:** Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a 10ab/ Jdt 13: 18bcde. 19/ Lk 1: 26-38

Friday: Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45

**Sunday:** Is 35: 1-6a. 10/ Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ Jas 5: 7-10/ Mt 11: 2-11

#### **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 8—21 in memory of Joe and Theresa Boyle. If you would like to memorialize the sanctuary lamp in honor/memory of someone for a two-week period, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a "Mass Intention" envelope and placed in the collection basket or given to the priest or the appropriate person at your parish. 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.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

## **Prayer List**

# Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

• Those who are sick: St. Patrick Church: Sam Aman, Nick Bakas, Jean Scott Chase, John Collins, Brad Curtis, Nick Cutlip, Paul Derico, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Carl Ford, Theresa Francis, Marsha Garton, Beth Griffith, Lori Hamrick, Robert Hamilton, Dave Hardman, Mary Jo Hull, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Mike Riley, Brenda Riley, Shane Rowan, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Sr. Eileen Sinnott, Sr. Peggy Sinnot, John Snyder, Kimberly Snyder, Mary Taylor, Lisa Toms St. Boniface Church: Norma Aman, Dot Butler, Anna Crim, Marguerite Dombroski, Vicki Radcliff, Rose Anita Duley

Good Shepherd Mission: Hampton Castleberry, Judi Connell, T. A. Corcoran, Wayne Falerios, Heather Griffen, Bonnie Klotz, Bettie Kritzer, Betty Maddix, Denise Mitchell, Dr. Carl Nichols, Mary Nicholson, Jean Ott, Mary Jo Pucka, Mitch Snider, Myra Spivey, Ben Timmer Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

- All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton, Stephen Lindsey, R. Brody Springer, Justin Stark, Angel Mack
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Former priests and religious of our churches
- Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.

# **Ministry Schedule**

	Server	Reader	ЕМНС	Cantor	Rosary
Saturday, Dec 21, 2019 6:00 PM Fourth Sunday of Advent	Joe Derico Tom Derico Lily Garton	Reggie Hawver	Margaret Blake Larry Bowers Luanne Bowers	Rudy Pascasio	Micki Snyder
Sunday, Dec 22, 2019 9:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent	Jordyn Aman Ethan Mehr Marley Riley	Jim Mehr	Marissa Aman Steve Corley Judy Foster	John Collins	Micki Snyder

Wednesday Rosary Leader: Micki Snyder

December Funeral Greeters: Mary Wagoner, Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

December Linens: Melissa Allison

# **Weekly Attendance & Collection**

 Saturday:
 100

 Sunday:
 175

 Latin Mass:
 40

 General:
 \$4497

 Loan:
 \$75

 School:
 \$115

 Loan Balance (11/30/2019):
 \$84,371.61

#### 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal:

Goal: \$21,345 Progress: \$14,926

#### **Second and Special Collections**

- January 25 & 26: Church in Latin America
- February 26 (Ash Wednesday): Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

# Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

December 16: St. Eusebius, Bishop, Martyr December 17: Greater Feria of Advent December 18: Ember Wednesday of Advent

December 19: Greater Feria of Advent December 20: Ember Friday of Advent December 21: St. Thomas, Apostle

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Christmas Cards for Sale in St. Patrick Church Parish Store

Christmas cards that were not sold by the Knights of Columbus in previous years are for sale in the parish store of St. Patrick Church. All cards are \$5 a box.

# **Combined Pastoral Council Meeting**

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting for members of the Pastoral Councils of all three parishes on Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Boniface Church in Camden.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Our Neighbor Collections for December

St. Boniface Church Toilet tissue

St. Patrick Church
Laundry detergent & shampoo

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

•Tuesdays, 5—6 p.m., St. Boniface Church, Camden

•Wednesdays, 5—6 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Weston

## St. Boniface/Good Shepherd

#### Sunday, December 15, 2109

- Deadline for Food Drive
- Deadline for National Guard Donations

## Monday December 16, 2019

7:00 p.m., Advent Penance Service

#### **January 9, 2020**

6:00 p.m., Combined Pastoral Council Meeting at Saint Boniface Church

# St. Patrick

#### Sunday, December 15, 2109

- Deadline for Food Drive
- Deadline for National Guard Donations

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019** 7:00 p.m., Advent Penance Service

Last Day of school for St. Patrick School students

**December 22, 2019** 

No CCD or Adult Religious Education

December 24—26, 2019 Parish Office Closed

December 29, 2019

No CCD or Adult Religious Education

January 9, 2020

6:00 p.m., Combined Pastoral Council Meeting at Saint Boniface Church

January 12, 2020

1:15 p.m., Confession 2:00 p.m., Latin Mass

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# March for Life

THE 47th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. commemorates the 1973 Supreme Court legalization of abortion. which has resulted in the deaths of over 61 million innocent, unborn children. Please join this March to help us rededicate ourselves to stopping this culture of death. A bus, sponsored by the Monongalia Chapter of West Virginians for Life, will leave on Friday, January 24, 2020 from the JC Penney parking lot at the Morgantown Mall at 4:00 a.m. It will return there on the same day at around 11:00 p.m. A Congressional meeting is planned for 10:00 a.m. in Rayburn HOB room 2168. The cost is \$15 a person or \$30 for a family of 3 or more. Call 304-594-9845 for mandatory bus reservations. Reservation deadline is January 17. Checks need made payable to WVFL-Mon County Chapter and mailed to PO Box 1479. Morgantown, WV 26507-1479



# **Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update**

\$3849.98 has been raised to date in the baby bottle fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit The West Virginians for Life, Central West Virginia Center for

Pregnancy Care and the Lewis County Family Resource Network. Instead of a cash donation to the LCFRN, a member of the Catholic Daughters purchased car seats from Kohl's on days when "Kohl's Cash" could be earned. She then used the "Kohl's Cash" to buy additional car seats bringing the total number of car seats to be donated to twenty-two.

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.

# Catholic Women's Book Club

The Catholic Women's Book Club meets this Sunday December 15th, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room of St Patrick Church (please use back door). The book is "Joy to the World" by Scott Hahn. Even if you have not read the book, you are invited to join us at book club.

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# A Message for All Parishes **Respecting God's House**

"My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations" (Isaiah 56:7b).

We ask all our parishioners please to be mindful of how we treat God's House. While there are some very dedicated parishioners who take it upon themselves to tidy up after Mass, we ask that everyone please ensure that they leave their pews at least as tidy as they found them. Please do not leave trash, bulletins, tissues, food, etc. in or around the pews or hymnal racks. Churches are consecrated to the glory and worship of Almighty God, and they house the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is important that we all demonstrate the utmost respect for this House of Prayer and treat it with reverence.

#### **Glenville Blood-Drive**

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 1 million units of blood could be transfused in the United States. To help replenish the supply, a Blood Drive will be held at the First Baptist Church in Glenville on January 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability or register on-line at:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results? zipSponsor=gilmergirlscouts

## **Poinsettia Trees**

We will decorate the sanctuary with "poinsettia trees" during this Christmas season. All donations collected in the "Christmas flower" envelopes will be used to purchase these flowers. Poinsettias are \$15.00. If you do not have envelopes, you can still contribute by contacting the parish office at 304 269-3048 or by putting a check in the collection basket with Christmas flowers in the memo line.

# Vanilla for Sale

The Catholic Daughters will sell homemade vanilla after Mass next weekend at St, Patrick Church. Bottles are \$10 each. If parishioners from St. Boniface or Good Shepherd would like to purchase a bottle, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048.

# Go Fund The Pipe Organ

Give any time at https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-patrick039s-organ

Join St. Patrick Church in Weston, WV in renovating our church pipe organ - this includes a new console, new stops, and new electro -mechanical magnet valves. The new technology will be incorporated to offer many new sounds. Parishioners, friends, and visitors donate today and come enjoy the organ as a musical and artistic gem of the community!

Psalm 105 - Sing Him songs, belt out hymns, translate His wonders into music!

#### 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.

# The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

#### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

#### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel. giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

#### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

#### December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

#### December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

#### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

#### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

-From Catholic Household Blessings & Pravers

# St. Patrick Church Choir Rehearsals

St. Patrick Church Choir rehearsal for Christmas will begin on Saturdays in the choir loft of the church immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass. Rehearsals will continue until the Saturday before Christmas.





# You're Invited to the 34th Annual Free Lewis County Christmas Dinner

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**Christmas Day** Dine-in from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.Carry Out and Delivery from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lewis County Senior Center** West 2nd St. Weston, WV

- Advance orders for delivery are being taken at 304-884-6789. Please leave a message.
- Please help: Volunteers are needed on December 24th and 25th for food preparation, serving and cleanup. Drivers are needed on December 25th for delivering to those who can't make it out.
- Donations of pies, cake and cookie may be dropped off at the Senior Center on December 24 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- To volunteer, please contact Dan Mick at 304-269-1888. Please leave a message.

The Lewis County Christmas Dinner is staffed by volunteers and funded entirely by donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make your check payable to Lewis County Christmas Dinner and mail to P. O. Box 1012, Weston, WV 26452.

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#### Dear Friends,

We are all saddened by the announcement of the reassignment of our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Cody Ford. While his time has been brief in our parishes, we have all come to appreciate his affability and the solicitous pastoral care he has demonstrated. As was mentioned last weekend, the loss of one of our parish priests inflicts upon all of us a burden.

As your pastor, I will be charged with providing sacramental ministry for all three locations, which are rather spread out. As parishioners, you will be tasked with exercising a degree of flexibility and understanding not asked of you in the past. But together, as a people united in our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith, we will proceed forward, not permitting this unfortunate change to deter us from our mission to catechize, evangelize, witness, and grow in personal holiness.

I spoke with Bishop Brennan this past week to express my distress at the situation in which we now find ourselves, and he was not unsympathetic to our plight. The shortage of priests around our diocese is taking its toll on many parishes, and no one is immune. While our immediate response may be one of anger or sadness, it is imperative that we put aside those emotions to focus on something for which we are still responsible: our holiness, and the holiness of our children, because that is where a new generation of priests and religious sisters will come from. If we want priests in our parishes, we must pray for them, of course; but we must cultivate in the hearts of our children a deep love for Jesus Christ and His Church, catechizing them faithfully, and committing ourselves more deeply to live exemplary lives of holiness that will inspire them to imitate us.

Looking ahead, the pastoral councils of our parishes will have a joint meeting on January 9th. The purpose of this gathering will be to advise me on a proposal for a new weekend Mass schedule, which I can present to Bishop Brennan for his approval. I ask you please to speak to your pastoral council representatives over the holidays and give your input. None of us wants to see our Mass times change, but the physics of one priests covering the liturgical schedule as it exists now is simply an impossibility.

In order to ease the transition, I am working to arrange for visiting priests to give me assistance throughout the month of January (at least), so that the new weekend schedule will not go into effect right after New Year's. Once the schedule is finalized, it will be made public (I expect) at least a couple of weeks in advance of its implementation. A new Daily Mass schedule will be published after Christmas.

Again, I encourage all our parishioners to look past the inconvenience of our present situation, and to permit the grace of the Season of Advent and the coming of Christmas to fill our hearts instead with a deeper desire to draw close to Christ Jesus. I pray that we might all grow in holiness and devotion during this Season, and that Our Lord will be generous to us in His Grace as we continue to seek to do His will in all things.

Please join me in offering our sincerest gratitude to Fr. Cody Ford for his dedication to priestly ministry, and let us all wish him an abundance of grace and peace in his new assignment.

Sincerely in the Love of Christ

