

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 Gospel is from St. John 14:1-12. We may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination (Lk. 24:21), and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement.

Why should God go to that length for our sake—mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.

God created us "in His own image and likeness" (a very limited likeness, granted) and intended, because of the spiritual faculties He gave us, which enable us to see and enjoy truth and beauty, to give us a share in His eternal life and glory. To do this, the Incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity was God's plan. There must have been other ways of doing this, but God, we can be sure, chose the best way. Even with our limited intelligence, we ourselves can see what a perfect way this was for proving to us the infinite love, goodness and compassion of our Creator.

Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind.

His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance.

Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11:33).

"What return can I make to the Lord?" All the mortifications and good works of all the holy men and women that ever lived, or will live, would not be adequate a return to God for the miracle of love He has shown toward us. But He accepts the widow's mite, the little acts of love, the little proofs of gratitude, the willing acceptance of the crosses He sends us, to purify us. In one word, all He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Staying In Touch

There are a number of ways to keep in touch with your parish during this time. One is to visit the St. Patrick Church website or the Facebook pages for St. Pat's or St. Boniface. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view these pages.

www.spchurchweston.org/
<https://www.facebook.com/StPatsChurchWestonWv/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StBonifaceCatholicChurch/>

For a bit of online catechesis, visit Father's YouTube channel "The Altar "ed" State" at:
www.youtube.com/c/frdeviese

Father DeViese is also using Flocknote to stay in touch with parishioners. If you have received an email from flocknote—it is not junk or spam. If you have not received an email, we may not have a good email address for you. Father can also send text messages via flocknote. This will be particularly helpful if he needs to update parishioners of a last minute change for activities, meetings or other things. Please email the parish office with your email address and cell phone numbers for your family so we can update the database and stay in touch.



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Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:**
St. Boniface Church: Norma Aman, Ed and Connie Cumpston, Anna Crim, Marguerite Dombroski, Heather Fallon, Dave & Vicki Radcliff, Marge Starr, Art Weaver
Good Shepherd Mission: T. A. Corcoran, Pastor Larry Flemming, Tammi Hardman, Bonnie Klotz, Betty Kreitzer, Ben Lemmer, Sherry Van Leewen, Wayne Lularuc, Betty Maddix, Dave Radcliff, Vicki Radcliff, Michelle Underwood
St. Patrick Church: Diane Collins (Health South), Nick Bakas, Junior Brumley, Jean Scott Chase, John Collins, Brad Curtis, Nick Cutlip, Paul Derico, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Fr. Kent Durig, Fr. Chapin Engler, Carl Ford, Marsha Garton, Jack Gum (brother of Susie Determan), Lori Hamrick, Robert Hamilton, Fr. John Hollowell, Mary Jo Hull, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Mike Riley, Tom Ruppert, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Diane Snyder, Kimberly Snyder, Mary Taylor, Grace Turner, Fr. Pat Wash, Judy Wilson
- **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
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Former priests and religious of our churches**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- **All diagnosed with Covid 19**
- **All health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees**

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.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

May 10—14, 2020

- Sunday, May 10, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday, May 11, Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter, Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday, May 12, Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr, Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima, Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle, Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday, May 15, Saint Isidore, Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday, May 16, Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter, Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, May 10, Fourth Sunday after Easter
- Monday, May 11, Ss Philip & James, Apostles
- Tuesday, May 12, Ss Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, & Pancras, Martyrs
- Wednesday, May 13, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
- Thursday, May 14, St. Boniface, Martyr
- Friday, May 15, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor
- Saturday, May 16, St. Ubaldo, Bishop & Confessor

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Reminder: the Blessed Sacrament is present at the side door of the Parish Office every day for private prayer until around 6:00 p.m. Come out and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord!



Lockbox for Donations

A lockbox has been added to the front of the parish office for those of you who wish to drop off donations and other correspondence you don't want to mail. This box is for parishioners from all parishes. If donations come in for St. Boniface and Good Shepherd, they are forwarded to the appropriate people. If you prefer to mail your donations, the office address is 210 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452. Parishioners of St. Patrick Church may also sign up for electronic giving at myeoffering.com



High School Graduates

For many years, St. Patrick Church has recognized high school graduates at a Mass in May or early June. Since we do not know when we will be able to even have Mass again we are asking parishioners to email information with the names of

the 2020 high school graduates in their parishes and they will be recognized in the bulletin for the last Sunday of May. Please include the parish and high school they attend so that info can be included that in the bulletin. If you would include their mailing address it would be helpful in case parishioners want to send them a card.

A Note on First Holy Communion

As many of you are aware, we were scheduled to celebrate the First Holy Communion of several of our young people this coming Sunday, May 3. Unfortunately, as parishes in the Diocese are still closed, that will not be possible. First Holy Communion will be rescheduled for sometime in the early Fall, by which time we expect (or at least hope!) that life will have returned to some sense of normalcy. Parents are encouraged to make use of the catechetical materials on Formed.org to continue helping their children to learn about the Sacrament and its importance in the life of the Christian. A great idea would be for parents to bring their children and spend time praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, which is present at the side door of the parish office every day until around 6:00 p.m. More information will be made available soon about First Reconciliation, and some educational opportunities to help our young people grow in the Faith.

Prayer Chain

Would you like to join the St. Patrick's Church prayer chain? Parishioners from any parish can join. The prayer chain is a phone tree that people from anywhere can call and request prayers for themselves or someone else. When **you call, you do not have to be specific or go into detail with your request. For example you can just say a friend received a bad diagnosis or someone was in an accident, or a baby was born prematurely, etc. The prayer line has always been a way to reach out to others in prayer, it is not intended to be a way of spreading news, gossip or chit chat.** Keep in mind that people are hesitant to ask for prayer publicly because they don't want others knowing what they are going through. Micki Snyder is the first person in the chain. After receiving a request, she calls the next person in line to activate the chain. Participants should then say a prayer together on the phone before hanging up. The second person then calls the third person on the chain. If there is no answer, you can leave a message but please call the following person on the list. We don't want someone's request for prayers be left unanswered on a voicemail.

Please call or email the parish office with your best contact number if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain. The list will be updated and sent out in late May or early June. We will then add people to the list regularly when they request to join. Thank you for considering joining this very worthwhile but often overlooked ministry.

Latin Mass Livestream Options

Livestream Video Schedule For The Priory of the Canons Regular of the New Jerusalem

Sunday


High Mass: 10:15 am - Vespers: 6:00 pm

Weekdays

Mass: 8:00 am - Vespers: 5:00 pm

Please check here or on our Facebook page for updates for changes and additions for special Feasts.

Note that a Facebook account is not necessary to view these video streams, but merely go to our Facebook page by going to this link: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Canons-Regular-of-the-New-Jerusalem>



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