## 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

#### **Solemnity of the Ascension**

he death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event

imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. feast—the Todav's Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will

be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That



Ascension of Christ by Giacomo Cavedone

break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and

prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too accept must hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is

giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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

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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:** Hampton Castleberry, Tiffany Facemire, Bonnie Klotz, Betty Maddix, Wayne McHenry, Marylin Minnich, Michelle Underwood

St. Patrick Church: Diane Collins (Health South), Nick Bakas, Jean Scott Chase, John Collins, Brad Curtis, Nick Cutlip, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, 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:** Nancy Conklin, 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.

#### 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!

#### **Parish Office Hours**

By appointment only.

Please email or call to set up a time to come in for Mass requests, information, etc.

Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30 Monday, 9 - 4 Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, Noon - 5:00 Thursday, 9 - 1 Friday, 9 - 1



## **Lockbox for Donations**

A lockbox has been added to the front of the parish office for those of you who wish to drop of

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

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### St. Boniface Church, Camden - Good Shepherd Mission, Glenville

#### St. Boniface Church

Sunday, May 24, 2020 8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass for †Luke Lamb by Catherine Ratliff

Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:30 a.m. Mass for People of the Parish

#### **Good Shepherd Mission**

Saturday, May 23, 2020 3:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass for † The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 30, 2020 3:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass for † Nancy Conklin

#### St. Patrick Church, Weston

#### St. Patrick Church

Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by Tom and Connie Scott

Sunday, May 24, 2020

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Mass for People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m.. (Latin Mass) Mass for †Rose Mary DeLaney by Mr. & Mrs. Philip Woodruff

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass for †Mary P. Weber by family

Saturday, May 30, 2020 6:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Mass for †Michael Moore & James Blake by Margaret Blake

Sunday, May 31, 2020

10:00 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m., Mass for †Paul Derico

12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:30 p.m.. (Latin Mass) Mass for †Lucille Byrne by Dr. and Mrs. Fiutowski

Bishop Mark is continuing to dispense Catholics from going to Sunday Mass until further notice, so no one who fears getting sick feels guilty for not attending.

## <u>Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings</u>

May 24—31, 2020

- Sunday, May 24, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- Monday, May 25, Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri, Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday, May 27, Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a, Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday, May 28, Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter, Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- Friday, May 29, Saint Paul VI, Pope, Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday, May 30, Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter, Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

#### <u>Liturgical Calendar for</u> Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, May 24, Sunday of the Ascension
- Monday, May 25, St. Gregory VII, Pope & Confessor
- Tuesday, May 26, St. Philip Neri, Confessor
- Wednesday, May 27, St. Bede the Venerable, Confessor & Doctor
- Thursday, May 28, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Confessor
- Friday, May 29, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi, Virgin
- Saturday, May 30, Vigil Mass of Pentecost

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

#### **Latin Mass Livestream Options**

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

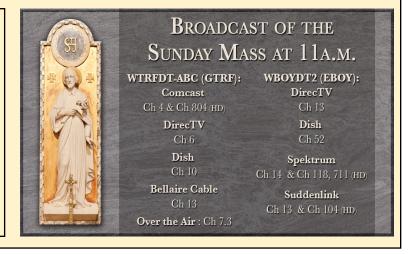
#### **Sunday**

Low Mass: 8:30 am

#### Weekdays & Saturday

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am, Saturday: 9:30 a.m.

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



#### **Vacation Bible School**

We are planning to have Vacation Bible School at St. Patrick's for July 20—24, 2020 for 9:00am to noon for kids in 1st through 5th grade that attend any of the three parishes. Social distancing guidelines as well as all other safety precautions put forth by the diocese for that time period will be followed.

For more information please contact Jessie Cunningham via email at caufdrop45@gmail.com.

#### **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 publically 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.

We will also create a prayer list on Flocknote. This will be an open group for parishioners to join. We are still working out how people can be added, so for now please email or call the parish office.

#### Our Neighbor is seeking a New Director

Our Neighbor Food and Clothing Center is accepting applications for a new director. Long time tirector, Sandy King is retiring at the end of this calendar year. Interested applicants must possess basic computer skills including word processing and basic spreadsheet applications. Interested parties need to contact Leona Swisher at 304-269-3317 or Russell Furr at 304-269-5889 before July 15, 2020.



# Join us as we celebrate the Ordination to the Diaconate of *Phillip Szabo*

The Ordination will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's website & Facebook page.



May 30, 2020 11:00a.m. from St. James the Greater Parish Charles Town



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.

#### **West Virginia VOAD**



### May - Donate Food Month!!

The West Virginia Voluntary Organizations in Disaster (WV VOAD), Catholic Charities WV, and the West Virginia Council of Churches are sponsoring a food drive to support the State Food Banks. We urge everyone to collect and donate canned and dry goods during the month of May.

Here's how you can donate to Facing Hunger and Mountaineer Food Banks or to your local food pantry:

- > Gather any unopened surplus non-perishable food items that you wish to donate.
- > Contact a food pantry of your choice and make arrangements to drop off food donations.
- Go to WV VOAD website for a link to food pantries in your county. www.wvvoad.org
- If you need help identifying a food pantry close to you please call WV 211 and ask for a list of food pantries.



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