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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

St. Patrick Catholic Church

A Weekly Bulletin for the parish of Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Weston, West Virginia
Established 1848

Easter Season Overview

He is risen! Alleluia! We have reached our goal: Easter, the day we celebrate Christ's resurrection. This is the single most important feast day of the Church. In the words of the Eastern church calendar this is "the sacred and great Sunday of the Pasch, on which we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God, the Savior Jesus Christ" (Francis X. Weiser, S.J., The Easter Book). With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death, the gates of heaven are now open to man. This is the Feast of Feasts, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year. Like the churches, the household is decorated with numerous flowers, like lilies and hyacinths, and the table decorated with the finest linens and place settings.

Meditation - He is Risen!

"I rose up and am still with Thee." After His labors and His humiliations, Christ finds rest with His Father. "I am still with Thee." This is perfect beatitude. Through His cross He entered into the possession of eternal glory. Christ has gained the crown of victory; through Christ men also win their crowns of victory. Humanity was under a curse and subject to the wrath of God. Now that they have risen with Christ, their guilt has been destroyed. "I rose up and am still with Thee." The liturgy places these words in the mouth of the Church that she may pray them with Christ.

"The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment." The resurrection of Christ is the judgment and condemnation of those who have turned away from God. This judgment was prefigured by the angel who passed through the land of Egypt destroying the first-born of the Egyptians. The Israelites marked the doors of their houses with the blood of the paschal lamb. We are the new Israel, and "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed." We mark ourselves with His blood, which we enjoy in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned, we are saved, we shall live.

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia." "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father." — Excerpted from The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

April Overview

After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

The saints that we will focus on this month — those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection — are St. Martin I (April 13), St. Bernadette (April 16), St. Anselm (April 21), St. George and St. Adalbert (April 23), St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24), Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26), St. Louis Mary de Montfort and St. Peter Chanel (April 28), St. Catherine of Siena (April 29) and St. Pius V (April 30). The feast of St. Mark (April 25) falls on Sunday and are superseded the Sunday liturgy. The feasts of St. Francis of Paola (April 2), St. Isidore (April 4), St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), St. John Baptist de la Salle (April 7) are superseded by the Holy Week and Easter Week Liturgies.

Resurrection of Christ by Noel Coypel

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Secretary:

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Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m. (Latin) - during Lent

Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Mon., 8:15 a.m.
Wed., 6:00 p.m.
Fri., 10:15 a.m. (School Mass)

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

Parish Office Hours: (By Appointment)

Monday, 9 - 4
Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
Thursday, 9 - 1
Friday, 9 - 1

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Attendance & Collections

Saturday	71	\$1341
Sunday (10:30)	115	\$2995
Sunday (Latin)	55	\$206
Mail and Lockbox Donations		\$900
Total	241	\$5442

School	\$50
Easter Flower Fund	\$15
Votive Candles	\$25
Loan	\$105

Restoration loan balance:: \$75,699.14

Second and Special Collections

April 2: Holy Land
April 3 & 4: Education of Seminarians
May 25: Peter’s Pence

St. Patrick Church Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship

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. The donation is \$20.

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 mailed to the parish office. 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.

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Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 3, 2021, Easter Vigil
6:30 p.m. Mass for Hope Theisen and Noah Hamrick

Sunday, April 4, 2021, SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass) SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Mass for †Nick Pischner by Steven and Megan White

Monday, April 5, 2021
8:15 a.m. Mass for †Judi Rowan by family

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Deborah Garton

Friday, April 9, 2021
10:15 a.m. Mass for †Joe and Mabel McLaughlin by John & Jackie McLaughlin

Saturday, April 10, 2021
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Bryan Francis by Margaret Blake

Sunday, April 11, 2021, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
10:30 a.m. Mass for †Richard York by Dale and Micki Snyder
12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass) DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Judi Rowan, March 28—April 10, 2021.

Please Note: Latin Mass on April 18 will be at 3:00 p.m. with Father Grassi.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Mary Oldaker (UHC), Jim Arsenault, Nick Bakas, Sr. Jennifer Berridge, Jean Scott Chase, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Tom Fealy, Marsha Garton, Rosie Gum, Robert Hamilton, Courtney Heimberger, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Sr. Ellen Poche, Raylee Rahming, Catherine Ratliff, John Riley, Mike Riley, Keith Rose, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Jane White, Luke White, Philip Woodruff
- Those who have died: Dawn Stafford, 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, Caleb Stark, Justin Stark, Matthew 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

Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

- St. Hippolytus of Rome

“Forward, always forward, everywhere forward!”

Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 5
Parish Office closed

Sunday, April 18
Latin Mass will be at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24
Spring Elimination Dinner (Drive-Thru)

Sunday, May 2
10:30 First Holy Communion

Our Neighbor Collection

April

- Paper Towels

Items can be placed in the plastic tote on the back porch of the parish office.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

- Sunday, April 4, SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
- Monday, April 5, Monday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday, April 6, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday, April 7, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday, April 8, Thursday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday, April 9, Friday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday, April 10, Saturday within the Octave of Easter, Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, April 4, SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- Monday, April 5, Easter Monday
- Tuesday, April 6, Easter Tuesday
- Wednesday, April 7, Easter Wednesday
- Thursday, April 8, Easter Thursday
- Friday, April 9, Easter Friday
- Saturday, April 10, Easter Saturday



Thank you!

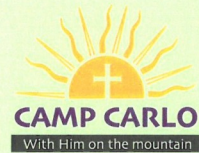
We would like to thank the Irish Fest 50/50 winner Josh Garton for generously donating his winnings of \$900 back to the church!

A Gift for You from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

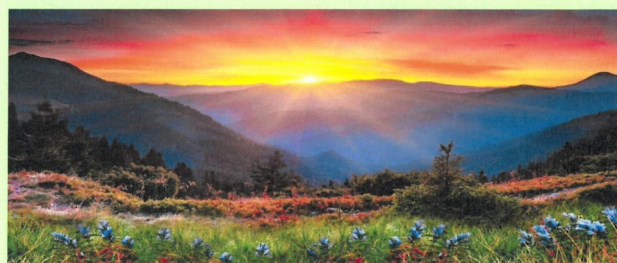
As you leave church this weekend, please take a bottle of holy water home with you. The Catholic Daughters filled and labeled these bottles, and Father Odeck blessed them at the Easter vigil. Please only take one bottle per family. If you would like to join the Catholic Daughters, the next meeting will be Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Take a Chance on a Gift Card Basket

How would you like to win a stack of gift cards AND be part of a great cause? The local Catholic Daughters have assembled a heap of gift cards to be raffled off during their State Convention scheduled for April 24th. Tickets are available in the parish office and will be sold after the weekend masses, April 10-11 and April 17-18. Price is \$1 per ticket or six (6) tickets for \$5. Proceeds support the State CDA project, support of our seminarians. Support local CDA and our diocesan seminarians (there are currently five) and have a chance to win a ton of gift cards including Walmart, Thyme Bistro, Curated, Shutterfly, Buns and Exxon, just to name a few. Current total value exceeds \$225. There's even a decorative Irish soda bread dish included which will serve as the basket for the cards. The winner is guaranteed to be from local ticket sales. Support the Catholic Daughters and win great stuff!



Catholic Youth Adventure Camp



Grow with us in the infinite love of Christ in the beautiful hills of West Virginia. Are you hoping to grow in your faith The Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, affectionately known as Camp Carlo, is dedicated to leading young people to Christ & His Church. Join us as we grow in Christ love while backpacking up a mountain, horse riding through hidden trails, sliding down mystic waterfalls and humbling ourselves in front of the true Presence of our Lord during Mass and Adoration. We want you to experience His immense love at Camp Carlo for Summer 2021!

June 27th - July 3rd Rising 3rd graders to 5th graders.

July 4th - July 10th Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

July 11th - July 17th Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

July 18th - July 24th A "catch all week" from 3rd grade thru 12th grade.

Take advantage of the \$275 early bird rate at

<https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/youth-camp-registration/>

St. Patrick Church will pay half the cost of each of our parishioners who attend Camp Carlo. Parents may apply for scholarships through the diocese to cover the remaining half.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Flower Fund. We appreciated your generosity in making our beautiful church even more beautiful this Easter Season.

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School News

The Chicks Flew the Coop

It will be a somewhat sad day in Mrs. Moody's classroom when the students return from their Easter break. The chicks flew the coop and went to their new homes on Friday, April 2. Thank you to Mrs. Moody for all the information on the process and especially for all the pictures! It has been a joy to follow their progress.

Students getting into the chicken business are Daelynn Luzader, who is adopting Fastie and Fluffy, and Lucas and Grayson Clevenger, who are adopting Pikachu, Dinasaurus Chick, Halogen, and E. B. (Easter Bunny). Maybe we can share some pictures and updates of the chicks in their new homes in the coming weeks.



Fr. Odeck holds one of the chicks before it leaves for its new home.



Daelynn Luzader holding the newest members of the family, Fastie & Fluffy.



Lucas and Grayson Clevenger with Pikachu, Dinasaurus Chick, Halogen, and E. B (Easter Bunny).



Ryleigh Murphy holding Haligen.



Seth Young holding Fastie.



Aaron Murray holding Dinasaurus Chick.



Aden Stamper holding Pikachu.

Spring Elimination Dinner for St. Patrick School, April 24, 2021

Dinner Pick Up:
4:00 - 6:30 pm

Virtual Drawing begins at 7:00 pm

A Spring Elimination Dinner will be held on April 24th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The drawing will be held virtually with a Facebook Live drawing at 7:00 pm. Ticket holders will have the choice of a chicken or baked steak dinner which can be picked up drive thru between 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Chances will be available for our 50/50 drawing and "final ten" drawing. Pick up your dinner and watch the drawing from the comfort of your home!

Tickets can be purchased from St. Patrick's school students, parish office (304)269-3048 or school office (304)269-5547.



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

The message of God's Love and Mercy is especially made known by the Gospels.

The good news revealed through Jesus Christ is that God's love for each person knows no bounds, and no sin or infidelity, no matter how horrible, will separate us from God and His love when we turn to Him in confidence, and seek His mercy. God's will is our salvation. He has done all on our behalf, but since He made us free, He invites us to choose Him and partake of His divine life. We become partakers of His divine life when we believe in His revealed truth and trust Him, when we love Him and remain true to His word, when we honor Him and seek His Kingdom, when we receive Him in Communion and turn away from sin; when we are mutually caring and forgiving.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

History of the Message and Devotion to Divine Mercy

The Message of the Divine Mercy that Sr. Faustina received from the Lord was not only directed toward her personal growth in faith but also toward the good of the people. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that Sr. Faustina had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated, first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that this Chaplet be said not only by Sr. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you."

The same is true of the revelation of the Feast of Mercy. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."

These requests of the Lord given to Sr. Faustina between 1931 and 1938 can be considered the beginning of the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion in the new forms.

Through the efforts of Sr. Faustina's spiritual directors, Fr. Michael Sopocko, and Fr. Joseph Andrasz, SJ, and others — including the Marians of the Immaculate Conception — this message began to spread throughout the world.

However, it is important to remember that this message of The Divine Mercy, revealed to St. Faustina and to our present generation is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning. This truth that God is in His very nature Love and Mercy Itself, is given to us by our Judeo-Christian faith and God's self-revelation. The veil that has hidden the mystery of God from eternity was lifted by God Himself. In His goodness and love God chose to reveal Himself to us, His creatures, and to make known His eternal plan of salvation. This He had done partly through the Old Testament Patriarchs, Moses and the Prophets, and fully through His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus Christ, conceived through power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, the unseen God was made visible.

Jesus reveals God as Merciful Father

The Old Testament speaks frequently and with great tenderness about God's mercy. Yet, it was Jesus, who through His words and actions, revealed to us in an extraordinary way, God as a loving Father, rich in mercy and abounding in great kindness and love. In Jesus' merciful love and care for the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the sinful, and especially in His freely choosing to take upon Himself the punishment for our sins (a truly horrible suffering and death on the Cross), so that all may be freed from destructive consequences and death, He manifested in a superabundant and radical way the greatness of God's love and mercy for humanity. In His person as God-Man, one in being with the Father, Jesus both reveals and is God's Love and Mercy Itself.



Saint Patrick Catholic Church

My dear brothers and sisters of St. Patrick's School and Parish,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and usher in Easter and springtime, we know that we must also welcome change, rebirth, and new growth with these wonderful seasons. We all are still reeling from the drastic changes that we experienced in 2020 and the change of pastors here at St. Patrick's on January 25, 2021.

Change is always difficult because we know that we must say goodbye at times, so it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Dr. Ian Scheu, who has been principal of St. Patrick's School since 2018. We thank him for his time here at St. Patrick's, and we wish him all the best as he embarks on his next adventure.

I have appointed Mrs. Lindsey Clevenger, our Kindergarten teacher, as Interim Principal for the balance of this school year. I am looking forward to working alongside Mrs. Clevenger and the rest of the outstanding teachers and staff as we continue to provide excellent in-classroom instruction in a faith-filled, Catholic environment. Mrs. Clevenger and the teachers are already planning for next year and are developing a solid, Catholic curriculum that will ensure the future academic success of our students.

We will embark on the principal selection process for the 2021-2022 school year. The interview committee will be comprised of St. Patrick's School teachers, parents, School Consultative Board, myself, and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools. A rigorous interview and selection process will be designed to identify the candidate whose skills, talents, and experience are best suited to continue the traditions of excellence in Catholic education in the Weston area.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I commend you all to the protection of our Risen Lord and St. Patrick.

Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck

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Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley



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