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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 and describes the reception of the first Gentiles into the Christian Church.

The second reading is from the first letter of John 4:7-10 in which he urges us to love one another, for we are sons of God whose very essence is love.

The Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done." We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in



"The Sermon on the Mount" by Cosimo Rosselli 1439 – 1507

the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance.

Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in heaven which Christ has won for you. ~Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Prayer to the Blessed Mother for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

May all mothers enjoy a happy and blessed Mother's day!

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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<p>Pastor: Rev. Douglas A. Ondeck ondeck.douglas@gmail.com 304-269-3048</p> <p>Secretary: Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary secretary@spchurchweston.net</p> <p>Parish Office Hours: Monday, 9 - 4 Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday, 9 - 1 Friday, 9 - 1</p> <p>Prayer Chain: Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688</p>	<p>Mass Schedule Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. (Latin) - through June</p> <p>Weekday Masses: Mon., 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m. Fri., 10:15 a.m. (School Mass) <i>(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: Wednesday, 5:00—5:45 p.m. Saturday, 5:00—5:20 p.m. Sunday, 10:00—10:20 a.m. & 2:30—2:50 p.m. Or by appointment.</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.</p> <p>St. Patrick Catholic School <i>Pre-School – 8th Grade</i> 224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 www.stpatswv.org 304-269-5547</p> <p>Lindsey Clevenger, Interim Principal lclevenger@saintpatricks.school</p> <p>Regina Frazier, Secretary RFrazier@saintpatricks.school</p>
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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.

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.

**“Forward,
always forward,
everywhere forward!”**

Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.

For last rites and anointing of the sick, please call 304-691-0537 to speak to Fr. Ondeck.

Liturgical Calendar & Scripture Readings

- Sunday, May 9, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- Monday, May 10, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest, Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday, May 11, Easter Weekday, Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday, May 12, Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr, Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima, Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (The Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday)
- Friday, May 14, Saint Matthias, Apostle, Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- Saturday, May 15, Saint Isidore, Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Liturgical Calendar for Traditional Latin Mass

- Sunday, May 9, Fifth Sunday after Easter
- Monday, May 10, St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor
- Tuesday, May 11, St. Monica, Widow
- Wednesday, May 12, Ss Philip & James, Apostles
- Thursday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord
- Friday, May 14, St. Boniface of Tarsus, Martyr
- Saturday, May 15, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor

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 parish office. Parishioners over 18 should register as a household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8, 2021
5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for †James W. Hines by family

Sunday, May 9, 2021, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for All Mothers, living and deceased
2:30 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m. **(Latin Mass) Fifth Sunday after Easter**
Mass for the People of the Parish

Monday, May 10, 2021
8:15 a.m. Mass for †Matthew and Catherine Linger by family

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Mass for †Kevin O'Sullivan and Beulah "Boots" Pentasuglia by Brennon and Sherry O'Sullivan

Friday, May 14, 2021
10:15 a.m. Mass for †Paul Derico and †Marjorie Ruppert

Saturday, May 15, 2021
5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 16, 2021, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mona Pickering by Mary Peoples, Ellen El Fadl, Julia Spelsberg
2:30 p.m. Confessions
3:00 p.m. **(Latin Mass) Sunday After the Ascension**
Mass for †Mary Ellen Taylor by Pat, Bob, and Kevin Kiddy

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Kevin O'Sullivan and Beulah "Boots" Pentasuglia , May 9—22, 2021.

Please Note: Latin Mass will be at 3:00 p.m. throughout May.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick:** Dale Snyder (Ruby), Jim Arsenault, Nick Bakas, Jean Scott Chase, Travis Crites, Rose Determan, Tom Fealy, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Courtney Heimberger, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Mary Oldaker, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Philip Woodruff
- Those who have died:** Jackie Smith, Jim Oldaker, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- All Military Personnel:**
- 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 police officers, health care workers, first responders, mail carriers and essential employees**

Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	66	\$847
Sunday (10:30):	180	\$589
Sunday (Latin):	39	\$195
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$2745
Total	\$4376	

School	\$782
Votive Candles	\$185
Loan	\$40
Organ	\$20
Restoration loan balance::	\$74646.43

Second and Special Collections

- May 25: Peter’s Pence

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, June 2**
6:00 p.m., Confirmation

- Sunday, June 6**
Parish picnic, Lewis County Park, big pavilion

Our Neighbor Collection

May

- Dental Care

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

#ONEMISSIONONEDAY Update

St. Patrick’s is humbled by the outpouring of support received from our school, alumni, and parish community with our One Mission One Day fundraiser.

Congratulations to the classroom winners for the One Mission One Day contest. The kindergarten classroom raised \$2,155 in donations. They chose to receive a dress-down day for their class reward.

The other classroom winner was our Secondary Class. They raised \$745 in donations. In addition to those donations, their teacher, Miss Bush sought out a grant of \$2,500 which will benefit our school. The secondary class chose to watch a movie while snacking on popcorn as their reward.

Each classroom met or exceeded its goal of \$500! The amount of donations, which includes the grant, totaled \$10,105!!! As a thank you to all of our classrooms, an anonymous donor has graciously offered to pay for a pizza party for our entire school. The party will be held the first week of June. The donor asked that we express their appreciation for the school community's level of commitment to help raise funds for our playground.

Thank you!

Parish Picnic
June 6
Lewis County Park

Our parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 6. More details will be on Facebook, in the bulletin and sent in Flocknote.

Thank you, Joe Derico and Jesse Cunningham for organizing this event.

First Communion and May Crowning



On Sunday, May 2, thirteen children and one adult made their First Communion. The group consisted of students from four different grades as this was the year we played Covid catch-up. Alicia Wilson was honored to receive her first Communion at the same time as her son, Anthony.

Thank you to everyone who prepared the children for this special day. A special thanks to Kathy Boyle for the beautiful crown presented to the Blessed Mother by our May Queen, Evelyn Benedum.

Confirmation, Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Brennan at St. Patrick Church on Wednesday, June 2 at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. We have over twenty students slated to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on this day. Confirmation practice will be on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m.

CDA Basket Winner Announced

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank everyone for their purchase of raffle tickets for the gift card basket. Ticket sales totaled \$500! That money is being sent to the state CDA treasury and will be combined with funds from the other WV courts. A portion of the funds will go to Deacon Phillip Szabo for his ordination the end of this month. The balance will go to the Director of Vocations to be used at his discretion for our other seminarians.

Congratulations to Jacob McCarty for winning the basket which contained \$335 worth of gift cards!

Attention Class of 2021

Are you a member of our church and graduating high school this year? If so, please contact the parish office to be added to our list of graduates to be recognized at Mass. The date of recognition has not been determined yet.

How You Can Help

The church and school collect different items to help local organizations and the environment.

In addition to the monthly supplies for "Our Neighbor," we collect the tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House. However, Ronald McDonald House will no longer accept used ink cartridges, so we can not take them.

We also collect towels and blankets for animal shelters and rescues and vet offices. Items need to be clean and in decent shape. We don't want to give them things they cannot use.

We will also collect aluminum cans. Please remove the tab and rinse and drain the cans before bringing them to us. The money from the recycled cans will be given to the school. All items can be taken to the parish office or left in the tote at the back door.

St. Patrick Church of Weston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for St. Patrick Catholic School, pre-school through eighth grades.

- The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school.
- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.
- The candidate will have a minimum of five years of successful educational experience with preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Rev. Father Douglas A. Ondeck, dondeck@dwc.org. or mailed to 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV by May 14, 2021.

School News

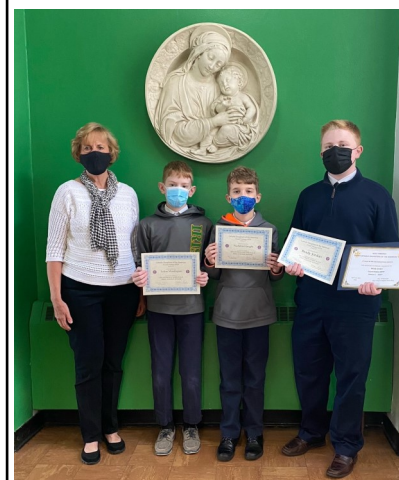
National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. As a Catholic school, we pray many times throughout our day, every day. So to recognize this day the students made a prayer chain that the kindergarten class carried outside and prayed before the Blessed Mother. Father Ondeck joined the class and led the prayers. Remember, prayer is not something that should be set apart as a special occasion but should be a part of your life every day, from when you wake in the morning until when you go to sleep at night.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Education Contest Winners

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas sponsor an annual education contest that is open to all public and private schools. Kathy Boyle presented awards for the 2021 National Education Contest. The students in grades 6 and 7 had to write an essay on the topic of "showing love to one another." The third-place winner was Lukas Moodispaw. The second-place winner was Nicholas Haught. The first-place winner was Brady Jordan. Brady won at the local level and then his essay was sent to the state level, where he also won first place! Brady's essay has now moved on to the national level. Congratulations Lukas, Nicholas, and Brady!



Teacher Appreciation Week

To say we are blessed is an understatement. The staff of St. Patrick School would like to send a heartfelt thank you to every parent, student, and business who contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week. We'd especially like to thank our HSA for organizing meals for the staff every day this week, and for the parent volunteers who helped deliver and set up the food. We'd also like to thank all the parents who made desserts for the staff. Lastly, thank you to our school families who purchased items for our classrooms, sent cards, and gifts, or sent flowers to our staff members.

We couldn't succeed without you. Thank you and God bless!

