

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## The Ascension of the Lord

**T**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. Today's feast—the 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 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 must accept the 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 not 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.



*The Ascension, 1721 by Jean Francois de Troy  
(1679-1752)*

## Corpus Christi Procession

On Sunday June 6, we celebrate the most holy Body and Blood of Christ. Fr. Ondeck will lead us in a Eucharistic Procession after Mass. Bishop Brennan has asked all pastors to hold a procession as a way for Catholics to bear witness to all, our belief of the **true presence** of or Lord in the Eucharist.

The procession will begin in the church, process around the block, and finish in the church with benediction.

## Parish Picnic

June 6

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lewis County Park, big pavilion

Our parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at the Lewis County Park large pavilion. Meat, drinks and paper goods are being provided.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy some fun and recreation with your parish community.

We will have games and activities for the whole family!

To volunteer to help with the picnic, please call Jesse Cunningham at 330-933-0401.

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Pastor:

**Rev. Douglas A. Ondeck**  
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## Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary  
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## Parish Office Hours:

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

## Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688

## Mass Schedule

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

## 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!)*

## 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.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

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

## St. Patrick Catholic School

*Pre-School – 8th Grade*  
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For last rites and anointing of the sick,  
please call 304-691-0537 to speak to Fr.  
Ondeck.

## 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.

## Prayer List

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

- **Those who are sick:** 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, Dale Snyder, Mary Taylor, Helen Tomaro, Philip Woodruff
- **Those who have died:** 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	\$928
Sunday (10:30):	115	\$971
Sunday (Latin):	45	\$471
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$600
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2970</b>

School	\$255
Votive Candles	\$50
Loan	\$316
Organ	\$45
Restoration loan balance::	\$74646.43

## Second and Special Collections

- May 25: Peter's Pence

## 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 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

### **Monday, May 17, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Garry Lynne Shearer by John and Lesley White

### **Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Mass for †Nancy Blake by Tom Blake

### **Friday, May 21, 2021**

- 10:15 a.m. Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Deborah Garton

### **Saturday, May 22, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

### **Sunday, May 23, 2021, PENTECOST SUNDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mike Rafferty by Sue and James Rafferty
- 2:30 p.m. Confessions
- 3:00 p.m. **(Latin Mass) Pentecost Sunday**  
Mass for †Robbie Dodson by the Mick Family

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.**

## **Latin Mass**

Latin Mass will be on hiatus beginning June 1. We have arranged coverage with Fr. Brian Crenwelge and Fr. Timothy Grassi through the last Sunday of May. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Fr. Crenwelge celebrates a traditional Latin Mass every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Updates concerning Latin Mass will be shared in future bulletins and on our website and Facebook page.

## **Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, May 22,**

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., cafeteria

## **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. Sponsors need to attend.**

If you have not made contact with the Confirmation instructors, please call Melissa Jordan at 304-517-8619.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, May 23**

- Wear red for Pentecost

### **Sunday, May 30**

- Graduate Recognition at Mass

### **Tuesday, June 1**

- 6:00 p.m., Confirmation practice

### **Wednesday, June 2**

- 6:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass

### **Friday, June 4**

- 10:15 a.m., Final School Mass
- School picnic

### **Sunday, June 6**

- Corpus Christi Procession, after Mass
- Parish picnic, Lewis County Park, 2-5 p.m., big pavilion

## Our Neighbor Collection

### **May**

- Dental Care

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

## **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 on **Sunday, May 30.**

## **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.





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**\$300 January - December (\$25 a month)**

**\$600 January - December (\$50 a month)**

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**\$1200 January - December (\$125 a month)**

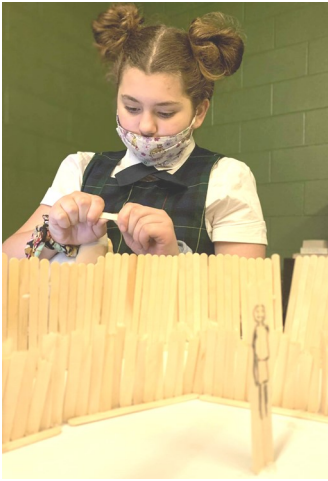
To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston 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.



## School News

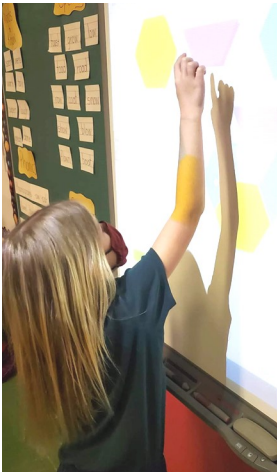
### Secondary Students learn about the Roman Empire!

Our secondary students have been learning about the Roman Empire in their religion and Latin classes. Last week, they researched the history and construction of the coliseum. While writing their research papers, the students also made architectural blueprints and designed their own version of the coliseum using only hot glue and popsicle sticks. Great work, secondary!



### Math + Technology makes learning Fun!

Our students have been busy using different types of technology to practice math lately. Here you can see 1st grade using their classroom Smart-Board, and pre-k using their class iPads.



### Kindergarten Butterfly Project

Our kindergarten class has been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and creating science posters along the way. For the last three weeks they have monitored fourteen tiny caterpillars as they grew. At the end of that stage, the students then watched as the caterpillars made their chrysalises. The students were then able to witness the final stage as twelve butterflies finally emerged. The students, Mrs. Clevenger, Mrs. Beth, and Father Ondeck released the butterflies among the flowers in Father's backyard. The students were joyous as they watched the butterflies enjoy spreading their wings in the sunshine.



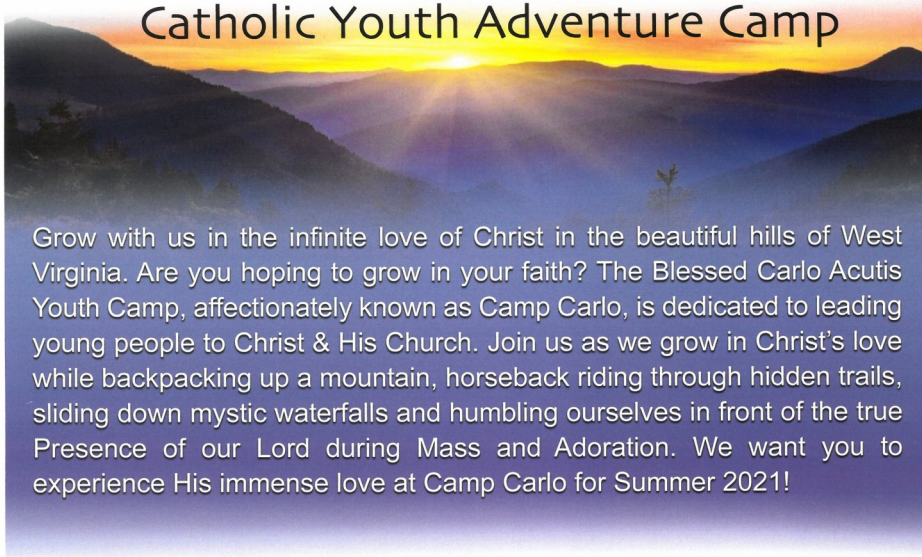




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**JULY 4, 2021 - JULY 10, 2021**

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**JULY 11, 2021 - JULY 17, 2021**

Rising Freshman to Seniors in High School

**JULY 18, 2021 - JULY 24, 2021**

A "Catch All Week" from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Take Advantage of the \$275 early bird rate by clicking on the Camp Carlo registration button on the [dwc.org](http://dwc.org) home page.**

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May 16, 2021



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