St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

fter Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . . Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.



"Pentecost" by Fray Juan Bautista Maíno (1615 - 1620)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,

by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Prayer Chain: Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688

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.

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., Immediately following benediction at 5:45 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.

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

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:
 61
 \$685

 Sunday (10:30):
 142
 \$910

 Sunday (Latin):
 50
 \$215

 Mail and Lockbox Donations:
 \$175

 Total

School	\$50
Votive Candles	\$27
Loan	\$110
Organ	\$241
Ascension	\$171
Restoration loan bala	nce:: \$74646.43
Second and S	pecial Collection

May 23: 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, <u>the children MUST attend weekend Mass</u>. 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 22, 2021

Sunday,	May 23,	202	1,]	PENTECOST SUNDAY
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10.00 a.m.	Concessions
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 <i>†</i> Robbie Dodson by the Mick Family

Monday, May 24, 2021

Mass for †Lynn Hammond and Alyvia Hammond by family 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (Mass will begin as son as benediction is over.) 5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass for †James Blake and Bob Bess by the Blake family

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mass for †Mary and Aubrey Linger by family 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, May 29, 2021

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

Sunday, May 30, 2021, TRINITY SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.	Confessions
10:30 a.m.	Mass for †All Who Died in Service to the United States
2:30 p.m.	Confessions
3:00 p.m.	(Latin Mass) Trinity Sunday
1	Mass for †Xavier Cooney, S. V. D.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Shane Rowan, May 23 - June 5, 2021.

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

We have arranged coverage with Fr. Brian Crenwelge though the last Sunday of May. After that it Mass will be on hiatus. 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

8:15 a.m., Final School Mass followed by the 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. You must contact the parish office to be include in this recognition!

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!

We need to borrow a few large coolers to put the bottled drinks in. To lend us a cooler, volunteer, or ask us what we need, please call Jesse Cunningham at 330-933-0401.



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

Water Balloon Battle

The end of the school year is always fun. This week was no exception. The pre-school and pre-kinder students took on Miss Destiny, Miss Tonya, Miss Sadie, and Fr. Ondeck in a water balloon battle. When asked at the end who had won the battle, all hands went up, of the kids and the adults. As you see from the pictures, everyone had a fantastic time! The last day of school for these classes is May 27 for the two day pre-school program and May 28 for everyone else.









More School News

2021 Senior Walk Through



Some 2021 Lewis County High School seniors that previously attended St. Patrick School, came by on Friday, May 21. Not all of our alumni were able to make it as they got to Notre Dame and had graduation practice at the same time.

Taking a Break from Schoolwork



Fr. Ondeck stopped by Mrs. White's classroom to say hello and gave the kids a quick break from their lessons. Mrs. White's classes have been working hard to get all their assignments finished before the end-of-year picnic on Friday, June 4.



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, <u>dondeck@dwc.org</u> or mailed to 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV by June 18, 2021.