

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Catechesis with Joe Derico

When Fr. Ondeck and I first discussed my writing a piece of catechesis for the bulletin, I knew immediately what I wanted to write about. Sin is an unpleasant thing to think about. I would be lying if I said that I enjoyed any discussion surrounding it, but it is one of those uncomfortable conversations that we must have in life. Yet, through 8 years of Catholic education classes on first penance and communion and two years of confirmation classes, nobody was willing to have such a conversation with me. When I was a freshman in high school, I began attending meetings with the Dead Theologians Society (DTS) chapter in our parish. It took two weeks of DTS meetings for me to learn just how much I had missed. I felt robbed. Robbed of the truth, robbed of fundamental Church teaching, and ultimately robbed of an opportunity for salvation.

I thought I had been doing all that the church expected of me, all that she expected of any of her followers, but I had been misled, maybe not intentionally, but that didn't help the poignant sting of the pain, anger and frustration. I wanted nothing in life more than to please God, yet, what I thought was pleasing to Him, was, in the eyes of the Church, disappointing. Believe me, there are few feelings more frustrating than the one I felt, and that gave me even more motivation to write this piece for the bulletin. We all need a referendum on sin.

So, let me begin first with what I had been robbed of. If my education regarding sin fell short, could others be suffering in similar dire straits? First, the Church holds as one of her precepts, every Catholic should attend the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Even still, every priest I have ever met suggests, at least, monthly confession. Secondly, there are two different grades of sin: mortal and venial. Mortal sins have three conditions which must be met, while venial sins are all our other transgressions, which for some reason or other do not meet any one of those three conditions. Thirdly, if you have mortal sins on your conscience, then you should not receive holy communion, and doing so in a state of sin constitutes, yet another sin. Lastly, avoiding sacramental confession by saying that we confess our sins directly to God isn't allowed by church teaching.

Confession, while certainly a daunting task, is a necessary one, and I've provided a few steps below to aid in that endeavor.

1. Complete an examination of conscience. There are pamphlets in the back of the church, and there are numerous resources online. I suggest the examination of conscience provided in the back of the church. Examining one's conscience is fundamental to making a good confession. If we don't review a comprehensive list of sins, how can we be sure we haven't sinned?

2. Go to confession. Yes, it is daunting, but without availing ourselves of this sacrament, how can we be expected receive holy communion? There is a formula for confession posted in the confessional and act of contrition cards provided, so lack of knowledge may not be an excuse for missing confession.
3. Do your penance. It seems straightforward, but failing to perform the penance given in the confessional constitutes another mortal sin and nullifies the absolution given in the sacrament.
4. Make reparations if necessary. For example, if you have stolen something, return the item or money of an equal amount. This way, you have relieved both the temporal harm from the sin and the harm done to your relationship with God.
5. Receive the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is the source and summit of Christian life and receiving its graces will only serve to make confession easier. Trust me here. I used to dread going to confession, and still occasionally do, but I love God more than I love sin, and I fear hell more than I fear confession. This takes time, and it certainly won't happen overnight, but it is the most worthwhile change you can make to your life. That I can promise you.

So, why should you go to confession? If you've been avoiding confession this way for years, and have yet to see any negative effects, why should you change? Well, a few reasons support my argument. Firstly, the church commands you to do so. If that isn't enough, St. James commands you to in his epistle, James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful." The priest in the sacrament of confession is the person to whom you can confide. If you must tell someone your sins, you might as well tell someone who is bound to keep it a secret. Secondly, unless you want to go to hell, you must. It isn't related to how you feel about the sacrament in any manner, instead, it is related to the way that God feels, and his church has made it abundantly clear that it is a requisite for salvation.

Let's discuss mortal and venial sins, Mortal sins must be 1) grave matter, 2) The sinner must have full knowledge of the gravity of the sin, and 3) it must be committed with the full consent of the sinner's will. Any sin which does not fulfill one of these requisites constitutes a venial sin. While mortal sin is the worst grade of sin, venial sin is still sin and, as such, those who approach the altar to receive the blessed sacrament, should be aware of all the sins which they have committed. If you have any questions about this piece of writing, please don't hesitate to talk to me, or if the matter is grave, talk to Fr. Ondeck. We will both be happy to answer any of your questions or concerns about this teaching.

Reverence for the Eucharist

Many Catholics attending Mass today receive Our Lord in the Eucharist and do not even think about what they are doing. Statistics (pewresearch.org) show that only about 1/3 of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and a good majority of Catholics do not agree with some of Holy Mother Church's teaching. Heresy!

Please respect Our Lord in the Eucharist. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray before and AFTER receiving Him. By consuming Our Lord, you are publicly saying that you agree with everything that the Catholic Church teaches. If you do not agree with all of the Church's teachings, even if you disagree with only one teaching, you should not receive Holy Communion.

Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Communion?

The guidelines for receiving Communion, issued by the U.S. bishops and published in many missalettes, explain, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Communion.

Scripture is clear that partaking of the Eucharist is among the highest signs of Christian unity: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). For this reason, it is impossible for non-Catholic Christians to receive Holy Communion. Another reason that non-Catholics may not receive Communion is for their own protection since they reject the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Scripture warns that it is very dangerous for one not believing in the Real Presence to receive Communion: "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself" (1 Cor. 11:29).

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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 Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Mon., 8:15 a.m.
Wed., Immediately following
benediction at 5:45 p.m.
Fri., 8:15 a.m.
**(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.
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.

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:** Nick Bakas, Junior Brumley, Jean Scott Chase, Rose Determan, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Courtney Heimberger, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Laaw, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Louise Mehr, Lucy Messenger, Shirley Murchland, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Susan Murray, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Janet Rinehart, Sheila Sayre, Jim Shaver, Dale Snyder, Mary Taylor, Scott Walker
- **Those who have died:** May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Veterans Military Personnel:**
- **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- **Former priests and religious of and from our parish**
- **Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**
- **All diagnosed with Covid 19**
- **All police officers, fire fighters, and first responders**

Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	85	\$1375
Sunday (10:30):	171	\$873
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$300
Total		\$2548

School	\$80
Votive Candles	\$80
Loan	\$175
Organ	\$35

Restoration loan balance:: \$73276.48

Second and Special Collections

- July 17 & 18, Catholic Communications

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, July 17, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Joseph Moore by Margaret Blake

Sunday, July 18, 2021, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

Monday, July 19, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Deborah Garton

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 (Mass will begin as soon as benediction is over.)

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:50 p.m. Mass for †Tom Fealy by Mary Conley and Jim Lutey

Friday, July 23, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Marge Starr

Saturday, July 24, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Rev. James J. Murphy

Sunday, July 25, 2021, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Ed Hubbs.

Latin Mass

Latin Mass is on hiatus. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Fr. Brian 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, July 19 & 26, 5:30**
SoulCore, Cafeteria
- **Saturday, August 7**
Golf tournament, Deerfield Country Club
- **Saturday, August 14, and Sunday August 15**
Gifts from the Holy Land

Our Neighbor Collection

July

- Deodorant, and feminine hygiene products

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

Eucharist Adoration

We are contemplating adjusting the times of our Wednesday Adoration. Beginning with the start of school, we want to begin exposition at noon and have adoration throughout the afternoon so the older classes in the school can stop over and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. This allows the students a chance to learn more about the Catholic faith and hopefully grow in their relationship with Jesus.

We need the help of our parishioners to assist with this endeavor. We are asking for a minimum of two volunteers per hour to be there so the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. This will be every Wednesday unless we aren't having Mass.

Fr. Ondeck will hear confession from 5—5:40 p.m., benediction will be at 5:45 with Mass immediately following benediction.

Please sign up on the paper in the church vestibule, by calling the parish office or by filling out the info below and return it to the church office so that we can move forward in this venture.

Time	Name	Phone and/or email
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.		
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.		
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.		
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.		
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.		
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.		



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- December
(\$25 a month)**

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(\$50 a month)**

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(\$75 a month)**

**\$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

Traveling T-Shirt Sightings

Our school t-shirts are traveling the world! Remember to send your traveling t-shirt pictures to Lindsey Clevenger at lclevenger@saintpatricks.scho



Our St. Patrick School T-shirt was sighted at the first annual Bigfoot Festival in Sutton, West Virginia. So happy to see our parents getting in on the traveling t-shirt fun!

Our students sure are on the move this summer! We had one student travel all the way to Kediri in Indonesia as soon as school let out. Looks like he's having a great summer!

Our shirt is on the move with these sisters! Recently these students traveled to Hilton Head Island and took their shirts on a few adventures.

Golf Tournament Sponsors Needed

Sponsors are needed for the 18th Annual St. Patrick School Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 7 at Deerfield Country Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The tournament begins at 9 with a shotgun start. Sponsorship forms are in the church vestibule. Please return the forms to Kathy Boyle, or for more info, contact her at 304-844-7987.

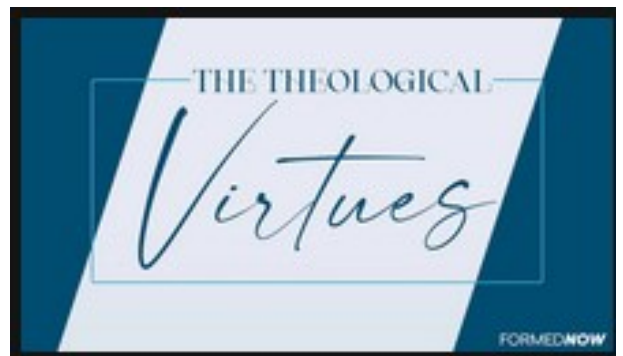


Adopt a Classroom

After consultation with Regina Frazier and a heating and cooling professional, we have learned that only two or three classrooms and the cafeteria need updated air conditioners. The window air conditioning units for 25,000 BTUs can run as high as \$835. For the cafeteria, we are determining if a mini-split unit in the cafeteria that would offer both heat and air conditioning would be more beneficial for a room that size. There are other supplies for beautification and enhancement projects that we need to undertake, such as replacing ceiling tiles and blinds and evaluating the lighting in the classrooms. Please let us know if you would like to adopt a classroom or make a donation to assist with these projects.

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SoulCore

SoulCore is held at St. Pats on Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Wear comfortable clothes and join us for light exercise and stretching while we pray the rosary together.

Former pastor, Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney makes a surprise visit to Lewis County.

We experience Christmas in July when Fr. Jeremiah McSweeney surprised all of us by showing up at Mass on Sunday, July 4. He celebrated all Masses with Fr. Ondeck throughout the entire week and it was wonderful to hear his beautiful Irish brogue coming from the sanctuary once again. He greeted old friends and met new friends, after Mass on Sunday, July 4, and Sunday, July 11.

