

St. Patrick Catholic Church

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the First Book of Kings 19:4-8 and gives us the story from the life of the prophet Elijah in which it is narrated that an angel fed him miraculously.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:30, 5:2 in which he urges his converts to live in peace, harmony and love with one another.

The Gospel is from St. John 6:41-51. The main point of doctrine in this part of our Lord's discourse, as given by St. John, is the necessity for belief in Christ who has come down from heaven. It is only in the last verse of today's text that Christ explicitly states that he is about to give his own very body as their spiritual food to those who believe in him. The description of himself as "bread from heaven" and the vital difference between the effect of this bread and the manna given to their fathers in the desert, are a definite preparation for the announcement of the doctrine of the Eucharist.

However, before they could even think of accepting this teaching on the Eucharist they had first to accept Christ as divine, as the Son of God. This was not easy for Jews, for whom strict monotheism was the center of their faith. To admit that Christ was God would at first sight seem like admitting two gods. Secondly, even though Christ had worked extraordinary miracles, to all appearances he was still a mere man—and the prophets of old had worked miracles. True, Christ was evidently claiming to be more than a prophet; he claimed that he alone had seen the Father, that he had come from the Father. This claim of equality with the Father would be sheer blasphemy if it were not true; could God give the power of miracles to such a great sinner?

Perhaps some of them argued along these lines and accepted his claim later on. Others

remained stiff-necked and stubborn and could see nothing in him but a native of Nazareth, a humble Galilean like themselves, but one who had developed strange ideas about who and what he was. These Galileans began a long line of unbelievers which has stretched down through the centuries to our own day. The reasons for the unbelief are the same today as they were in the year 29 A.D. Man is proud of his intelligence; which he did not give to himself. Whatever he cannot grasp within the limited confines of that intellect, he treats as non-existent as far as he is concerned. If a God exists, a doubtful possibility to these great thinkers, we mortals can know nothing about him; he is beyond our ken and we can be of no concern to him.

If there ever was a Jesus of Nazareth, he could be only a mere man who suffered from grave hallucinations! But his miracles? A simple answer: there never were any. His disciples invented these stories later. But these disciples were willing to die for these inventions of theirs! Thousands of Christians were martyred rather than deny the divine claims of Jesus! More hallucination, no doubt! Nineteen centuries of Christian history can be shrugged off as easily as that by those who will not believe. If certain statements do not fit in with preconceived ideas then these statements are false; if certain facts do not agree with history, as the unbelievers understand history, then these facts never happened. So man's limited, finite mind remains the sole judge and arbiter of all truth.

We believe in a loving God, and in his divine Son, Jesus Christ, who came on earth to bring us to heaven, and in the Holy Spirit who completes the work of sanctification in us. Surely, we owe this Blessed Trinity a debt of gratitude! We can never fully repay it. Because of our Christian faith which has come to us from Jesus, we know where we came from, we know whither we are going and we know how to reach that destination.



Of all the knowledge a human being can acquire on this earth, the above facts are the most essential and important. Any other knowledge is of temporary value. The knowledge our Christian faith gives us concerns eternity and our journey toward it.

Today, we must thank God from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the Christian faith. This faith means that "God out of the abundance of his love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them so that he may invite and take them into fellowship with himself," as Vatican II puts it. He did not put us on earth and leave us on our own with nowhere to go except to the grave. He sent his beloved Son on earth. He made us heirs to heaven and left to us, in his Church, all the instruction and aids we need to reach our inheritance. The unbelievers and free-thinkers may feel that they are free to do what they will here on earth, but we know that we have been given the freedom of the children of God for all eternity, if only we live according to the faith given us.

--Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Marian Procession and Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Plants

On August 15th we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To celebrate the occasion, the parish has organized a Marian Procession immediately after Mass on Sunday. The procession will include representation from the Knights of Columbus, The Catholic Daughters, and the first communicants from the past two years. Please try to attend mass on Sunday morning so that you can participate in this extraordinary event in parish life. Please bring flowers, plants, and herbs (in vases or pots, so that they can be blessed on the side altar dedicated to the Blessed Virgin before mass begins. A server will be standing by the side altar placing objects before mass.

The Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Plants

This custom, received into the *Rituale Romanum*, represents a clear example of the genuine evangelization of pre-Christian rites and beliefs: one must turn to God, through whose word "the earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds" (Gen 1, 12) in order to obtain what was formerly obtained by magic rites; to stem the damages deriving from poisonous herbs, and benefit from the efficacy of curative herbs." (No. 181)

This blessing comes from Germany, and formulas for it are found as early as the tenth century. The blessing of herbs was reserved only to the feast of the Assumption. Herbs had not our restricted English meaning but included all kinds of cultivated and wild flowers, especially those which in some way had a symbolic relation to our Lady. The people brought herbs to church on her feast not only to secure for themselves another blessed object, but also to make of the occasion a harvest festival of thanksgiving to God for His great bounty manifested in the abundant fruits of the earth. The herbs were placed on the altar, and even beneath the altar-cloths, so that from this close contact with the Eucharist they might receive a special consecration, over and above the ordinary sacramental blessing of the Church.

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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.

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—5:40 p.m.
Friday, Immediately following Mass
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! We must
not be held back by debts, bad
years or by difficulties of the
times. Man's adversity is God's
opportunity."***

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, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Sheila Folio, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Mary Jo Hull, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Law, Julia Marsh, Philomena Martin, Louise Mehr, Ed and Mary Ann Murray, Sarah Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Sheila Sayre, Dale Snyder, Mary Taylor, Scott Walker
- **Those who have died:** Lucy Messenger, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Veterans, and 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 police officers, health care workers, first responders, and mail carriers**
- **All struggling with infertility.**

Attendance & Collections

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| Saturday: | 95 | \$1358 |
| Sunday (10:30): | 145 | \$6169 |
| Sunday (Latin): | N/A | \$0 |
| Mail and Lockbox Donations: | | \$320 |
| Total | | \$7848 |

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| School | \$845 |
| Votive Candles | \$35 |
| Loan | \$315 |
| Organ | \$30 |

Restoration loan balance:: \$72586.31

Second and Special Collections

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, August 7, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Charles and Dorothy Dunham

Sunday, August 8, 2021, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 9, 2021

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

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 (Mass will begin as soon as benediction is over.)

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:50 p.m. Mass for †Opal Sims by the Blake family

Friday, August 13, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Members of the Whelan and Garton Families
8:45 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, August 14, 2021

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

Sunday, August 15, 2021, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass for Don West by Sheila West

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning August 1 - 14, in memory of Charles and Opal Garton.

If you would like to sponsor the sanctuary lamp, all two week periods beginning August 15 are available. Don't hesitate to get your request in. This is the time of year when things it fill up fast.

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.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child



"It takes a village to raise a child" is an African proverb that means an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to grow in a safe and healthy environment.

We need all of you to be our village by assisting us in our expansion of Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday. We want to start Adoration at noon beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will continue throughout the afternoon and into the evening, ending with benediction at 5:45 and Mass immediately after.

Please, please, please, sign up to sit with the sacrament for one hour each Wednesday so that our school children have the opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament so they can grow in their relationship with Jesus and learn more about the Catholic faith.

Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at formed.org.

- Go to formed.org/signup
- Enter Weston's zip code—26452
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, August 9**
5:30 p.m., SoulCore, Cafeteria
- **Saturday, August 7**
Golf tournament, Deerfield Country Club
- **Monday, August 23**
—No SoulCore
—5:00 p.m., Mass followed by the School's Open House
- **Tuesday, August 31**
First T-shirt Tuesday of the school year
- **Thursday, September 2**
Thursday Mass at 8:15 resumes

Our Neighbor Collection

August

- Shampoo & Conditioner

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

Another Opportunity to go to Confession

"truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 18:18

Fr. Ondeck has added an additional opportunity for Catholics to go to confession. He is now hearing confessions after Mass on Friday morning. If Mass is canceled, confession is canceled for that day.

Gifts from the Holy Land, December 4 & 5

We have reschedule the Gifts from the Holy Land visit for December 4th and 5th. This will allow us to do a lot of our Christmas shopping with them.

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.

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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

Welcome to St. Patrick School, Mrs. Walsh



Hello, I am Kayla Walsh, your new fifth and sixth-grade teacher at St. Pat's and I am SO excited to be here! I have an Environmental Science degree with a focus on informal education from Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland where I grew up. After marrying my husband Rick at Sacred Heart Parish in 2012, we decided to pack up our two dogs, Ike and Raven, and our turtle Tortuga and move home to the hills of West Virginia to start a family. God blessed us with a smart, loveable little boy and a firecracker of a girl, Ricky, and Pearl. Currently, I am completing my Master of Arts in Teaching degree through Marshall University. When I am not hitting the books, I love spending time with my family, taking the kiddos to their sports activities, volunteering in one of my many community groups, and exploring new places. I have a passion for traveling, the natural environment, science, plants, animals, and all the creepy crawlies in between. I look forward to sparking a love of learning in each one of my students and being a part of a strong Catholic community again.

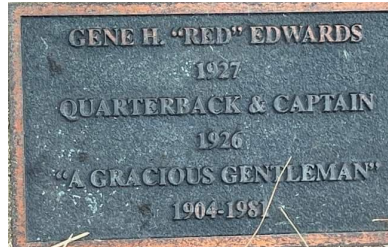
Kayla and Rick Walsh,
Georgia Pearl, and Ricky

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.school

T-shirt Tuesday Order Forms

Anyone wanting to show their support for St. Patrick School can place an order. The sizes available are youth X-small through adult 3-XL. Order forms are in the church vestibule. Shirts are \$10—\$12 each, depending on the size. Order forms are available in the church vestibule and office.



We are so happy to see our St. Patrick Church family proudly wearing our school t-shirt on vacation this summer. Long-time parishioner Gene Edwards and his wife, Mayor Kim Harrison-Edwards, recently visited the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Gene's dad, Gene H. "Red" Edwards, was a quarterback and captain at Notre Dame. There is a tree planted and a memorial plaque in his honor next to the statue of Knute Rockne, head coach from 1918-1930. The team garnered National Championships in 1924, 1929, and 1930. Gene and Kim also visited the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the University of Notre Dame, which is a reproduction of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Above: Mrs. Smith and our St. Pat's t-shirt recently took a trip to catch some rays before summer ends. She and her family went to Tygart Adventures in Grafton, WV.



Above: Kinley Sedosky, an upcoming first-grader went to Madison, IN, home of the Miss Madison hydroplane. This hydroplane is 31' long with a 2650 horsepower motor and is capable of speeds greater than 200 mph.

Introducing Our New Director of Religion and Faith Formation For St. Patrick Church and School

Mrs. Megan White grew up in Doddridge County, West Virginia where she lived a simple life up a hollow with her mother, father, and two sisters. She now resides in Weston and is a wife and the mother of an unborn child. She loves to read about the saints, crochet, and eat Mexican food. She and her husband, Steven, just celebrated their 3rd anniversary on August 4 and are expecting a baby boy in early December. They live in Weston with their dog Luci, who some of you have met at the parish office, and their cat Cyrus.

She and Steven converted to the faith and were welcomed into the Church in November of 2019. She attributes her conversion to the prayers of the Blessed Mother as well as her scholarship as a Philosophy and Religious Studies major at Davis and Elkins College where she studied biblical Greek, faith and public policy, and wrote a thesis on one of the earliest church documents, The Didache.

Mrs. White considers herself extremely passionate about Catholic education and worked at our school last year as the 4th and 5th-grade teacher. This year, Mrs. White will teach Religion at St. Patrick's to grades 3 through 8. Mrs. White's greatest desire for our parish is to welcome more converts and to rekindle the flame of God's love in Catholics by helping them to better understand the holy faith.

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For information regarding CCD, RCIA, or if you simply have questions regarding the faith please feel welcomed to contact Mrs. White at 304-203-9138 or through email at mwhite@saintpatricks.school.



C.C.D. (CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE)

CCD is a program that prepares children from grades 1-5 to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and holy communion. This program is vital in ensuring that the future generations of our Church understand the teachings of our faith so that they may live in a sacramental relationship with God and uphold the truth for generations to come.

- ♣ Sign up with Megan White in the vestibule of the church after Mass on August 15th and August 22nd.
- ♣ Initial classes will begin Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 A.M. in the school.

***Please note that children who attend St. Patrick's School are not required to enroll in CCD to prepare for the sacraments.**

R.C.I.A (RITE OF CHRISRIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

When my husband and I were dating, we considered converting to the Catholic faith from evangelical Protestantism. We were infatuated by the rich traditions dating back to the time of the apostles, the firm teachings that did not give way to the world, and of course Christ's true presence in the Eucharist. Although, we wondered why anyone would have to go to "classes" in order to join the

Church. After all, didn't Christ come as a free gift to us all-- simply to be accepted into our hearts? We felt as if there were too many hoops to jump through-- we desired a "fast food" version of the faith that satisfied our immediate desires but did not include the entire truth, so at that time we turned from conversion.

After marriage, I was reading a book by David Currie titled Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic. I was really only looking for information on why Christians should forgo the use of contraception in marriage and ended up understanding that and so much more; I realized the Church was the one established by Christ and the keys to Heaven are held by her as Christ gave them to Peter (Matthew 16:19). Hungry for the truth, I looked at my husband and told him that we had to convert. Looking back now, I understand the necessity of RCIA as a program that helps to shake off the misconceptions that we held about the Church, enlightens our conscience to protect us from falling into grave sin, and protects us from spreading heresy about the Church through catechesis. Christ has indeed made himself into a free gift for us; we must come to him through being in communion with the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

- ♣ If you desire to accept this free gift through conversion...
- ♣ If you are already Catholic and want to understand the faith...
 - ♣ If you are protestant and have questions...
 - ♣ If you are atheist/agnostic and are searching...

Join us for RCIA beginning Wednesday, August 25th after Mass in the parish office.