

St. Patrick Catholic Church

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven. — Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of

Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a

dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

--Excerpted from Fr. Clifford Stevens in Catholic Heritage

Adopt A Classroom and Maintenance Updates

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Adopt a Classroom project. We have received \$2,310 to go towards these projects and another \$1,281 promised.

With the success of the Adopt a Classroom project, we wanted to update you on the estimates we have received for some of the maintenance and repair projects needed on the church office building and our campus.

The cost for materials and labor to replace the meeting room floor is \$2360.

The landscaping estimate for the pre-school and the parking lot next to it is \$3,938.55. This includes the replacement, removal and disposal fee of plants and bushes that are not viable and for pruning the Japanese Maple on the side of the building and the burning bush hedge at the parking lot entrance.

Both of these projects will begin the first of the week.

The first estimate we have received for repairing, paving, and striping the parking lots is \$20,000 per lot. We are waiting on an estimate from another company.

On Bishop Brennan's recent visit to our church, he and Fr. Odeck viewed and discussed the maintenance issues we are facing. Fr. Odeck has since sent a letter to Bishop Brennan requesting permission for a maintenance/building fund for our church that would be free of the cathedraic and PHRA diocesan assessments. We have received 650 for maintenance/building repairs since the we shared the needs in the bulletin on July 25. Thank you to those who have contributed so far.

We will include a monthly maintenance/building fund envelope in the envelope packets to make it easier for you to donate. We will also add a maintenance/building option for all of you who give electronically.

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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. Odeck.

Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Lamp

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. If you would like to memorialize the sanctuary lamp in honor/memory of someone for a two-week period, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$20.

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:** Mary Ann Murray, Tim Collins, 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**

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.

Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	92	\$1354 (28 envelope/check donors, 204 in loose cash)
Sunday (10:30):	185	\$911 (19 envelope/check donors 19, 260 in loose cash)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$525 total donors 5
Total		\$2790
School	\$270	
Votive Candles	\$40	
Loan	\$235	
Organ	\$20	
Restoration loan balance:: \$72586.31		

"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.

Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 16, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. No Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Murray

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. No Adoration or Confession
- 5:50 p.m. No Mass

Friday, August 20, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. No Mass
- 8:45 a.m. No Confessions

Saturday, August 21, 2021

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

Sunday, August 22, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Julie Garton by Seth and Morgan Cobb

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning August 15 - 29, in memory of Paul Derico by Helen Derico and family.

Latin Mass Update

Latin Mass at St. Patrick's is on hiatus. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. However, St. John University Parish in Morgantown has announced that they will add a Traditional Latin Mass to their Sunday Mass schedule beginning September 12 at 1:00 p.m. As another school year quickly approaches, please pray for Fr. Ondeck, that he may have the time he needs to dedicate himself to learning the Traditional Latin Mass in addition to all his other pastoral duties.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, August 16**
5:30 p.m., No SoulCore
6:00 p.m., CDA budget meeting, cafeteria
- **Monday, August 23**
—No SoulCore
—5:00 p.m., Mass followed by the School's Open House
- **Friday, August 27**
6:00 p.m., Mass for St. Monica
- **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.

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 22nd or 29th.**
- ♣ **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.**

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

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

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

**Sign up for RCIA with Megan White in the vestibule after Mass on August 22nd or 29 or you may contact her at
304-203-9138 or through email at mwhite@saintpatricks.school.**

RCIA will begin Wednesday, August 25th with adoration and Mass. After Mass we will meet in the parish office. You are not obligated to convert because you come to RCIA.

 <p>JENNY GARTON Car ~ Home ~ Life ~ Health ~ Business 269-1414 51 Circle Heights Weston, WV 26452 StateFarm Providing Insurance and Financial Services</p>	 <p>JESSE CUNNINGHAM Sales Associate 330-933-0401 Jesse@centralwv.com www.centralwv.com Bryan Groves—Broker P.O. Box 22, Glenville, 26351</p>	<p>TED'S HEATING and COOLING Jane Lew, WV 304-672-1145</p>	 <p>John White, Parishioner 195 US-19S 304-269-2952 304-931-9379 jmgrafix@gmail.com</p>
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<p>St. Patrick Catholic School Pre-School – 8th Grade 224 Center Ave. Weston, WV 26452 304-269-5547 www.stpatswv.org Lindsey Clevenger, Interim Principal Regina Frazier, Secretary</p>	<p>Thyme Bistro Eclectic Menu Innovative Dishes Eat in, Carry Out Available 304-269-7177 Thymbistro@hotmail.com 125 Main Ave. Weston, WV 26452</p>  	<p>\$300 January - December (\$25 a month)</p>	<p>\$900 January - December (\$75 a month)</p> <p>\$1200 January - December (\$125 a month)</p>

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



Above: Our 1st place team: Tyler Karp, Bryson Karp, Ian Lake, and Jordan Lake.



Above: Our closest to the pin winner Jim Mehr, longest drive winner Bryson Karp, and longest putt winner Steve Hall.

Annual Golf Tournament is a Huge Success

The School Advisory Council hosted their annual golf tournament on Saturday, August 7 at Deerfield Country Club. They had a full slate with 18 teams participating in the 18th annual tournament.

The tournament is the only fundraiser sponsored by the advisory council. It is worked by council members and the advancement directors. All proceeds going directly to St. Patrick School. 2021 was the best year yet! This year the fundraiser has cleared over 13,275 with a few more donations expected.

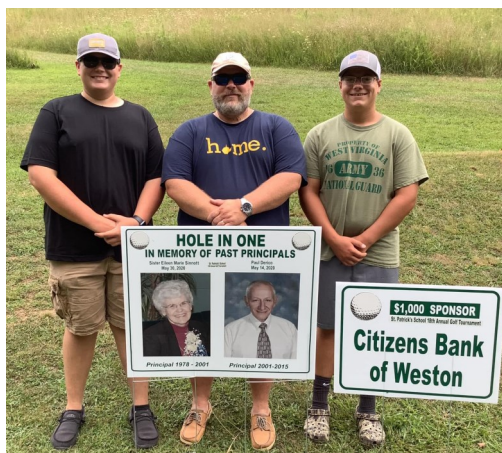
Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this such a huge success. We are very blessed to have such awesome people dedicated to our wonderful school!



Above: These gentlemen all sank a ball in our Putting Challenge in memory of Cathy Snuffer. Instead of having a putt off to determine one winner, they all graciously decided to donate the money back to the school. Pictured are Nate Frazier, Tyler Karp, Rick Frame, Don Markley, and Steve Hall.



Above: These two teams smiled for a picture before taking on the hole in one challenge.



Above: Joe, Tim, and Tom Derico followed in the footsteps their father/grandfather, Paul Derico, by working the Hole in One Challenge at the golf tournament. Paul worked this challenge every year for the tournament. This year, the hole was in memory of Mr. Derico and St. Eileen.



Above: Team Saint Gobain and Team Jillie



Above: St. Patrick School students, Johna and Reese Cunningham, and Grayson and Lucas Clevenger helped out at the golf tournament.



Right: Some of our St. Patrick School alumni played in the golf tournament.



*Saint Augustine and Sainte Monica,
1858 by Ary Scheffer (1795–1858)*

Saint Monica Novena

St. Monica was born into a Christian family in Tagaste, Algeria, across the Mediterranean Sea from Rome, in 332 AD. She married a pagan, a minor Roman government official named Patricius. Christians were few and far between in those days. The marriage was blessed with three children; the oldest and most famous was Augustine. Patricius was not a model husband yet Monica prayed ceaselessly for his conversion. Her sweet piety, patience, and persistence paid off. One day, Patricius accepted baptism but he died a year after.

Her son Augustine was a constant concern for Monica. Brilliant and likable, Augustine followed the example of his father. He refused to accept baptism and lived a passionate life with his mistress. For years Monica prayed, fasted, and cried silently for Augustine.

God was listening. He heard and finally answered these prayers of this faithful mother. Augustine, abandoning his sinful ways, accepted baptism from St. Ambrose of Milan, on Easter Sunday, 387 AD. Augustine's mother, St. Monica, died shortly after at the age of 55, secure in the knowledge that her son had heard God's call and her work on earth was finished.

In addition to lapsed Catholics, St. Monica is the patroness of troubled parents, battered wives, despondent mothers, widows, and alcoholics. Her feast is celebrated on August 27.

St. Monica Mass

The novena for asking St. Monica's intercession for non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholic family members and friends, and all who are not baptized from August 18 through 26.

Please fill out a petition card and place one of the three baskets placed throughout the church. We will then pray for those names at Mass on Friday, August 27 at 6.

Praying the Novena: State the day's intention and then pray the Novena Prayers.

Day One (August 18)

Today we pray for all God's people currently absent from our Home. May the Holy Spirit open their ears and hearts so they may hear this invitation to come home. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Two (August 19)

Today we pray for those who were baptized Catholic, but were not blessed with families to guide them to spiritual maturity. May the Holy Spirit guide them back to our Catholic family. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Three (August 20)

Today we pray for those who have been hurt by someone in the Church. May those of us in the Church today be a source of healing. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Four (August 21)

Today we pray for those who take issue with the Church's teachings. May the Holy Spirit open their hearts and minds to the truth and wisdom of those teachings. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Five (August 22)

Today we pray for those whose sins make them feel unworthy to come to God. May they feel the warm embrace of Our Father's loving forgiveness. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Six (August 23)

Today we pray for all those who believe in their hearts but are fearful of judgment or institutions. May they find the support and joy of belonging to our Church community. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Seven (August 24)

Today we pray for those who are resisting Your call due to pressures from friends and family members. May the Holy Spirit give them strength in their convictions and may the Holy Spirit fill the hearts of their friends and family with love and support. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Eight (August 25)

Today we pray for those who feel abandoned by God. May they come to see God working in their lives, restore their faith in Him, and come home to His church. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Day Nine August (August 26)

Today we pray for those who are ready to come home and just need to be invited. May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and eyes to them that we may be the inviting and welcoming presence they seek. (Pray Novena Prayers)

Novena Prayers

Exemplary mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son...not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach us to remain close to all God's children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (names of those you are praying for) and grant me the grace to accept His will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Pray Hail Mary 3 times
Pray Glory Be 3 times
St. Monica, pray for us