

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he first reading is taken from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18 and concerns the general assembly of the tribes called by Joshua.

The second reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:21-32. In today's reading St. Paul sets up Christ's self-sacrifice for the Church as the model which all the members of the family should emulate in their mutual relations.

The Gospel is from St. John 6:60-69. As we heard last Sunday, St. John was writing about the promise of the Blessed Eucharist at a time when Christians accepted the Mass and Holy Communion as the essential act of Christian worship. Very probably he omitted many details when describing this promise. The "disciples" who murmured evidently saw nothing but a man in Christ. It was very natural, therefore, that they could not accept his saying that they should eat his body and drink his blood. Thus it seems most probable that when Christ says they lacked "faith," he had given them sufficient proofs that he was more than a man. These individuals among the disciples, however, refused to open their minds to these proofs; therein was their guilt. Their minds were earth-bound and were determined to remain earth-bound. Faith is a gift of the Father, as Christ says to those disciples: "no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father," but the Father has offered them this gift and they have refused to accept it; otherwise they would not be guilty.

No one who accepts Christ for what he is, the Son of God in human form, has any difficulty in believing that he left us himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament. This does not mean that we understand this gift of Christ in all its details—it was an act of divine power and as such beyond full human comprehension. However, we can understand enough about the actuality of the Eucharist because we accept the words of Christ, who "has the words of eternal life," even though its innermost nature escapes us. We are doing no violence to our intelligence when we accept as fact from a trustworthy witness what we cannot prove or confirm for ourselves. No more trustworthy witness than Christ ever existed. In Galilee he promised to give his body and blood in the Eucharist—to be our spiritual nourishment — communion — and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time his



*Disputation of the Sacrament by Raphael, 1509-1510*

body and blood are made present by the words of his ordained minister. He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when he said: "Do this in memory of me."

When Simon Peter answered Christ's challenge—"will you too go away?"—he spoke not only for his fellow-Apostles that day with: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." but for all Christians who really believe that Christ was the incarnate Son of God. Peter, be it noted, made his act of faith before he was fully convinced of the divinity of Christ, but he was already convinced that Christ was close to God and spoke nothing but the truth.

We have the proofs of Christ's divinity which Peter and the Apostles later got. We have also the faith of two thousand years of the Christians whose belief in the Blessed Eucharist as a sacrifice and sacrament was at the very center of their Christian lives. We have also the noble example of many martyrs who gladly gave their lives in defense of this truth. Our faith may never be put to such an extreme test, but should it be, God grant that we will not be found wanting.

Many of us may need to examine ourselves as regards the full and effective use we make of that gift. Every time we attend at Mass do we realize that Christ is offering himself to his Father for our sanctification and the sanctification of the world? Do we realize that we, through his minister at the altar, are offering infinite thanksgiving, infinite atonement, infinite

adoration, infinitely effective petition, to our Father in heaven through the sacrifice of his divine Son in the Mass? Are we always worthy to act this part, are our consciences fit to allow us to partake of this sacrifice in Holy Communion? A true Christian who realizes and appreciates what the Son of God has done and is still doing for him will try always to make himself less unworthy, for not even the greatest saint was worthy to partake of this act of divine love.

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

### St. Patrick School Kick-off Mass and Open House

On Monday, August 23 we will have Mass at 5:00 p.m. followed by our school's Open House. We will not have an 8:15 Mass on Monday.

### St. Monica Mass

On Friday, August 27 we will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. to pray for all Catholics who are away from the church and for conversion of our family members and friends. We will have our 8:15 Mass with the school students on this day.

## St. Patrick Catholic Church

210 Center Avenue  
Weston, West Virginia 26452  
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304-269-3048, 304-269-1244 (fax)

### Pastor:

**Rev. Douglas A. Ondeck**  
ondeck.douglas@gmail.com  
304-269-3048

### Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary  
secretary@spchurchweston.net

### 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.

### St. Patrick Catholic School

*Pre-School – 8th Grade*  
224 Center Ave.  
Weston, WV 26452  
www.stpatswv.org  
304-269-5547

Lindsey Clevenger, Interim Principal  
lclevenger@saintpatricks.school

Regina Frazier, Secretary  
RFrazier@saintpatricks.school

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

## 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, 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 Murray, Sarah Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Sheila Sayre, Dale Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor, Scott Walker
- **Those who have died:** Margaret Ann Adams, Bill Summers Grove, 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:	72	\$714 (16 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):	173	\$860 (20 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$275 ( 3 donors)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1849</b>

School	\$150
Assumption	\$310
Votive Candles	\$56
Loan	\$70
Organ	\$70

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 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

### Monday, August 23, 2021

8:15 a.m. No Mass  
5:00 p.m. Mass for Faculty, Staff, and Students of St. Patrick School

### Wednesday, August 25, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confession  
5:50 p.m. Mass for †Marie McIsaac by the Blake family

### Friday, August 27, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †J. Francis Lydon by family  
8:45 a.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Mass for all who are away from the Church

### Saturday, August 28, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Paul Derico by family

### Sunday, August 29, 2021,

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

**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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, August 23**  
—No SoulCore  
—5:00 p.m., Mass followed by the School's Open House
- **Tuesday, August 24**  
First day of school. Pre-K - 8th
- **Thursday, August 26**  
First day of school for pre-S
- **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.**

## Another Opportunity to go to Confession

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.

 <p><b>JENNY GARTON</b> Car ~ Home ~ Life ~ Health ~ Business 269-1414 51 Circle Heights Weston, WV 26452 <b>StateFarm</b> Providing Insurance and Financial Services</p>	 <p><b>JESSE CUNNINGHAM</b> Sales Associate 330-933-0401 Jesse@centralwv.com www.centralwv.com Bryan Groves—Broker P.O. Box 22, Glenville, 26351</p>	<p><b>TED'S HEATING and COOLING</b> Jane Lew, WV <b>304-672-1145</b></p>	 <p><b>John White, Parishioner</b> 195 US-19S 304-269-2952 304-931-9379 jmgrafix@gmail.com</p>
  <p><i>Jonathan D. Clutter, Licensee-in-charge, Patrick D. Boyle, Funeral Director</i>  144 Hackers Creek Road Jane Lew, WV 26378 304-884-2400 www.patboylefuneralhome.com</p>	<p><b>BROOKS' BODY SHOP, Inc.</b>  <b>JOHN BROOKS</b> Owner 20 Brookview Drive Weston, WV 26452-8163 Ph: 304.269.7257 Fax: 304.269.7257 Cell: 304.266.2143 brooksbodysshop41@aol.com</p> 	<p><b>CITIZENS BANK OF WESTON</b> ESTABLISHED 1881 Phone 304-269-2862 Direct 304-517-1045 Fax 304-269-6749 CITIZENSBANKWESTON.COM</p>	<p><b>TRACEY QUEEN-YOUNG</b> Vice President - Human Resources Asst. Sec. to the Board/Marketing Branch Admin NMLSR 769878  201 Main Avenue P.O. Box 310 Weston, WV 26452 tyoung@citizensbankweston.com</p>
<p><b>Real Estate Marketing Appraisals</b> 372 US HWY 33 E Weston 304-269-5975</p>	<p><b>BUNS</b> 354 US HWY 33 E (304) 997-8332</p>	<p><b>DR. DANIEL D. FARNSWORTH IV</b> Optometrist 137 Main Ave. Weston 269-2020</p> 	<p><b>Foster Feed</b> 202 Bland St. Weston, WV <b>304-269-1333</b></p>
<p><b>ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL</b> More Ways to Care, Right Here at Home. Physician Referral Line 304-473-2200 WVUMedicine 1 Amalia Drive Buckhannon</p>	<p><b>Lewis County Senior Center</b> <b>In-Home Care Department</b> Need help at home to remain independent? Call Allie at <b>304-269-5738</b> to see how we can help! 171 W. 2nd Street Weston WV</p>	<p><b>HICKORY HOUSE RESTAURANT</b> 304-269-7373 Lewis County Jackson's Mill Rd / HWY 19</p>	<p><b>Stonewall Veterinary Hospital, Inc.</b> Tonya Pickens, DVM 3080 Old Route 33 Horner, WV 26372 (304) 997-8059 (O) (304) 997-8103 (F) stonewallvethospital@gmail.com Like us on Facebook</p> 
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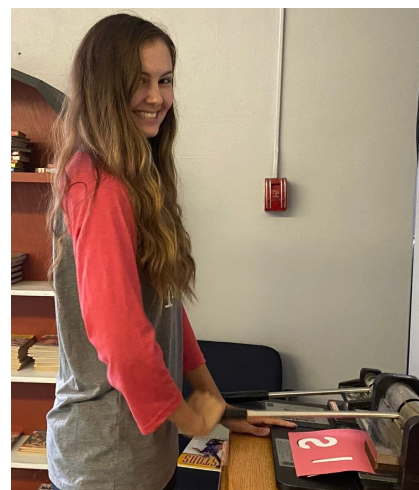
To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## School News

While our students have been enjoying the last few days of their summer break, our faculty and staff have been preparing for the upcoming school year. We are approaching this year with high energy and a lot of momentum and looking forward to an amazing school year.

School enrollment is up to eighty-seven kids with new families inquiring each week. We would love to see that number go even higher this year. Wouldn't it be nice to see the school hit triple digits again? If you or someone you know is interested in our school, please have them contact the school office at 304-269-5547 to arrange a tour.





## Landscaping and Playground Enhancements

The landscaping at the pre-school/pre-k building was completed this week by Terra Flora Landscaping out of Elkins, West Virginia. They worked in the small playground cleaning up weeds and grass that had really grown up this summer. We bought mulch for that area and Fr. Ondeck spent most of Friday afternoon spreading it. A volunteer has worked in our big playground area, tightening screws, replacing worn out wood on some of the equipment and repairing the old bench and building a second bench for kids and teachers. It looks like everything is falling into place to make this a FANTABULOUS school year! Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped in any way to make this happen.

