

St. Patrick Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 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 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.

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Are you living for Heaven today? We talk about Heaven as the most important goal of our lives, but how often do we consider our final home in daily life? In VITA, Fr. Burns explains that we tend to misunderstand Heaven with images of clouds and harps, but the reality of what God has in store for us is deeper, and much more attractive: Heaven is the final, fulfilled answer to our deepest longing for communion. In this stunning video, accompanied by stirring music and thought-provoking narration, we are called to increase our desire for ultimate communion with God and aim for Heaven in everyday life.



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.

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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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.

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:** 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**

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.

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:		\$715 (20 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):		\$4811 (31 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$400 (2 donors)
Total		\$5926
School	\$10	Maintenance \$800
Votive Candles	\$27	Organ \$45
Assumption	\$35	Loan \$25

July My E-Offering Donations

General: \$1893.59 (9 donors)
School: \$405.43 (3 donors)

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 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

Monday, August 30, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Marge Starr by Chuck and Dee Keener

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confession
5:50 p.m. Mass for †Leo & Rhea Riley

Thursday, September 2, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Regina Quesenberry by family

Friday, September 3, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for the return to health of Phillipe Ayala
8:45 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, September 4, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Jim Bohan by Scott and Janie Garton

Sunday, September 5, 2021,

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning August 29—September 11, in memory and honor of victims and survivors of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country.

Latin Mass at St. John University Parish

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. 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.

Lewis County Right to Life

Join with the Lewis County Chapter of West Virginians for Life on Saturday, September 11, at the Lewis County Park. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. at the pavilion, followed by prayer, music, a silent auction, pizza, and short presentations by Barbara Kincaid, with the pregnancy resource center in Buckhannon, and a man who gives his testimony about the negative effects abortion has on fathers. Afterwards, there is an easy 2 mile walk along safe roads. For more information, call Judy Barrett at 304-269-4281 or 681-495-4823.

Address for Mr. Joe Derico

Joe Derico
John Paul II Seminary
145 Taylor St. NE
Washington, DC 20017

RCIA, CCD, and Confirmation

RCIA began on Wednesday, August 25. We had five inquirers at our first session. We were also joined by one spouse of an inquirer and a friend of two others. The session was lead by Mrs. Megan White. RCIA begins with Adoration and Mass and then we meet in the parish meeting room for our session. If you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or if you just want a refresher, please join us. Megan will have sign-ups after Mass on Sunday, August 29 in the church vestibule.

CCD and Confirmation sign-ups will also be on Sunday, August 29 in the vestibule. It is important that you sign you child up so we can prepare properly.

Confirmation is for those in grades six and higher who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. Even those who attend a Catholic school.

CCD is for grades five and under who do not attend a Catholic School.

You can reach Megan through email at mwhite@stpatricks.school or at 304-203-9138.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, August 29**
CCD and RCIA sign-ups after Mass with Megan White
- **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

September

- Cleaning Supplies

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

Special Emergency Collection Sept. 4-5 to Support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti, Bishop Mark Brennan has joined Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, asking all faithful to consider donating to a special emergency collection to provide aid to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and future disasters. This collection will take place at weekend Masses on Sept. 4-5th in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The August earthquake killed more than 1,200 Haitian people and injured upwards of 5,700 others, leaving an overwhelming trail of destruction and rubble for a people who are hurting due to the socio-economic and political instability in their country, while still processing the assassination of their president in July.

The Holy Father urged the international community to show support and solidarity to help the country lighten the consequences of the tragedy. "As I raise my prayers to the Lord for the victims, I address a word of encouragement to the survivors, desiring that the international community will take a shared interest in them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy," Pope Francis said, adding that the faithful should offer a Hail Mary together for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti to intercede for us.

Checks are to be made payable to your respective parish/mission and on the memo line indicate: Special Collection for disaster relief. The parish/mission will then send one check for all contributions for this collection to the Diocese. All funds will be part of the (USCCB) Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund.

Bishop Brennan asks that all those in attendance at Mass wear a mask, other than those under the age of 2.

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<p>\$600 January - December (\$50 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

Covenant Mass and Open House

We had a great turn-out for our Covenant Mass and Open House on Monday, August 23. It was wonderful to see all the kids and their beautiful smiling faces.



Above: 180 people came to our Covenant Mass on August 23.

Below: Father Ondeck, Conner and Brady Jordan



Above: Eva Lough, Ella Minnich, and Emily Shriver

Below: Reagan and Ryleigh Murphy with Jillie McCartney



“It takes a village...”

St. Patrick's School Needs Volunteers from St. Patrick's Church for Upcoming Fundraisers

The Home and School Association is seeking volunteers from St. Patrick Parish for our first fundraising events! We will be parking cars Friday, September 3-Sunday, September 5th at the Jane Lew Fireman's Festival in the Boyle Funeral Home parking lot in 4 hour shifts.

We will also be serving Zul's refreshments at the Lewis County Fair Wednesday, September 22-Sunday, September 26. If you plan to attend the fair with your family, this is a great opportunity to help raise money for our school's HSA.

If you are willing to help with these events, please contact Rebecca Donaldson via email at beccaann89@gmail.com or call 304-695-0032.



Above: Kaedalyne Riley



Above: Lindsey Gum and Becca Donaldson

Our first T-shirt Tuesday is August 31

Our first T-Shirt Tuesday for this academic school year is Tuesday, August 31. We ask everyone that has one of our St. Patrick School t-shirts to wear it that day.

First Day of School

School began this week for our St. Patrick's students and if the rest of the year goes as well as the first day, we are in for an GREAT year. As we move into the year, let's work hard to keep the love and excitement we had on the first day and carry it with us until the last. Let's remember that no matter what may happen or whatever obstacles or problems we should remember the words of Archabbot Bonifave Wimmer, "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."



Above: Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 on Thursday, August 26. (This was the first day for the three year old students.)



Above: Kindergarten enjoys a story read by their teacher, Mrs. Lindsey Clevenger.



Above: Mrs. Darla Oldaker and her darling 4th graders.



Above: Grades 5 & 6 are pictured with their Art teacher, Mrs. Ashley Stamper on the first day of school.



Above: Mrs. Brittany Smith's second grade class was super excited to get this year started.



Above: Mrs. Megan White takes a break for a picture during her 3rd grade religion class .



Left: Mrs. Susan Moody and her first -grade class.

Above: Miss Sydney Bush and her 7th and 8th graders.

Right: Molly Anderson and Fr. Ondeck on the first day of school.

