

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## From the Pastor's Desk

A few weeks ago, I spoke with a friend of mine who is the pastor of 3 parishes in the mountains of Pennsylvania. We discussed the state of the country, the state of the Catholic Church, and the state of our individual parishes. We both were lamenting our low attendance at Mass and the spirit of fear that has permeated all aspects of life. My friend told me of the recent lesson he taught to the kids in his CCD classes about the Early Church's persecution by the emperor Diocletian (284-305 A.D.). During these persecutions, a group of faithful from North Africa was arrested and tried for meeting illegally for worship. When they were asked why they continued to gather for Mass even though it was against the law, one answered, "Sine Dominico, non possumus": "Without this thing of the Lord, we cannot live." We cannot live.

Fortunately, the Mass is not outlawed in our particular time and place; however, the response of our ancestors in faith should cause all of us to pause and ask are we fully aware of what becomes of us when we are separated from the Holy Eucharist and the human consolation that comes from praying with our parish family? Do we long for the Mass like our spiritual ancestors, or have we settled for a lukewarm spiritual life for so long a time that we do not even remember the refreshment that comes from drinking living waters (St. John 4:10)? The pandemic has certainly changed life for just about everybody, but we should do nothing that would embarrass the martyrs.

That being said, it is important to keep a proper perspective. Over the last two thousand years, our Catholic faith has endured many pandemics, plagues, persecutions, and trials. When life seemed overwhelming to our ancestors, Christ was their rock and stability; only faith sees things from the perspective of eternity. As pandemics tend to remind us, left on our own, we are quite fragile. In times like these, the Church has a distinct role in holding the center when everything else seems unstable and volatile. It serves as a "sign of contradiction" that Christ lives and continues to act in the world, even a very broken world. For some, this present time's difficulties have allowed for the development of an even deeper appreciation for the sacraments and the Mass.

As your Pastor, I urge you not to allow the present issues to separate you from the regular practice of the faith. Without specific time dedicated exclusively to God in prayer and worship, that time will be filled with things that keep us from our loving Creator. Nature abhors a vacuum. - if we remove Christ from the center, something less will take His place. With that in mind, our churches remain open for Mass, confession, and private prayer. If you take time for serious prayer, you will find that in the presence of Divine love, things begin to fall back into place; for once, life begins to hold together again. Archbishop Aquila of Denver captured this reality well in a recent article where he writes, "Our happiness, temporal and eternal, depends on turning somewhere else for a vaccine to inoculate ourselves from the spiritual virus that wreaks much more damage than anything COVID-19 can inflict." We seem to be forgetting this. Our physical health is indeed a great gift that we should protect, but our spiritual health determines our eternal destination. To let the physical eclipse the spiritual is to surrender to the devil and his empty promises." Without question, we must be prudent and intelligent about the virus; for this reason, we continue to monitor our own health and take precautions. The hue and cry this past year and a half have been to "follow the science," but we have allowed the voices of fear to shout down the voices of science. However, if we have ordered our priorities to take time for work,

shopping, recreation, and other gatherings, our faith's serious practice should not become less important; in fact, in a time of testing and pain, it should be paramount. Divine worship is essential to the spiritual well-being of every Christian. Throughout holy scripture and in the Church's history, God has called us, sometimes very reluctantly, out of our complacency. If you are atrophying spiritually as we begin the new school year and quickly approaching the Church's new year in the season of Advent, please respond to the Lord's call to a renewed practice of the faith. Now is a very acceptable time to return to the Lord, to come home, to echo the words of our spiritual ancestors, "Sine Dominico, non possumus": "Without this thing of the Lord, we cannot live."

I commend you all to the protection of Christ the Divine Healer and St. Patrick.

Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck

## Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for the Labor Day Holiday.

**Mass on Labor day will be at 9:00 a.m.**

## Prayer to St. Joseph for Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did,  
with patience and perseverance, for God and or  
those whom God has given me to support. Teach me  
to see in my fellow workers  
the Christ who desires to be in them,  
that I may always be charitable and forbearing  
towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith,  
so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own  
creative activity and in Christ's work of our  
redemption,  
and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to  
give thanks to God for it.  
And when it is burdensome,  
teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins  
and the sins of the world.

(Find this prayer and others in the "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J.)

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# St. Patrick Catholic 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.  
Thurs. & 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

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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:** Brannon Garton (UHC), 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, Ed Murray, Sarah Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Sheila Sayre, John Smith (Kathy Boyle's nephew), Dale Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor, Scott Walker
- **Those who have died:** Mary Lea Frazier, Ed Lough, Ismael Medina, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **Those in RCIA**
- **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:	91	\$1238 (21 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):	148	\$1149 (21 envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$1435 (11 donors)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3822</b>

School	\$40	Maintenance	\$250
Votive Candles	\$40	Organ	\$10
Loan	\$30		
Restoration loan balance::	\$72586.31		

**Special Emergency Collection Sept. 4-5 to Support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti**  
You will not have an envelope for this collection. Donations for this collection should be clearly marked.

**"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, 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

### Monday, September 6, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for †Andy and Mary Ondeck

### Wednesday, September 8, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for †Bryan Franci by Theresa Francis

### Thursday, September 9, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Tom Fealy by Robbie and Shelly Mace

### Friday, September 10, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Deborah Garton
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions

### Saturday, September 11, 2021

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

### Sunday, September 12, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mike Linger by family

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 that 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.



## Neither the Parish nor the Diocese Mailed You a Book

This week we heard from parishioners about a book sent to their homes, "The Great Controversy" by Ellen G. White, co-foundress of the Seventh Day Adventists. We even received one at the parish office.

This book was not mailed by us or by the diocese. Remnant Publications is an independent publishing house, and sent more than 350,000 copies of the book to residents of Charlotte, North Carolina in 2014, after having already sent a million books to people in Manhattan and over 300,000 to people in Washington, D.C. It appears a similar mailing is happening in our area.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, September 6

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Parish Office closed
- No SoulCore

### Tuesday, September 7

- 7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting

### Monday, September 13

- 5:30, p.m., SoulCore

### Monday, September 20

- 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting

## Our Neighbor Collection

### September

- Cleaning Supplies

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



## SAVE the DATE

### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 16, 2021  
Noon

Parking lot next to the parish office.

## Address for Mr. Joe Derico

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

**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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## School News

The weather was perfect for playing outside on Thursday, September 1. All grades, PK3 - Eighth enjoyed the sunshine.





## RCIA, CCD, and Confirmation



RCIA begins with Adoration and Mass on Wednesday evening, 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. For more info, contact Megan White through email at [mwhite@stpatricks.school](mailto:mwhite@stpatricks.school) or at 304-203-9138.

To sign your child up for CCD or Confirmation classes, please contact Megan White.

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:4-7 and contains the beautiful verse, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James 2:1-5. "It was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him." The subject is that we should not grade people according to external appearance, for a person's quality is something that derives from his union with God—the more humble and understanding he is, the more honor he deserves.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 7:31-37. During his discussion with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, our Lord told her that "salvation was to come from the Jews" (Jn. 4 : 22). This was in accordance with God's plan when he took Abraham from his pagan family and surroundings, and elected him to be the father of a Chosen People from whom God's blessing would come for all nations (Gn. 12: 1-4). This was the historic beginning of "salvation" for men. It was, as yet, a vague generic promise but down through the following eighteen-century history of the Chosen People (Abraham's descendants) this blessing eventually became crystallized in the Messiah — the anointed and holy one of God. It was He who would introduce the messianic age of which the prophets so often had spoken, and it was in Him that all peoples, Jews and Gentiles, would find their true "blessing."

It was right and fitting, therefore, that Christ should proclaim his kingdom and his Gospel among the Jews and in their promised land. Those who would accept him and his message would later spread the good news among the Gentile nations. This is what happened. His Apostles, including St. Paul, and the faithful disciples having done their best for their fellow-Jews, left Palestine and carried the great news of the incarnation — a blessing greater than any man could have imagined — to the pagan peoples of the then-known world. It was surely from the Jews that salvation came to us Gentiles.

While Christ reserved his preaching to the Jews according to God's plan, he visited some of the Gentile lands bordering on

Palestine — Tyre, Sidon, Phoenicia, the Decapolis — and worked some miracles there. However, he did not preach to them. This exception — going into pagan lands — was evidently important to St. Mark, for he goes into details in describing the faith of the people of the place who asked for a miracle, and their enthusiastic reaction to Christ's power when he did what they requested. Mark himself knew very well that Christ was fulfilling the divine plan when he restricted his preaching to the Jews, and that he had given a command to his Apostles to bring his Gospel to all nations (Mk. 16: 16). Possibly, however, some of his Gentile converts were questioning why Christ had not come to the Gentiles but spent all his public life in Palestine. In this short episode, Mark shows that Christ was interested indeed in Gentiles and showed his compassion for them by working miracles for them.

We have much for which to thank God the Father, Christ and the good Jews who preached the Gospel to our ancestors. We should not think of questioning why Jesus spent his short public life trying to convert his fellow-Jews. God thought of us from all eternity — the incarnation was his way of giving a truly satisfying meaning to the life of man — the masterpiece and master of all his creation. It has given us a new status in life, a new purpose and an end worth every effort we can muster to gain. Life, with its trials and troubles and its brevity, has a meaning, a profound meaning, for Christians — it is a short period of preparation for the future which awaits us after death if we use it properly.

Christ who carried out his Father's will even unto the death on the cross, deserves our unending gratitude. Eternity will not be long enough for us to thank and praise him. If ever we are tempted to be in any way anti-semitic let us first remember those of God's Chosen People who preserved the knowledge of God and trust in his promises until the time of their fulfillment had come. Secondly, we must never forget the Apostles and disciples of Christ who devoted and gave their lives in order to bring the Christian faith to us. The best way to show appreciation of a gift is to use it fully and gratefully. Let us make full use of the divine gift of salvation by living according to its teaching all the days of our lives.

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

### 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).