

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Reading is taken from the Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Against the background of Egyptian worship of animals and mockery of Jewish trust in God, the author devotes much of chapters 1 - 5 to the ineffectiveness of such mockery when God has promised immortality to those who remain faithful.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. James 3:16, 4:3. "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask." In this reading St. James tells us to recognize the source of our disagreements.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honor in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians — they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became — His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered

and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

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

When Should Catholics Not Receive Holy Communion?

If you have a mortal sin on your soul. Some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.

If you have not observed the Eucharistic Fast one hour before receiving. Plan to eat your breakfast after Mass!

If you have not yet received First Communion.

Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Holy Communion?

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 Holy Communion.

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please remain in the pew during the Communion Procession, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy. We eagerly await the time when you will join us at the Eucharistic table!

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.

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

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Mike Blanchard, 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, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor
- **Those who have died:** Verna Mae Wiseman. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **Those participating 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.

Attendance & Collections

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| Saturday: | 80 | \$1546 (21envelope/check donors) |
| Sunday (10:30): | 147 | \$1168 (24envelope/check donors) |
| Sunday (Latin): | N/A | \$0 |
| Mail and Lockbox Donations: | \$925 (7 donors) | |
| Total | \$3639 | |

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| School | \$110 | Maintenance | \$0 |
| Votive Candles | \$64 | Organ | \$40 |
| Loan | \$70 | Diocesan Scholarship | \$480 |
| Restoration loan balance: \$71,900.11 | | | |

Special and Second Collection

Sept. 25&26, Catholic University of America
Oct. 2&3, Special Disaster Collection to benefit recovery from Hurricane Ida.

MyEOffering Donations for August

General: \$2131.34
School: 409.17

You can now give to the newly established maintenance directly through myEoffering. Go to <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing> to login or create an account.

"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 18, 2021

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

Sunday, September 19, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Mary Ann Murray by Mary Ellen and Margaret Ann Lydon

Monday, September 20, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Joe & Mabel McLaughlin by John & Jackie McLaughlin

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for Billy and Ryan Faulkner

Thursday, September 23, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Jim Arsenault by Judy Foster

Friday, September 24, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for the Intentions of Julie Rivet
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, September 25, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Frances Bean by family

Sunday, September 26, 2021,

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning September 19—25, it is in honor of Dan and Sandra Mick who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on September 19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 20

- 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting
- No SoulCore

Monday, September 27

- 5:30 p.m., SoulCore, cafeteria

October 1—31

- “Change for Life” baby bottle fund raiser, Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Saturday, October 16

- Noon, Rosary rally, office parking lot, rain or shine
- St. Patrick School's Annual Elimination dinner, 4:30—5:30, drive-thru dinner pick up
6:30, dinner
7:00, drawing begins

Our Neighbor Collection

September

- Cleaning Supplies

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

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Rosary Rally for America Needs Fatima

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Noon

Parking lot next to the parish office.

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- 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.

Just a Priest and his Dog

Father Ondeck and Hobo enjoy an afternoon walk.



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><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>BROOKS' BODY SHOP, INC. JOHN BROOKS 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>CITIZENS BANK OF WESTON ESTABLISHED 1881 Phone 304-269-2862 Direct 304-517-1045 Fax 304-269-6749 CITIZENSBANKWESTON.COM</p> | <p>TRACEY QUEEN-YOUNG 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>Real Estate Marketing Appraisals 372 US HWY 33 E Weston 304-269-5975</p> |  <p>BUNS 354 US HWY 33 E (304) 997-8332</p> |  <p>HICKORY HOUSE RESTAURANT Lewis County Jackson's Mill Rd / HWY 19 304-269-7373</p> | <p>Foster Feed 202 Bland St. Weston, WV 304-269-1333</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 Rev. Father, Douglas Ondeck, Acting 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>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.</p> | <p>\$600 January - December (\$50 a month)</p> | <p>\$1200 January - December (\$125 a month)</p> | |

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September Newsletter

St. Patrick's School

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St. Patrick's School has had a wonderful start to the 2021 school year! We are very excited to bring back our monthly newsletter to share with the St. Pat's community. The newsletter will go out the second Monday of each new month and it will include information about future school events, a highlight of the current month's classroom activities, and a sneak peek at next month's planned classroom activities. We hope with renewal of our newsletter St. Patrick's can spread positivity and inform our local St. Patrick's community about ongoing activities and events at our school.

This month's highlights

- Pre-K and preschool have spent the beginning of the year learning about their faith, how God calls us to be kind and helpful to one other. They are building wonderful relationships with each other and practicing being polite friends to one other. They also had their first letter of the week show-and-tell, showing off their letter A toys from home!*
- Kindergarten has spent the beginning of the year learning about how God made them unique and special; they completed a fun science project where they examined their fingerprints to see how everyone's fingerprints were different in their own ways. They have also been practicing their math and reading skills with their new workbooks!*
- First grade has been praising Jesus through song. Their favorite song is "The Fruits of the Spirit". They discuss the "fruits" at different times throughout the day as a reminder of how Jesus wants everyone to behave. They have also been working extra hard with their sight-reading books and doing a wonderful job!*
- Second grade has begun to spread their wings and fly this year! They have begun an exciting science lesson learning about monarch butterflies and their metamorphosis, over the next few weeks they will be documenting the life cycle of monarch. They also taken to the skies with their reading and writing skills and have begun writing stories of their very own!*
- Third and fourth grade are growing great friendships this year! They have gotten to know one another with fun activities such as A-Maze-Ing New Friends. These star cactus students have been enjoying science and learning about types of plants, how they grow, and how they are grouped. They are blossoming into the 2021 school year with style, and they can't wait to see where God takes them this year.*
- Fifth and sixth grade have hit the ground running this year! They have delved into the world of science and completed two incredibly fun experiments that have left them bubbling over with scientific joy. They've not only dug into the topic of soil and decomposition but have also dug into some great literature since the start of the year by beginning to read Holes by Louis Sachar.*
- Seventh and eighth grade superheroes have had a super start to their 2021 school year! They are excited to jump into new curriculum like WW history and are already learning lots of new math skills with fun activities like Pokémon Math Review. They have also begun to read book three of the Harry Potter series and are flying through the chapters!*



Kindergarten's first week of school!



Seventh and eighth grade's first week of school!



First grade's first week of school!



Third and fourth grade's first week of school!



Second grade's first week of school!

Upcoming Events

- September 22nd – 26th: Lewis County Fair*
- September 24th: Johnny Appleseed Day
- October 16th: St. Patrick's Annual Elimination Dinner**

*Support St. Patrick's HSA by stopping by Zul's Refreshments at the Lewis County Fair!

**You can now begin purchasing tickets for our annual elimination dinner! Tickets cost \$25 and come with a chicken or steak dinner, dessert, and the chance to win \$1000! Tickets can be purchased from any St. Patrick student, so get them while you can!



Pre-K and preschool's first week of school!



Fifth and sixth grade's first week of school!