

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he First Reading is taken from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29. The book of Numbers is a narrative of the 39 years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness. Today's reading comes from the account of the journey through the wilderness.

The Second Reading is from the Epistle of St. James 5:1-6. The main purpose of this epistle is the teaching of morality and self-discipline. The sacred writer speaks with great severity, not mincing his words, in order to make people see that actions of the kind he condemns are incompatible with the profession of the Christian faith.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

Scandal, the sin of being a cause or an occasion of another's sin, is doubly sinful involving one's own sin and the sin of the person scandalized. Scandal can be caused by word—that is, by teaching or propagating wrong doctrine or by giving sinful advice, and it can be caused by one's own sinful deeds which may be imitated by others. Those in positions of authority such as parents whose duty it is to bring up their children in the Christian faith, are especially liable to give scandal if they fail to live truly Christian lives. Christian parents who fail to live according to their faith will be held accountable not only for their own sins, but for the sins of their children and perhaps their children's children for generations to come.

Much, if not all of today's moral laxity and permissiveness can be blamed on parents who have failed to give the example of true Christian living in the home and in dealings with their neighbors. To children of such parents, Christianity is only a label; it does not inform or inspire their lives, hence they are only nominal Christians. It is true that there may be "black sheep" in the best of Christian homes. When, however, all the children of a home are "black sheep" the whiteness, the sincerity, of the parents of such a home must certainly be called into question. There may be many bad influences at work outside the home but the good example of truly Christian parents can counteract these influences. Let parents see to it that they will not be a cause of scandal and a cause of eternal loss to the children God put into their charge.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realize that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we have to travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations also.

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

## Overview of October

**O**ctober usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). These saints come from different countries, and in honoring these saints we can include cultural dishes or activities from each country to make the feastday even more special. Read more about the lives of these saints. Perhaps the family can pick one virtue that each saint practiced well and try to implement it.

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary). This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are (1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus' self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the Luminous mysteries. October 16 is known as "Pope Day" on which we celebrate the gift of the papacy and our current pope.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the *Angele Dei* (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often. The Directory on Popular Piety suggests that families pray it at morning and evening prayers or after the Angelus.



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X*

# 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

*Pre-School – 8th Grade*  
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For last rites and anointing of the sick, please  
call 304-691-0537 to speak to Fr. Ondeck.

## 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!

## 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

Saturday:	69	\$672 (15envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):	152	\$1105 (20envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:	\$925 (6 donors)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3639</b>	

School	\$0	Maintenance	\$0
Votive Candles	\$40	Organ	\$0
Loan	\$10		

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. You will not have an envelope for this collection.

**We would like to thank everyone who uses our church envelopes for our collections. Since we keep track of every collection separately, please write separate checks for the different collections. When you are dealing with at least 3 collection bags a week that normally have more than one fund in each bag, it can get very confusing, especially when some of these go into different accounts.**

**Thank you to our dedicated money counters who faithfully count the money each week.**

***"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 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

### **Monday, September 27, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Ava Rowan

### **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass in honor of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Junior and Veronica Brumley

### **Thursday, September 30, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Opal Garton by Mary Ellen and Margaret Ann Lydon

### **Friday, October 1, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Luke White by John and Lesley White
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions

### **Saturday, October 2, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Thomas and Margaret Dolan and Frank and Ann Dolan, who would have celebrated their 85th wedding anniversary on September 27.

### **Sunday, October 3, 2021,**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning September 26 - October 9, it is in memory of Thomas and Margaret Dolan and Frank and Ann Dolan, who would have celebrated their 85th wedding anniversary on September 27.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### **October**

- Paper Towels

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

## 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, 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:** Julia Marsh, 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**

## **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.

## **Rosary Rally for America Needs Fatima**

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Noon

Parking lot next to the parish office.

## **Save the Date**



**Annual Spaghetti Dinner  
Sunday, November 7  
11 a.m.—2 p.m.**

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be Sunday, November 7 from 11—2. The dinner will be carry-out and drive-thru only.

**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

### Teacher Spotlight

#### 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Moody

I am Susan Moody, the first grade teacher here at St. Patrick School. I have been married to Dan Moody for 34 years. We have 4 children who all attended St. Patrick School and now 2 of our grandchildren are attending. My career at St. Patrick began in 1999 as a pre-k aide. After working for 2 years I decided to go to Glenville State College to get my teaching degree. After graduating in 2007, I was hired by Paul Derico as the 5th grade teacher. I taught 5th grade for four years before moving to my current position as the first grade teacher. I love being a teacher and feel so blessed to be here at St Patrick School.

My husband and I love spending time with our children and grandchildren. We also enjoy camping, hiking, biking and kayaking.



Left and Above: Recently, Mrs. Moody's class made cards and decorated cupcakes to take to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department to show their appreciation for all they do. They also made sure to take a special treat for Halligan.



**Right:** Mrs. Moody helping a student with math.

**Far right:** Mrs. Moody poses for a picture with the 2021-2022 first-grade class.



#### A Blast from the Past

Mrs. Moody's first staff picture as a pre-K aide in the fall of 1999.

**\$1,000 Prize**

**St. Patrick School**

**Annual Elimination Dinner**

**October 16th, 2021 at St. Patrick School**

Drive-Thru Dinner Pickup • 4:30 - 5:30

Dinner • 6:30

Chicken or Steak Dinner & Dessert

**\$25.00** Per Ticket

Facebook Live Drawing Beginning at 7:00

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*Happy Fall*



Our secondary students celebrated the first day of fall by creating some beautiful artwork.

Would you like to help our school win \$10,000? Simply go to <https://edify.us/> and nominate our school. Nominations can be received through September 30, 2021. Enter "St. Patrick's Catholic School" in the parish or Catholic organization field and [www.stpatwv.org](http://www.stpatwv.org) in the website field. Once submitted, you will receive an email to

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# Baby Bottle Fundraiser

*Change for Life*

October 1–31, 2021

## How to Participate

1. Pick up a bottle (one per family)
2. Fill it with change or paper money or checks. (Checks should be made payable to CDA379)
3. Return it to the church during the month of October.

Please return ALL bottles at the end of the fundraiser. The bottles will be used again for next year's fundraiser.



Two years ago the local chapter of The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory #379, took on a new project called "Change For Life". This project took place during the month of October which is Respect Life month. Baby bottles were handed out to each parish family and they were asked to fill the bottles with their loose change. The response from the parish was overwhelming! Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from St. Patrick, St. Boniface and Good Shepherd churches, Court Victory was able to distribute over \$3,800 to various charities and causes benefiting babies, children and mothers.

One of the most impressive donations made was a large number of car seats which were donated to the Lewis County Family Resource Network (FRN). Recently, the FRN contacted the Catholic Daughters and conveyed their appreciation for the car seats and asked if the Catholic Daughters would be able to provide them with additional car seats, as they had only one left.

Court Victory hopes to help the FRN again this year and other organizations that support and help the most vulnerable of our society, but we need your help. We hope that you will take a baby bottle home with you today and, during the month of October, place your loose change or dollar bills or even a check, whatever you are able, into the bottle so that we can help provide for our communities' children in need.

We ask that you return your baby bottle, along with your donation, at the weekend services October 30th and October 31st. Any contribution you can make, whether great or small, will be greatly appreciated. The Daughters do ask that all bottles be returned, even if you are unable to donate, so that they can be re-used for future projects.

Thank you and may God bless you and your families as well as all those we are able to help through our ministry.

*"By abortion, the mother kills even her own child to solve her problems, By abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take responsibility at all for the child he brought into the world.*

*The father is likely to place other women in the same trouble. So abortion leads to abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Saint Mother Teresa*

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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.