

St. Patrick Catholic Church

United in Prayer

by Joseph Derico,

<https://dcpriest.org/news/united-in-prayer>

It would be impossible for me to accurately describe how life in the seminary works. Some people say that Disney World is the happiest place on earth, but I beg to differ. Each day, I rise within the walls of St. John Paul II Seminary surrounded by 53 of the most kind and joyful men on the planet. Halfway through my first semester of seminary, the Lord has shown me that it is prayer, and my relationship with Him, that fosters joy. Seminary formation is focused on discernment and discipleship. We seek to begin and end our days asking for Christ's aid to see His will for us. We hope to further discern each day whether God is calling us to serve his church, to give ourselves to Him as His priests. This disposition reminds us that we can achieve nothing without prayer: we cannot properly understand how to serve the Lord without first knowing how He is looking at us and hearing His voice. Before seminary, I could not have imagined what seminary brotherhood would be like. We are united in all things not only because we are united in Christ, but also because we each understand the struggles which our brothers are having in their discernment, because we all have them. Some may experience more of these struggles than others; some may experience them in greater magnitude; but we all have some taste of each of the issues which the enemy puts in front of us. We are united in the same cause, interceding on behalf of our brothers; we are united in prayer. Seminary has taught me that I cannot understand what God is asking me to do with my life if I do not put my relationship with Him first. Prayer is how we communicate with God. All relationships require communication, and our relationship with God is no different. Prayer is heart speaking to heart; it is the only way to maintain the loving relationship He desires for us. Seminary has made me appreciate the time that I spend in prayer even more. Before, prayer sometimes felt like a burden, an hour which I "have" to spend with the Lord. Now, I see it as an hour that I "get" to talk to God about what he is asking of me and receive His love. This outlook does not come naturally, and I must first fight the idea that I could be doing something more important. This is especially important, with midterms just around the corner. But then I realize there is nothing more important that I do each day: not my schoolwork, my reading, or even the time I spend with friends. To become like Christ is the preeminent goal of the Christian life, and so prayer must be primary in my day. Only through that dialogue can I come to find Christ's salvation offered to each of us. St. Padre Pio famously said, "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." It's hard to believe the Lord has taught me so much in my first semester, but Padre Pio echoes the best, yet simplest, lesson I've learned: God speaks, and He listens!

Mr. Derico is a College I seminarian for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser—Update

Change for Life

October 1—31, 2021

To date, we have collected 318.83 from bottles returned to the church.

The school is having a competition among the rooms to see who can collect the most money. The winning room will receive a pizza lunch with Fr. Ondeck. We will post those numbers as the teachers get them to us.

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.

Monies collected will be used to buy car seats for the Lewis County Family Resource Network and given to other agencies that support life.

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

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory #379.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, November 7

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$10 for adults

\$5 for children

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.

Proceeds from the dinner are used to buy items to supplement our Christmas food baskets. Last year, we gave out 26 food baskets to people in Lewis County.

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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., Thurs., & Fri., 8:15 a.m.
Wed., Immediately following
benediction at 5:45 p.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.

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.

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!

Attendance & Collections

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| Saturday: | 76 | \$1423 (23 envelope/check donors) |
| Sunday (10:30): | 156 | \$933 (17 envelope/check donors) |
| Sunday (Latin): | N/A | \$0 |
| Mail and Lockbox Donations: | | \$4025 (5 donors) |
| Total | | \$4842 |

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| School | \$234 | Maintenance | \$0 |
| Votive Candles | \$53 | Organ | \$55 |
| Loan | \$275 | Hurricane Ida | \$20 |
| Restoration loan balance: \$71,212.25 | | | |

Special and Second Collection

October 23 & 24: World Mission Sunday

Please write separate checks for the different collections.

Thank you!

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.

Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Clarence and Mary Lou Weber

Sunday, October 17, 2021,

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

Monday, October 18, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

- 5:00 p.m. Confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for †Rex Mick by family

Thursday, October 21, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Charlie and Opal Garton by John and Lesley White

Friday, October 22, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †James W. Hines by family
- 8:45 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, October 23, 2021

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Tom Fealy by Scott and Janie Garton

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning October 10—23, in memory of Patsy Ricotilli. By Larry and Luanne Bowers.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Mike Blanchard, John Butcher, Jean Scott Chase, Courtney Clevenger, Rose Determan, Sheila Folio, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Robert and Tosha Hubbs, 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, Frank Rogucki, Sheila Sayre, John Smith, Dale Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor
- **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**
- **All RCIA participants**

Congratulations to Andrew and Tyler Pope who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 10.

Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at formed.org.

- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1—31

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

Monday, October 18

- 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, cafeteria
- No SoulCore

Monday, October 25

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

Monday, November 1

- All Saints Day
8:15 a.m., Mass (Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.)

Tuesday, November 2

- All Souls Day
6:00 p.m. Mass

Our Neighbor Collection

October

- Paper Towels

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

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

“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.



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October Newsletter

St. Patrick's School

St. Patrick's students and staff have been working hard this past month. Everyone is getting excited for the upcoming fall holidays and have been enjoying the fun holiday classroom activities! This month's newsletter will be from the perspective of our stupendous St. Patrick students. A student from each grade was interviewed and asked what their favorite school activity has been this month. Check out some of the insightful, hilarious, and sweet things our students had to say about their month at school!

Student Interviews

Pre-K interview with Emilia Marsh

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month at school?"

Emilia: "My favorite thing was... um... the nature walks we went on!"

Interviewer: "What did you like about the nature walks?"

Emilia: "I liked looking at the bugs and flowers"

Kindergarten interview with Penelope Coakley

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month at school?"

Penelope: "I like to go on the new playground."

Interviewer: "What do you like to do on the playground?"

Penelope: "I like to swing on the swings!"

1st grade interview with Reese Cunningham

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month at school?"

Elle: "I have really liked having Mrs. Moody as my teacher."

Interviewer: "What do you like about Mrs. Moody?"

Elle: "She's very nice."

Interviewer: "What does she do that you think is nice?"

Elle: "If we ever need help she always helps us."

2nd grade interview with Aaron Murray

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month at school?"

Aaron: "Um... I like helping my friends."

Interviewer: "What do you do to help them?"

Aaron: "I help them pick up their stuff and learn to be good in class."

Aaron got the Superstar Student Award in Mrs. Smith's class this past week!

3rd grade interview with Evelyn Benedum

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month in school?"

Evelyn: "I really like lunch time."

Interviewer: "Why is lunch time your favorite?"

Evelyn: "Because I love food!"

Interviewer: "Okay, so what's your favorite lunch that you eat?"

Evelyn: "Hmm... My favorite lunch is pizza."





Student Interviews cont.

4th grade interview with Audrey Westfall

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done this month in school?"

Audrey: "Listening to Mrs. Oldaker read us scary stories for Halloween in class"

Interviewer: "When did you guys read scary stories?"

Audrey: "We are doing it all month!"

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite scary story you have read?"

Audrey: "I think it would be *The Window*, I really liked that story"

5th grade interview with Emily Shriver

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite think you have done in school this month?"

Emily: "I have liked doing long division in Mrs. Walsh's class"

Interviewer: "That's awesome, why do you like doing division?"

Emily: "Because I think it's fun!"

6th grade interview with Daniel Cardenas

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done in school this month?"

Daniel: "Well it was close to the end of the day and we were supposed to play trash ball but we ended up playing basketball, I really liked that."

Interviewer: "What about basketball makes it so exciting?"

Daniel: I like that we got to play basketball because we get to score points and for each point we score, at the end of the year whoever scored the most points gets a prize!"

Secondary interview with Samantha Blake

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done in school this month?"

Samantha: "I have really liked reading Harry Potter and doing our Harry Potter project"

Interviewer: "Who is your favorite character in Harry Potter?"

Samantha: "I would have to say my favorite character is Luna Lovegood"

Interviewer: "What Harry Potter project did you do for class?"

Samantha: "I did a playwright with my friends Katie, Alex, Isabella, and Marley for our school project"

Secondary interview with Nicholas Haught

Interviewer: "What has been your favorite thing you have done in school this month?"

Nick: "My favorite project has also been the Harry Potter project. I really like the way Ms. Bush let us express our creativity and gave us lots of options. Of course she gave us rules and guidelines to follow but pretty much let us do whatever we wanted to do."

Interviewer: "What did you do for your project?"

Nick: "I made a board game and wrote a newspaper article, it turned out really great"

Upcoming Events

Oct. 16th – St. Patrick's Annual Elimination Dinner

Oct. 28th – Preschool & Pre-K Halloween Celebration*

Oct. 29th – All School Halloween Celebration*

*Please review the costume rules for the Halloween parties to ensure all students are wearing appropriate outfits.

