

# St. Patrick Catholic Church



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he First Reading is taken from the First Book of Kings 17:10-16. In this reading we have one of the many miracles attributed to Elijah, the great prophet who preached in the northern kingdom between 900 and 850 BC.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 9:24-28. This epistle continues with its description of Christ as the high priest of the New Testament and his superiority over those of the Old Testament.

The Gospel is from the Gospel of St. Mark 12:38-44. Our Lord's severe condemnation of those Scribes whose exaggerated opinion of their own importance made a mockery of the religion they professed to live, is a serious warning to all his followers not to look for the praise and esteem of their neighbors when doing their good works, but rather to hope for God's praise and esteem in the future world. In another context, he said to his followers: "Because of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven . . . when you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right is doing . . . and your Father who sees in secret will reward you . . . when you pray go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father . . . who sees in secret and will reward you" (Mt. 6: 1-6).

It is hardly necessary to say that our Lord is not referring to community prayers or services here. What he is condemning is the hypocrisy of the Scribes, who lengthened their garments and their prayers not in order to give glory to God but to earn the glory of their fellowmen for themselves. Pride was their predominant vice—the vice which caused the fall of angels and

of man. It so governed their lives that even their best actions were vitiated by it. There is a strong inclination to pride in every one of us. The reason is that we have great gifts from God and great capabilities: but we are tempted to claim the credit for these gifts and capabilities for ourselves—whereas we owe them all to God's generosity.

A proud Christian is surely a contradiction in terms. A Christian is a follower of Christ whose humility can never be equaled. He was God as well as man. While on earth he emptied himself, as St. Paul puts it, of his divine glory so that he could be like one of us. A follower of Christ should not try to make display of gifts which are not his own, nor try to exalt himself above his neighbor because of something he has which was not given to his neighbor. If Christ wanted to be, and indeed was like the least one among us, we must never try to raise ourselves above our neighbor. Love of neighbor is the second of the two essential commandments—there can be no true love of neighbor where there is pride.

The second incident in today's Gospel story highlights true humility and true charity. The poor widow, forgetful of herself and of her own needs gave her all, her last penny, to help others who were in need. She made this sacrifice without publicity and without seeking the praise of her neighbors. It is this deep contrast between her outlook on life and on religion, and that of the Scribes in the first that connects the two incidents. While the Scribes sought to earn the respect and praise of their fellow-Jews—as well as all the financial gain they could come by—from the practice of the externals of their religion, this poor widow's religion was practiced in secret and it was to God alone that she looked for any reward that he might deign to give her.

As we saw in today's first reading we can be sure that she was not left without the reward she deserved. The widow of Zarephath was given a temporal reward. The same generous God did not let the similar act of supreme generosity on the part of the widow in Jerusalem go unnoticed. Christ's judgment on the Scribes implies this: They will receive the greater condemnation for their pride, and abuse of religion for their own temporal gain. On the other hand the widow's religion was an act of complete self-renunciation: "she has put in everything she had, her whole living."

We may never be called on to share our last morsel with a starving neighbor but if we are, we must remember that Christ gave his very life for us and has asked us to do likewise, if necessary. It may never be necessary for us to make this supreme act of self-renunciation. If, however, we are sincerely practicing our religion, we must be ever-ready to help a neighbor in need even if this cuts into our hard-earned reserves. The greater the sacrifice, the greater the reward.

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

## November Overview

With the exception of the last three days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Pentecost), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during the praying of Offices and celebration of Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.

## **THIS SUNDAY!**

**Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**Drive-thru Only**

**Sunday, November 7**

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**\$10 for adults**

**\$5 for children**

**50/50 tickets, 15 for \$5**

# 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

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

## Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

## Weekday Masses:

Mon., Thurs., & Fri., 8:15 a.m.  
Wed., Immediately following Mass  
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.

## Religious Education and Sacramental Prep Coordinator

Megan White  
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## Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	49	\$1300 (20 envelope/check donors)	Restoration loan balance: \$71,212.25
Sunday (10:30):	162	\$984 (23 envelope/check donors)	
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0	
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$275 (2 donors)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2559</b>	

School	\$40	Maintenance	\$0
Votive Candles	\$60	Organ	\$0
Loan	\$0		

## Special and Second Collection

- November 6 & 7: Archdiocese for the Military Serviced
- December 11 & 12: Religious Retirement Fund
- All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities West Virginia

Please write separate checks for the different collections. **Thank you!**

## 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.

## 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, November 6, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Robbie Dodson by Larry and Carol Dodson, and Marci Allen

### **Sunday, November 7, 2021,**

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

### **Monday, November 8, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Bonnie Klotz by friends

### **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

- 6:00 p.m. Mass for †Raymond and Agnes McDonald by family

### **Thursday, November 11, 2021**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass for all Veterans**

### **Friday, November 12, 2021**

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

### **Saturday, November 13, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Roger Lundell by Tom Blake and family

### **Sunday, November 14, 2021,**

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning November 7—20, in memory of Tosha Hubbs by Rich, Kathy, Jessica, & Jacob Hubbs.

## Prayer List

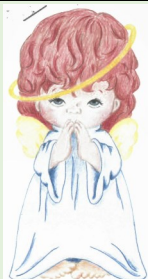
**Of your charity, please offer prayers for...**

- **Those who are sick:** Micki Snyder (UHC), Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Mike Blanchard, John Butcher, Jean Scott Chase, Courtney Clevenger, Rose Determan, Sheila Folio, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Law, Ed Murray, Sarah Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Mike Riley, Frank Rogucki, Sheila Sayre, Dale Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor
- **Those who have died:** Rosemarie Faris, Lola Jerden, 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**

## Please Adopt Our Angels

We have nine families of angels that need adopted this year. Twenty-four angels in all. Each family has at least two angels. This year, gifts are not to be wrapped. If you would like to provide wrapping paper and tags, please feel free to do so.

Write your name and phone number in the adoption folder. Angel tree presents must be returned to the parish office before December 8.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, November 7**

Spaghetti Dinner, Drive-thru only  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., sponsored by the  
Catholic Daughters of the  
Americas

### **Thursday, November 11**

Daily Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m.  
instead of 8:15 a.m.  
A brunch for veterans will follow  
in the school cafeteria.

### **Thursday, November 28**

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00 a.m.

### **Tuesday, November 30**

Giving Tuesday, more details will  
be announced soon

### **December 4 & 5**

Gifts from the Holy Land

### **Sunday, December 5**

Social Sunday, 11:30, cafeteria

## Our Neighbor Collection

### **November**

- Dental care

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

## **Weekly Bulletin E-mail**

If you are not receiving our church  
bulletin each week through email,  
please contact the parish office to have  
your email address added to our files.

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

## **Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at [formed.org](https://www.formed.org).**

- Go to [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)
- Enter Weston's zip code—26452
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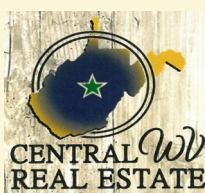


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## School News

### Bishop Brennan Visits St. Pat's

The Most Rev. Mark Brennan visited St. Pat's on Wednesday, November 3. He celebrated Mass with the students, faculty and staff. At the end of Mass, Father Ondeck presented His Excellency with a St. Pat's polo shirt.

Bishop Brennan took time to visit the school and interact with the students before heading off to his next appointment.



### Shop With Scrip, Help Our School!

Christmas is quickly approaching and we have the perfect solution for everyone on your Christmas list...SCRIP!

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a way to purchase gift cards and help out our school without an additional cost to you.

Gift Cards can be ordered by family and friends too! If your business purchases gift cards for gifts we can accommodate bulk orders too!

If you have questions call your SCRIP Coordinator, Melissa Jordan, at (304) 517-8619.

### All Saints Day

Our students enjoyed dressing as saints for All Saints Day on Monday, November 1. Miss Shields made the day extra special by breaking out ping-pong, bowling, and other fun games for gym class.



### Save the Date

**The school Christmas pageant is scheduled for Friday, December 17 in the gymnasium!**

### We're Having a Baby

Mrs. Megan White, the religion teacher for grades three through eight, and her husband, Steven, are expecting their first child very soon. The teacher and staff threw her a surprise baby shower after school on Thursday, November 4.



## 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.

More times will be added for the season of Advent. Check the bulletin for more info.

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser—Change for Life Update

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated to the "Change for Life" baby bottle fundraiser! We have collected \$4112.16 so far. We have not picked up the bottles from Fr. Gary that he took to Good Shepherd in Glenville. We will have that total next week. Also, not all bottles that were taken home have been returned. Please return the bottles even if they are empty, we will use them again in the future. If you have not had a chance to donate yet, please do so soon. Checks can be made payable to CDA 379.

St. Patrick Church	\$ 1,911.42
St. Patrick School	\$ 1,882.04
St. Boniface	\$ 318.70
Good Shepherd	
	\$ 4,112.16

We want to give a huge shout out to the school students and teachers for the success of their class competition. Fr. Ondeck will be enjoying a pizza lunch with Mrs. Walsh and the 5th and 6th grade classes in the near future.

School Results			
1st Place	5th & 6th	\$	545.84
2nd Place	Kinder	\$	473.79
3rd Place	3rd & 4th	\$	332.54
4th Place	1st grade	\$	185.52
5th Place	7th & 8th	\$	152.68
6th Place	PS/PK	\$	127.82
7th Place	2nd grade	\$	63.85
		\$	1,882.04

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## "The Way" Abuse Survivors Retreat

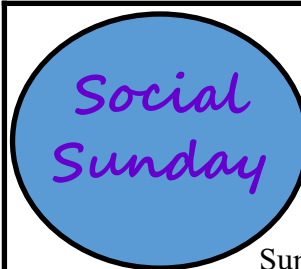
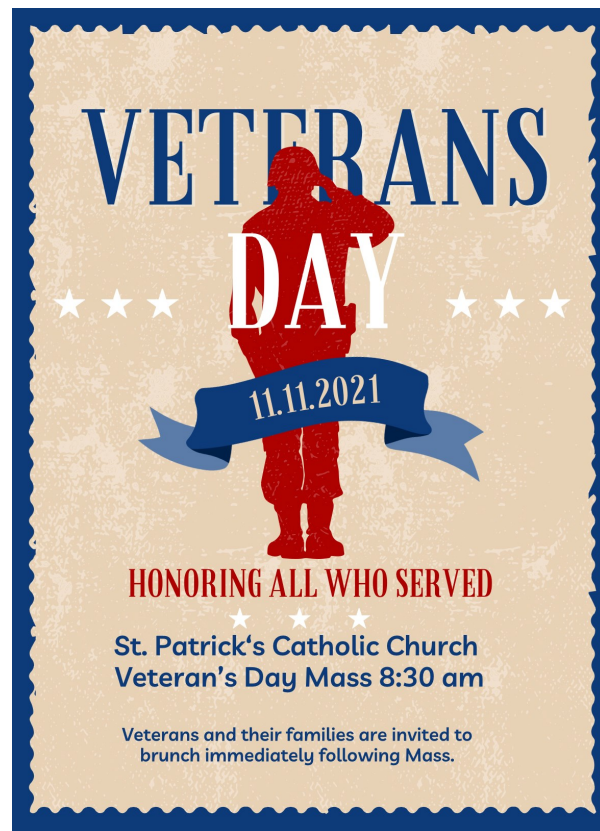
Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, "The Way."

The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held November 19-20, 2021, for men and February 18-20, 2022, for women. **The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors.**

For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at [mcdonaldd@adw.org](mailto:mcdonaldd@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

## Veterans Day

Our school will honor our veterans Thursday, November 11. We will have Mass and the presentation of the colors at 8:30. After Mass, veterans and their families are invited to enjoy a delicious brunch in the school cafeteria.



We are embarking on a new adventure at our church, and we hope everyone will help us to make it a success. One Sunday a month, we will have what we are calling Social Sunday. On "Social Sunday," all parishioners are invited to the school cafeteria following Mass to enjoy delicious food and/or treats and interact and get to know more people in their St. Pat's family.

The first "Social Sunday" will be held on Sunday, December 5. This is the same weekend that Gifts from the Holy Land will visit our church. We are hope one event will enhance the other.

***"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.