St. Patrick Catholic Church

Christ the King as Represented in the Liturgy

he liturgy is an album in which every epoch of Church history immortalizes itself. Therein, accordingly, can be found the various pictures of Christ beloved during succeeding centuries. In its pages we see pictures of Jesus suffering and in agony; we see pictures of His Sacred Heart; yet these pictures are not proper to the nature of the liturgy as such; they resemble baroque altars in a gothic church. Classic liturgy knows but one Christ: the King, radiant, majestic, and divine.

With an ever-growing desire, all Advent awaits the "coming King"; in the chants of the breviary we find repeated again and again the two expressions "King" and "is coming." On Christmas the Church would greet, not

the Child of Bethlehem, but the Rex Pacificus — "the King of peace gloriously reigning." Within a fortnight, there follows a feast which belongs to the greatest of the feasts of the Church year -- the Epiphany. As in ancient times oriental monarchs visited their principalities (theophany), so the divine King appears in His city, the Church; from its sacred precincts He casts His glance over all the world....On the final feast of the Christmas cycle, the Presentation in the Temple, holy Church meets her royal Bridegroom with virginal love: "Adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, and receive Christ your King!" The burden of the Christmas cycle may be summed up in these words: Christ the King establishes His Kingdom of light upon earth!

If we now consider the Easter cycle, the luster of Christ's royal dignity is indeed somewhat veiled by His sufferings; nevertheless, it is not the suffering Jesus who is present to the eyes of the Church as much as Christ the royal Hero and Warrior who upon the battlefield of Golgotha struggles with the mighty and dies in triumph. Even during Lent and Passiontide the Church acclaims her King. The act of homage on Palm Sunday is intensely stirring; singing psalms in festal procession we accompany our Savior singing: Gloria, laus et honor tibi sit, Rex Christe, "Glory, praise and honor be to Thee, Christ, O King!" It is true that on Good Friday the Church meditates upon the Man of Sorrows in agony upon the Cross, but at the same time, and perhaps more so, she beholds Him as King upon a royal throne. The hymn Vexilla Regis, "The royal banners forward go," is the more perfect expression of the spirit from which the Good Friday liturgy has arisen. Also characteristic is the verse from Psalm 95, Dicite in gentibus quia Dominus regnavit, to which the early Christians always added, a ligno, "Proclaim among the Gentiles: the Lord reigns from upon the tree of the Cross!" During Paschal time the Church is so occupied with her glorified Savior and Conqueror that kingship references become rarer; nevertheless, toward the end of the season we celebrate our King's triumph after completing the work of redemption, His royal enthronement on Ascension Thursday.

Neither in the time after Pentecost is the picture of Christ as King wholly absent from the liturgy. Corpus Christi is a royal festival: "Christ the King who rules the nations, come, let us adore" (Invit.). In the Greek Church the feast of the Transfiguration is the principal solemnity in honor of Christ's kingship, Summum Regem gloriae Christum adoremus (Invit.). Finally at the sunset of the ecclesiastical year, the Church awaits with burning desire the return of the King of Majesty.

We will overlook further considerations in favor of a glance



at the daily Offices. How often do we not begin Matins with an act of royal homage: "The King of apostles, of martyrs, of confessors, of virgins — come, let us adore" (Invit.). Lauds is often introduced with Dominus regnavit, "The Lord is King". Christ as King is also a first consideration at the threshold of each day; for morning after morning we renew our oath of fidelity at Prime: "To the King of ages be honor and glory." Every oration is concluded through our Mediator Christ Jesus "who lives and reigns forever." Yes, age-old liturgy beholds Christ reigning as King in His basilica (etym.: "the king's house"), upon the altar as His throne.

--Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Daily Mass Times November 22 – 26

Monday, November 22 8:15 a.m., Mass

Wednesday, November 24 5:00 p.m., Adoration and Confession 5:50 p.m., Mass

> Thursday, November 25 9:00 a.m., Mass

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, and Friday, November 25, and 26.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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 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.

\$85

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St. Patrick Catholic School

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Restoration loan balance: \$70,517.22

Attendance & Collections

992 (18 envelope/check donors)
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December 11 & 12: Religious Retirement Fund
All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities West Virginia
Please write separate checks for the different collections. Thank you!

MyEOffering Donations for October

General: \$1779.77 School: \$509.25

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.

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.

"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."

Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 20, 2021

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

Sunday, November 21, 2021,

10:00 a.m.Confessions10:30 a.m.Mass for †Jim and Jane Myers

Monday, November 22, 2021 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Francis J. Lydon

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 6:00 p.m. Mass for †Mary Ellen Taylor by John and Lesley White

Thursday, November 25, 2021 9:00 a.m. Mass for †Andy and Mary Ondeck

Friday, November 26, 2021 8:15 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, November 27, 20215:00 p.m.Confessions5:30 p.m.Mass for the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 28, 2021,

10:00 a.m.Confessions10:30 a.m.Mass for Amelia Derico by family

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning November 21— December 4, in memory of Joseph Henry and Nell Fealy Moore.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: 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, Lynn Lynch, 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**: Norma Boice, Sondra Poleway, 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



November 30, 2021

Giving Tuesday Donations will go to St. Patrick's Maintenance Fund

Giving Tuesday will be held on November 30, 2021. Donations made for Giving Tuesday will go into our maintenance fund. Bishop Brennan has approved our maintenance fund to be exempt of the

cathedraticum assessment. You may give directly to the church by writing maintenance in the memo of your check or by placing your donation in an envelope marked maintenance. You can also give online through myeoffering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 22 & 29, 5:30 p.m. SoulCore, cafeteria

Thursday, November 25, 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

Tuesday, November 30 Giving Tuesday

December 4 & 5 Gifts from the Holy Land

Sunday, December 5 Social Sunday, 11:30, cafeteria

Monday, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 5:30 p.m. SoulCore, cafeteria

Friday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant, gym

Wednesday, December 22 Last Day of School before Christmas break

Our Neighbor Collection

November

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Dental care

December

Toilet paper and Tissues

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



Social Sunday

We are excited to hear the positive feedback we have received about "Social Sunday." All parishioners are invited to join us in the cafeteria after Mass for a snack and a chance to interact with your parish family.

Our first "Social Sunday" is 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.



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.

November Newsletter

St. Patrick's School

At St. Patrick's school it is our mission to become the best ambassadors of Christ that we can and in order be a great ambassador we must practice our faith in all things we do, whether it's reading, writing, caring for our peers, praying, or attending Mass. All our students and staff take the time daily to reflect on their faith and incorporate it into our daily schedules at school. Check out some of the wonderful things our students have been doing to learn about and practice our Catholic faith!

What Have We Been Up To?

Pre-K has been learning all about the saints with each new letter of the week! Since the beginning of November, they have learned the letter I, where they learned about St. Ignatius and for the letter J, they learned about St. John Bosco! They get to make the cutest saint statues to take home each week too!

Kindergarten has been learning all about creation and how God created everything and everyone. They created amazing collages showing some of the things that God created, that they know and love!

First graders have been listening quite intently during their class Mass each Monday. Each day after Mass they write and draw in their journal one thing that they learned during Mass. A great learning exercise all around!

On November 1st, in 3rd through 6th grade social studies classes, they researched a saint of their choice and colored an information sheet. Students were also encouraged to dress up as a saint for All Saints Day. Since it was the first of the month, the upper floor was

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22nd - 26th: Thanksgiving break

- Nov. 29th: Return to school Nov. 15th Dec. 15th: Canned Food Drive*
- Nov. 15th Dec. 17th: Glove, Mittens, and Hat Drive
- Nov. 28th: Beginning of Advent

*Each class collects different items to have a variety of food for those in need, this year we need the following items

- Preschool & Pre-K: Peanut butter & * jelly
- Kindergarten: Soup & crackers
- 1st grade: Box dinners, mac & cheese, and jars of applesauce
- 2nd grade: Pancake mix & syrup
- 3rd/4th grade: Instant potatoes & gravy
- ♣ 5th/6th grade: Breakfast cereal & oatmeal
- 7th/8th grade: Cake or brownie mix & frostina

also challenged with finding their hidden saint of the month, Saint Martin de Porres.



1st grade and their Mass journals!

Names Needed for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the St. Patrick Church parish office at 304-269-3048 or email secretary@spchurchweston.net. Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

- We need the following information when you add someone to the list.
- Family name
- Family size (broken down by the number of adults and kids)
- A contact number for the family
- Your name and phone number

Drive-through Food Drive

The Catholic Daughters, St. Patrick Church and St. Patrick School are collecting non-perishable food items for our Christmas food baskets. We had so much success with our drive -through food drive last year, we are doing it again this year. It will be Saturday, December 11 from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m., and Sunday, December 12 for 10:00 am to noon. You don't need to get out of your car. Someone will come to you and carry the food into the school. You may also bring donations to the church's "Social Sunday" event on Sunday, December 5, or leave items in the tote on the back porch of the parish office.

Items needed include instant potatoes and gravy, cake/ brownie mix and icing, soup and crackers, mac and cheese and boxed dinners, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, and canned goods.

These baskets are for people recommended through parishioners of St. Patrick Church and school. We work in conjunction with "Our Neighbor" to eliminate duplicates so we can help more people.



Homemade Vanilla for Sale

The Catholic Daughters are selling homemade vanilla for \$10 a bottle. The vanilla was made by members of Court Victory #379 and is delicious. You may purchase vanilla though any member of the Catholic Daughters or at the parish office.

Gifts from the Holy Land, December 4 & 5

Christians in the Holy Land have suffered and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another. Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land by selling some of their wood carvings which are one major source of income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land..



Last century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are about 5%.

Winter Clothing Drive



The church and school are once again participating in our annual winter clothing drive. We are collecting new or like new coats, hats, gloves and scarves to be donated to Our Neighbor. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or the school. If

donating gently used items, please have them laundered first.



SoulCore

SoulCore is held at St. Pats on Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Wear comfortable clothes and join us for light exercise and stretching while we pray the rosary together.

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.

Advent

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or, at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? Most of us anticipate the great sales at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving, string lights on the outside of our house,



and decorating the inside of our homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. Go to: https://watch.formed.org/advent-1 and do this study with your family and friends.