

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## First Sunday of Advent

**F**or Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new Liturgical Year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'<sup>1</sup>

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Saint John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed'" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

<sup>1</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

--Excerpted from the website of Congregation for the Clergy

### A PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,  
give us hope as we wait  
for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
to be grateful to have found you  
while others are lost,  
send us out into the darkness  
in search of those  
who need you most.  
Amen.



## 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 cathedraic 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 myoffering or through the diocesan website.

## Drive-through Food Drive

December 11 & 13

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, gravy, cake/brownie mix, frosting, soup, crackers, mac and cheese, boxed dinners, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta 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. If you wish to make a monetary donation, checks should be made to CDA 379.



## Next Sunday, December 5—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 hope one event will enhance the other.

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Pastor:

**Rev. Douglas A. Ondeck**  
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## Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary  
secretary@spchurchweston.net

## 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.

## Religious Education and Sacramental Prep Coordinator

Megan White  
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## St. Patrick Catholic School

Pre-School – 8th Grade  
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Regina Frazier, Secretary  
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## Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	86	\$1154 (29 envelope/check donors)	Restoration loan balance: \$70,517.22
Sunday (10:30):	193	\$3703 (18 envelope/check donors)	
Sunday (Latin):	N/A	\$0	
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$20 (1 donor)	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4904</b>	

School	\$0	Maintenance	\$2000
Votive Candles	\$27	Organ	\$30
Loan	\$35		

## Special and Second Collection

- December 11 & 12: Religious Retirement Fund
- All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities West Virginia

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

***“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.”***

## 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.

Archabbot Boniface Wimmer, O.S.B.

## 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!

## Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 27, 2021

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

### Sunday, November 28, 2021,

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

### Monday, November 29, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Josephine Determan and Karen Bailey

### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

5:00 p.m. Adoration and confession  
6:00 p.m. Mass for †James Blake and Bob Bess by the Blake Family

### Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Vickie Fitts

### Friday, December 3, 2021

8:15 a.m. Mass for †Sue Brockleman  
8:45 a.m. Confession

### Saturday, December 4, 2021

5:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Mass for †Mike and Mary Gallagher by family

### Sunday, December 5, 2021,

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

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:** 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**

## Welcome to the Christian Community and Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Mason Xavier Jefferson, who was baptized on Sunday, November 21. He is the son of Marcus Jefferson and Brandy Freeman, and the grandson and now Godson of Mike and Coretta Jefferson. He was baptized on Mike and Coretta's 34th wedding anniversary.



## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, November 29, 5:30 p.m.

SoulCore, cafeteria

### Tuesday, November 30

Giving Tuesday

### December 4 & 5

Gifts from the Holy Land

### Sunday, December 5

Social Sunday, 11:30, cafeteria

### Wednesday, December 8

Angel tree deadline

### 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

### December

- Toilet paper and Tissues

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

## 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](mailto: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 number children)
- A contact number for the family
- Your name and phone number

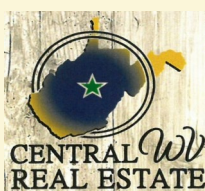




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## School News

### Second Grade Visits the Louis Bennett Public Library

Our 2nd grade class recently visited the Louis Bennett Public Library to decorate their animal friendly tree, tour the library, and get their library cards! The students had a wonderful time.



### Kindergarten Thanksgiving Lunch

The kindergarten class enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving lunch of chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and other delicious food.



Above: Brody Donaldson displays the “turkey” cakes that he helped his grandma make. Kaedalyne Riley, and Eli Riddle enjoy the “turkey” cakes.



Above: Front row: Penelope Coakley, Marci Queen, Baylee Farnsworth, Kaedalyne Riley, and Macie Smith

Back row: Christian Greathouse, Eli Riddle, Mason Karp, Grayson Clevenger, Ricky Walsh, Parker Abruzzino, Brady Fowkes, and Brody Donaldson



Above: Everyone smiles for a photo before lunch is served.



Above: Sandy Mick and Christian Greathouse



## Thanksgiving Lunch, Upstairs Edition



This year, the entire upstairs celebrated a traditional Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 19. Parents sent in turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, hot rolls and many other delicious foods for the event.

As you can see from the pictures, everyone had a good time!



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 Card orders placed by Friday will be received the following Wednesday. Orders can be submitted to the school office along with your payment. If you are interested in purchasing SCRIP orders online visit <https://stpatswv.org/fund-raising/scrip/> for more information.

Order forms can also be requested from the school office.

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.



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### Calendar Cash

**\$10 each  
28 Chances to win!**

Calendar Cash tickets are on sale now. They make a great Christmas gift and stocking stuffer. Tickets are numbered for tracking but the game is not based on the daily lottery numbers. A winning ticket is drawn everyday in February! If your ticket is drawn, it goes back in and you can win again! The student who sells the winning ticket for the day receives \$5. Normally a prize is given to the child who sells the most tickets. The parish office has not heard yet what that prize will be.

Tickets can be purchased through the parish office or from any parent of a St. Pat's student.

### Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: Return to school**
- **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Canned Food Drive\***
- **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Glove, Mittens, and Hat Drive**
- **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: 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
- ♣ 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Box dinners, mac & cheese, and jars of applesauce
- ♣ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Pancake mix & syrup
- ♣ 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade: Instant potatoes & gravy
- ♣ 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade: Breakfast cereal & oatmeal
- ♣ 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade: Cake or brownie mix & frosting

### Missing Angels

Please let us know if you adopted the following angels, 003, 004, 005, and 331. Our Neighbor has us keep track of this info in case the deadline arrives and presents have not been returned. Please call 304-269-3048 or email Sandy at [secretary@spchurchweston.net](mailto:secretary@spchurchweston.net) if you adopted these angels.

Presents for the Angel Tree program need taken to the parish office on or before December 8.