

St. Patrick Catholic Church

A PRAYER FOR THE Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us
with the irresistible power of a baby,
requiring both our hands
and captivating our whole hearts.
Help us to cast aside the sin
and brokenness that we cling to,
so we might be ready to hold you
when you come again.
Amen.



A Reflection Second Sunday of Advent by Pope Benedict XVI

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict XVI

Join Us “Social Sunday” and Enjoy Donuts, Fruit, and Coffee Sunday, December 5

All parishioners are invited to join us in the cafeteria after Mass for a snack and a chance to interact with your parish family.



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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 8:15 a.m. and 5:50 p.m.

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — Catechism of the Catholic Church

Confession During the Advent Season

Save the Date—Wednesday, December 15

On Wednesday, December 15, Fr. Aron Maghsoudi, from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will assist Fr. Odeck with Adoration, Confessions, and Mass. They will hear confessions both BEFORE and AFTER Mass. For those of you who don't like to confess to your regular parish priest, don't miss this opportunity! This is the only time between now and Christmas that “an outsider” will be at St. Pat's to hear confessions before Christmas.

Our weekly Confession times are Wednesday's 5 - 5:40 p.m., Friday mornings immediately after Mass, Saturday's from 5 - 5:20 p.m., and Sunday's from 10—10:20 a.m.

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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.

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Attendance & Collections

Saturday:	\$ (envelope/check donors)
Sunday (10:30):	\$ (envelope/check donors)
Sunday (Latin):	N/A \$0
Mail and Lockbox Donations:	\$ (donor)
Total	\$4904

Restoration loan balance: \$70,517.22

Special and Second Collection

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

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

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, 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

Monday, December 6, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Julia Marsh by Shirley Hubbs

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for the People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Adoration and confession
- 6:00 p.m. Mass for †Norma Boyce

Thursday, December 9, 2021

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

Friday, December 10, 2021

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Sister Eileen by Rose Neal
- 8:45 a.m. Confession

Saturday, December 11, 2021

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

Sunday, December 12, 2021,

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Catherine M. Griffin by family

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 4—18, in memory of Cathy White Snuffer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 & 5

Gifts from the Holy Land

Sunday, December 5

Social Sunday, 11:30, cafeteria

Wednesday, December 8

**Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

- Mass, 8:15 a.m.,
- Mass, 5:50 p.m.
- 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.

Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Mike Blanchard, John Butcher, Butch Cain, Courtney Clevenger, Rose Determan, Amy Flesher, Sheila Folio, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Bernadette Law, Lynn Lynch, Ed Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Beth Nichols, 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.**

Calling All Youth

We would like to invite all youth in grades 1st—12th to sing at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. The deadline to join is December 15. We will have two practices. The times and dates of these practices will be announced.

Any university students who are interested in helping are also welcome.

***“The best way to spread
Christmas cheer is singing loud
for all to hear.”***

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
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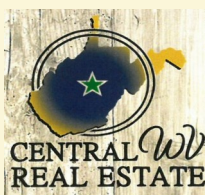
Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.



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(\$125 a month)**

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.

School News

2021 Weston Christmas Parade

"Mankind is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."

Pope John XXIII

Thank you to our amazing school family! Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we won first place in the Weston Christmas parade's float contest.



St. Patrick School Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 17

1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that we have added another opportunity for family, friends, parishioners to see the school's annual Christmas pageant this year! Join us on Friday, December 17 in the gym at 1:00 or 7:00 p.m. The students, under the direction of the music teacher, Fiona Ayala, have been working very hard on the pageant.

We were not able to have our pageant last year, so we hope you will make every effort to join us this year.



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.



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://stpatwv.org/fund-raising/scrif/> 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.

The Deadline to Return Your Angel Tree Presents is Quickly Approaching

Please let us know if you adopted the following angels, 003, 004, 005, and 331. Please call 304-269-3048 or email Sandy at 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.

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 number children)
- A contact number for the family
- Your name and phone number

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.

Drive-through Food Drive

December 11 & 12

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.

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.

An Easy Way to Help Others

The church and school collect different items to help local organizations and the environment.

In addition to the monthly supplies for "Our Neighbor," we collect the tabs from cans for Ronald McDonald House.

We also collect towels and blankets for animal shelters and rescues and vet offices. Items need to be clean and in decent shape. We don't want to give them things they cannot use.

We also collect aluminum cans. Please remove the tab and rinse and drain the cans before bringing them to us. The money from the recycled cans will be given to the school. All items can be taken to the parish office or left in the tote at the back door.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th
Midnight and 10:30 a.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 26th
10:30 a.m.

We will not have evening Mass on Saturday, December 25th.



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