

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

## 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.*



## Parish Office Hours for Christmas and New Year Holidays

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27 for the Christmas holiday. It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28.

We will be closed on Friday, December 31 and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3.

Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

## A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,  
even when we fail to see you.  
In each and every moment that we are blessed  
to recognize you here and now,  
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.  
Amen.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**T**his is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable his ways." But though we are unworthy of his infinite love, it nevertheless stands out as clear as the noonday sun in the Incarnation. We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

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

**T**he Gospel of this Sunday, Luke 1:38-45 recounts the visit of Mary to St. Elizabeth. An ancient title of Mary is Ark of the Covenant. The Church Fathers saw the parallels between the Old Testament wooden chest containing the divine presence and the Virgin about to give birth to Jesus. This theme is developed in a tape series by Tim Staples. Tim brings out the similarities between today's Gospel and the ascent of the Ark to Jerusalem (2 Sam 6:1-15).

1. As the ark is brought to Jerusalem, King David is overcome with awe saying, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" (v. 9)

2. The ark remains three months in the hill country near Jerusalem, bringing great blessings to the house of Obededom. (v.11)

3. King David leaps for joy -- dancing before the ark. (v. 13) (Tim Staples, All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed)

In today's Gospel, Elizabeth says to Mary, "Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" She tells how the babe (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb as she became filled with the Holy Spirit. Finally Mary remains three months with her kinswoman before returning to her home. This Sunday, so close to Christmas, the Church invites us to focus our attention on Mary, round-wombed because of the God-child. As we say in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin: "Ark of the Covenant, pray for us." --Excerpted from Fr. Phil Bloom

Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth was in a certain sense the first Eucharistic procession in history.

--Pope Benedict XVI

# 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:

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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

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***“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.

## 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

**Please write separate checks for the different collections.**

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Morning Mass	20	
Evening Mass	87	\$452 (both Masses)

### Weekend Mass

Saturday:	76	\$861 (18 envelope/check donors)
Sunday:	207	\$1306 (29 envelope/check donors)
Mail and Lockbox Donations:		\$950 (4 donor)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3117</b>

School	\$265	Maintenance	\$100
Votive Candles	\$125	Organ	\$15
Loan	\$125	Religious Retirement Fund:	1260

Restoration loan balance: \$69826.04

### Special and Second Collection

- All Christmas Masses: Catholic Charities West Virginia

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## 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

**December 18—26, 2021**

### **Saturday, December 18, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for †Tom Fealy by Tom and Margaret Blake

### **Sunday, December 19, 2021, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

### **Monday, December 20, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †James McGrath by Mary Hall

### **Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration and confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for †Amelia Derico by family

### **Thursday, December 23, 2021**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Julie Garton by Scott and Janie Garton

### **Friday, December 24, 2021, Vigil for The Nativity of the Lord**

- 6:00 p.m. Mass for †Karen Renzilli

### **Saturday, December 25, 2021, The Nativity of the Lord**

- 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) Mass for the People of the Parish
  - 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Ed Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs
- No Anticipatory Sunday Mass this evening.**

### **Sunday, December 26, 2021, The Holy Family**

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

**December 27, 2021—January 2, 2022**

### **Monday, December 27, 2021**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for †James A. Weber by family

### **Wednesday, December 29, 2021**

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration and confession
- 5:50 p.m. Mass for †Frances McCauley

### **Thursday, December 30, 2021**

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

### **Friday, December 31, 2022**

- 8:15 a.m. Mass for †Paul Derico

### **Saturday, January 1, 2021**

- 9:00 a.m.\* Mass for Andy and Mary Ondeck
- 5:30 p.m. Mass for the People of the Parish

### **Sunday, January 2, 2022, the Epiphany of the Lord**

- 10:00 a.m. Confessions
- 10:30 a.m. Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by Tom and Connie Scott

\*Because Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Saturday's evening Mass will be the anticipatory Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 19, 2021—January 1, 2022, in memory of Mary Ann Murray

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Wednesday, December 22**

Last Day of School before Christmas break

### **Friday, December 24**

- 6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord

### **Saturday, December 25**

- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass for the Nativity of the Lord
- 10:30 a.m., Mass During the day for the Nativity of the Lord
- We will not have an evening Mass or confessions.

### **Sunday, January 9**

Coffee and Doughnut Sunday, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

### **Sunday, January 16**

11:30 a.m., Free Throw Competition, St. Pat's gym

## Our Neighbor Collection

### **December**

- Toilet paper and Tissues

Items can be placed in the cabinet 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, Lynne Fultineer, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, 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 and Mick, Snyder, Special Intentions, Mary Taylor
- Those who have died:** Ted Eldridge, Jerry Dionne, Fr. John McGinnity, 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**

## Free Throw Competition

Sunday, December 16

11:30 a.m.

Boys and Girls ages 9—14

St. Patrick's gym

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



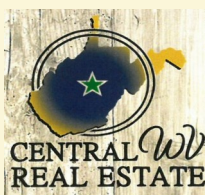




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## St. Patrick's Christmas Pageant

It's a wrap for the 2021 Christmas pageant for St. Patrick School. From the sound of applause and the positive remarks after both performances, it was a success. We had some kids absent and a few last minute cast changes but you could not tell that in the performance. Music Fiona Ayala, wrote the play and had every child in the school in the first half of the play. After intermission, individual classes came on stage to perform one song.

However the biggest hit of the show was when the entire school sang a song for Fr. Ondeck at the end of the show. The lyrics are included below, just replace Father O'Flynn with Father Ondeck. All of us worked hard to keep this special song a surprise for Father and the kids loved that were able to pull it off!

Thank you to EVERYONE for making this show such a great experience! These pictures are from the matinee show.



### FATHER O'FLYNN

Of praists we can offer a charmin' variety  
Far renowned for lernin' and piety,  
Still I'd advance ye, widout impropriety,  
Father O'Flynn as the flower of them all.

Here's a health to you Father O'Flynn  
Slante, and Slante, and Slante again?  
Powerfullest preaher, and tinderliest teacher,  
And kindest creature in ould Dongal.

Don't talk of your Provost and fellows of Trinty  
Famious for ever at Greek and Latinity,  
Faix ! and the devils and all at Divinity,  
Father O'Flynn'd make hares of them all!

Come, I venture to give you my word,  
Never the likes of his liugo was heard,  
Down from mythology into thayology,  
Troth ! and conchology, if he'd the call.

Oeh ! Father O'Flynn you've a wonderful way wid  
you,  
All ould sinners are wishing to pray wid you;  
All the young childer are wild for to play wid you,  
You've such a way wid you, Father avick.

Still, for all you've so gentle a soul,  
Gad, you've your flock in the grandest control,  
Checkin' the crazy one, coxin' onisy ones,  
Liftin' the lazy ones wid the stick.

And tho' quite avoidin' all foolish frivolity,  
Still at all seasons in innocent joillity,  
Where was the play-boy could claim an equality  
At comicality, Father, wid you ?

Once the Bishop looked grived at your jest  
Till this remark set him off wid the rest  
Is it lave gaity all to the laity ?  
Cannot the Clargy be Irishmen too ?





## St. Patrick's School

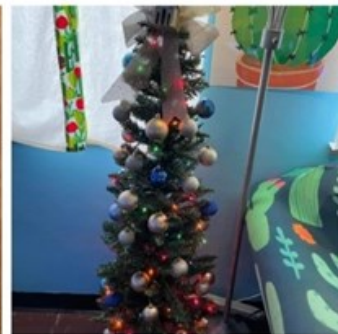


*'Tis the Season!*



- ♣ Third and fourth grade has been gearing up for Christmas in lots of ways! They participated in Santa's Secret Workshop in early December. They have also decorated their classroom with some festive wreaths and very well decorated tree (that they did all on their own). They are really getting into the Christmas spirit!
- ♣ Second grade has been very busy this month. They helped explore the Louis Bennett Public Library! They created environmentally friendly Christmas ornaments to help decorate their outside Christmas tree!
- ♣ First grade has been having lots of fun preparing for the Christmas season. In addition to participating in Santa's Secret Workshop in early December they have also made some very cute "elf-portrait" ornaments to put on their tree!
- ♣ Pre-K has had such a great beginning to their Christmas season! They have spent the last two weeks learning about the birth of Christ and the reason for the season. They also had a blast decorating their classroom Christmas tree and creating all the ornaments that adorn it!

St. Patrick's would like to give a big shout out to Sheila McCartney for coordinating and running Santa's Secret Workshop this year. She, and all of the wonderful volunteers, really made the start of December a magical time for all of our students and staff. Thank you very much Sheila!



### Upcoming Events

**December 20<sup>th</sup>: Grinch Day**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>: Polar Express Day**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>:  
Christmas break (NO SCHOOL)**



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2:11