St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend 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, 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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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Reading is taken from the First Book of Samuel (1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). The prophet Samuel, on the instruction of God, anointed David to be the second king of Israel. Saul the first king, because he had displeased God, was to lose his kingship. His throne was to pass not to his son, but to David, an unknown stranger from the village of Bethlehem. This reading describes the event that occurred during Saul's search for David.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:45-49). In this Chapter of Paul's first letter to Corinthians the Apostle is speaking of the resurrection of all men from the dead.

The Gospel is taken from St. Luke (Luke 6:27-38). It would at first sight appear that the demands that Christ makes on our charity here are anything but easy. Loving one's enemies is asking a lot. Blessing them and praying for them might be all right for St. Francis but expecting it of us seems to be going very far. Asking for a blow on the second cheek while the first is still twinging with pain seems fit only for a martyr. Not to try to take take what was stolen from us looks very foolish. Yet it was Christ who made all these demands.

However, before we give up in despair, and decide that this type of Christianity is not for us, let us look a little more closely at the demands that are made. To love our enemy does not mean we must throw our arms about him every time we meet him (he would not let us anyway !). It means we must do all in our power to rid our minds of any hatred of him, and try to see the good that is in him. Not judging and condemning comes under this heading. Human sinful beings that we are, our faculty for seeing in our neighbor the real man as he is before God, is very limited and very prone to error. There are justly convicted robbers and murderers in our jails, in whom God can see a lot of goodness even now, and perhaps future citizens of heaven later on.

Not demanding back what was unjustly taken from us does not mean that we may not have recourse to the legal or other means available to us for obtaining compensation in such cases. What it does forbid is personal (generally forceful) restoration of our rights and property.

Another consoling point to bear in mind is that the vast majority of our fellowmen have no inclination to injure us in our person or our property and will never do so. If we feel we have a lot of enemies only waiting for the chance to pounce on us, we would do well to examine our own consciences very carefully and then look for the many good points there are in our neighbour's character.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life" was the practice amongst the Jews at the time of Christ and for centuries before (Ex. 21 :23-25). Christ sets up the "golden rule" of fraternal

charity in place of this Law of Talon. Every man should truly love his neighbor for he is his brother. What is more, Christ's mission on earth has made him a son of God and an heir to heaven. Our chief interest in our neighbor must therefore be a spiritual interest. If he offends us, he offends God which is much more serious. Our charity should help him to seek God's forgiveness. That he should seek ours is of very minor importance in comparison with that.

You would like your neighbour to help you to reach heaven. "You go and do likewise" to your neighbor, and you will both get there.

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

"If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to forgive them also. Let him remember that when he says the Pater Noster, every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself."

--Saint Philip Neri



Christ on the Cross by Eugene Delacroix, 1846

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, Bonnie Detamore, Amy Flesher, Lynne Fultineer, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Emyle Johnston, Ellen Ketron, Lynn Lynch, Garrett Moats, Ed Murray, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Beth Nichols, Delores Paugh, Raylee Rahming, Minter Ralston, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Jim Riley, Mike Riley, Frank Rogucki, Sheila Sayre, Rue Thompson, Special Intentions
- Those who have died: Jackie Hogan, 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.
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	Total	\$3283

School	\$65		
Votive Candles	\$75		
Maintenance	\$ 285		
Organ	\$25		
Loan	\$230		
Restoration loan balance: \$68,433.38			

Special and Second Collection

March 19 &20: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund

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General: \$1930.57 School: \$325.84 Maintenance: 100.08



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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 Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what are not admitted to Holy Communion. constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.
- receiving. Plan to eat your breakfast after Mass!
- If you have not yet received First Communion.

Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Holy Communion?

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

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is (but are not limited to) being married outside the church, being a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, unmarried but living together or purposely not attending Sunday members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united

For those who cannot receive Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in our liturgy, to pray and sing with us. Please If you have not observed the Eucharistic Fast one hour before 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!

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.

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

Schedule and Mass Intentions			
Saturday, February 19, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for †J. R. Rowan and John Broschart	
Sunday, February 20, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	
Monday, February 21, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Joe Murray	
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	No Mass	No Mass	
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	5:50 PM	Mass for †John C. McGinnity	
Thursday, February 24, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Pat Karp	
Friday, February 25, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Austin Grogan, & †Most Rev. Thomas John McDonnell, D.D., LL.D.	
Saturday, February 26, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for Fr. Tim Grassi	
Sunday, February 27, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning February 13 - 26, 2022, in memory of Frank and Olga Angotti.

Why is Mass Offered for Specific People?

The greatest prayer that we have as Christians is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At each Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary is renewed and the graces achieved on the Cross are applied to souls for their salvation. This is why we have Masses offered for particular intentions.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory or honor of a loved one, or to honor a special occasion, please contact the parish office. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for two weeks. The memorial will also be published in the Bulletin.

Women's Lenten Day of Recollection

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will sponsor a Lenten Day of Recollection for ALL women on Saturday, March 5 in the St. Patrick School cafeteria.. You do not need to be a CDA member or a member of St. Patrick Church to attend. The Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will present this event. Lent is a time to prepare for the blessed Easter season. We hope ladies will take advantage of this opportunity. More information will be provided soon.

Don't Give Up Chocolate this Lent, Sign Up for Eucharist Adoration Instead!

We will offer extended hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning on Wednesday, March 9. Adoration will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. (immediately following the Stations of the Cross for the school) and will continue until the 5:45 p.m.

Instead of giving something up for Lent, why not commit to spending more time in the presence of our Lord?

Please sign-up by calling or emailing the parish office or by writing your name and phone number on the sheet in the vestibule of the church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 21 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, cafeteria (No SoulCore this evening)

Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday

• 8:15a.m., Mass

• 5:50 p.m., Mass

Saturday, March 5

Women's Day of Recollection, cafeteria Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Sunday March 6

State Free Throw Competition, gym Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, & 8 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, & 13 12:30 p.m., School Stations of the Cross Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday March 13 Coffee and doughnut Sunday, cafeteria Sponsored by the Pro-Life Club

Our Neighbor Collection

February

Hair Care Supplies

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

The Pro-Life Club Wants our Help!

Join us in the school cafeteria for coffee and donuts on March 13th! Hosted by Saint Patrick's For Life Club.

Crosses for the unborn will be placed in the front yard of the school.

Both parish members and the club will work together to design two signs to be placed in the front yard of the school. We will construct the signs while sharing coffee and donuts!

Parish members are invited to join the Pro-Life club in setting the crosses up in the yard on March 14th at 12:00 pm.



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



Science is Fun!

Last week in Mrs. Walsh's science class, students learned about how energy flows through producers and consumers. The class made food webs and chains then discussed how to identify predators vs prey by analyzing physical characteristics. Mrs. Walsh brought in her personal skull collection as examples. The students were thrilled and engaged looking-and touching-all of the various specimens which included American alligators, a blue jay, two different types of turtle shells, a donkey, some deer, and a black bear skull.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Prizes Awarded

Prizes were handed out to our poster contest winners on Friday, February 18 at the end of Mass. Unfortunately, not all the recipients were there. Teachers will give the prizes to those who were absent when they return. Pictured below are Daniel Cardenas, Audrey and London Westfall with Fr.Ondeck



2022 Calendar Cash Winners

February 1 Chuck Sumpter \$200 sold by Easton Conrad

February 2 Patsy Freeman \$75 sold by Ava Jefferson

February 3 Dusty Wolverton \$75 sold by Reagan and Ryleigh Murphy

February 4 Danny Fidenour \$75 sold by Conner Jordan

February 5 Marcia Murphy \$75 sold by Reagan and Rayleigh Murphy

> February 6 Alan Boggs \$100 sold by Ella Minnich

February 7 Gary & Judy Riley \$75 sold by Ashton Riley February 8 Matt Brown \$75 sold by B. Pratt

February 9 Patsy Talbert \$75 sold by Johna Cunningham

February 10 Curt Hogue \$75 sold by Reese Cunningham

February 11 Wilbur Swisher \$75 sold by Conner Jordan

February 12 Dusty Hall \$75 sold by Johna Cunningham

February 13 Darlene Dennison \$100 sold by Johna Cunningham

> February 14 Greg Williams \$400 sold by Ava Jefferson

February 15 Coretta Jefferson \$75 sold by Ava Jefferson

February 16 Shirley Turansky \$75 sold by Aubrey Pickens

February 17 Susan Moody \$75 sold by London Westfall

Thank you to Weston Walmart for your generous donation of school supplies!









Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

With Him on the Mountain

We are a Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth through rock climbing, equestrian activities, archery, Adoration, overnight backpacking, outdoor Mass and more! Register your camper at *CampCarlowv.org* by **June 1st** to receive our early bird rate of \$275.

<u>June 26th – July 2nd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 3rd – July 9th, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

<u>July 10th – July 16th</u>, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

<u>July 17th – July 23rd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 24th – July 30th,</u> "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

Contact Assistant Director, Sadie Shields, for more information: <u>sshields@dwc.org</u> or 1 (304) 476-9015





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Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting

February 21, 6:00 p.m.



The Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting, on Monday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All Catholic women age 18 and up who are in good standing with the Catholic Church, are

invited to join. Dues are \$30 per year.

Save the Date

Saturday, April 23

A parish Spring celebration is being planned for Saturday, April 23. The Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus will work together to organize this event.



LENT IS COMING

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the Church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in the desert (cf. Matt 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13). This season of

preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and works of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. Thus, every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the forty days of Lent.



DO NOT LET THIS TIME TO GROW IN HOLINESS PASS YOU BY!!

Consider the following categories on what you should do for Lent.

1. <u>VOLUNTARY AMENDMENT OF LIFE</u>: Give up those things that you need to give up sooner or later, namely bad habits. Your goal here is to break a bad habit for ever and Lent is a good time to do it. Love your soul more than your body!

Examples: Gossiping, surfing the web without real need, watching T.V., overeating, eating between meals, eating and drinking junk foods (e.g., soda), bad drinking habits, complaining, saying vulgar words, not getting up on time, using a snooze alarm, wasting time playing video games, going to movies, listening to base music, useless chattering on facebook, blogs, and the like, etc...

In this category I am going to do_____

2. <u>ACTS OF PENANCE</u>: Perform some kind of penance. Your goal here is to train yourself to say "no" in little things so that you can say "NO" to big tempations later. You may resume doing the things you have given up here once Lent is over. Love your soul more than your body! Examples: Avoid eating or drinking something that you enjoy, such as desserts. Give up eating out, taking hot showers, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc...

In this category I am going to do_

3. <u>WORKS OF CHARITY</u>: Perform some good and holy action(s). Your goal here is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Beloved Church. Ideally what you start here would continue in some way even after Lent is over. Love God more than yourself!

Examples: Pray the Rosary every day, attend daily Mass as much as possible, read the Sacred Scriptures ______ minutes a day, spend ______ additional time every day with my family, read a life of a saint or saints, increase spiritual reading, make a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament or some shrine of Our Lady.

In this category I am going to do_____

I plan on making a good confession by this day during Lent _