St. Patrick Catholic Church

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The Ascension of the Lord

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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 Ascension of the Lord

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our

minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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



Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe

away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons

and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. R/. Amen "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.



Schedule and Mass Intentions		
Saturday, May 28, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 29, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for all who died in service to the United States
Monday, May 30, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for Fr. Carter Griffin
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	5:50 PM	Mass for †Ed Hubbs by family
Thursday, June 2, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Jeff Linger
Friday, June 3, 2022	9:00 AM*	Funeral Mass for John Joseph Timmins
Saturday, June 4, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for †Frank and Olga Angotti by the Paugh family.
Sunday, June 5, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning May 22 - June 4, 2022, in memory Paul Derico by Helen and family		

*We will not have an 8:15 Mass o this day. Please join us at the funeral Mass to prayer for the repose of the soul of Mr. Timmins.

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.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in honor of Memorial Day.

Donut Sunday

Join us after Mass on Sunday, June 12 for donuts and coffee in the cafeteria. This month is sponsored by Judy Jerden for our First Communicants!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 29 8th Grade Graduation at Mass

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day Parish Office Closed

June 4 - 5 Gifts from the Holy Land

Tuesday, June 7 7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting, cafeteria

Sunday, June 12 Donut Sunday sponsored by Judy Jerden



Our Neighbor Collection

June

Toilet Paper and Tissues

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

Knights of Columbus

June 7, 7:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All Catholic men, 18 and older, are invited to join this organization.

CHEERS TO 500 years Happy Anniversary! Larry and Luanne Bowers will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 4th. Congratulations!

Gifts from the Holy Land, June 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 for over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and 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.

High School Seniors Recognized at Mass



Our high school seniors were recognized at Mass on Sunday, May 22. They were given the book, "How I Stayed Catholic at Harvard" by Aurora Griffin.

Left to right: Kristen Determan, Briana Franklin, Brandon Queen, Jack Paugh, Noah Hamrick, and Cameron Ross.



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 **Brady and Katie Say Goodbye to St. Pats!**







Thank You



Eighth graders, Brady Jordan. Katie and Moodispaw finished their years at St. Patrick School with a proper send off by the students, teachers and staff. A few tears were shed and memories were shared as they reflected on the wonderful years they spent here. We know you will both go on to do great things in this world! We will miss vou!

Fr. Ondeck wishes to thank the organizations that contributed to the success of the school's end of year picnic. The HSA, The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters provided delicious food, fun games, and face painting for all who attended. Thank you parents, teachers, and staff for going the extra mile for our kids.

St. Patrick High School Class of 1972



St. Patrick's High School Class of 1972 gathered on May 21 for their 50th reunion. They attended Mass on Saturday before heading out to remanence.

Left to Right: Ruth Cox, Mike Droppleman, Barb King, Robert Armada, Mary Ellen Bragg, Theresa Angotti, Rick Carder, Fely Curva, John Law, and Sharon Pinkney.

A Surprise Visitor at the **End of Year School** Picnic



The rain dried up and the sun came out so that we could enjoy our end-of-year picnic at Lewis County Park on May 27. The best part of the day was getting to see fourth-grader Audrey Westfall. Audrey has been treatment undergoing for leukemia and has not been able to attend school. We weren't able to hug her, but seeing her smiling eyes made our day!

Class of 2022 Visits the School



Nineteen of our former students visited us on Wednesday, May 25. The "Senior Walk-Through" takes place at each elementary school in the county. High school seniors are invited back to visit the schools where they began their education. For our students, it is where they received "An Excellent Beginning." Please keep all of these young men and women in your prayers as they move forward in life.

Dylan Rowan, Brooke Butcher, Sydney Aman, Brandon Oueen, Izaiah Bowen, Kristen Greathouse, Wade Britton, Kristen Determan, Payton Aman. Emma Post, Briana Franklin, Eli Sprouse, Kyra Book, Jonah Clem. Mason Akers, Kirsten Ammons, Jack Paugh Devon Perrine, and Christian Mullins.

May God reward you richly for your thoughtfulness.

We cannot thank you enough for the food Donations - "Knights of Columbus - 40 cans for Kent-Food Drive" - We certainly do appreciate each of you and all you do for us here Qui You and all you do for us here Qui You and all you do for us here Qui You and all you do por us here Qui You and all you do por us here Qui



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Another Look at Contraception

Read the full version at usccb.org/contraception.

To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up.

God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and nonmarital births skyrocketed; and women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues, as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty."*

As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate His generous, sacrificial, lifegiving, and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, He invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

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Support the **State Project** for Catholic **Daughters** of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will sell tickets after Mass next weekend, for a chance to win а

beautiful Marian lantern. The lantern was made by one of the members of the Catholic Daughters in another court.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Money raised will be distributed among food pantries throughout the state. You can also purchase tickets through the office. The parish drawing will be held at the CDA state workshop on June 4 in Morgantown.



Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

- June 26th July 2nd A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.
- July 3rd July 9th Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.
- July 10th July 16th Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.
- July 17th July 23rd A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.
- July 24th July 30th "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year old's who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

https://campcarlowv.org/

Scholarships are available through our parish for our parishioners. Call the parish office for more information.