

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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The First Sunday of Advent

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

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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 First Sunday of Advent

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the First Sunday of Advent, opening the Advent season. 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.'

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).

1 Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

—Excerpted from Dicastery for the Clergy

Advent Week 1

As you light the first
candle in the Advent
wreath, take a slow deep
breath. Remember that
achieving the perfectly
orchestrated holiday
doesn't matter. What
matters is watching for
God in every situation.

“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.

Attendance & Collections

Saturday: 96 \$1630 (23 env./check donors)
Sunday: 203 \$1335 (19 env./check donors)
Mail/Lockbox Donations: \$ 615 (5 donors)
Total 299 \$3580

School \$ 105
Votive Candles \$ 105 (2 weeks)
Maintenance \$ 70
Organ \$ 0
Loan \$ 85

Restoration loan balance: \$62,076.29
Organ balance: \$84,711.07

Please, write separate checks for the different funds and collections. Thank you!

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Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Nyla Ebbert, Amy Flesher, Lynne Fultineer, Reece Gibson, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Matt McCauley, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Mike Queen, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, John Riley, Jim Riley, Sam Schwartzmiller, Special Intentions, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall
- **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**
- **All seminarians:** Especially, Joe Derico, and Dylan O’Sullivan
- **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 struggling with infertility.**

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. **Mints and gum break your fast.**
- 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!

Mass Etiquette

- Please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones prior to the start of Mass. Tablets and other gaming devices should not be brought to church.
- When we are in the church, we should refrain from speaking in order to allow for people to pray. If we talk, we should keep our volume to a reverential whisper. This is not because we don't want community. This is to promote prayer with Christ in the Eucharist and to prepare our hearts and minds for Mass. Community time is best for **after Mass in the vestibule or outside the church.**
- Other people use your pew. Please take all bulletins, papers, tissues, etc. with you when you leave. Cleanliness is close to Godliness.

Thank you for your mindfulness.

Will and Estate Planning

Have you considered remembering St. Patrick's in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Pat's. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used (i.e. "for the use of St. Patrick Parish, Weston").

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.

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 added to our files.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 26, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, November 27, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for †Butch Cain
Monday, November 28, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rue Thompson Sr. by family
Tuesday, November 29, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	5:50 PM	Mass for †Josephine Determan and Karen
Thursday, December 1, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by
Friday, December 2, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Dr. Porfirio Pascasio by Luke
Saturday, December 3, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for †Charles Rowgh
Sunday, December 4, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning November 20—December 3, 2022, in memory of Andy and Mary Ondeck.

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.

Donut Sunday and the Drive-Through Food Drive

December's Donut Sunday and the Drive-through food drive are scheduled for the same Sunday. Therefore, this gives everyone the opportunity to go in and have a donut while the Catholic Daughters unload your food donations from your car.

Thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for sponsoring Donut Sunday in December!

The drive-through food drive will also take place on Saturday evening, December 10, but you will miss out on doughnuts!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 29

Giving Tuesday

Sunday, December 4

Deadline for Angel Tree presents to be returned

Thursday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 a.m. All School Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Mass

December 10 & 11

Drive-through food drive

Sunday, December 11

- Donut Sunday
- Deadline for toy and clothing drive

Thursday, December 15

Deadline for food basket donations

Friday, December 16

St. Patrick School Christmas Pageant

Our Neighbor Collection

December

Tissues and toilet paper

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

Volunteers Needed for the 37th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner

The 37th Annual Lewis County Christmas Dinner is looking for volunteers and donations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Drivers are needed to deliver to the homebound. Pies, cakes, and cookies donations can be dropped off at RLBMS on December 24 from 10 am to 1 pm, and the morning of December 25. Advance orders can be made by calling 304.269.4291 and leaving a message. On Christmas Day only, the call should be placed to 304.439.8709. To donate make checks payable to the Lewis County Christmas Dinner, P.O. Box 1012, Weston, WV 26452.

Kids Needed to Sing at Mass on Christmas Eve

This Christmas Eve the parish will be having a 4:30 pm Mass. The students for the school will provide music for this Mass under the direction of the music teacher, Fiona Ayala. Mrs. Ayala would also like to invite any children from the parish who are interested to join them in the choir. A list of hymns will be provided

In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

It's time for the annual Knights of Columbus, "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Any child in the parish may enter. There are three age divisions, 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. Entry forms are in the vestibule. Parents, please remember to sign the entry form with your child(ren). Posters must be returned to the parish office before December 2, 2022.

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Pre-K Aide Position Opportunity

Interested individuals should email Fr. O'neck at ondeck.douglas@gmail.com.

Address for our favorite seminarians, Mr. Joe Derico and Mr. Dylan O'Sullivan

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

Change for Life Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Catholic Daughters are happy to announce that our baby bottle fundraiser has raised **\$4967.93** so far in their annual "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

This week, 24 car seats were ordered for the Lewis County Family Resource Network. The remaining funds will be distributed to local organizations that promote life.

The Angels Have Been Adopted

Thank you to everyone who adopted our angels this year!

Please return packages unwrapped to the parish office before December 4th.



St. Patrick School Christmas Pageant

The annual Christmas pageant will offer two shows (a matinee and an evening performance) on Friday, December 16. The matinee will be at 1:00 p.m. and the evening show will be at 7:00 p.m.. The Pageant is once again under the direction of the school's music teacher, Fiona Ayala.

Help Us Help Others

Annual Food Drive

Collecting has begun for the annual food drive for the Christmas food baskets given out at Christmas through the church. The classes of St. Patrick's School collect various items to help with the drive. Each class is assigned a different food item or items. Items we need from the parish are, canned vegetables and fruit, gravy, applesauce, boxed dinners, and canned meat. The deadline for food donations is December 15. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office, the church vestibule, or brought to the drive-through food drive.



Winter Clothing Drive

Don't leave others out in the cold this winter. Donate new or gently used coats, hats, clothes, and scarves for those who need them. Donations will be received through Dec. 11 and will be given to Our Neighbor.



Toy Drive

New and gently used toys are being collected. Toys must be received by December 11. These items will be donated to Our Neighbor.



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