

St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Parish Office Hours

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

For last rites, please call 304-691-0537.

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 Second Sunday of Advent

The First Reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10. To help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Church recalls the prophecies of the great Isaiah on each of the four Sundays of Advent. To encourage the Chosen People who, because of the bad example of their worldly leaders, were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh their true God, the prophet reminds them of him who is to come. This was 700 years before Christ came, but it was a reminder that God, who had called Abraham and had made him the father and founder of the Chosen People some thousand years previously, had not forgotten his promises. He would fulfill his word. He would one day send them a ruler, a king, who would rule and judge with justice because he would have the true spirit of the Lord. He who was to come would set up a kingdom of peace, not only for the Chosen People but for all men. The kingdom he was to establish would be for Jew and Gentile.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9. St. Paul is telling newly converted Christians, converted Christians of Rome, many of whom were Jews, that the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament are still a source of instruction, encouragement, and hope. The call of Abraham and the promises made to him, and to his descendants, were fulfilled in the coming of Christ. Christ was the glory of the Chosen People—the fruit of centuries of preparation and expectation—but he brought the knowledge and blessings of the true God to the Gentile pagans also. Henceforth, all men are brothers of Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction. Add to this what has been written concerning Christ's coming among us, with his teaching and promises, and we Christians surely have an inexhaustible source of encouragement and hope. To help us prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, the Church brings before our minds sections of the Old and New Testaments, which should inspire us with new faith, hope and charity. Faith in God, who always fulfills his promises, hope for our eventual salvation, and charity, or love for God, who has done, and is still doing, such wonderful things for us unworthy men. This charity and love of God must spill over on our neighbor, if it is sincere, for as St. John tells us, the man who says he loves God and yet hates his neighbor is a liar (2 Jn. 4:20).

The Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12, an angel announced to Zechariah, a priest of the temple, that he would have a son (even though his wife Elizabeth was barren and advanced in years). This son was destined to be the Precursor who would announce the proximate arrival of the long-expected Messiah. John, the name given him by the angel even before his conception, spent his youth and early manhood as a hermit in the desert of Judea, preparing himself for his exalted office. When God revealed to him that the Messiah was soon to begin his public life, John set out for the bank of the Jordan, where he began to preach repentance, in order to prepare the people for "him who was to come."

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



Donut Sunday and the Drive-Through Food Drive, December 11



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 before and after Mass on Saturday, December 10, but you will miss out on doughnuts!

“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: 68 \$ 540 (16 env./check donors)
 Sunday: 233 \$2829 (27 env./check donors)
 Mail/Lockbox Donations: \$ 40 (2 donors)
Total 301 \$3369

School \$ 570
 Votive Candles \$ 30
 Maintenance \$ 10
 Organ \$ 0
 Loan \$ 0

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:** Jed Conrad (UVA), 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, December 3, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for †Charles Rowgh
Sunday, December 4, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, December 5, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by Pat Kiddy
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	5:50 PM	Mass for †James Blake and Bryan Francis
Thursday, December 8, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Junior Brumley by Luke and Benjamin Milinovich
	6:00 p.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
Friday, December 9, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mark Ruppert by Jim and Betty Hill
Saturday, December 10, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 11, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for †Roberta Karp by family

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 4— 17, 2022,
in memory of Joe and Theresa Boyle by Judy Gais.

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.

Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Thursday, December 8, 8:15 a.m. (School Mass)
Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.

Attending any of these Masses fulfills your obligation for the Holy Day.

Religious Education Spotlight

Each week we will feature what one of the parish or school's catechesis programs is learning so that you can have a brief refresh in catechetical knowledge.

You can never know too much about our faith!

This week's spotlight: Grade 4

Topic: Mortal VS Venial Sin

Not all sin is the same. Some sins are venial (they hurt our relationship with God but don't sever it). Venial sins should still be avoided because they can lead to mortal sin which completely breaks our relationship with God. It is our deliberate choice to go against him.

4th Grade is learning to discern between mortal & venial sin. Mortal sin has three requirements:

1. Grave Matter (it was a big deal)
2. Full Knowledge (you knew it was wrong)
3. Full Consent (you did it on purpose)

Students know that if they have committed a mortal sin that God wants us to receive his mercy and reconcile with him. If we have a mortal sin on our soul we need to receive God's abounding grace in confession before receiving Holy Communion. We can also confess venial sins but they can be forgiven by the sacrament of the Eucharist.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 6

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

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

- 1:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m.

Our Neighbor Collection

December

Tissues and toilet paper

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

What is Scrip?



Scrip is a gift card resale program in which all St. Patrick Catholic School's families & friends can participate. The gift cards are worth exactly what you pay for them, but by purchasing them through St. Patrick's, you generate revenue that can be used to offset your materials fee. When you take advantage of Scrip, you earn money just by making your regular household purchases.

As we approach the Christmas season gift card orders will be placed on the following days:

- December 8 - December 14th Delivery
- December 15 - December 21st Delivery

Complete the order form and send with check payment by the order date listed above. Order forms are in the vestibule.

Cards will be sent home with home with students. If you would prefer to pick up your order, please indicate it on your order form.

Be sure to share this with family, friends and businesses that purchase gifts cards for their employees.

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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.

2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

◆ 4:30 p. m.

(Children's Choir will sing.)

◆ 6:00 p.m.

(Handbell choir will play.)

Sunday, December 25

◆ Midnight

(Adult choir will sing.)

◆ 10:30 a.m.

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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.

Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. The application and additional information may be found at <https://dwc.org/directory-listing/permanent-diaconate-formation-office-of/2275/>. For questions, please feel free to contact the diocesan Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation: Deacon John Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@dwc.org, or Tina High, Secretary, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.

Annual Food Drive 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

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 p.m. Mass. The students from 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.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."
Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger).

Weston Christmas Parade Toyland Christmas

Thank you to the families that designed and built our float entry in Weston's Christmas Parade! Our students had a wonderful time this evening participating in the parade and took home 2nd place in the float competition.



St. Patrick School Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 16
1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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.

Calendar Cash

\$10 each, 28 Chances to win!

The top seller will receive a \$500 tuition credit!

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.

The perfect, affordable stocking stuffer!

Pizza Lunch

Mrs. Smith's second graders enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch with Fr. Ondeck on Wednesday, November 30, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters. The class raised the most money in the annual "Change for Life" baby bottle fundraiser. Good job second grade!



Pre-K Aide Position Opportunity

Interested individuals should email Fr. Ondeck at ondeck.douglas@gmail.com.