

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 11, 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
Wednesday, 12 - 5  
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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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## Gaudete Sunday

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." The celebrants have an option to wear rose-colored vestments to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath.



## 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 7/8  
Topic: Church History- the Protestant Reformation

When you come to Mass you may see or pass many other churches along the way; within sight from our school window there are 3 other churches! Many students never thought much about this until we discussed the Protestant Reformation during our Church History unit.

These other churches bear many different names: Lutheran Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and 40,000+ others. These churches are "Protestant" because they were founded in protest of the Catholic Church ("Catholic" is not just another title for a denomination— "Catholic" means "Universal" as we are the universal Church that Christ founded).

Protestantism began with a German monk named Martin Luther who recognized many scandals within the Church at the time (we have to note that the Church in her teachings have ALWAYS been holy— the people running the Church have not always been). Some of the aspects that Luther wanted to reform were reasonable but when the Church didn't respond in the way that he desired he formally broke off from the Catholic Church founding the Lutheran church. With this split, Luther invented many heresies (false teachings) the chief two heresies being:

Sola Scriptura- the erroneous idea that Christians don't need Church authority or tradition. Every Christian should interpret the bible for themselves.

Catholic response: "scripture alone" is unworkable, unhistorical, and unbiblical. It is unworkable because there are thousands of protestant denominations who interpret the bible for themselves and they all come to different conclusions— teaching different things. It is unhistorical because the early Christians did not believe this (the bible wasn't even compiled for the first 300 years of Christianity), and it is unbiblical as the bible never refers to trusting in itself outside of the context of the church, rather scripture reminds us to trust in the Church.

Sola Fide- the erroneous idea that we are saved by faith alone, not by works (what we do with our faith).

Catholic response: Catholics DO believe that we are saved by faith. God's grace is a gift that cannot be earned. However, as Catholics we do not believe that you can go to Heaven simply by believing that God exists and that Jesus is the Messiah. We know that if faith doesn't produce good works that that faith is dead (James 2:14-26) (Martin Luther wanted to remove the book of James from the bible). If we claim to have faith in Jesus but do not live a Christian life according to the teachings of the Church we will not be saved. God will judge us according to what we have done at our particular judgment but good works are only possible through our faith in Jesus.

In conclusion, the protestant revolt was detrimental to the body of Christ. We should approach our brothers and sisters in faith with charity as many simply do not know the truth of the Catholic faith but they do truly love our Lord. Are you willing to share our faith to help unify the body of Christ once more?

***“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: \$1479 (25 env./check donors)  
 Sunday: \$2119 (21 env./check donors)  
 Mail/Lockbox Donations: \$ 475 (2 donors)  
**Total \$4073**

School \$ 250  
 Votive Candles \$ 65  
 Maintenance \$ 50  
 Organ \$ 0  
 Loan \$ 0  
 Flower fund \$ 580  
 Giving Tuesday \$2571.29

### Attendance for the Solemnity for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: 70  
 8:15 a.m. : 141  
 6:00 p.m.: 57

Restoration loan balance: \$61,364.82

Organ balance: \$84,711.07

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different funds and collections. Thank you!**

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### Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Jed Conrad 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 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
Monday, December 12, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Clifford and Lucy Messenger
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	5:50 PM	Mass for †Bryan Francis by family
Thursday, December 15, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Paul Kavanagh by family
Friday, December 16, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Susana Dominguez Arbelaez by family
Saturday, December 17, 2022	5:30 PM	Mass for †Joe and Theresa Boyle by Judy Gais
Sunday, December 18, 2022	10:30 AM	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.

## Advent Reconciliation Opportunity

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi from the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will be here on Tuesday, December 20 to hear confessions.

He will hear confessions during Adoration and Mass.

Adoration will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Mass immediately following benediction at 5:45 p.m. This will replace Adoration on Mass Wednesday, December 21.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### Tuesday, December 20

- 5:00 p.m., Adoration
  - 5:50 p.m., Mass
- Fr. Aron Maghsoudi will hear confessions before and after Mass.

### Wednesday, December 21

No Adoration or Mass

## Our Neighbor Collection

### December

Tissues and toilet paper

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

## 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!



### Cookies For Sale at Donut Sunday

The Catholic Daughters recently enjoyed a cookie baking day and made seven different types of cookies to sell at the Lewis County Senior Center Craft/and Vendor Show. Lucky for us, they didn't sell out and will have the remaining boxes for sale at Donut Sunday.

There are 14 boxes, which include all seven different types of cookies available for \$10 a box.

There are also extra cookies that can be bought individually, so you can buy just a few of your favorites.

## St. Patrick School Christmas Pageant

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

The annual Christmas pageant will offer two shows 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.

## Thank You!

We would like to thank Bennett's Furniture & Appliance for once again sending a truck and to deliver our Angel Tree presents to Stonewall Resort for us. Volunteers from Our Neighbor will wrap the presents at the Resort's multi-purpose room and get them ready for distribution to the angels.

Thank you to everyone who adopted angels! This year, thirty-five kids will have a better Christmas because of the generosity of our parishioners!



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## PVT Thomas M. Wright Memorial Bridge Dedication and Blessing

Fr. Ondeck had the privilege to bless the new "4th Street Bridge" and give the benediction at its dedication on Wednesday, December 7, the 81st anniversary of the military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor on Oahu Island, Hawaii. The bridge is now the Private Thomas M. Wright Memorial Bridge. Private Wright was from Lewis County who grew up just up the hill from the bridge on Buck Hill. He was born on January 15, 1920 and was one of the more than 2400 casualties of the attack. Private Wright is believed to be the first Lewis Countian killed in World War II. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.



### 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 gift!**

### 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.

## 2022 Christmas Mass Schedule



**Saturday, December 24**

- 4:30 pm (Childrens Choir will sing.)
- 6:00 pm (Handbell choir will play.)

**Sunday, December 25**

- Midnight (Adult choir will sing.)
- Mass at 10:30 am

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### Names Needed this Week 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](mailto: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

**Worth Remembering:** An easy way to remember that a priest wears rose vestments and not pink on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent is this, Jesus rose from grave. He didn't pink from the grave.

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

There was great participation in the annual Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest this year. The contest was judged on Artistic Merit, Slogan, and overall impact. Thank you to everyone who entered.

#### Age 11 - 14

1st place: Lukas Moodispaw  
2nd place: Mirabella Minnich  
3rd place: Kara Determan

#### Age 8 - 10

1st place: London Westfall  
2nd place: Catalaya Rosales  
3rd place: Evelyn Benedum

#### Age 5 - 7

1st place: Elle Burkhammer  
2nd place: Reese Cunningham  
3rd place: Cayetano Ayala

### Annual Food Drive Deadline is December 15!

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.



## Life is Better with Ice Cream

Mrs. Moody recently rewarded her first-grade class with an ice cream treat for meeting and exceeding their goal of 75 boxes of potatoes for the Christmas food baskets!

The donated food will be used to make food baskets for needy families in our area. This project is done in conjunction with St Patrick's Church and The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory #379.



## 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 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.