

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
Wednesday, 12 - 5  
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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 5:45 p.m.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent



## Date Change for Advent Penance Service

**Monday, December 19  
6:00 p.m.**

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi from the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will be here on Monday, December 19 not Tuesday, December 20th for our penance service. Fr. Ondeck will also hear confessions after Mass on Friday, December 16.

**We will not have confessions on  
December 24 or 25th so take  
advantage of the opportunities  
above.**

## 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: RCIA**  
**Topic: The Eucharist**  
By Megan White

This week in RCIA we are covering the Eucharist. Every Catholic knows about the Eucharist—or at least, most of us think we do. We are familiar with the teachings that the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ and we are quick to get into the communion line. But do we believe? Or at least do we believe in the power of the Eucharist as much as satanists? Allow me to explain.

"These people knew the value of the sacraments!" says Betty Brennan, a former satanist. She states that every satanic ritual is a takeoff of the sacramental rites of the Roman Catholic Church and calls this a testimony to their power. She claims that a skilled witch could identify a consecrated host among thousands of unconsecrated ones. In a youtube audio (url below), she speaks of how when she attended Mass as a practicing satanist she always had to leave before the consecration, terrified and breaking out in a sweat.

Why am I talking about this? Because satanists seem more convinced of the Blessed Sacrament than Catholics do. We find it difficult to drag ourselves to the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; only a handful of familiar faces attend daily Mass, we stay far from confession and are quick to jump in line to receive communion only to run out the door at the final hymn.

The statistics are terrifying but not shocking. A recent survey by PewResearch presents that only a third of Catholics believe in transubstantiation—the official church teaching that the substance of ordinary bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of our Lord during the consecration at Mass. No wonder the United States Council of Catholic Bishops has called for a national Eucharistic revival!

The Eucharist is the sign of the new and eternal covenant established by Jesus Christ. The reception of Holy Communion—in a state of grace—is how we become partakers in the covenant promise of eternal life. It is the "source and the summit" of our faith as the catechism puts it—both the end goal and the means to that goal. The Eucharist is Jesus present with us.

*"If we paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."* -St Angela of Foligno

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hudedR2iPM> to watch, "Former Satanist Becomes Catholic"

***“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: \$ 987 (16 env./check donors)  
Sunday: \$1817 (25 env./check donors)  
Mail/Lockbox Donations: \$1720 (9 donors)  
**Total \$4524**

School \$ 320  
School (In memory of Beth Nichols) \$1000  
Votive Candles \$ 82  
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Organ \$ 0  
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Flower fund \$ 115  
Giving Tuesday \$4600  
Religious Retirement Fund \$890



#### November MyEOffering Donations

General: \$2124.04  
School: \$300.00  
Maintenance: \$283.46

#### Utilities and other monthly Expenses

Utilities \$3617.75 (Church, Office, School & Gym)  
Property Insurance \$3189.50 (Church and Office)  
Copier Lease and copies \$398.42  
Pest Control \$140

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

### Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Bob Swiger (Mon. General), Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Larry Bowers, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Kay Droppleman, Jed Easton, 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 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
Monday, December 19, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Tuesday, December 20, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, December 21, 2022	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday, December 22, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Larry and Rob Dodson by Eric and Sheila Folio
Friday, December 23, 2022	8:15 AM	Mass for †Theresa Veronica Brumley by John & Mary Kay Wensyel
Saturday, December 24, 2022	4:30 PM	Mass for †Jessica Hogan by B. Violet
Saturday, December 24, 2022	6:00 PM	Mass for †John Timmins
Sunday, December 25, 2022	Midnight	Mass for †Karen Renzelli
Sunday, December 25, 2022	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 18—31, 2022, in memory of James Blake and Brian Francis by family.

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, December 19

6:00 p.m., Penance Service  
Fr. Aron Maghsoudi will assist Fr. Ondeck.

### Wednesday, December 21

No Adoration or Mass

### December 23 - 26, and December 30—January 2

Parish Office closed

### Friday December 23—Monday, January 2

No School

### Tuesday, January 3

School resumes

### January 8

Donut Sunday



### Sunday, January 15

10 am - 2 pm, Foul Shooting Competition sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

### January 29-February 4, 2023

National Catholic Schools Week

## Our Neighbor Collection

### December

Tissues and toilet paper

### January

Soap, Deodorant, Feminine products

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

## 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!**

## 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](mailto:jyaquina@dwc.org), or Tina High, Secretary, [thigh@dwc.org](mailto:thigh@dwc.org) or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.



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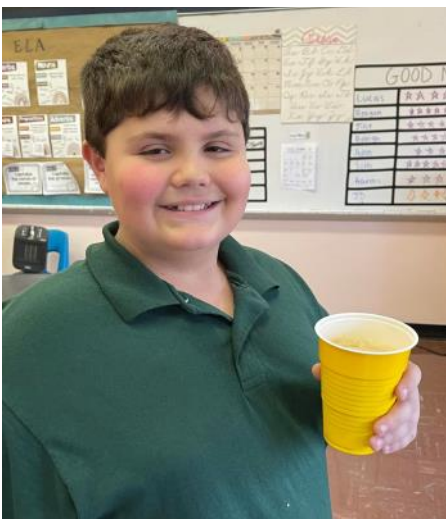


## Welcome Back

This year, we are pleased to have Mrs. Mary Catherine Atchison back as a full-time member of the faculty. Mrs. Atchison is not a stranger to us as she once was the aid for our Pre-S/ Pre-K program. After taking a couple of years off, she rejoined us last year as a sub and is now our fourth-grade teacher. Like Miss Terpening, she is committed to our school and church and goes above and beyond. You know you have a good teacher when a substitute teacher makes the comment that she would sub for this teacher anytime!



Mrs. Atchison taught her fourth-grade class about Advent and the history of St. Nicholas.





## Welcome to the Family

We are pleased to introduce you to our third-grade teacher, Emily Terpening. Emily began subbing for us last year and we knew we wanted to keep her. She is doing fantastic work with her class and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Emily is beautiful inside and out and committed to teaching and her Catholic faith. We are extremely lucky to have such an excellent addition to our family. Below is a short bio about Miss Terpening and pictures of her class.



Hello everyone, my name is Emily Terpening and I teach 3rd grade at St. Pats. I moved to West Virginia about three years ago, after visiting and falling in love with the mountains and this town. My hobbies outside of school include cooking, gardening, and farming. This church and community have shown me so much love and support, and I am so grateful to call you my family.

