

St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

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Parish Office Hours
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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The Word Took Our Nature from Mary

The Apostle tells us: The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you" so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.

This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Savior truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of Saint John: The Word was made flesh, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in Saint Paul: Christ was made a curse for our sake. Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is for ever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

—Excerpted from a letter by St. Athanasius



Highlights of the Month

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

**The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is
celebrated on January 3.**

Donut Sunday

Our next Donut Sunday will be on January 8 in the cafeteria.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, January 1, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Gene and Irma Hart by Shirley Hubbs
Monday, January 2, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for Fr. Frank Pavone
Thursday, January 5, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Dr. Porfirio Pascasio by Luke and Benjamin Milinovich
Friday, January 6, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for special intentions of Alex and Fiona Ayala
Saturday, January 7, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Roland Daugherty by Barbara Daugherty
Sunday, January 8, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning December 18—31, 2022, in memory of Robert Hines by Helen Hines Tomaro.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to every donated of their time, talent and treasure to make our Christmas liturgies amazing. From those who served at Mass to the decorators, from the musicians and choirs to all who gave to the flower fund, we are blessed to have generous people in our parish family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

January

Soap, Deodorant, Feminine products

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

Donor

Butcher, Jimmy and Kay
Butcher, John & Sue
Casto, Steve & Gennette
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In Honor/Memory Of

Jill Lamb Stutler
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“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 4:30 p.m.: 145
 Saturday 6:00 p.m.: 153
 Sunday midnight.: 84
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 63

Total 445 \$1836.36 (all Masses)

School \$1500
 Votive Candles \$ 119
 Maintenance \$3000
 Organ \$ 0
 Loan \$ 0
 Christmas Envelopes: \$1250
 Catholic Charities WV: \$250

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

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Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Tom Blake (VA), Bob Riley (SJM), Bob Swiger (Encompass), 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, Jamie Mick, 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
- **For all who are experiencing loneliness and loss .**
- **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.

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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.

If Your Kids Are Unhappy, Take Them To Church

By: Mary Rose Kulczak

December 28, 2022

A huge burden could be lifted from our children if they had a place to go each week that offered them grace and refuge from anxiety.

It seems like every time I turn around, an editor assigns me a story related to the mental health crises of our children. Most of the health experts I speak to correlate Covid lockdowns and our children's fragile state. Closing schools played a major role in this phenomenon, but what if other crucial factors are being overlooked?

Another story, seemingly unrelated to the mental health crisis, is making the rounds in the corporate press. Church attendance is on a rapid decline. The "nones," survey respondents who say they have no religious affiliation, are the fastest-growing group in the United States every year. We now have a generation of adults that grew up not attending worship services weekly, and they are raising their children in a similar fashion.

The "nones" seem to prefer a parenting style that says: "We're fine without church and worship and religious instruction and institutions, thank you very much." But they are not fine. Their children are not coping and managing the day-to-day stresses and inconveniences thrown at them. They are fragile and increasingly so.

The "nones" will tell you it is because we need to better embrace children's differences and preferences (like their pronouns) while empowering them with positive affirmations and encouraging personal acceptance through self-esteem workshops. We clutter their calendars with sports, theater, STEM clubs, and dance classes. If none of that pans out, we allow our kids to self-medicate with hours spent on social media.

Parents will do all of this, but won't take their families to church. Yet research shows that children who attend weekly worship services have higher GPAs, score higher on standardized tests, and are less likely to be held back a grade. They also are more likely to achieve a bachelor's degree in college.

So why aren't parents taking their children to weekly worship?

When surveyed, parents often respond that their children and teens do not want to attend worship. This democratic approach to family decision-making only seems to apply to church attendance, however. For other important decisions like wearing a seatbelt or vaccinations, parents balk at giving their children voting privileges. A child's vote carries more weight when it aligns with a parent's desire to stay home in pajamas on a Sunday morning.

Why should church attendance be considered a powerful tool for parents to boost their children's mental health? We can look to the research for the answer.

In a 2018 study, Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health found some surprising benefits to children and adolescents who attend weekly worship. It turns out that children and teens who attend church grow up to be young adults with higher rates of reported happiness and life satisfaction. They were less likely to suffer from anxiety and depression, less likely to use illicit drugs, and less likely to engage in early sex and contract sexually transmitted infections.

In addition, these same young adults were more likely to embrace volunteering and reported feeling a sense of mission and purpose than their non-church-attending counterparts.

With all of these positive outcomes for children who attend weekly worship, should we be surprised that children who do not have a similar structure in their lives experience an inverse phenomenon? Is it any wonder that anxiety and depression among children and teens are on the rise when every day, their still-forming brains are bombarded with information about doom and destruction while they drown in a sea of gender confusion and racial animus?

We think we can combat all the negativity by telling children: "You are perfect! You are awesome! You keep being you!" We put these pithy platitudes on T-shirts and backpacks and stickers with unicorns and rainbows. At the end of a bad day, our kids know that this is no substitute for the real deal.

Each of us knows these sentiments are superficial. We are poor, miserable sinners in need of forgiveness. Where do we go with all our baggage when the church is not an option? We go to therapists and pharmacists, but trends show that the last place parents want to go is the place actually offering a solution.

What could families find at church that they won't find anywhere else? Hopefully, something that is woefully lacking in the world around them: the truth.

Newsflash, kids! You are not perfect! You know that mean thing you did to your classmate in the cafeteria? That was a sin. And that nasty thought you had about that person? That was a sin. And the snide comment you made to your mom when you were hungry? Yep. Are you starting to see a pattern here?

Good news: you've come to the right place! Jesus came for sinners. As a matter of fact, the church is filled with them. Each week, they come to hear the message that even though we are sinful human beings, Jesus died for those sins. When we confess those nasty thoughts and horrible things we did, we can receive forgiveness — a clean slate!

Will we mess up again on Monday? Of course. But that's why we can look forward to church. Can we try harder to be better people? Kinder people? Yes, we can. Does our forgiveness depend upon what we do and how we perform each week? Nope. You are forgiven because God loves you that much, so much that he sent his son to take the punishment that should have been yours and mine.

Imagine what a burden could be lifted from our children if they had a place to go each week that offered them that grace. How much better could they cope with a bad day, knowing that each moment offers a fresh start? How much more resilient could our children become?

Parents, we put our children at a disadvantage when we do not give them the very thing they need for their mental and spiritual health. It is time to put a new priority on the family calendar every Sunday. If we won't do it for ourselves (and we should), let's do it for our children. The next generation depends on it.

Mary Rose Kulczak is a writer for various parent and child publications. She is a wife and mother of three sons, and currently resides in Saline, Michigan.

Magnify 90



Calling All Women of St. Patrick Church, Weston, WV!

Are you looking to grow spiritually alongside your sisters in Christ beginning this new year?

As the men of our parish embark on the well-known spiritual journey of Exodus 90, women will have the opportunity to participate in Magnify 90, this is a spiritual group which, for 90 days, will focus on disciplines of the body, mind, and spirit as well as community.

Our goal is to perfect our feminine genius in virtue so that Christ's light can be seen in our families, our parish, and throughout the world.

What you can expect:

- Daily prayer of at least 30 minutes
- Frequent sacraments
- Weekly scheduled adoration
- Listen to only uplifting, Christian, and classical music/podcasts should only be ones that challenge you to higher virtue; if in doubt, choose silence
- No TV/videos except religious programming in moderation (such as formed.org)
- Identify a person daily to offer your mortification for and pray for this person by name
- Go out of your way to contact people that come to mind in prayer time. God brought them to your mind for a reason.
- Go for intentional walks with a friend/husband/etc. – Jesus was always walking with others
- Don't consume sweets and alcohol, and don't snack between meals
- Fridays are a day of meatless fasting (2 smaller meals)
- No weighing on the scale (unless required by a doctor)
- Participate in no social media (discern if necessary for your job on a professional level)
- Avoid non-essential purchases; stick to food and toiletries.
- No make-up is worn on Wednesdays and Fridays; the traditional days of fasting. Simple appearance on the other days: minimal accessories/make-up

We will have our first meeting on January 8th after the 10:30 Mass in the cafeteria.
Questions? Contact Megan White.

"And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed" Luke 1:46-48

Calling all men of St. Patrick Church, Weston WV!

Exodus 90 will begin soon. If you are interested in joining our parish group this time around or have any questions regarding this spiritual journey, feel free to contact Steven White.

Our parish group will be meeting Sundays after mass as a part of the fraternal aspect beginning on January 8th.

We look forward to seeing all those who feel called to further their relationship with Christ this Exodus.



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.

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 Yaquinta, Coordinator, jyaquinta@dwc.org, or Tina High, Secretary, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.