St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 8, 2023

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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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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Religious Education Spotlight

Each week we will feature what one of our catechesis programs is learning so that you can briefly refresh your catechetical knowledge.

You can never know too much about our faith!

This week's spotlight: RCIA

Topic: The Mass

This week in RCIA we are learning about the Mass. Many Catholics go through the motions but don't always understand why they are doing certain gestures or saying certain words which may eventually feel pointless. Here is a general breakdown of the liturgy from our Symbolon program:

In the Introductory Rites, we gather to prepare our souls to encounter God in his Word and Jesus in the Eucharist (cf. CCC 1348)

- Make the sign of the cross to invoke the presence of God
- We are greeted by the priest with "The Lord be with You" -- this is a biblical expression for people who are called to an important mission. This mission is the encounter of God in His word and the Eucharist.
- We prepare for this encounter by confessing our sins with "I confess to Almighty God..."
- Pray for God's mercy "Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison" or "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy"
- We sing the Gloria to praise God for his steadfast love

The Mass consists of two great parts:

the Liturgy of the Word

- Scripture readings
 - The readings on Sundays are from the Old Testament, Psalms (responsorial Psalm), New Testament (Epistle, Acts of the Apostles, or Revelation), then the gospel is proclaimed—the climax of the Liturgy of the Word
 - Throughout a 3-year period, Catholics will hear the entire bible proclaimed at Mass. In ancient times, the Jews would hear the scripture proclaimed in a 3 year period in the synagogue.
- the homily- a brief exhortation on the scripture readings to help us apply them to our lives
- o the Creed- we proclaim our beliefs as Catholics and renew our profession of faith
- general intercessions- the presentation of our needs to God

the Liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the Eucharistic prayer in which Christ's Body and Blood becomes present, and the communion rite (cf. CCC 1346, 1408).

- The presentation of the gifts symbolizes the giving of our entire selves to God
- "lift up your hearts..." directing our attention to the great mystery about to take place
- "Holy, Holy," echoes of what the angels say before God's throne in Heaven (Is. 6:3, Rev. 4:8). Like the angels, we are in the very presence of God at Mass!
- Consecration of the bread and wine ("This is my body...This is my blood"). The ringing of the bell signifies that bread and wine have become the body and blood of our Lord.
- The Lord's Prayer- expressing our unity or "Communion" with God and each other
- Sign of Peace-expression of harmony between believers
- "Lord I am not Worthy that you should enter under my roof..." ---acknowledgment of our unworthiness to receive our Eucharistic Lord

In the Concluding Rites, the faithful are sent forth to bring the good news of salvation to the entire world (cf. CCC 1332).

Ancient Christians ended the liturgy with the phrase "Ite Missa Est" meaning "Go you are sent forth"

We get the word "Mass" from that phrase (Missa). The entire liturgy is named after the idea that we are "sent forth" into the world to bring Christ's love.

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible, during the Easter season (cf. CCC 1389, 1417).

For a more on this topic, go to formed.org and search for "Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 3: Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy"

Mass Schedule and Intentions		
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
Monday, January 9, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Andy and Mary Ondeck
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Francesca Grassi Zimmer
Thursday, January 12, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Luke White by John and Lesley White
Friday, January 13, 2023		Mass for †Mark Ruppert by Stephen Ruppert
Saturday, January 14, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 15, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Ed Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning January 1—14, 2023		

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.

Laundry Soap Needed for Our Neighbor

Our Neighbor is in need of laundry detergent. Items can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the cabinet on the back porch.

Updated Monthly Collection List

- January: toilet paper and tissues
- February: Bath Soap, Laundry supplies, and dish soap.
- March: paper towels and cleaning supplies
- April: Soap, Deodorant, Feminine products
- May: Shampoo & Conditioner
- June: Toothpaste, Mouth wash, and dental floss

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.

Donut Sunday

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



Sandy will sell calendar cash tickets for sale.

Holy Hour, and Solemn Vespers

We will have a holy hour on Sunday, January 15 from 5:00 -6:00 p.m. Solemn will begin at vespers at

6:15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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: toilet paper and tissues

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

Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways to your home Place a cross in between each of the letters. It should look something like this.

20+C+M+B+23

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people forever and ever. Amen.

The legendary names of the three Magi are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. (KMB in Czech)

The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words

"Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means:

"May Christ bless this dwelling." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home

Pick up a piece of blessed chalk from the vestibule today.

"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 6:00 p.m.: 79 \$736 (13 envelope and check donors) Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 209 \$1406 (19 envelope and check donors)

Mail/Drop Box: \$75 **Total** 288 \$2217

School \$0
Votive Candles \$50
Maintenance \$0
Organ \$0
Loan \$0

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

Thank you!

Christmas Envelopes: \$355 New Year's Envelopes: \$365 Catholic Charities WV: \$150

Restoration loan balance: \$60,646.95

Organ balance: \$84,711.07

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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!

Prayer List

- Those who are sick: Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Tom Blake, Larry Bowers, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Kay Droppleman, Jed Easton, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Nyla Ebbert, Amy Flesher, Lynne Fultineer, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Matt McCauley, Jamie Mick, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Raylee Rahming, Bob Riley Brenda Riley, John Riley, Jim Riley, Sam Schwartzmiller, Special Intentions, Bob Swiger Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall
- For all who are experiencing loneliness and loss.
- Those who have died: Pope Benedict, Mary Kathleen Fincham, James Shaveer, Louise Rumer Simmons, Margaret 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.

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. Pease 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.

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\$300 January - December (\$25 a month)

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\$900 January - December (\$75 a month)

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Don't Say a Eulogy at My Funeral

Sarah Cain • 1/3/2023

There can be eulogies, but the funeral Mass is not the place for them. Letting them in undermines the purpose of having a funeral Mass at all.

Modern Catholic funerals can look a lot like Protestant variants. At first glance, that might not seem like a problem, but upon scrutiny, the profound disservice that is being done to the dead becomes clear.

Imagine attending a Catholic funeral. The pews are full, attesting to how the deceased had clearly reached a great number of people. Now, why are those people there, at a funeral Mass? They should be there for two primary reasons.

- 1. To join in solemn acknowledgment of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection, which is what provides the pathway for us to enjoy eternal life.
- 2. To pray for the deceased's soul.

We should grieve at the knowledge that it rarely happens that way. With increasing frequency, Catholic funerals take a different approach. "Progressive" priests give homilies that tell of the life that the deceased lived, the decedent's love of various sports teams, and his family. They eulogize and label it a homily. After Communion, members of the man's family are called to the pulpit to offer eulogies of their own. They postulate about what they believe their loved one is doing in heaven.

When I die, please don't offer a eulogy at my funeral. It's not because I'm inherently opposed to being remembered, and certainly not because I don't want my loved ones to gain comfort from sharing stories that they may have. It's because that's not the place for those activities and because doing so undermines the purpose of having a funeral Mass at all. The funeral liturgy is an act of worship, in which the Church gathers to commend the deceased to God's mercy. It's not merely an expression of grief.

We pray for the dead in part because we acknowledge that people, no matter how much we love them, might not be in heaven. Thus, we pray for them, sacrifice for them, and offer Masses for them. Proclamations about what our loved one is doing in heaven undermine this. Recalling from the pulpit fond memories about the deceased distracts us from what is most important and from what our obligations are to the dead now.

Perhaps it seems harsh, as though this stipulation takes something from the grieving family members. But there is a helpful way to think of it differently. Imagine that you are in the casket. You are the deceased. How sure are you that you'll go straight to heaven? Are you pure enough to stand in the presence of God, without hesitation, without shame or regret? Do you want your loved ones to presume that you are in heaven, or should they pray for your soul, so that if you are in purgatory, you might be helped? Only you and God know the tally of your sins; that is the case for each one of us. If it were my funeral Mass, I would want people to be reminded of the need to pray for the souls of those who have passed on—mine especially.

Catholic funerals are increasingly mirroring Protestant services, with differences between them barely discernible. One of those differences between our faiths—one of the chief ones—is our understanding of what happens after death. We pray for the dead because we know that they might be in purgatory.

In living memory, pastoral care tends to shy away from any discussion of purgatory. The doctrine of Purgatory isn't very "feel-good." It requires candid acknowledgment of sin, judgment, and justice. But we can't pretend truth away just because it's uncomfortable sometimes, and when we pass on, we probably won't want our family members and loved ones to try to do so. At that time, we'll want and need the living to intercede for us. That's why it's egregious to insert into the funeral Mass what is more suitable for the wake. The departed is denied what he needs from us. He can no longer tell us of his needs, but we ought to know, and it's our duty to help him in that need.

We are Catholics; therefore, we know, or should, that the dead are not done. They still need us. They are still in communion with us. Let us not shirk our duty to them by living as practical atheists in their absence, such that our departed loved ones have no more advantage than if they were surrounded by people who denied Christ.

If we don't believe that they need this help, why even have a funeral Mass at all? Shouldn't we merely clink glasses and say a toast to our departed comrade? If there is no liturgical response needed, then yes. We still have the vestiges of a time when we recognized the need, but the laity's understanding of it is parched, so that even when priests seek to offer a reverent funeral Mass, they risk offending a grieving family that does not understand what should be taking place.

By all means, people can have gatherings in which speakers reminisce about the life of the dead, usually at the vigil (wake) or a funeral reception. This isn't an attempt to deny family members their rightful grieving process; rather, it is to prevent the departed from being denied what he needs. It is tragic to witness a funeral Mass in which hundreds of people gather and likely none will pray for the departed's soul, because they didn't see the need and weren't told of it.

The decision to remain silent on this topic is to forsake the dead in order to oblige those who might complain. Surely, we have exhausted the simplification of the liturgy to compensate for poor catechesis. It is not without its victims, even if they can no longer speak for themselves."

https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/dont-say-a-eulogy-at-my-funeral

Exodus 90

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.



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

Back from Christmas Break

Our first week of school after our Christmas Break was good one. There were many smiling faces and only a few tears. We won't mention those teachers by name! We have even gained some new students for this semester. Please continue to pray for our wonderful school and spread the word about how AMAZING we are!









Mrs. Clevenger's kindergarten class worked in their handwriting and enjoyed playing at recess.