St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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

Instead of a "Religious Education Spotlight" this week, and in honor of Catholic Schools week, I wanted to speak on the nature of religious education itself. Religious education- also known as catechesis "...is nothing other than the process of transmitting the Gospel, as the Christian community has received it, understands it, celebrates it, lives it and communicates it in many ways." (General Directory for Catechesis #10).

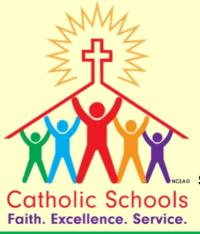
Parents place their children in Catholic schools for many reasons- there are smaller class sizes, a family atmosphere, but most importantly a Christ-centered education. Catechizing young souls is not a job that I take lightly. After all, salvation is what is at stake and I pray that the ugliness of the world will never take Christ's light away from them.

The only way for our children to be equipped to live as Christians in this world is to pass the faith down to them in its fullness. A great obstacle to this is the priorities of the family but our lives get busier and busier: jobs, sports, vacations, social events, and the like. We are so busy that educating our children in the religious sense is often put on the back burner. Venerable Fulton Sheen wrote in Life is Worth Living, "When a child is given to his parents, a crown is made for that child in Heaven, and woe to the parents who raise a child without consciousness of that eternal crown!" When Catholics enter into the sacrament of holy matrimony, they have a great responsibility to their children as the catechism states, "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory" (CCC 1652). When we come face to face with God at our particular judgment as someone who had taken the vocation of married life, the Lord will not ask us "How big was your home?" or "How much money did you have in your 401k?" No, instead the Lord will judge us according to our vocation and ask, "Where is your spouse and your children?" and hopefully we will be able to answer confidently that they are in a state of grace, on the journey to Him.

Enrolling your children in Catholic school or CCD classes is an excellent choice for your child's upbringing in the faith, but this is supposed to be supplementary. "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones." Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them" (CCC 2223).

Notice that the catechism does not claim religious education in the home to be sitting down and having another "class" but rather living the faith and fostering virtue. One of the greatest ways that parents can catechize their children is to never stop being catechized themselves. "Catechesis is a life -long process of initial conversion, formation, education, and on-going conversion" (Catholic News Agency). It certainly does not end with confirmation as many assume. Read a Catholic book, listen to a Catholic podcast, and take advantage of parish catechesis opportunities. **Attend Mass**, read the daily readings, and frequent the sacraments. The Lord is beckoning you to grow closer to Him with your family!

In all, students may forget what they learn in Religious Education classes but children will always remember the values of their family.



Catholic Schools Week Breakfast, and Open House

January 29, 2023 11:30a.m. - 1 p.m. Cafeteria

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters.

"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 \$1106 (21 envelope and check donors) Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 202 \$4179 (19 envelope and check donors)

Mail/Drop Box: \$ 525 (2 donors)

Total 281 \$3015

School \$370 Votive Candles \$27 Maintenance \$1645 Organ \$0 Loan \$0 Please, write separate checks for the different funds and collections.

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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, Bob Bleigh, Larry Bowers, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, 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, Jim Riley, Sam Schwartzmiller, Special Intentions, Bob Swiger 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
- All studying for the deaconate program: Especially, Mike Brumley
- Former priests and religious of and from our parish
- Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.
- 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").

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.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLSWEEK FOCUS:

Mapping For The Future

MAP Assessments give Students in WV Catholic Schools Clear Roadmap

As Catholic Schools Week begins we continue we highlight for you a few ways our 24 Catholic schools in the diocese are mapping for continued success for students and buildings.

Backed by assessments that are given three times a year, the Catholic Schools of West Virginia provide educators, families, and students the opportunity to identify any learning gaps, as well as identify areas where the student can be challenged at a higher level.

The diocesan schools partner with the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) for their state-aligned, online Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments.

"Our MAP assessments truly serve as a roadmap for us for grade level aptitude, and college and career readiness," Associate Superintendent Jennifer Hornyak said.

"The NWEA tests are adaptive, meaning students are measured where they are across grade levels instead of just at their grade level," she said and added, "The online test adjusts during the assessment based on the student's right or wrong answers. A right answer challenges the student to a harder question. A wrong answer bumps down a level to identify where the student's ability is in the subject area, resulting in an identification marker of what the child's needs may be to grow in this subject area. The teacher than can adapt their lesson plan to help the student attain individual goals, grade level goals, and cross grade level goals."

The MAP testing also identifies college and career readiness.

"That is another asset of the assessment model, providing us a clear look at what opportunities would be best for our students to help them be the best version of themselves after their educational career with us," Hornyak said.

Planning for the Future

Hand in hand with student achievement, the Catholic Schools of WV make it a priority to be forward thinking in all areas of operation.

The diocesan Catholic schools follow an Intentional Growth Planning (IGP) model that implements an additional level of accountability and vitality for the Catholic Schools of West Virginia.

Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., said the school system must constantly evaluate its operations to not only a key to maintaining a vibrant community of schools, but also a key to the overall success of the students.

"Just as we expect our students to be better than yesterday in every way, we look at ourselves as a whole system to do the same," she said, noting the system's IGP – a four-year roadmap of accountability for stronger Catholic grade and high schools in the state.

"In collaboration with our principals, pastors, parishes, parents, alumni, and diocesan staff we work to continually improve and grow in our Catholic Identity, leadership, academic excellence, enrollment, and operational vitality. Hand in hand with our Cognia accreditation process we continue to evaluate our performance not only in the classroom, but also across the board and then aim higher."

To learn more about Catholic education in West Virginia go to: https://wvcatholicschools.org.

System at a Glance

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Our Future is Bright!

MISSION AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY

• Catholic Identity and Program Effectiveness parent survey results are consistently high; based upon parents' positive feedback (4.33 on a 5-point scale) in the Fall of 2022.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

- Over 450 dedicated principals, teachers, and staff play a critical role in the success of our students.
- Enrollment has increased across our WV Catholic schools over the last two academic years.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Average math and reading scores (Student MAP Growth Assessments 2022) are above the 65th percentile for most grade levels.
- Students at all grade levels across the Diocese are high achieving and above the 50th percentile national average (Student MAP Growth Assessments 2022).
- Individual student growth is the priority of our teachers, as we raise the bar for college and career readiness.

OPERATIONAL VITALITY

• Diocesan Tuition Assistance (TAP) was 1.3 million dollars for the 2022-2023 school year, supporting students and their families, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

Happy 100th Day of School!

Students celebrated by making shirts with 100 items on them or dressing how they think they'll look when they're 100 years old. Students also completed fun 100 activities! While some celebrated the 100 days we've completed, other classes celebrated the 80 days we have left by dressing in fashions from the 1980's.

Our 2nd grade class had an 100 day of school escape room! They worked hard in groups to complete all 5 tasks to escape the 100th day!

Students in grades 5 - 8 were challenged with engineering a tower out of index cards and tape that would hold 100 pennies. Most were successful and we even added other things from around the classroom. One pair of students built something strong enough to allow them to stand on it!





























The Last 80 Days of School Matter. Make them Count!

























The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings account (ESA) program that will allow parents and families to utilize the state portion of their education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for them.

Beginning on March 1, 2023, the Hope Scholarship Board will accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

To Learn more about the HOPE Scholarship Program, please visit: www.hopescholarshipwv.com.

St. Pats will host an informational meeting on the HOPE Scholarship Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

February 11, 2023 St. Michael Church Wheeling, WV

Presented by the St. John Paul II
Foundation and the Diocese of WheelingCharleston.

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual Scholarships available upon request. On-site childcare (2-12yrs); preregistration required.

For more information, please visit **togetherinholiness.org** or email **TH@forlifeandfamily.org**.

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.

Last Chance to buy Calendar Cash Tickets

\$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 student/family that sells the most tickets will receive a \$500 tuition credit.

Addresses for our favorite seminarians, Mr. Joe Derico and Mr. Dylan O'Sullivan

145 Taylor St. NE Washington, DC 20017

Important tax information for families of Pre-School, PK, and GAP students.

With tax season upon us, FACTS Management would like to help you quickly print or view the payment summary for 2022. This information is used for possible child tax credit for Pre-School, PK, and GAP payments.

Step 1: Sign into FACTS at https://online.factsmgt.com

Step 2: Click View Details

Step 3: Click view Payment Summary

Payment summary appears for 2022 with school tax ID

Print symbol is in the upper right corner. If families have any questions they may call the school at 304-269-5547

Sponsors Needed for Donut Sunday



Our next Donut Sunday will be on February 12 in the cafeteria. If you would like to sponsor this or any Donut Sunday, please call the parish office.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

With Him on the Mountain

We are a Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth through rock climbing, equestrian activities, archery, Adoration, overnight backpacking, and more! Register your camper at CampCarlowv.org by June 1st to receive our early bird rate of \$275.



<u>June 25th – July 1st</u>, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders. <u>July 2nd – July 8th</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 9th – July 15th</u>, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

<u>July 16th – July 22nd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 23rd - July 29th</u>, "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.



Contact Assistant Director, Maggie Moran, for more information: mmoran@dwc.org or 1 (757) 995-4486



"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

St. Clare of Assisi

Mass Schedule and Intentions		
Saturday, January 28, 2023		Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 29, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for Deceased Alumni and Benefactors of St. Patrick School
Monday, January 30, 2023		Mass for †Charles Ruppert by Stephen Ruppert
Tuesday, January 31, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Veronica Brumley by family
Thursday, February 2, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Merle Swisher by family
Friday, February 3, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mary Curtis by David Curtis
Saturday, February 4, 2023		Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Sunday, February 5, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning January 29 - February 11, 2023 Junior Brumley by Chad and Cathy Mezera,

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.



Why are candles blessed on Candlemas, February 2?

Candlemas is celebrated on 2 February and marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. This Christian festival commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel.

February 3 St. Blaise and THE Blessing of Throats

Why do Catholics have the blessing of the throat?

St. Blaise saved the life of a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat by ordering the child to cough it up. That is how the tradition of St. Blaise throat blessings began.

Mullady Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Lewis County residents and enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students).

Applications can be picked up in the St. Patrick's Church parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you.

The application deadline is February 15, 2023. Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in late February or March.

Pro-Life Rally at State Capitol Set for Feb. 13

The annual Pro-Life Rally at the State Capitol in Charleston is set for Feb. 13. West Virginians for Life (WVFL) presents the rally each year and invites all to join in the effort calling for protection of unborn children from abortion.

Rally goers will have the opportunity to meet with their legislators by appointment from 9-10:30 a.m. They must set up their appointments. They will also be introduced in the House/Senate galleries when session begins.

The rally begins at noon and will be held inside the lower rotunda. Those who register in the lower rotunda from 9-10 a.m. will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information visit, www.wvforlife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29-February 4, 2023National Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 29

- 10:30 Mass to kick-off Catholic Schools Week
- 11:30 a.m., Breakfast and School Open House

Thursday, February 2 Candlemas

Friday, February 3
Throat blessing after Mass

Sunday, February 12 Donut Sunday



Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m., Hope Scholarship informational meeting, cafeteria

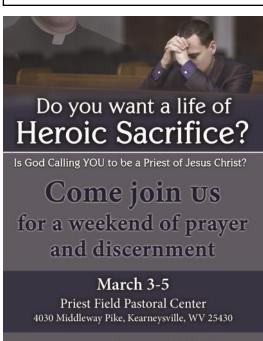
Our Neighbor Collection

January: toilet paper and tissues February: laundry supplies and dish soap

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

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for those who gave \$250 or more where mailed on Friday, January 27. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

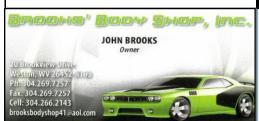




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