# **St. Patrick Catholic Church** February 12, 2023

February 10, 2023

by Dylan O'Sullivan

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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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**Rekindling Wonder** 

Last Fall, the director of spiritual formation here at Saint John Paul II Seminary, Fr. Christopher Seith, published a book called Rekindling Wonder. In this book, Fr. Seith discusses how the modern world has fallen prey to a false experience of life through the screen of a smartphone. Through our devices, acedia has crept its way into the mind and heart of contemporary culture. Acedia is "spiritual or mental sloth" that is all but wholly ingrained into present-day culture. Unlike physical sloth, which often consists of a lack of activity, acedia consists of an abundance of activity. This activity, however, is merely a distraction to prevent the mind from engaging with the reality that is present before us; it is a form of mental and spiritual numbing. In order to "rekindle wonder," we must first realize two things: One, that there is God-given beauty in this world for us to marvel over, and two, that our culture has ceased to appreciate and receive the wonder that exists.

The root of acedia is a lack of hope. Where we look to receive this hope, though, is not in our cellphones, but rather in the life of Christ. In John's Gospel, Jesus prays for us, saying to the Father, "I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me..." (17:22-23). As the Father lives in Jesus, so Jesus lives in each one of us. When we are able to recognize that the same Christ who preached, suffered, died, rose again, and ascended to Heaven lives wholly within each person we meet, it sparks a new appreciation for the beauty of even the simplest interaction. Fr. Seith writes, "Acedia's despairing apathy has no power over someone who finds meaning in every action of his life because he recognizes it as part of the romance between him and God." If we are able to remain persistently conscious of the fact that every action is an interaction in the divine life of Christ, then acedia and all other workings of the devil cease to have such a hold on us.

At JPII Seminary, our formators are intentional in separating each of us from technology in constructive ways. This is why we are required to go on a "digital fast" during our second and third semesters of formation. During this time, we strip down our smartphones to essential functions (such as phone calls and maps) in order to increase our ability to be attentive to the voice of God in our lives. Fr. Seith points out that "as modern technology dominates the cultural landscape, we become less vulnerable to the dangers of the world, but also less a part of it." In opening ourselves up to more of the vulnerabilities that life with less technology allows, we find ourselves more deeply immersed in the lives of others.

The joy we experience in this life does not come from ourselves, writes Fr. Seith, but rather, "it originates from another. We find ourselves in an adventure . . . All that matters on our end is our response." What will our response be? Let us allow our response to be driven by the realization of God's presence in each moment of our lives, and allow Him to work through us. There is no doubt that abundant joy and peace will follow.

Mr. O'Sullivan is a College II seminarian for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Each Wednesday, March 1 - April 5 1:00 - 5:45 p.m.



Commit now to spending 30 minutes each week of Lent with our Blessed Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule!

# Lent Schedule

## Ash Wednesday, February 22

Mass at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (No Adoration Wednesday, March 1st - April 5, 1:00 - 5:45 on this day.)

#### Confessions

- Ash Wednesday, Confession after morning School, Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Mass and before and after evening Mass.
- Wednesday, 5:00—5:40 p.m.
- Friday, following Mass
- Saturday, 5:00—5:20 p.m.
- Sunday, 10:00—10:20 a.m.

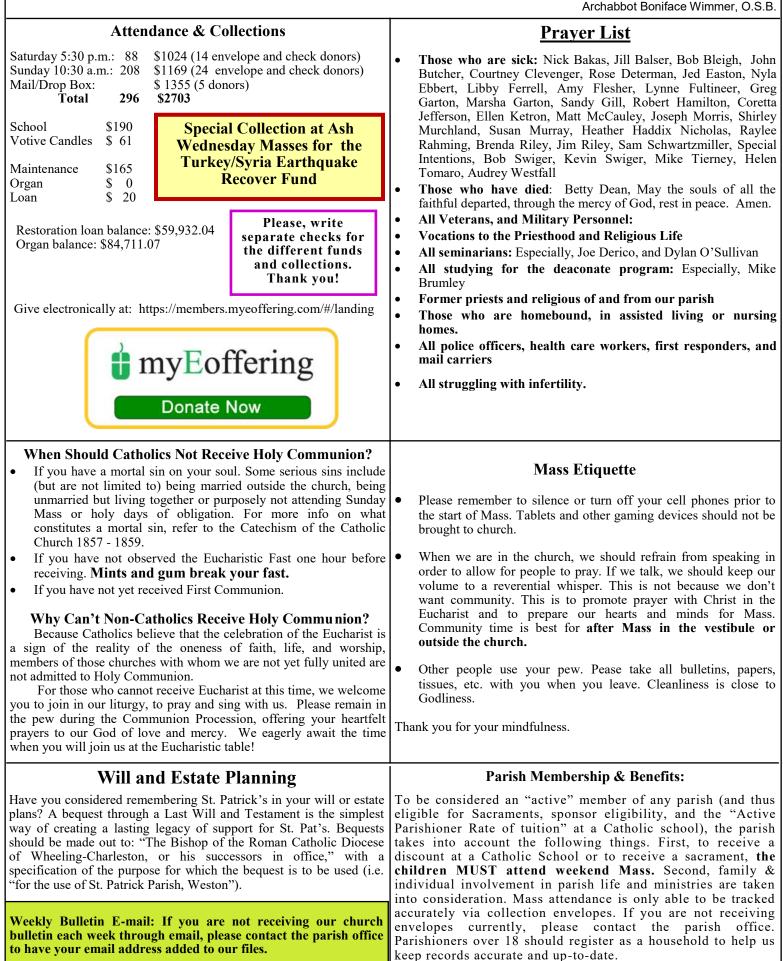
# **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### **Stations of the Cross**

- Parish, Friday at 6 (February 24 March 31)
- (March 1 April 5)

"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.



Mass Schedule and Intentions		
Saturday, February 18, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Davita Alfred Kisner by family
Sunday, February 19, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, February 20, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for the St. Pat's Class of 66.
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by Tom and Connie Scott
Thursday, February 23, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sheila Sayre by Bill and Barb King
Friday, February 24, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Roland Daugherty and †Thomas Dolan
Saturday, February 25, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Joe and Theresa Boyle by Judy Gais
Sunday, February 26, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning February 12 - 25, 2023		

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#### 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.

### Welcome to the Catholic Faith



Clara Pearl Deaton, eleventh child of Aaron and Ginna Deaton, was baptized on Sunday, February 12. The Deaton's recently relocated to our area and became members of our parish.

Pictured clockwise: Aaron holding Tobias, Daisy, Halle, Ruby, Seneca, Ezekiel, Camille, Carver, And Lucas with Ginna and Clara in the center. Sponsors Needed for Donut Sunday



We are in need of

sponsors for our Donut Sunday events. Donut Sunday is a wonderful time to gather with your parish family and get to know each other. If you would like to sponsor, please contact the parish office.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, February 20** 6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

#### Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday

- 8:15 All School Mass
- 6:00 p.m., Mass

We will not have Adoration on this day! Friday, February 24 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross

#### Special Collection at Ash Wednesday Masses for the Turkey/ Syria Earthquake Recover Fund

**Monday, February 27** 3:00 p.m., Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program begins

#### Wednesday, March 1

1:00 - 5:45 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Adorers needed for every half hour! A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule or call the parish office.

#### Thursday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 12 Donut Sunday



### **Our Neighbor Collection**

February: bath soap, laundry supplies and dish soap

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

# **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Children Ages 3 –6 Mondays 3:00 - 4:00 pm

(beginning February 27)

**Parish Office** 

(Participants who attend St. Patrick School will be escorted over by an adult.)

An individualized introduction to prayer, scripture, liturgy, the sacraments, and meditation.

Children will develop practical life skills and receives lessons in grace and courtesy.

Register at www.spchurchweston.org/cgs2023/

For more information, please contact Kait Patterson at 503-741-0980 or kait.thecatechist@gmail.com.



### **3** Soul-Changing Challenges From A Seminarian To Make This Lent Count!

by Fr. Brenton Cordeiro Lent, Self-Knowledge, Spiritual Warfare

Lent is a great time to grow in one's faith and there are tons of ways one can make Lent more fruitful. However, since most often, the penances we adopt during Lent don't stick on after Easter, I wanted to present a set of challenges to those who really want to grow as disciples of Jesus. My hope is that you will read this article and make a resolution that will help you change for the better, beyond just the Lenten season. Try it. Count up the cost of discipleship in your life and bite the bullet this Lent.

#### **3** Lent Resolutions To Draw Closer To God

#### 1. Resolve to drop a bad habit

If you need to rationalize some area of your life, chances are, you probably need to drop it. Some things can be judged to be right from wrong easily. Others fall into grey areas that call for a bit of introspection. But often, we don't really make an effort to do so. In some cases, these areas in our lives have been justified and rationalized by us for so long, that we may no longer even realize that it's something we need to look at. The most common example I hear about (and I must confess that I too used to be guilty of this), is the watching of inappropriate TV shows and movies, because "I usually skip the bad scenes," or because we feel that we've been around the block enough times that a little nudity or a few brief sex scenes don't really bother us. If you find that you're often telling yourself that you watch a TV show for its plot and that its explicit content is just incidental, you my friend, should take a good hard look at yourself.

It's the little things. To some people it can also be the music they listen to (particularly if it's peppered with vulgar or foul lyrics), or it could be a nasty habit like cursing or gossip. Another area in our lives that's often rationalized is spending way too much time and money grooming ourselves or buying clothes and accessories.

Sometimes hard decisions also need to be made, such as letting go of a friend who is a bad apple, especially if they're changing you a lot more than the other way around. We often believe that we have a handle on such things. We think up a good enough reason to convince ourselves that what we're doing is alright or at least morally neutral. If we're not careful, these little things can eventually drag us down and cause a major dent in our spiritual lives.

#### 2. Resolve to forgive someone

Over the course of our lives, all of us experience some hurt or pain at the hands of strangers or loved ones. In some cases, these come through really serious situations, and in other cases, it is a result of a prolonged period of friction between us and a loved one who's treated us badly over the years. What this leads to is unforgiveness that festers deep in our systems and becomes held together by a cocktail of grudges, anger and resentment. Lent is a great opportunity to change all that. Forgiving someone is a decision we make. It is not dependent on our feelings nor does it mean that we forget all those negative experiences overnight. But rather than wallowing in unforgiveness, regularly feeling angry or hurt because of someone else's actions, we can do something about it. Lent gives us 40 days to look at an issue from every perspective and hopefully bring us some much-needed closure.

Forgiveness brings freedom, peace and joy that allow us to overcome the obstacle that unforgiveness is to our spiritual growth. Back in high school, I was often picked on by some of my classmates, who didn't realize the effect that their constant taunts were having on me. In fact, at the time, I didn't fully recognize those effects, myself, and even presumed that with time, I had moved on from my hurt and anger. It was only a few years ago that I realized that it was all still there and had affected me deeply. I had just shelved it away. I had to make an intentional choice to re-open that chapter in my life and deal with it. Forgiving someone is not so much to help the person who is being forgiven, as much as it is to benefit you, the forgiver. Some of us enjoy stewing in our anger and resentment because we've done so for a really long time. We've habituated it. Those who indulge in such behavior should look at things this way: unforgiveness is like drinking a glass of poison and hoping the other person dies. If you have trouble forgiving someone, check this video out and then prayerfully resolve to forgive someone this Lent.

#### 3. Resolve to put yourself third

Put God first, others second and yourself third. I wish I could claim to have come up with that line, but, alas, it came from someone else before me. To me, the phrase sums up the two great commandments that the Lord gave us: to love God and neighbor (in that order). Lent can be a great time to train oneself to start living out these commandments. Put God first. That means focusing on your relationship with God a bit more. This could be with strengthening (or starting) your daily personal prayer time. Or it could be through attending Mass and Confession more often or building a habit of visiting Jesus in Adoration. Putting others before yourself can start off with something as simple as spending time with a younger sibling, and for instance, letting them pick the TV show that they want to watch, rather than one that you want (ok that's a start, but don't pat yourself on the back too much for that small sacrifice).

Besides fasting and abstinence, Lent is also a time for us to give alms to those in need. Give away the extra clothes and stuff in your room – you'll be surprised at the stuff you hardly use and don't really, need. You can also go over your budget and trim away all the excess spending on avoidable stuff (and then promptly give that to charity). To those who really want to commit to putting God and others before them, give away not just from your excess, but give of yourself till it hurts. That means more of your time and more of the stuff you hold dear to you. Remember what Jesus said: "If anyone wishes to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35).

The point is: make this Lent count for something meaningful. Giving up chocolates, alcohol or social media is all great, but how far does that help you grow as a disciple? Count the cost of your discipleship and pay it this Lent, by weeding out the one area in your life that has been there for far too long and needs to go.

https://catholic-link.org/3-challenges-seminarian-lent/

#### For more Lenten resources go to https://catholic-link.org/

# - WEDNESDAY E BEGINNING OF LEN

# WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

# WHY USE ASHES

Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

# WHAT IS LENT

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.



# WHAT IS FASTING



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal



# WHAT IS ABSTINENCE



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

# DAYS OF ABSTINENCE



years old

urces: Code of Canon Law, Roman Missal, Pope Benedict XVI (General Audience, 9 March 2011)

**Prayer for a Fruitful Lent** 

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will. I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which Your mercy is poured in abundance into my soul,

and into the souls of all Your faithful. Dearest Lord, help me to especially see my sin, this Lent.

Humble me so that I may see clearly.

Give me courage and strength to confess my sins, and to turn from them with all my heart.

Enlighten me with Your Holy Word, dear Lord.

Help me to come to know You and to deepen the gift of faith in my life.

Show me the plan You have for me, and place my feet upon the path You have chosen.

My suffering Lord, I thank You for the fullness of Your perfect Sacrifice.

I thank You for holding nothing back, giving Your life to the last drop of blood. May I offer You my very life as a sacrifice, trusting in Your mercy with every offering. Keep me faithful to my Lenten promises, and bring forth new life through these sacrifices of love.

Strengthen my prayer and make me holy. Help me to turn to You, each day,

seeking Your sacred and pierced Heart. Blessed Mother, you stood by your Son in His suffering and death, stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this life.

Pray for me and offer me to Your Son, that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.

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Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God,

have mercy on me a sinner. Mother Mary,

Mother of our Crucified Lord, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen



### WV Pro-Life Rally

Fr. Ondeck and Director of Religious Education, Megan White, took students from St. Patrick School to the Pro-Life Rally in Charleston on Monday, February 13. They were joined by other parishioners and groups from around the state to support mothers and babies from conception to natural to death. Fr. Ondeck gave the invocation to begin the event.







### **St. Patrick's Pro Life Group Collecting Bay Items For the Central WV Pregnancy Center**



The pro-life group is collecting baby items such as: pacifiers, diaper ointment, burp cloths, receiving blankets, and diapers. They will be donating the items to the Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care in Buckhannon to support pregnant and new mothers who chose life. If you feel inclined, please bring items to fill up the bins that will be in the cafeteria and at the back of church. Thank you!

To become involved with the group, please contact Steve or Kara Milinovich at sckmilinovich@hotmail.com

### **Calendar Cash Winners**

### Lewis County Throwback Night

LCHS throwback night began last year to honor the schools that consolidated to become Lewis County High School. On Wednesday, February 15, they honored St. Patrick High School by wearing throw back uniforms. The uniforms are duplicates of the uniforms that St. Patrick players wore.

Coach Bob Thomas who coached the boys to a Class Single A State Championship basketball players and cheerleaders from the team, school alumni, parishioners and students were in attendance.

Fr. Ondeck and Don Markley were presented with a framed jersey to hang in the school.





H is for Host

Recently, the letter of the week for our pre-k Class was H. The kids made a host (Eucharist) craft, that taught the kids how during Mass, the host becomes the body and blood of Christ. They even tasted an







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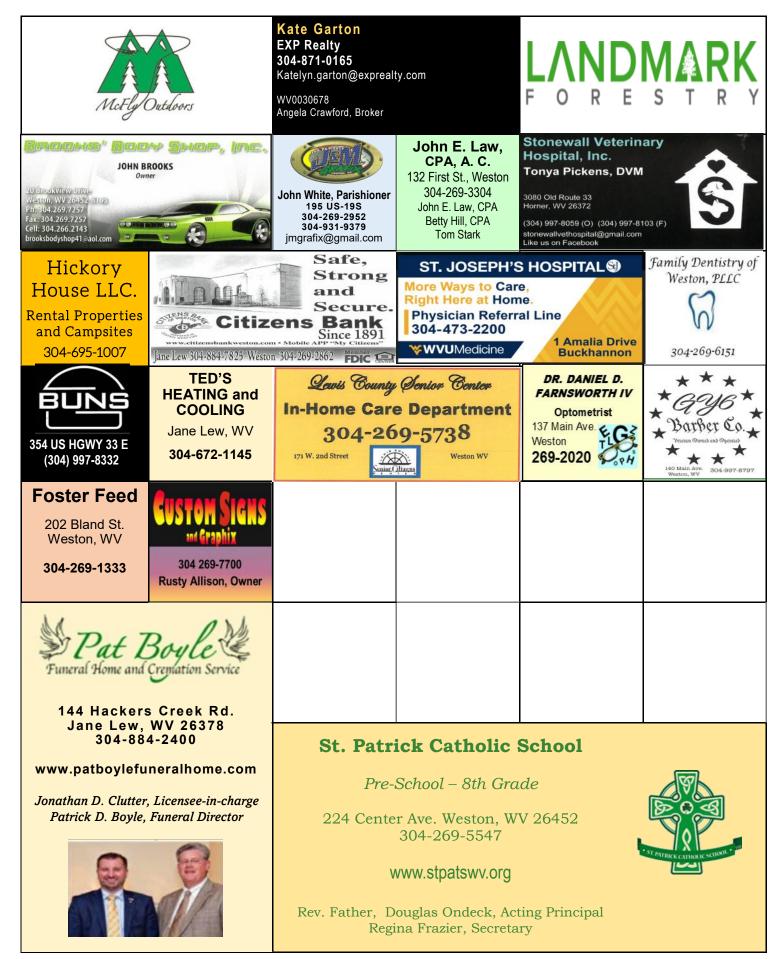
APPLY BETWEEN MARCH 1-MAY 15, 2023!

# Learning Fractions with Hershey Bars

Mrs. Atchison's fourth grade class recently learned about fractions by practicing with Hershey bars. Yum! What a DELICIOUS way to learn!







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