

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
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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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## Meditation on the Liturgy

Sundays in Lent remain Sundays the day on which the Church marks history's axial point, the Resurrection of the Lord. Even in Lent, Sundays are the Easter of every week, and on each of those days, the Church celebrates Christ's victory over sin and death. Thus fasting on Sundays is generally unknown in Christian penitential practice; some scholars suggest that Sunday fasts were actually forbidden on occasion by church authorities concerned with too-rigorous asceticism.

The station churches of the Sundays of Lent reflect the grandeur that is always Sunday and include both major and minor basilicas: the Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the pope's cathedral church as Bishop of Rome, the station of the First Sunday in Lent and Palm Sunday, while the intervening Sunday stations include St. Mary in Domnica, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, Holy Cross in Jerusalem, and St. Peter's in the Vatican.

On the First Sunday in Lent, in each of the three years of the Lectionary cycle, the Church proposes for reflection one of the Synoptic evangelists' telling of the story of the tempting of Jesus—the overture, as it were, to his public ministry, and thus the beginning of what will unfold as the itinerary of the Cross. These temptation narratives are perhaps the most dramatic evocation of the grittiness of Lent, for the temptations themselves have a sharp-edged quality to them, and they begin in a gritty place, the Judean wilderness. Yet each evangelist's rendering of the story has a distinctive quality.

Mark, as is his wont, keeps the narrative spare; all we are told is that Satan tempted Jesus in the desert amid "wild beasts" and ministering angels.

Matthew, the evangelical portraitist, fills out the story by rendering the temptations in the sequence that has become most familiar. First, there is the temptation to indulge the flesh by turning stones into bread. The temptation to test divine providence and divine favor follows, as Jesus is asked to throw himself from the pinnacle of the Temple. The series concludes with the temptation to worldly power, which can be attained by worshipping a false deity.

Luke's account of the temptations, however, drives the story even deeper into the gritty soil of history by inverting the sequence of the second and third temptations. Thus the last and gravest temptation takes place in Jerusalem, the holy city to which Luke's entire gospel is oriented. Here, in Jerusalem, Jesus faces the temptation to refuse the destiny the Father has appointed for him—to be the world's savior by stripping himself of himself on the cross. Here, in Jerusalem, Jesus faces the temptation to refuse the destiny the Father has appointed for him—to be the world's savior by stripping himself of himself on the cross. Here, truly, we are history's crossroads. What will Jesus do? Gianfranco Ravasi put the stakes neatly in a commentary on Luke's temptation narrative: Jesus, in "the supreme test of his identity as Messiah," respects "the sovereign freedom of the plan of salvation to which he has been devoted, pronounces his definitive 'Yes' to the Father, and abandons himself completely to his destiny." And this abandonment is not an abstract matter, a decision that could be taken anyplace, anytime. Jesus gives himself entirely to the Father's will here, in this place and at this time: here, in Jerusalem; here, amid the history with which Luke began his Christmas narrative, with its references to the days when Augustus was emperor and "Quirinus was governor of Syria" [Luke 2:2].

...The Jesus whom we follow into the wilderness teaches us, there, the necessity of self-giving and of abandonment to divine providence. By conforming those who are his brothers and sisters to the pattern of his own life, the Risen Lord renders that self-gift liberating in the fullest sense of liberation: He, the first of many brethren, opens the path to eternal life with the Holy Trinity and thereby creates the Communion of Saints. Creation, fallen into disorder, is reordered—and not only reordered but magnified by the redemption, the fulfillment of God's purposes, that lies on the far side of the wilderness of temptation.

—George Weigel, Roman Pilgrimage: Station Churches

## Lent Schedule

### Confessions

- Wednesday, 5:00—5:40 p.m.
- Friday, following Mass, and 5:30 p.m., and after Stations
- Saturday, 5:00—5:20 p.m.
- Sunday, 10:00—10:20 a.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 1st - April 5, 1:00 - 5:45

### Stations of the Cross

- Parish, Friday at 6 (February 24 - March 31)
- School, Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (March 1 - April 5)

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

***“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 5:30 p.m.: 80 \$1092 (22 envelope and check donors)  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 209 \$ 791 (16 envelope and check donors)  
 Mail/Drop Box: \$ 75 (1 donors)  
**Total 286 \$1958**

School \$196  
 Votive Candles \$ 46  
 Maintenance \$150  
 Organ \$ 0  
 Loan \$ 20

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 separate checks for  
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 and collections.  
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### Ash Wednesday Disaster Relief

8:15 a.m.: 205 \$ 339 (3 envelope and check donors)  
 6:00 p.m.: 188 \$ 703 (10 envelope and check donors)  
 393 \$1042

Give electronically at: <https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>

### January MyEOffering Donations

General: \$2367.71  
 School: \$341.41  
 Maintenance: \$403.24  
 Loan: 31.74

### Utilities and Other Monthly Expenses

**Utilities** \$4307.17 (Church, Office, School & Gym)  
**Property Insurance** \$3000 (Church and Office)  
**Copier Lease and copies** \$400.33  
**Pest Control** \$140

### Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Bob Bleigh, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Laurie Chestnut, Rose Determan, Jed Easton, Nyla Ebbert, Libby Ferrell, Amy Flesher, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Matt McCauley, Joseph Morris, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Sam Schwartzmiller, Special Intentions, Bob Swiger, Kevin Swiger, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Cassie Weber, Audrey Westfall
- **Those who have died:** Penny Newhouse, 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 diaconate program:** Especially, Mike Brumley
- **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”).

**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.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Monday, February 27, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mildred Droppleman by Ed & Anita Droppleman
Tuesday, February 28, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †George Earnest Murphy II
Thursday, March 2, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Jean Droppleman Helmick by family
Friday, March 3, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Matt McGovern
Saturday, March 4, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †James Blake & Bryan Francis by family
Sunday, March 5, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning February 26 - March 11, 2023  
in memory of Larry Dodson by Marcie Allen

### 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.

## Calendar Cash Winners

February 22 - Diana Thompson, \$75 sold by M. Karp  
February 23 - Carl Mealey, \$75 sold by E. Lough  
February 24 - Sue Whitlock, \$75 sold by J. McCartney  
February 25 - Adam Gray, \$75 sold by R. Cunningham  
February 26 - Debbie Blatt, \$100 sold by A. Gillespie

## Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Please join us in welcoming Dalton Bailey Lough to our Catholic faith. He was baptized on Sunday, February 19 and is the second child of Bailey and Olivia Lough.



Pictured left to right: Dalton, Bailey, Fr. Ondeck, Elsie, and Olivia Lough.

## Correction

When announcing the baptism of the newest Deaton daughter, one of her sisters was not listed with the family names. Below is the corrected list.



Pictured clockwise: Aaron holding Tobias, Daisy, Halle, Ruby, Seneca, Ezekiel, Camille, Carver, Joy, and Lucas with Ginna and Clara in the center.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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, sponsored by Claire and Kevin Watson



### Sunday March 19

3:00 p.m., Parish Dinner, gym

## Our Neighbor Collection

March: paper towels and cleaning supplies

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



### Parish Dinner

Sunday, March 19

3:00 p.m.

Gymnasium

Entertainment by

LC Blue

Games for Kids



**We are bring back our parish dinner in honor of our patron, Saint Patrick!**

The dinner will be Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

Meats, hot rolls, paper goods, and plastic ware will be provided by the parish. Drinks are being donated by Tim and Kim Derico. The event is hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas but extra help would be greatly appreciated.





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## School News

**Do you want your child to attend St. Patrick School but worry about the added expense, especially with the cost of living today?**

**We have good news for you!**

**The WV Hope Scholarship Accepted at  
WV Catholic Schools!**

**Apply between March 1—May 15, 2023**



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

## NET Retreat



Our student sin grade 5—8 began the Lenten journey with an energizing retreat by Net Ministries. The retreat focused on "Identity in Christ." They played games, listened to testimonies, held discussions and small groups, and spent time in adoration.

To learn more about Net Ministries, go to: <https://netusa.org/>.

Thank you to the Brumley and Tillman families for hosting our NET missionaries.



## Thank You, Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

On Ash Wednesday, the Catholic Daughters provided and served a meatless lunch for our students and staff.

Pictured left to right: 5th grader Joseph Pickens, CDA treasurer Kathy Boyle, CDA regent Marilyn Bean, 6th grader Adam Louk, 8th grader Dakari Thompson, 4th grader Jillie McCartney, and 8th grader Kara Determan.

## **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: 7th/8th Grade Topic: Conscience**

Having a conscience is something that is uniquely human- the capacity to determine right from wrong. Conscience is designed to do three things:

1. Before we act, conscience prompts us to do good and avoid evil.
2. Conscience makes a judgment about the good and evil of the actions in particular situations.
3. Conscience bears witness even after we act, which is why we may feel guilty after acting contrary to it.

Remember, conscience is NOT the source of moral law but is the facility to recognize the moral law. Not everyone's conscience will consider something wrong- this is because not everyone forms their conscience (something that we have an obligation to do). Just because you don't think something is a sin because your conscience does not convict you doesn't make it any less of a sin. It is our responsibility to learn the moral law and align our conscience with that law. Veteran Catholics may experience something called "catholic guilt"-- this a good sign that your conscience is working.

How does one form their conscience? Read scripture, read the catechism, check out resources on FORMED, learn about the lives of the saints, do an examination of conscience (and take those sins to confession!). When in doubt about a moral issue, ask for a meeting with your parish priest or director of religious education.

## **Religious Education Classes, Grades 3—5 are Raising money for Lily's Place**

During Catholic Schools Week, 3rd-5th grade students focused on making art for a charity that they were passionate about so that they could give their art away in exchange for donations. The idea was to give students an opportunity to be directly involved in raising money for the charity as opposed to simply asking people for money. Their art was designed to raise the mind to God and remind people to pray for those in need. The charity students chose for this project is **Lily's Place** in Huntington. Lily's Place provides specialized care to babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (a group of conditions caused when a baby withdraws from certain drugs he's exposed to in the womb before birth) and provides support for families facing addiction.

**Students' art will be on display at the next donut Sunday- March 12th. Students will accept any donation in exchange for art. Their goal is to raise \$1,000 for Lily's Place. Please consider supporting their mission. If paying by check, please write the check to St. Patrick School and write "Lily's Place" in the memo line.**



### **Our History**

In order to serve the tiniest of those affected by the opioid epidemic, Lily's Place opened its doors in October 2014 as the first Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Center in the United States. Click below to see milestones and highlights from our journey thus far.

### **Our Facility**

Babies born with NAS require specialized care. At Lily's Place, we strive to make them as comfortable as possible while going through the weaning process. Our facility is designed in a very specific manner to achieve this goal.

### **Our Services**

Lily's Place provides observational, therapeutic and pharmacological care to infants suffering from prenatal drug exposure. We use proven therapeutic handling methods and the latest weaning techniques to ease withdrawal symptoms.

Learn more about Lily's Place by visiting their website: <https://www.lilysplace.org/>