St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

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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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Third Sunday of Lent

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Jn 4:42, 15



"Christ and the Woman of Samaria" (detail) by Paolo Veronese

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Parish, 6:00 p.m. each Friday School, 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00—5:45 p.m., each Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 5:00 - 5:20 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Friday: After morning Mass, and before and after Stations

of the Cross.

Holy Week

Monday, April 3, Mass at 8:15

Spy Wednesday, April 5:

- •Stations of the Cross: 12:30 p.m.
- •Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1:00—5:45 p.m.
- •Mass: 5:50 p.m.
- Confessions: Before, during, and after Mass, Fr. Aron Maghsoudi, from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will assist Fr. Ondeck in hearing confessions.

Holy Thursday, April 6: Mass at 6:00 p.m. Adoration, immediately after Mass

Good Friday, April 7: Stations at 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8: Mass at 7:30 p.m. **Easter Sunday, April 9:** Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Parish Dinner Sunday, March 19 3:00 p.m., Gymnasium Entertainment by LC Blue Games for Kids

We will have our parish dinner on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

The dinner will be covered

dish with 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.

Bring some delicious food, your family and friends and spend some quality time with your parish family!

"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.: 106 \$2476 (29 envelope and check donors) Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 223 \$1632 (26 envelope and check donors)

Mail/Drop Box: \$2289 (10 donors)

Total 329 \$6397

School \$415 Votive Candles \$40 Maintenance \$130 Organ \$0 Loan \$45

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

Special Collection this Weekend

Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection March 11-12, 2023

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



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 Nick Bakas Jill

- 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: 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 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").

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, March 11, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, March 12, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Betty Heavner by Eric Beaton
Monday, March 13, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Judi Rowan by family
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, March 15, 2023		Mass for Special Intentions of Mary Phil Shreves
Thursday, March 16, 2023		Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Friday, March 17, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mary P. Weber by family
Saturday, March 18, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, March 19, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Dr. Porfirio Pascasio by Luke and Benjamin Milinovich

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning February 26 - March11, 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.



Donut Sunday March 12, 2023

Please join us for Donut Sunday on March 12 after Mass. This month is sponsored by Kevin and Claire Watson.





Rite of Election

Members of the RCIA traveled to Wheeling with their sponsors on Saturday, March 4 the Rite of Election with Bishop Brennan.

Pictured: Cody Schmidt, Jenny Garton, Rachal and Rob Kuhn, Jeremy Garton, and Bob McDonald with Parker Kuhn in front.



Special Collection this Weekend

Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection March 11-12, 2023

A special second collection is scheduled for March 11-12, 2023, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 12

Donut Sunday



3:00 p.m., Parish Dinner, gym Entertainment by LC Blue

Monday, March 20

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

Saturday, March 25

- Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, 9:00 a.m., Mass
- 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Women's Day of Reflection, cafeteria

April 2

Donut Sunday, sponsored by the Confirmation Class



April 2—April 9 Holv Week

Monday, 8:15, Mass

Tuesday, No Mass

Wednesday

- 12:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross,
- 1:00—5:45 p.m., Adoration
- 5:00 p.m., Confessions

Holy Thursday

- 6:00 p.m., Mass
- Immediately after Mass, the Night Watch

Good Friday

- 3:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m., Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass

Tuesday, April 25

6:00 p.m., Confirmation

Saturday, May 6

5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Spring Bash

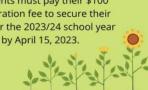
Our Neighbor Collection

March: paper towels and cleaning supplies

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

Our school is growing!

Many of our classes for the 2023/24 school year are nearing capacity! New or returning students must pay their \$100 registration fee to secure their spot for the 2023/24 school year



Saint Patrick's Story



Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have

studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his Confessio, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

Reflection

What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labors, and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work.

Saint Patrick is the Patron Saint of:

Engineers Ireland Nigeria

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-patrick/

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

I arise today Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the Threeness, Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. I arise today Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom. I arise today Through the strength of the love of cherubim, In the obedience of angels, In the service of archangels, In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward, In the prayers of patriarchs, In the predictions of prophets, In the preaching of apostles, In the faith of confessors, In the innocence of holy virgins, In the deeds of righteous men. I arise today, through The strength of heaven. The light of the sun. The radiance of the moon, The splendor of fire, The speed of lightning, The swiftness of wind, The depth of the sea, The stability of the earth, The firmness of rock. I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me. God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me,

God's host to save me

From snares of devils,

From temptation of vices,

From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. I summon today All these powers between me and those evils, Against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and soul, Against incantations of false prophets, Against black laws of pagandom, Against false laws of heretics, Against craft of idolatry, Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul; Christ to shield me today Against poison, against burning, Against drowning, against wounding, So that there may come to me an abundance of reward. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me. Christ on my right. Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me. Christ in every ear that hears me. I arise today Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the Threeness,

Through confession of the

Oneness

of the Creator of creation.

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: Confession

According to the precepts of the Church, Catholics are obligated to confess their sins at least once a year. The penitential season of Lent, a season of reflection and repentance, is the perfect time to fulfill this obligation.

If you have not been to confession in a while and forget how, please allow the resources below to be an aid to you.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." -1 John 1:9

How to Go to Confession

Examining your conscience:

An Examination of Conscience is usually a pamphlet that asks questions prompting you to remember the times that you have sinned. These are typically based on the 10 Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. You can find an Examination of Conscience online, in the vestibule of the Church, and in books & missals.

When you go to examine your conscience, find a quiet space. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you remember your sins. (If you purposely withhold a mortal sin- that is another sin. If you actually forget a sin when you confess, you are still forgiven of that sin but you should still confess it later).

Go through each item on the list and reflect on whether or not you have committed that sin. You are required to confess mortal sins- these are the sins that break your relationship with God. For mortal sins, you should specify number and kind—what the sin was and how many times it was committed). For example: I robbed a bank two times.

Requirements of a mortal sin:

- 1.Grave Matter (it was a big deal)
- 2.Full Knowledge (you knew it was wrong)
- 3.Full Intent (you did it on purpose)

You are not required to confess venial sins (sins that don't meet all of the requirements for a mortal sin). Venial sins are forgiven when partaking in Holy Communion. It is a good habit to confess venial sins, but you do not need to state number and kind.

As you examine your conscience, it is helpful to list your sins on a piece of paper. You may take this paper with you to the confessional. Plan to keep this private and dispose of it after you confess your sins.

Going to confession:

Look to see if the light is white before entering in the confessional. If the light is red someone is in there. When a person exits and/or when the light turns white you may enter. Kneel at the kneeler or, if you are physically unable to kneel, you may sit in the chair next to the kneeler.

Priest: "May the Lord grant you the courage to make a good and holy confession. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Penitent: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ______(how long) since my last confession. (Or say it is your first confession)

I have sinned by: *Tell or read your sins*

When finished, say:

For these sins and those of my past life, I am truly sorry.

Listen to Father's advice and answer any questions he asks you. Remember the penance he gives you (usually a prescribed set of prayers).

Priest: "Now make a good act of contrition"

Penitent: "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen."

Father will absolve you of your sins, saying:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God grant you pardon and peace, and I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good."

Penitent: His mercy endures forever.

Exit the confessional (leave the door open) and do your penance in the church.

School News

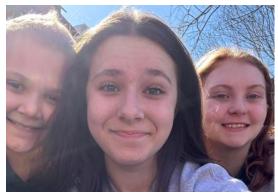
It's been a noteworthy week at the school. On Monday, March 6, fifth-grade student, Audrey Westfall was able to return to school after her diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in early April of last year. We are glad that our smiling girl is back and proud of her for keeping up with her school work while she was out. Audrey has endured a lot and kept a smile on her face throughout her treatments. Thank you Audrey for reminding us what is truly important. Please continue to pray for Audrey and her family in your prayers.



















Knights of Columbus, Council 1415

40 Cans for Lent—Food Drive

What is "40 Cans for Lent?"

This an opportunity for each of us to turn a small sacrifice into a big help for someone in need...donate, collect, and give what you can. Together, we can fight hunger in our community.

The Mission:

We aspire to have each parishioner at St. Patrick's Church contribute at least one can of food per day for each of the 40 days of Lent.

The collection is going on now and will continue until Spy Wednesday, April 5.

Donations can be placed on the tables in the vestibule or dropped off at the parish office. If you would prefer to donate money, please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Monetary donations need to be placed in an envelope with "food drive" written clearly on it.

All donations will be given to the Our Neighbor food bank.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Now Accepting Donations for our Easter Flower Fund

Thank you to everyone who has given to our Easter Flower Fund. For those who

do not use contribution envelopes, please write "Easter Flower Fund" in the memo line of your check or if you prefer to give cash, please write it on an envelope along with your name so we can log your donation accordingly.

Women's Day of Reflection

March 25, 2023 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Cafeteria

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Victory of Weston will host a Day of Reflection on March 25, in the St. Patrick's school cafeteria. This year's presenter will be Sue Halterman Smith OPA, An Associate of the Dominican Sisters of Hope and a CDA member. One of Sue's ministries is that of Retreat Director and Facilitator. She will give a presentation on Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles. Participants will also spend time in prayer meditation and contemplation.

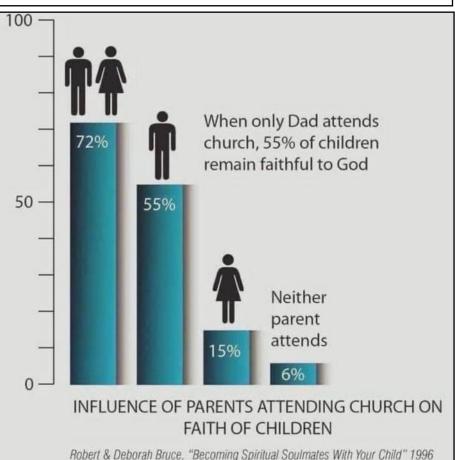
We will begin the day at 10:30 with lunch provided by the CDA and end at 2:30

This Day of Reflection is open to all women of St. Patrick's and those from St. Boniface, Good Shepherd, and Holy Rosary Parishes. Please plan to attend, and bring a friend, as we grow in faith, knowledge, and fellowship.

To Register contact Sue at 843-504-5622 or email esueh812@gmail.com. The deadline for registration is March 22. 2023

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters will have their monthly meeting, on Monday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. All Catholic women age 18 and up who are in good standing with the Catholic Church, are invited to join. Dues are \$30 per year.



SAVE the DATE

St. Patrick Church Spring Bash

Saturday, May 6, 2023 5:00—8:00 p.m. Gym

Tickets will be on sale soon!



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