

St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Weekly Bulletins via 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.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

For last rites, please call 304-691-0537.

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 5:45 p.m.
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Please leave the church silently, and reverently at the end of Mass. Many people choose to stay for a bit and pray and the choir members receive communion at this time.

A Time of New Life

April boasts the most solemn and sublime events of human history: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal mystery. Though the way to the Resurrection was the Via Crucis, the Sacrificial Lamb of God is now and forever Christ our Light, the Eternal high priest of the New Covenant. And his sorrowful mother, the Stabat Mater of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Mother of the Regina Caeli.

We the members of Christ's Mystical Body exalt in the mystery by which we were redeemed. If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)

Highlights of the Month

As our Lenten journey comes to a close we prepare to follow Christ all the way to the cross and to witness His glorious Resurrection. Hopefully we have sacrificed and prayed so that we are now able to more fully reap the fruits of a well spent Lent. After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the remainder of the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen."

The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is "the day that the Lord has made." From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

The saints that we will focus on this month — those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection are: St. Francis of Paola (April 2), St. Isidore of Seville (April 4), St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25), St. Peter Chanel (April 28), St. Louis Marie de Montfort (April 28), St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), and St. Pius V (April 30).

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Donut Sunday April 2

Join us April 2 after Mass
for Donut Sunday
sponsored by the
Confirmation Class.

Confirmation will be
Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00

Mass Music Settings

St. Michael Hymnal
Missa Jubilate Deo

Kyrie, 100
Sanctus, 101
Mysterium Fidei, 102
Amen, 103
Agnus Dei, 104

Holy Week Schedule

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 until 10:00 p.m.

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 8:30, and 10:30 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will not have
confessions before on Easter Weekend!**

"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.

Prayer List

- **Those who are sick:** Jim Riley (UHC), Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Bob Bleigh, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Laurie Chestnut, Rose Determan, Jed Easton, 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, 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 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.**

Attendance & Collections

Saturday 5:30 p.m.: 143 \$1913 (27 envelope and check donors)
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.: 175 \$ 965 (13 envelope and check donors)
 Mail/Drop Box: \$ 25 (2 donors)
Total 318 \$2903

School \$60
 Votive Candles \$99
 Maintenance \$ 90
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 and collections.
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Second and Special Collections

Good Friday, Holy Land Collection

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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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!

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").

Mass Etiquette

- Men and boys need to remove their hats when entering the church.
- 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.

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, April 2, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Linda Ruppert
Monday, April 3, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by the Class of 1966
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Judi Rowan by family
The Triduum		
Thursday, April 6, 2023	6:00 PM	Mass for †Ed Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs
	7 - 10 PM	Please help with the night watch between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday
Friday, April 7, 2023	3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 8, 2023	7:30 PM	Mass for our Catechumens and Candidates
Sunday, April 9, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
The Sanctuary Lamp is burning March 26 - April 8, 2023 In memory of Judi Rowan by family.		

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—Level 1 Formation

SIGN UP TODAY!

PART A: June 19 - 25th PART B: TBD
St. Patrick Church

Join us as we learn more about this beautiful and effective method of sharing our faith with children.

WHO SHOULD COME TO FORMATION & WHY:

Parents and Grandparents will learn how to identify and nurture the child's relationship with God.

Teachers will gain insight into Montessori educational principles that can enhance their classroom experience by addressing the unique needs of the 3-6 year old child.

Young adults and College students will thank themselves later for attending! Countless times, formation participants report how life changing it would have been to know this before beginning their careers or families.

Anyone who interacts with children regularly or anyone who would simply like to invest in the future of religious formation for the Church.

After completing PARTS A&B of Formation participants will earn a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist Certificate. There is no volunteer commitment to work as a catechist at the school or parish to attend this training.

The week-long formation is set-up more like a retreat than a class.

Please consider giving yourself the gift of time spent in quiet reflection, prayer and learning.

There is no cost to attend for parishioners in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. There is a \$50 registration fee to reserve your spot, but will be returned upon completion of the course.

Childcare will be available! Details to follow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2

- Donut Sunday, sponsored by the Confirmation Class
- Science Fair open for parishioners to view the projects, gym



April 2—April 9 Holy Week

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass

(bring your old palms to Mass with you)

Monday, 8:15, Mass

Tuesday, No Mass

Wednesday, April 5, Spy Wednesday

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

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

- 6:00 p.m., Mass
- Immediately after Mass, the Night Watch until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

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

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

No confessions before Mass

7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

No confessions before Mass

- 8:30 a.m., Mass
- 10:30 a.m., Mass

Tuesday, April 25

6:00 p.m., Confirmation

Saturday, May 6

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

Our Neighbor Collection

- **April:** Soap, deodorant, feminine products

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

Would you like to Join the Choir?

If you want to join the choir, please go to the parish office meeting room at 9:30 a.m. for practice. The choir meets each week at this time.

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

Topic: The Beatitudes

According to the catechism, the beatitudes "are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulation." They are initially jarring because they are the opposite of what the world defines as happiness. The world's happiness is fleeting: money, power, pleasure. We chase, receive, and then are left unsatisfied. In the beatitudes, Jesus gives us guidelines to obtain the happiness that our souls truly seek; a happiness that truly satisfies- maybe not in the moment but in the light of eternity.

The Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

To be "poor in spirit" is to be humble, depending on God rather than material possessions.

2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

We are to mourn due to our inner discontent- we live in a fallen world due to sin and we have contributed to the sinfulness of the world. The evil in our own hearts and in the hearts of others is unsatisfying but the Lord will give true consolation.

3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

To be meek means to be gentle and have self control. The Greek word for meek means to be "strong as iron and gentle as a feather." There is nothing stronger than those who have the self control to be gentle.

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

When we hunger for food, food satisfies until we are hungry again; when we hunger and thirst for righteousness we are yearning for moral perfection- to do God's will.

5. Blessed are the merciful; they will be shown mercy.

As is stated in the Our Father, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." the Lord will forgive us to the extent that we extend mercy.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God.

To have a pure heart is to have a clear moral vision- seeing the world as God sees it. We must guard our words, thoughts, and deeds so as to guard our hearts from evil.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God.

As God's children we are called to be peacemakers, reconciling with others and helping others to do the same. How often are we arguing with others? Particularly other Christians?

8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of what is right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

When we do what is right in the eyes of God, we will likely be persecuted by the world. We must look to the example of the martyrs and the saints.



St. Patrick's Pro Life Group Collecting Baby 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. 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

Knights of Columbus, Council 1415

40 Cans for Lent—Food Drive LAST WEEK to DONATE



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.

**The total food collected to date is
565.4**

Please help our Virtus Coordinators, Regina Frazier and Sandy Mick get to 100% Compliance!

Protecting God's Children

VIRTUS is the brand name that identifies best practices programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within religious organizations. The VIRTUS programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church.

The word virtue derives from Latin, and means valor, moral strength, excellence, and worth. In ancient times, virtue denoted a way of life and manner of behavior that always aspired to the highest, most positive attributes of people and aspects of human interaction.

All parish and school volunteers who are 18 and older in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston need to be Virtus compliant. The number one priority is keeping our children and vulnerable adults safe.

A detailed list of who is considered a volunteer can be found on the diocesan website (dwc.org) in the policy handbook. The list includes readers, money counters, adult altar servers, funeral luncheon workers, choir members, those who volunteer at special events, picnics, and dinners, those who go to school field trips, attend class parties, work in the library, read to the kids, help with Catholic Schools Week activities etc.

It's both unfortunate and sad that we are living in a time when we have to be constantly vigilant. But, here we are and we have to do what we can to be prepared and protected at all times.

If you have completed Virtus training in the past, you already have an account but you need to e-sign a few new agreements, possibly due a continuing training, and update your background check if it has been more than three years since you last had one through our Virtus program. All of these can be done online. To find out your username please email secretary@spchurchweston.net.

You are welcome to make an appointment at the parish office so Sandy can assist you with the process if you are uncomfortable doing it on your own.

New and returning users go to: <http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

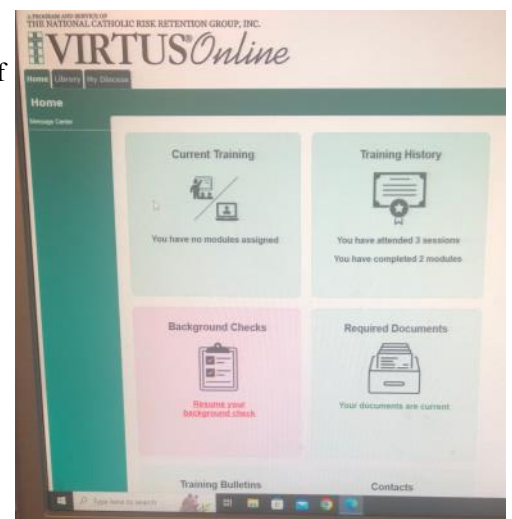
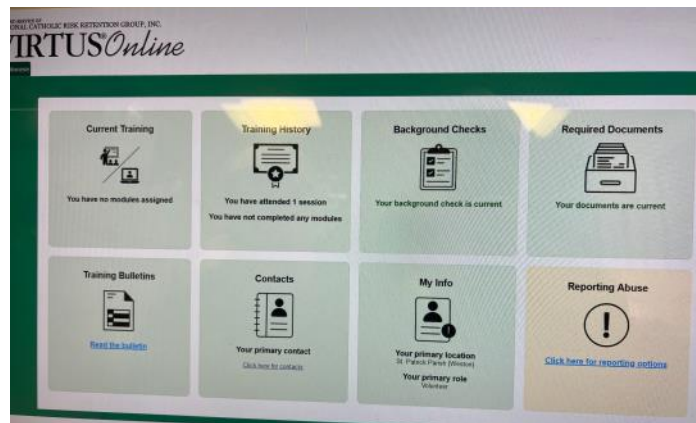
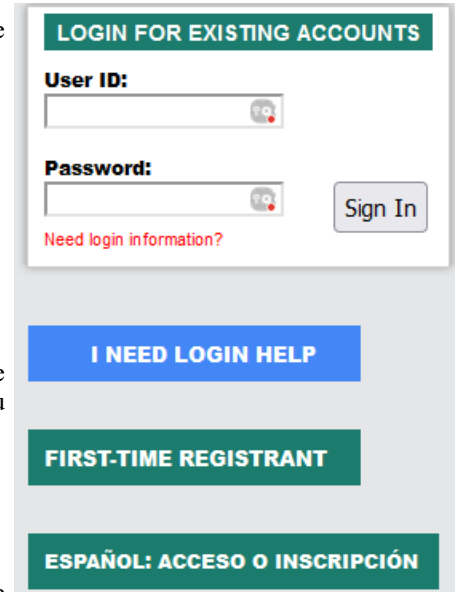
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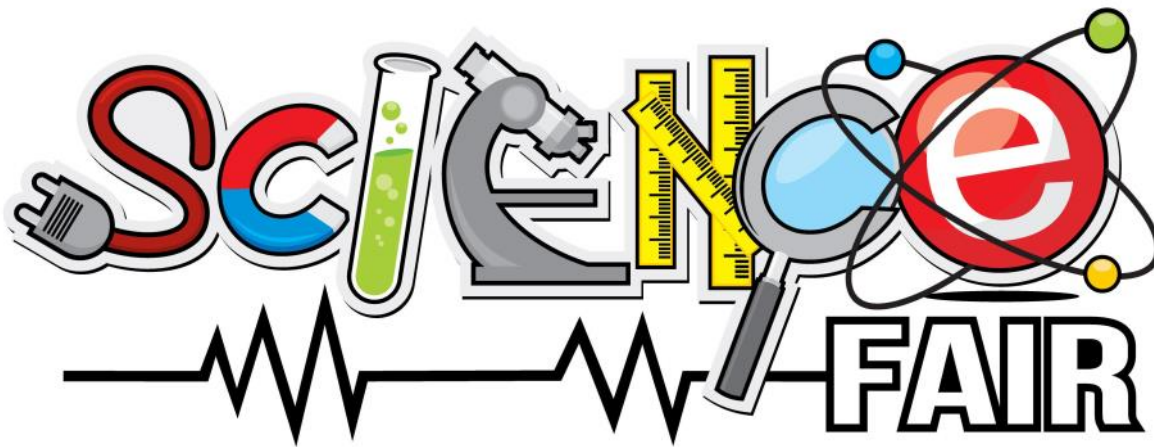
- click on "First-time registrant" (blue/green button on left side)
- click "Begin the registration process."
- scroll down to Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia Diocese
- create a username and password, and continue through the process.

You will need to

- Complete a background check. Please finish the background check once you start it. The system does not save your progress. You will receive a confirmation number once you have submitted your background check.
- Provide an e signature for the following forms.
 1. Reporting Statute Acknowledgement
 2. Code of Conduct
 3. Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children
- Complete the video training. When that is finished, they will receive a training certificate via email. They do not need to supply us with the certificate for online training. You do not need to do print the certificate. It will become a part of your online account.

Returning users go to the same website and enter their user id and password. Once logged in, you will see a series of boxes. All but the yellow "Reporting Abuse" should be green. If a box is not green and is pink, you need to update something. Please click in that box to update your information.





**Visit the Science
Fair Sunday,
April 2**

We want to welcome you to view the school science fair projects in the gym following mass. The students have been working hard for the entire month of March and would love to share their projects with you.

18 New Faces in First Grade

Mrs. Moody's spring egg project was a huge success this year, with 18 eggs hatching into chicks. The chicks will stay for a few more days and will go home with their new owners on Wednesday, April 5th.



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.



June 25th – July 1st, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.
July 2nd – July 8th, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 9th – July 15th, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

July 16th – July 22nd, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 23rd – July 29th, “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



Entertainment by:



Spring Bash

**May 6, 2023
5:00—8:00 p.m.**

Raffle tickets available now for a chance to win cash or guns! \$20 each

Tickets are on sale NOW! Available in the parish office or from members of the sponsoring organizations!

Grand Prize: Winchester XPR 350 Legend with Vortex Scope* (or \$650 cash)

2nd Prize: Stoeger Condor O/U 20 gauge* (or \$400 cash)

3rd Prize: Mossberg Maverick 88 Field 12 gauge* (or \$250 cash)

Events include: 50/50 drawing, Silent Auction, Tips, Side Raffle for \$500 McFly Outdoors gift card, and more!

**Gun winners MUST be able to pass a background check to receive gun!*

Food available for purchase from Gil's Pit Beef, and Hippie Dippie Donuts!



Proceeds to support various charitable causes for both organizations such as the Christmas food baskets, annual education and poster contests, the annual K of C Free Throw Competition, St. Patrick School and parish and much more.



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Special thanks to McFly Outdoors!



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