

St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Bulletins via E-mail

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4
Wednesday, 12 - 5
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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 5:45 p.m.

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May Overview

"In the hierarchy of holiness it is precisely the 'woman', Mary of Nazareth, who is the 'figure' of the Church. She 'precedes' everyone on the path to holiness; in her person 'the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle'". — John Paul II *Mulieris Dignitatem*, 1988

A Time of Grace

The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality...With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books-Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals—from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..." — John S. Stokes

Pentecost, the birth of the Church, is also among the celebrations of May. Though sprung from the side of Christ on the Cross, the Church marks as her birthday the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. At the 'birth' of the world, the Holy Spirit — the Breath of God — was the "mighty wind [that] swept over the waters" (Gen 1:2); at the birth of the Church He is present again "like the rush of a mighty wind" to recreate the world in the image of Christ through His Church (Acts 2:2).

We, the members of Christ's Mystical Body, are the present-day disciples sent by the Holy Spirit to bring Christ to the world. May we go forth as did Mary, who set out in haste to assist St. Elizabeth (feast of the Visitation, May 31). Come upon us, O Holy Spirit, so that, with Mary, we may proclaim the greatness of the Lord who has done great things for us — for his mercy endures forever!

"The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals."

J.R.R. Tolkien

2023 First Communicants

May Queen

Abigail Davis

Maidens in waiting

Reece Cunningham

Ava Jefferson

Allison Rich

Kate Watson

London Westfall

Ethan Abel

Cayetano Ayala

Raleigh Cunningham

Brennin Jefferies

Dominic Milinovich

Keyton Novak

Please do not take pictures during the Mass. We have two photographers assigned to take pictures that will be shared with you.

"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, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Laurie Chestnut, Rose Determan, Jed Easton, Amy Flesher, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Stacey McCartney, Matt McCauley, Joseph Morris, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Judy Nichols Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Martha Rowan, 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.**

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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.

Attendance & Collections

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| Saturday 5:30 p.m.: | 91 | \$1344 (21 envelope and check donors) |
| Sunday 10:30 a.m.: | 191 | \$1310 (21 envelope and check donors) |
| Mail/Drop Box: | | \$ 25 (1 donors) |
| Total | 282 | \$2679 |

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| School | \$ 45 |
| Votive Candles | \$125 |
| Maintenance | \$ 40 |
| Organ | \$ 0 |
| Loan | \$ 20 |

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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.

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").

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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.

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

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 5:30 PM | Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton |
| Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 8:30 AM | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Mass for First Communicants |
| Monday, May 8, 2023 | 8:30 AM | Mass for †Johna Bish by Linda Aman and sons |
| Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | No Mass | No Mass |
| Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | 5:50 PM | Mass for †Francesca Grassi Zimmer by Frank Renzelli |
| Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Kevin O'Sullivan and Beulah Pentasuglia by Sherry & Brennon O'Sullivan |
| Friday, May 12, 2023 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Darren and Ryan Jackson |
| Saturday, May 13, 2023 | 5:30 PM | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by Tom Ruppert |

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning May 7 - 20, 2023
in memory of George Whelan.

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.

Attention High School Graduates

Parishioners of St. Patrick Church who are graduating high school this year are asked to contact the church office to have their names added the list of those we will pray for. We will recognize these young men and women at Mass on Sunday, May 21. You must call or email the parish office so to be included in the list.



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!

Deadline to apply is May 15, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

8:30, Mass (no music)

10:30, Mass (First Communion)

Sunday, May 21

- High School Graduate Recognition
- Donut Sunday, sponsored by the First Communicants



Sunday May 28

St. Patrick 8th Grade recognition at Mass

Sunday, June 11

- Eucharistic Procession after Mass for the solemnity for the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Donut Sunday, sponsored by Rob and Rachael Kuhn



Our Neighbor Collection

- **May:** Shampoo and conditioner

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

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 donate the items to the Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care in Buckhannon to support pregnant and new mothers who choose life. Please bring items to fill up the bins in the cafeteria and at the back of the church. To become involved with the group, please email the parish office.

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!

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.



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First Communion Candidates



Ethan Abel is the son of Burton and Elaine Abel of Buckhannon. He loves all things soccer, riding his bike, playing games and spending time with his family, Grandparents and three cats. When Ethan isn't hunting or fishing, he enjoys playing outside. Ethan loves attending St. Patrick's school and was glad he could prepare for this sacrament with his classmates. Ethan's favorite Catholic prayer is the Our Father and he loves learning about all of Jesus' miracles! Ethan will be making his First Holy Communion at his home church, Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon.



Cayetano Antonio Jose Ayala was baptized April 26th 2015 at St. Patrick's Basilica in Ottawa Canada. He is the oldest of three children, with both a younger sister and brother. In his spare time he enjoys comic books and video games. He maintains a close relationship with his Godparents, and although they cannot be present today, they are with him in prayer. He has grown much in faith and knowledge at St. Patrick's school and we are most thankful for our time here.



Abigail Reese Cunningham is a 2nd grade student at St. Patrick School. Reese is the daughter of Chris and Keely Cunningham of Weston, WV. She has one older sister Johnna, who she greatly admires. She is the granddaughter of Kevin & Tina Riley and Gary & Susie Cunningham both of Weston, WV. She is also the granddaughter of the late Barbara Shaver and the great granddaughter of the late Dot and John Aman and the late Clara Ann Moran. Reese loves school and her teacher Mrs. Smith. In her free time, she enjoys softball, basketball, and gymnastics. She also loves to swim, play with her friends, and go to Disney. Reese's favorite prayer is the Hail Mary. One of the many things Reese has learned during her daily religion class is the seven sacraments and she is beyond excited and blessed to be receiving her First Communion.



My name is Raleigh Christopher Cunningham. I'm 8 years old and live in Glenville with my dad and mom, Chris and Jesse Cunningham, my older brother Memphis who is 11, and my younger brother Branson who is 6. I enjoy riding my dirt bike, playing outside with my brothers, and hanging out with my grandpa Phil at his knife and gun shop next to my house. I made my First Communion at the Easter Vigil since I am in Wyoming with my family this weekend. I was very excited and proud to make my First Holy Communion this year I have spent lots of time preparing and learning about Jesus in the Eucharist.



Abigail Ruth Davis is the daughter of Zach and Emily Davis of Buckhannon. She has two younger sisters (Willow and Rebekah) and two younger brothers (Joseph and Joshua). She loves roller skating, ballet class and playing with her brothers and sisters. Her favorite Catholic prayer is the Hail Mary. She has learned about the Eucharist in her CCD class.

Ava Jefferson is the daughter of Marcus Jefferson and Brandy Freeman. She has an older sister, Aaliyah, and a younger brother, Xavier. Ava is the granddaughter of Michael and Coretta Jefferson and Patsy and Steve Freeman. She is the great-great granddaughter of Mary Rinehart. Ava's godparents are Nathan Embree and her aunt, Elizabeth Jefferson. Ava lives in Weston. She has two cats, Penny and Dash. She also claims and feeds all the stray cats in her neighborhood. Ava enjoys art. She loves to paint and do crafts. She also enjoys helping out in the kitchen with cooking and baking and anything that involves being outside. Ava's favorite prayer is the Hail Mary. The things she enjoyed learning about in religion class were The Trinity, Adam and Eve, and The Twelve Apostles.



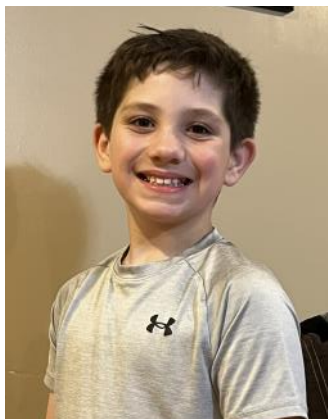
Brennin Jeffries was born April 25th, 2015. His mother is Cassandra Craig, 29 of Weston and his father is Ryan Jeffries, 32 of Weston. Brennin has one brother, Brooks Jeffries age 5, who also attends St. Patrick's school and is currently in Kindergarten. The grandparents of Brennin, from his mothers side, are Jennifer and Gregory Craig of Weston. His grandmother from his father's side is Kimberly Jeffries of Jane Lew and his grandfather Ernest Jeffries Jr. who currently resides in Hopwood, Pa. Brennin has a few pets, Nora (dog) and Ace (cat) that resides with his father. At his mother's he has a cat named Kate he loves. When Brennin is not in school, he enjoys playing video games with his friends, playing basketball, baseball and golf! Brennin's favorite prayer is The act of Contrition prayer. Throughout his first year at St. Pats, Brennin has learned a lot from his Religion class and it is one of his favorite classes he attends. He enjoys learning about Catholicism and is excited to learn more going forward.



First Communion Candidates



Dominic Milinovich is 8 years old and homeschooled using the Seton Home Study School curriculum., although he would much rather build legos and play with his brothers than do schoolwork. He has an inquisitive mind and enjoys talking, playing games, and being outside. He is the son of Steve and Kara Milinovich and has one sister and five brothers. He is a true blessing to his family! Dominic said he enjoys praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and had fun learning the Ten Commandments in his Religion classes this year.



Hello I am Keyton Novak, I am 8 years old. I live in the country along with my dad, Frank my mom, Chelsey and my 2 sisters, Keylee and Keyara Novak. Both sets of my grandparents, Frank and Kathy Novak, Dave and Becky King are so proud of my grades in school and going to class on Sundays to receive communion. I love being outside with my dog, Zeek. Exploring and hunting in the woods is like my second nature best thing to do along with playing football. I have enjoyed Ms. Judy teaching me about God and especially enjoys the snacks she brings!



Allison Rich is called Allie by her friends and family. Allie is a very active little lady from Ireland, West Virginia. She lives there with her parents (April Rich and Joseph Rich II), big brother Hunter Rich, 4 cats, 3 dogs, 28 chickens, and a leopard gecko.

Allie's 2 cats are named Chocolate and Brown Stripes. Allie loves to sing, hike, jump on the trampoline, and help take care of the chickens. Allie wants to join gymnastics and cheerleading in the future.

Allie loves to help people, and her favorite prayer is the Lord's Prayer. She is very excited to make her first Holy Communion.



Kate Watson is the treasured eldest daughter of Kevin and Claire Watson, the granddaughter of Jenny and Jeremy Garton, Patricia Watson, Michael Brown, and Dave Watson. She is the great granddaughter of Barbara White. Kate is big sister to Cole and Anna, enjoys softball, volleyball, camping, and reading. Kate hopes to live out her faith by loving and helping the sick. Her favorite prayer is the Lord's Prayer and likes to help her mom pray a Rosary before bed.



London is the daughter of Chad and Megan Westfall. She has a sister, Audrey Westfall. They live in Walkersville along with their black lab, Piper. She is the granddaughter of Connie and Tom Scott, Dan and Susan Moody and Jim and Sue Westfall. London loves to do gymnastics, play with Barbie's, go boating with her family and friends and go shopping! Her favorite Catholic prayer is The Glory Be. Something she learned in religion class is that the last supper was also the celebration of the Passover. She loves attending St. Patrick School and really enjoys all the friends she has made and loves her teachers.

Thank you for sharing in our First Communion Celebration. The kids have worked hard to get here and are both excited and nervous to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

We couldn't do this without the dedication of our teachers Judy Jerden and Angie Fitzsimmons. This is the third class that Miss Angie has prepared through the school. Miss Judy has prepared students for First Communion since 2018. From 2018 - 20, she prepared all second-grade children at St. Patrick Church and school to receive the sacrament of First Communion through our CCD program. More recently, she has prepared those in our CCD program.

Finally, we want to thank the parents and grandparents who bring the children to Mass every week and for continuing their child's religious education at home. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with parents and support the spiritual formation of the children in our parish. Thank you for your dedication. It is our privilege to serve all of the children and families at St. Pats!



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

John 6: 53-57