

St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 14, 2023

Sixth 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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The Most Influential Woman who ever Lived was “Just” a Mom

No matter a person's beliefs, it's pretty inarguable that this is true. The most well-known, influential, revered, and remembered woman in history was "just" a mom.

She had no degree. No job. No side hustle. No institutional education. She had no remarkable achievements. No earthly awards. No lengthy resume.

She never wrote a book but thousands have been written about her. She never recorded an album but hundreds of songs are dedicated to her. She never owned a piece of land but has cities, states, and capitals named for her.

Her greatest acclaim is that she said yes. She opened her womb and she became a mom, one whom God Himself would honor, obey, and submit to.

With her, let's remember that the most influential work we mothers do will always be within the hearts, minds, souls, and bodies of our children and within the walls of our home. Despite how difficult, unrewarding, exhausting, and sometimes maligned it is, it is beautiful, good, holy, and the most important work. Whether you are a mother with callings outside the home or are devoted full time in the home to motherhood, don't ever, ever forget that. This work resonates for generations and is the most eternally significant for us and for our children. No one can replace you as mother and there's no "just" anything about that.

Mary Haseltine
www.madeforthisbirth.net



Virgin and Child, 1663, Elisabetta Sirani

Blessing for Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you give life and care for your Church.

Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor.

May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them
with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their
vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue
to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"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, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Sam Schwartzmiller, Special Intentions, Bob 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.
- **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

Saturday 5:30 p.m.:	78	\$ 747 (13 envelope and check donors)
Sunday 8:30 a.m.:	58	\$1130 (9 envelope and check donors)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.:	229	\$1265 (14 envelope and check donors)
Mail/Drop Box:		\$1453 (5 donors)
Total		\$4595

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Organ	\$200
Loan	\$ 0

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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").

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!

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.

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.

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

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
Monday, May 15, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for Bonnie Hall
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, May 17, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli by family
Thursday, May 18, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Friday, May 19, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Deceased Alumni of St. Patrick School
Saturday, May 20, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †James Blake by Margaret Blake
Sunday, May 21, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

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.

Spring Bash

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Bash fundraiser. Special thanks to McFly Outdoors and Gil's Pit Beef for supporting our event!

Congratulations!

1st prize: Don Markley
2nd prize: Joe Nichols
3rd prize: Gene Edwards
50/50: Lindsey Hughes
500 McFly Outdoor gift card: Ron Fisher

HUGE SHOUTOUT to LC BLUE!

These kids committed to play at the bash before they knew it was the same night as Lewis County prom. They did not cancel! They came and played wearing their prom clothes! Exceptional group of young men and women! If you get the chance to listen to these kids, do it! Even if you aren't a fan of bluegrass music. They might just change your mind!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 15

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, cafeteria

Thursday, May 18

6:00 p.m., pre-K graduation, gym

Friday, May 19

8:15 a.m., Final all school Mass for the 22-23 academic year

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.

Attention High School Graduates

The high school seniors listed below are the ones whose parents or grandparents have contacted the parish office. We will recognize these young men and women (and any others who contact the office this week at Mass on Sunday, May 21.

- Tom Derico
- Ian Droppleman
- Jayna Jerden
- Lucas Mullooly
- Makenna West



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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



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School News

Young Writers Conference

Eighth student, Marley Riley, won first place in the Lewis County Young Writers Contest. Marley was invited to the Young Writers Conference and had the pleasure of meeting, Rocket Boys author and fellow West Virginian, Homer Hickam Jr.



St. Joseph and St. Patrick Award Winners Announced

Congratulations Camryn Lambert and Conner Jordan, the recipients of our St. Joseph and St. Patrick Awards this year. The awards were presented by Fr. Ondeck at the end of Mass on Friday, May 12.



St. Joseph Award Winner,
Kamryn Lambert



St. Patrick Award Winner,
Conner Lambert

Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe

We are proud to announce that our school has two of the three Lewis County Golden Horseshoe winners. Congratulations Camryn Lambert and Samantha Blake on becoming Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe.



Butterfly Release Day, May 12, 2023

Over the last month, Mrs. Clevenger's kindergarten class has been excitedly watching as their baby caterpillars grew and changed. Today, after a read aloud in the sunshine, the students were finally able to set their 14 butterfly friends free. We hope they enjoy their new home among the flowers in Father Ondeck's yard.



Dear Saint Patrick's Parishioners,

I hope you all are doing well and living both prayerfully and fruitfully! As our school year at Saint John Paul II Seminary has come to a close, I wish to inform you that I have discerned out of priestly formation and will not be returning to the seminary in the fall. This decision has by no means come lightly, but rather through much prayer, reflection, and an abundance of formation.

Prior to entering the seminary, Joe Derico told me that a man "can't leave the seminary worse off than when he entered." This has been extraordinarily truthful as I have seen not only myself grow, but also each one of my brother seminarians. Seminary is both a house of formation and a house of discernment. In discerning out of the seminary, one does not 'fail,' but rather is one step closer to fulfilling God's will. My time in the seminary has undoubtedly been the most formative and enriching of my life. It has helped me grow not only as a man but also in my identity as a beloved son of God. The lessons I have learned and the formation I have received will certainly shape the way I live the rest of my life, and it is my hope that I can share even a morsel of these abundant gifts with you all. Through total surrender and abandonment to Christ, that morsel will be multiplied far greater than any of us can even imagine.

In his book, *Rekindling Wonder*, my seminary spiritual director Fr. Seith writes that "when sacrificial worship shapes our lives, we see with God's eyes and experience the joy of love."¹ In my time at JP II Seminary, through example and witness, I have had the joy of more fully experiencing this life-changing love. In discerning out of seminary, my overarching goal does not shift, but rather how I live it out. God thirsts for our love – He thirsts for it to be freely given to Him.² I wholeheartedly desire and aim to freely give Him my love, to see the face of Christ in each person I meet, and to recognize every action of my life as "part of the romance between [myself] and God."³ Both by word and example, I hope to encourage you all to strive for the same.

You all have been in my prayers in a special way this year, and I know that you have kept me in your own as well. Your kindness and support have been greatly felt and appreciated throughout this journey. Father Seith taught me that in life, "we find ourselves in an adventure; we 'land' in one. All that matters on our end is our response."⁴ Let us strive to have a 'response' that orients everything in our lives towards the Divine, so that through us and in us, God may work more abundantly to show His love to all. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Dylan O'Sullivan

1 1. Fr. Christopher J Seith, *Rekindling Wonder* (St. Louis, MO: En Route Books and Media, 2022), 90.

2 See 1. Fr. Jean C.J. D'Elbée, *I Believe in Love: A Personal Retreat Based on the Teaching of At. Thérèse of Lisieux* (Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute Press, 2001), 16.

3 Seith, 87.

4 Seith, 140.

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First Communion, May 7, 2023



Front row: Ava Jefferson, Allison Rich, Kate Watson, Cayetano Ayala, London Westfall, and Reese Cunningham

Middle Row: Abigail Davis, Keyton Novak, Dominic Milinovich, and Brennan Jefferies

Back row: Judy Jerden, Fr. Ondeck, Angie Fitzsimmons, and Megan White

