

St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 21, 2023

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Weekly Bulletins via E-mail

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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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Summer Readiness: 5 Things Catholics Forget

By Anabelle Hazard

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<https://catholicstand.com/5-catholics-forget-summer/>

You're on vacation, zip open your suitcase and slap your forehead when you realize that you forgot to pack your sunhat, flip-flops, band-aids, and lipstick taser. Don't fret, it's normal, and there's always the souvenir shop with the 200% mark up that will gladly sell you what you should've packed in the first place.

Since Catholics are normal people, we tend to get distracted from the essential things when the sun is shining, birds a-chirping and the trees are green. This is a friendly reminder and a short list of tips so that we can stay on top of the five most neglected Catholic things in the summer:

1. **Eucharist.** Vacation doesn't mean we're exempt from the Third Commandment to Honor the Lord God on Sabbath Day. Canon law 1247 and 1248 summarily teach that it is a mortal sin to willfully neglect our Sunday obligation, but we are excused if due to "grave cause," participation in the Eucharist is impossible. Necessary travel can fall under this situation, but optional vacations do not. Since the Catholic Church is universal, chances are there's one very close to our vacation spot and chances are there is a Mass every two hours at least. For a complete list of the Mass schedules around the world, visit www.masstimes.org. St. John Paul II said, "In order to gain eternal life, man needs the Eucharist." St. John Vianney exhorts us, "All the good works of the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men. Mass is the work of God."

2. **Modesty.** Whoo-wee. It's ninety degrees outside and most of us forget (or want to forget) to put clothes on. We're tempted to think swimwear-inspired outfits are interchangeable with Sunday best, or acceptable for everywhere else that heat can penetrate through. But keep in mind that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and we shouldn't encourage lustful glances at the Holy Spirit. We don't have to wear feathers, silly! Loose, cotton material will keep us cool. "We must practice modesty," said the lawyer St. Alphonsus Ligouri, "not only in our looks, but also in our whole deportment, and particularly in our dress, our walk, our conversation, and all similar actions."

3. **Our children's spiritual lives.** Summer is fun, yay! But we don't have to run ourselves ragged and sign the kids up for every camp, every sport, ever lesson. Let's be selective of the activities our children are involved in and mind those Vacation Bible Schools. Just because they're labeled "Christian" doesn't mean they won't be teaching our children heresies or aren't working actively to recruit members for their Church. Since the devil thrives in the heat of summer, it's not wise to take a vacation from our children's spiritual formation. Take them to Mass, Confession, or a pilgrimage. St. Damien Molokai wrote, "A parent's first duty is to provide for their children. I have the obligation of giving my children, newly born of water and the Holy Spirit, the things that are necessary for spiritual life."

4. **Good Reads.** Every bookstore will be featuring a bevy of beach umbrella reads. Media marketing has conditioned us to believing that it's negligible to escape into novels that Catholic eyes shouldn't be reading and Catholic wallets shouldn't be supporting. St. John Bosco advised: "Never read books you aren't sure about...even supposing that they are very well written from a literary point of view...would you drink something you knew was poisoned if it was offered to you in a golden cup?" Good news: we have access to a vast Catholic library and the Bible doesn't have to collect dust in our shelves! There are saints' books on Theology, spirituality, private revelation and contemporary Catholic writers who have a treasure of wisdom to share for this modern age.

5. **Beach Weddings.** Well, who doesn't love a beautiful, romantic wedding, right? Think of all that vanilla frosting, the band music, bubbling champagne, and the reunions! Alas, we Catholics are not free to randomly RSVP to every single invitation. Sorry to be a party pooper, but Catholics are advised to refrain from attending a non-Catholic wedding ceremony of a Catholic because this is equivalent to condoning sin. Catechism 1868 states that we have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them: by participating directly and voluntarily in them; by ordering, advising, praising, or approving them. It's not "judging," it's saving our souls from moral culpability. For more information and discernment on this, consult your pastor.

Have a blessed, fun summer, and don't forget to lather on sunblock.

Donut Sunday



Please join us in the cafeteria after Mass on Sunday
for Donut Sunday, sponsored by our First
Communicants.



"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:** Bob Swiger (SJM), 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, Jim Riley, Special Intentions, 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.:	82	\$ 807 (14 envelope and check donors)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.:	263	\$1393 (22 envelope and check donors)
Mail/Drop Box:		\$485 (5 donors)
Total	345	\$2685

School	\$ 275
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Maintenance	\$ 185
Organ	\$ 250
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 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
Monday, May 22, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Robert Park
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, May 24, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Marie McKisic and †Nellie King
Thursday, May 25, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †James Sweeney by David Curtis
Friday, May 26, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Beth Nichols by the Evich family
Saturday, May 27, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Michael Brian Franklin by St. Patrick Church
Sunday, May 28, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning May 21 - June 3, 2023
Kevin O'Sullivan and Beulah Pentasuglia.

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.

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- **June:** Toothpaste, Mouth wash, Dental floss

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

Congratulations High School Graduates

Congratulations to these and all of our high school graduates.

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



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.

When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you.

When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday, May 28 by wearing red to Mass.





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School News

MAP Testing Award day at “The Bridge” for those who showed the most improvement this year. Great job kids!



8th Grade Trip, May 12-14

Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio





At our annual Leadership for Life Weekend, teens experience a unique combination of traditional **fun-in-the-sun** summer camping activities and leadership training to **SAVE LIVES** in the pro-life movement.

PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP Weekend Retreat

August 25-27th, 2023

Friday, arrival: 4-6 pm

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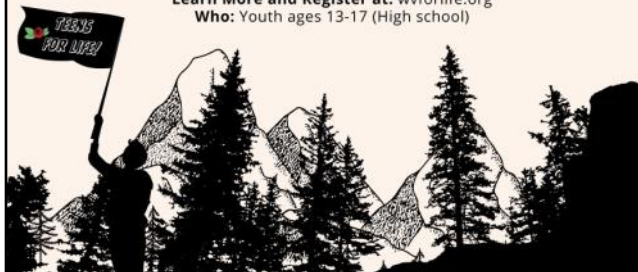
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June 25th – July 1st, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

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

