FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Pastor Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck

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"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."

Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

Mass Schedule:

Monday- 8:15 p.m. Tuesday - No Mass Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Thursday - 8:15 p.m. Friday - 8:15 p.m. Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m. Sunday- 10:30 a.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

 Wednesday Saturday
 5:00 -5:45 p.m.

 Saturday
 5 -5:20 p.m.

 Sunday
 10 - 10:20 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

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.

Protecting God's Children

St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to virtusonline.org.

We thank all of the employees and volunteers for their continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church safe for all.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1 For last rites, please call 304-691-0537.

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Run so as to Win, Live so as to Die

by Mr. Joe Derico

St. Paul says in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "Run so as to win. (9:24-27)" This great line in the Bible is probably one of the best known and by far one of the most quoted. It is a great exhortation to the cardinal virtue of fortitude, one of the hinges so to speak of our moral life. Without fortitude, it is quite difficult for us to attempt any task. It is necessarily, one aspect of life that we need to possess in order to live according to the will of the Father. Fortitude however, I believe, is one of the virtues most lacking in my generation, and undoubtedly in the ones preceding as well. We are a people who seem to no longer have the fortitude to carry on in life. So many people are afraid of commitment, or dare I say, of trying to do what it takes to maintain that commitment. Look no further than the percentage of marriages that end in a divorce, or to priestly attrition rates. We have become a people without the grit that those who lived through World War II and the great depression possessed, and we need to reclaim it or else we will be farther away from the life to which the Lord is calling us.

I believe one way that we can grow in this virtue of fortitude is to live as if we have a supernatural purpose to our lives. As if we were created for something. As if God (and the evil one) existed. In no other part of our human existence is our lack of fortitude made more manifest. We chose to live our lives as if we are God. As if we establish the rules by which we have to live, and as if we can change them at any opportunity. We have lost, so to speak, our spiritual grit. I drew a contrast of recent generations to that of those who lived through the depression. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the great author of the Sherlock Holmes Mysteries, drew the same contrast more than 100 years ago. He said, "In those simple times there was a great wonder and mystery in life. Man walked in fear and solemnity, with Heaven very close above his head, and Hell below his very feet. God's visible hand was everywhere, in the rainbow and the comet, in the thunder and the wind. The Devil, too, raged openly upon the earth; he skulked behind the hedgerows in the gloaming; he laughed loudly in the night-time; he clawed the dying sinner, pounced on the unbaptized babe, and twisted the limbs of the epileptic.'

We have ceased living as if God and Satan exist, and we need to reclaim that sense of mystery that those older generations possessed. If you were attempting to get a new job, presumably a higher position, something which would enable you to better yourself, you would not be content with barely filling out the minimum requirements on the application, and providing little information in your resumé. Rather, you would do everything that you could, to make yourself seem the most attractive person for the job. You would dress well for the interview, and tell the interviewer the best information about yourself. Why do we not treat our spiritual goals in the same way? We refuse to run the race of life so as to win that imperishable crown of glory of which St. Paul speaks, but rather, we content ourselves with the crown of perishable greenery, which will wither and fade.

We need only live our lives as if we were really trying to attain heaven, not simply providing some half-hearted effort hoping that we might be able to tell St. Peter at the heavenly gates that we tried our best (knowing of course that this is not the case). Perhaps to but it another way, we ought to live so as to die well. Ask yourself a question, "If I had a heart attack one minute from now, would I be prepared to die?" If the answer is anything other than "Yes", then it is time for us to amend our lives. Go to the sacrament of confession. The Lord waits there in the person of the priest, ready to reconcile you to his merciful love. Receive communion. Allow yourself to be consumed by the Eucharist. Simply put, you are what you eat. Give thanks to God. Thank God for letting you have the opportunity to amend your life, and resolve yourself to live it well from this point forward. Then we will be able to run so as to win and live so as to die.

ON DECK

Sunday, July 9 Donut Sunday, sponsored by Larry and Luanne Bowers

July 10-13

9 a.m.-1 a.m., Jarrod West Basketball Camp Boys and girls, K—8th grades

Friday, July 21 Senior Skip Day, LC Park sponsored by the Lewis County Senior Center

Sunday, July 23 St. Pat's for Life Touring the Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care

Saturday, August 5 8:00 a.m., St. Patrick School, 20th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 5th 90th Annual St. Boniface Church Annual Chicken Supper

Sunday, August 13 Marian Procession and Donut Sunday after Mass

Our Neighbor Collection

July: Toilet paper and tissues

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

Donut Sunday July 9

Join us on Sunday, July 9 for coffee and donuts in the cafeteria following the 10:30 a.m. Mass sponsored by Larry and Luanne Bowers.

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have agreed to sponsor a Donut Sunday gathering. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in sponsoring the event. You may sponsor anonomously if you prefer.



SCHOOL NEWS



To register a team or ask about sponsorship opportunities call Kathy Boyle 304-844-7987 or Sharon Franklin 304-269-3759

Golf Tournament Teams and Sponsors Needed

Teams and sponsors are needed for the 20th Annual St. Patrick School Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 5 at Deerfield Country Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The tournament begins at 9 with a shotgun start. Team and sponsorship forms are in the church vestibule. Please register your team early! We hope to have full slate 18 teams.

The tournament is the only fundraiser sponsored by the advisory council. It is worked by council members and their families as well as our advancement directors. Registration forms are in the vestibule. Please return forms to Kathy Boyle or the school office.

For more info, contact Kathy 304-844-7987 or Sharon Franklin at 304-269-3759.



AROUND THE PARISH

WVU Season Ticket Raffle

The West Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus will give away 2 pairs of WVU football season tickets for the upcoming season. The drawing will be 2 weeks before the 1st home game. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available in the parish office or through K of C members St. Patrick's for Life to Tour the Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care Sunday July 23 1:00 p.m.

Join St. Patrick's for Life on Sunday, July 23rd, to tour the Central WV Center for Care in Buckhannon and drop off the donations of baby items collected earlier this year. Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria after the 10:30am Mass before leaving for the 1pm tour.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE			
Saturday, July 8, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish	
Sunday, July 9, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Bob Swiger	
Monday, July 10, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Robert Park	
Tuesday, July 11, 2023	No Mass	No Mass	
Wednesday, July 12, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Joseph Moore by Margaret Blake	
Thursday, July 13, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Veronica Brumley by Jim and Betty Hill	
Friday, July 14, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for special intentions of Alex and Fiona Ayala	
Saturday, July 15, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Gladys Davy by family	
Sunday, July 16, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of Ed Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs and family from July 2 through July 15.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Heather Thompson (Mon General), Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, Preston Barnes, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Laurie Chestnut, Rose Determan, Jed Easton, Libby Ferrell, Amy Flesher, Denver Garrison, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Ava Jefferson, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Joseph Morris, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Heather Haddix Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Special Intentions, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Shirley Mason, 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 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 struggling with infertility.

Wesbanco Loan Balance \$57,036.95

Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

Raised: \$11,075 23 gifts Goal: \$22,490 49%

We are only \$170 away from our halfway point! When we reach 50%, every penny donated is returned to the church. Donations made to the CSA are exempt from the cathedraticum assessment.

Mass Attendance

Saturday: 101 Sunday: 167 Total: 268

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

Collection		
Saturday	665	
Sunday	1541	
Mail/Drop Box	300	
Total	2506	
School	300	
Votives	21	
Maintenance	1030	
Loan	0	
Organ	0	



https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=241

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").

