

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2023

Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:

The First Reading is taken from the First Book of Kings 3:5, 7-12. God gives Solomon a choice of gifts. Solomon asks God for "an understanding mind," so that he could always do what was just and best for his subjects. God rewards him with the gift of wisdom making him the wisest man that ever lived. —The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. The theme of this reading concerns the graciousness and mercy of God at work in calling men to himself, justifying them, and glorifying them as well. The point of the reading is the eternal mystery of the ineffable love of God for man, even before man existed. —A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle by Kevin W. Irwin

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 13:44-52. The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake of this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of these from a fellow man who is in need. We do not have to take a vow of chastity, but yet we must be chaste, we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's wise laws.

All of this is not easy for human nature. But we are not relying on weak human nature, we have within our reach in the Church all the spiritual and supernatural aids we need. Our twentieth century, it is true, is so engrossed in chasing after the earthly comforts and pleasures of the body, and so devoid of any spiritual or other-worldly outlook, that even those who know and believe that there is an eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. Yet, the evil example of others will never justify our wrong-doing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, "What did your neighbor do?", but "what did you do?" If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us—it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and ours only. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the "paltry all" which we possessed in this life. —Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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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 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.



St. Patrick's for Life

Eleven members of St. Patrick's for Life toured Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care, Inc. in Buckhannon this past Sunday after refreshments in the school cafeteria. The informative tour was given by the Director of the Center, Barbara Kincaid. The Center truly is doing God's work by supporting Moms during their pregnancy and up to a year post-pregnancy with their babies' needs. Remember that anytime that you are feeling called to donate baby items, there are collection boxes in the vestibule to drop them off.

First Saturday Mass in Honor of our Lady of Fatima St. James Catholic Church, Clarksburg

Our Lady requested at Fatima, Portugal (a church approved apparition) that we attend Mass on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, go to Confession within 8 days before or after, and meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation for the offenses and blasphemies committed against Her.

Fr. Akila, pastor of St. James Church in Clarksburg will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for five consecutive First Saturdays at 10:00am at St. James, starting August 5, 2023. Please come, pray, and tell others of this important spiritual opportunity.

Save the Date

Our annual homecoming Mass and covered dish dinner at St. Bernard Church in Loveberry will be Sunday, October 22.

Quilt Raffle Tickets for Sale \$5each

Quilt raffle tickets are available in the parish office and will be sold after Mass this weekend. The quilt will be given away at the St. Boniface, Chicken Supper on August 5 in Camden.



Welcome to the Catholic Faith, Charlotte Lorraine Burton

Charlotte received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 23. She is pictured here with her parents Wyatt and Destiny Burton, her big brother Arthur, her Godparents Scotty and Sheila McCartney, and Fr. Ondeck.

***Congratulations to our
newest parishioner and her
family!***



ON DECK

Tuesday, August 1

**7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus
meeting, cafeteria**

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

**August: Laundry Supplies, Bath and
Dish Soap**

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

You're Invited!

Join us in honoring our blessed Mother on Sunday, August 13 by participating in the Marion procession after Mass.

Wednesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation.

I'm Just Here



for the **Donuts**

**Donut Sunday
August 13**

Sponsored by the Altar Servers.

SCHOOL NEWS

Now Hiring

Saint Patrick School, a distinguished educational institution dedicated to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for young learners, is currently seeking a committed and enthusiastic individuals to join our team as a Full-Time Preschool Aide and Gym Teacher for the upcoming 2023/24 school year. If you are passionate about education and enjoy supporting the growth and development of children, this is an exciting opportunity to make a positive impact on their educational journey.

Full-Time Preschool Aide

Responsibilities:

As a Full-Time Preschool Aide, you will play a vital role in assisting our dedicated preschool teachers and providing support in various classroom activities. Your responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborating with teachers to prepare materials and set up engaging activities that align with the curriculum.
- Assisting with daily routines, such as helping children with their meals, maintaining a tidy learning environment, and organizing supplies.
- Supporting students' social and emotional development by fostering a positive and inclusive atmosphere.
- Monitoring students during playtime, outdoor activities, and field trips to ensure their safety and well-being.
- Assisting with record-keeping and documenting students' progress and achievements.

Qualifications:

To be considered for this position, candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- A minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. A degree in early childhood education or a related field is preferred.
- Previous experience working with preschool-aged children, either in a teaching or support role.
- A strong understanding of early childhood development and age-appropriate teaching practices.
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to effectively engage with young children, parents, and colleagues.
- Patience, empathy, and the ability to create a positive and inclusive classroom environment.

How to Apply for Either Position:

Please submit the following documents to Principal Riley at jriley@saintpatricks.school:

1. A current resume highlighting relevant experience and qualifications.
2. A brief cover letter expressing your interest in the position and your suitability for the role.
3. Contact information for three professional references.

Gym Teacher

Responsibilities:

As a Gym Teacher, you will have a unique role in fostering physical fitness and instilling a love for physical activity among our students. Your responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Planning and implementing engaging gym classes for students, focusing on age-appropriate physical activities, games, and exercises.
- Promoting the development of motor skills, coordination, teamwork, and sportsmanship in young learners.
- Ensuring a safe and inclusive environment during gym sessions and supervising students to prevent accidents or injuries.
- Collaborating with colleagues to integrate physical education into the broader curriculum and school-wide events.
- Lunch/Recess Duties

Qualifications:

To be considered for this position, candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- A minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. Preferred candidates will possess a bachelor's degree in physical education, kinesiology, or a related field. Relevant certifications are highly desirable.
- Previous experience teaching physical education or leading fitness activities for children, preferably in an educational setting.
- Strong knowledge of age-appropriate physical activities and fitness programs for different grade levels.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage with students, parents, and colleagues.
- A genuine passion for physical fitness, motivating students, and fostering a positive attitude toward an active lifestyle.





Learn About the Catholic Faith

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults

Register



Online by scanning the QR

It is time to register for OCIA

Scan the QR code to register online.
Registration papers will also be available in
the church vestibule. More information to
follow once registration is complete.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

PLACE: ST. Boniface Church,
RT 33W, Camden, WV

DATE: Saturday, August 5, 2023

TIME: 4:30 TO 7:00 PM

COST: Adults-\$12.00

Kids 6-12-\$6.00 and under 6 free

MENU: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans,
Coleslaw, Homemade Rolls, Desserts, Iced Tea, and Coffee

Indoor and outdoor Seating,

Carry Out Dinners Available .

Fr. Gary will offer Mass on this day at 4:30 p.m.

Contact Janet Rinehart at 304-871-0091 for more info.

Sponsored by the St. Boniface Altar Society.

PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP Youth Weekend Retreat

3309 Horseshoe Run Rd., Parsons, WV 26287
August 24-27th, 2023

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For more info, go to

<https://www.wvforlife.org/event/leadership-for-life-weekend/>

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.
Registration forms are in the vestibule.

~Rock Climbing
~Swimming

~Camp Fire
~Strategizing
~And MORE

~Arts & Crafts
~Archery

First Communion

REGISTER ONLINE



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Children who
attend St. Patrick's
School do NOT
need to register

St. Patrick's, Weston WV

It is time to register your child for First
Communion formation 2023-2024.

Scan the QR code to register online.
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registration is complete.

CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Will you be a part of the
movement in the Diocese of
Wheeling-Charleston to pray
ONE MILLION ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS between the Feast of the Assumption on
August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th? It's
never been done here before but WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE
IT HAPPEN. Go to <https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/> to make your
rosary commitment.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS include priesthood, religious life, marriage,
and single life – callings to join Christ through our Baptism, serving
God as we serve others.



WVU FOOTBALL 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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 29, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, July 30, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Geraldine Alfred by family
Monday, July 31, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sarah Rowgh by family
Tuesday, August 1, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, August 2, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Shirley Mason
Thursday, August 3, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Friday, August 4, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Saturday, August 5, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, August 6, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Fr. Joseph McKernan and the McKernan family

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of the Sayre family (Nile & Elaine, Lisa and Sheila) by Marcia Rogers, July 31 - August 12.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Nick Bakas, Jill Balser, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, 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, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Mary Grace Ellis, Pam Wilt, 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 struggling with infertility.**

Mass Attendance

Saturday: 109

Sunday: 193

Total: 302

Collection	
Saturday	938
Sunday	1245
Mail/Drop Box	425
Total	2608
School	95
Votives	83.55
Maintenance	20
Loan	20
Organ	40



<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>



SCAN ME

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

Wesbanco Loan Balance

\$56,313.49

June myEoffering Donations, Utilities and Other Monthly Expenses

General Fund: \$2705.70
School: \$460.60
Maintenance: \$202.28
Loan: \$10.58
CSA: \$200

Utilities \$3545.39 (Church, Office, School & Gym)
Property Insurance \$3000 (Church and Office)
Copier Lease and copies \$521.05
Pest Control \$140



Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

Raised: \$11,275 24 gifts Goal: \$22,490 50%

We reached the halfway mark! Now, every penny donated is returned to the church.
Donations made to the CSA are exempt from the cathedraticum assessment.

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