FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION August 6, 2023 OF THE LORD



The Transfiguration by Giacinto Calandrucci (1646-1707), The Fitzwilliam Museum

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.

 Sunday
 5 -5:20 p.m.

 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.

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· 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

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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Parish Office Hours

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

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE			
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	
Monday, August 7, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Michael Brian Franklin by Spring, Lindsey, Briana, and Kami	
Tuesday, August 8, 2023	No Mass	No Mass	
Wednesday, August 9, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Keith Grimmett by Devin O'Sullivan	
Thursday, August 10, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Gregory Lyttle	
Friday, August 11, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Junior Brumley by Conner Jordan	
Saturday, August 12, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Rondel and Irene Curtis by David Curtis	
Sunday, August 13, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	

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: Jill Balser, John Butcher, P. Dane Carder, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Jed Easton, Libby Ferrell, Denver Garrison, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Robert Hamilton, Ava Jefferson, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Terri Morris, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall

• Those who have died: Martha Balkey (Eileen Billeter's sister), 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.

PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP Youth Weekend Retreat

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

Highschool Students Ages 13-17 \$25

For more info, go to <u>https://www.wvforlife.org/event/leadership-for-life-weekend/</u>

At the 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday: 123 Sunday: 201 Total: 324

Collection			
Saturday	1452		
Sunday	1404		
Mail/Drop Box	2625		
Total	5481		
School	60		
Votives			
Maintenance	10		
Loan			
Organ	5		

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

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

Wesbanco Loan Balance \$56,313.49



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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Attention St. Patrick School Community!

Be aware of a spamming attack on our Facebook page. In the photo below you will notice the name Md Alamin, in which the profile has tagged many people with a link to purchase a hoodie. This person/profile is in NO WAY affiliated with St. Patrick School.

DO NOT click the link or attempt to purchase the hoodie. We are doing our best to resolve this issue.

Mr. Riley

School Uniforms Available

As we near the beginning of the school year, we realize school shopping is well underway! We have some donated uniforms that will be available in the cafeteria for families to take home. Please stop in this week from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Also, we ask if you have any unwanted uniforms to please drop them off in the cafeteria during those times. Have a blessed day!



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 gualifications.

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.

Position available for Religion/Music teacher:

Job description:

Required to teach both Religion and Music. This position requires an extensive knowledge of the Catholic Faith, Theology of the Body, and Liturgy. Also, an understanding of Catholic history, sacramentals, saints, and Catholic art and culture to enhance the curriculum. This position also requires the teacher to work with the parish CCD coordinator to support sacramental preparation. It is also necessary to have extensive knowledge of music theory, music history, and Liturgical music. As well as practical experience with directing choirs and musical performances. This position may also require you to assist with music at St. Patrick's Church as needed.

Please send resume to Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck at ondeck.douglas@gmail.com

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Now toward the end of the summer season, at a time when fruits are ripe in the gardens and fields, the Church celebrates the most glorious "harvest festival" in the Communion of Saints. Mary, the supremely blessed one among women, Mary, the most precious fruit which has ripened in the fields of God's kingdom, is today taken into the granary of heaven.

Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as Aelia Capitolina in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.



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At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

-Excerpted from Fr. Clifford Stevens in Catholic Heritage

Interested in Joining our Intercessory Prayer Team?

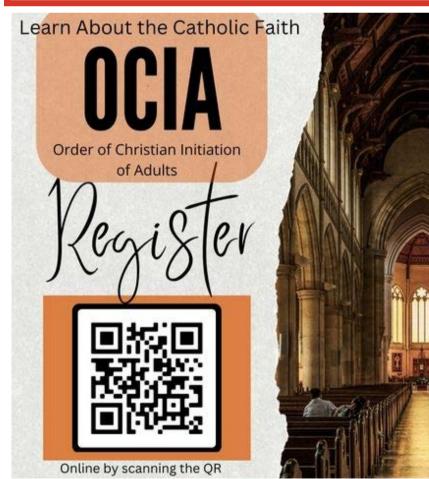
- Be contacted as a part of a chain with prayer requests
- Contact the next person on the prayer chain
- Join in intercessory prayer meetings
- Join in making cards for prayer recipients

Need Intercessory Prayer?

For yourself or another?

call or email Beth Brumley with prayer requests to begin a chain or to become a participant in our prayer team

1-304-389-1212 brumleybeth@gmail.com



It is time to register for OCIA

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

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St. Patricks, Weston WV

Communion formation 2023-2024.

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The Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Thabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

—Excerpted from Butler's Lives of the Saints, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

In 2023, the Feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. According to the Order of Precedence in the <u>General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar</u>, Feasts of Our Lord take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time, so feasts such as the Transfiguration, Exaltation o the Cross (September 14) and the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) are celebrated when they fall on Sunday.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #554:

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Marian Procession

Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother in a Marian Procession in anticipation of the Feast of her Assumption into heaven. The procession will be at the end of Mass on Sunday, August 13.

We will enjoy donuts and coffee, sponsored by the altar servers, in the cafeteria immediately following the procession.





Mass Times for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m., and Tuesday, August 15 at 8:15 a.m.

ON DECK

Sunday, August 13

Marian Procession and Donut Sunday after Mass



Monday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Tuesday, August 15, 8:15 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

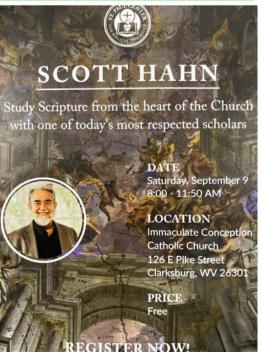
Sunday, October 22

Mass and Covered Dish Dinner at St. Bernard Church in Loveverry

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.



2023

