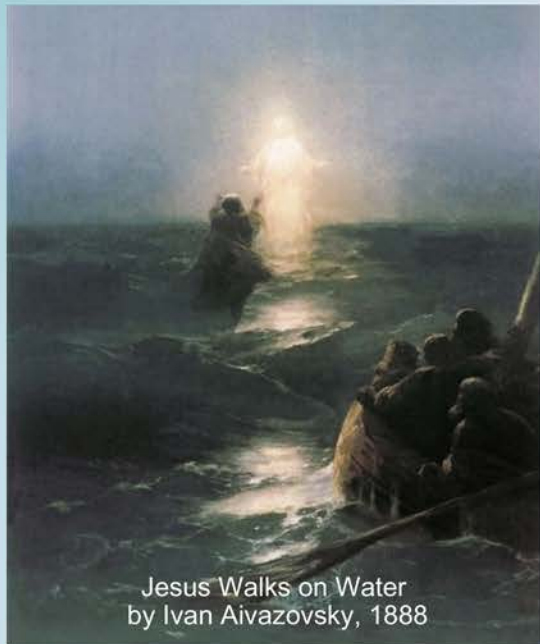


# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023

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



Jesus Walks on Water  
by Ivan Aivazovsky, 1888

The First Reading is taken from the First Book of Kings 19:9a, 11-13a and relates the story of Elijah in the cave and the Lord coming to him in a "still small voice."

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 9:1-5 in which St. Paul speaks of the sorrow of heart that he has because the Jews, as a nation, had refused to see Christ as the Messiah who was promised to them by God through their patriarchs and prophets.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 14:22-33. Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force head-winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognized leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master. This was also a very necessary lesson in the education of Peter and his companions.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of charity of our fellowmen. The remainder can be attributed to our own defects and sins or to some weakness in our mental and bodily make-up. But God foresees all these misfortunes, and can prevent them. Instead he lets them take their course, because they can and should be the means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and they should draw us closer to him.

Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him (even if inflicted on us by a sinful fellowman) so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mold and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

As in the first reading today, God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

—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 a.m.  
Friday - 8:15 a.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.

Mass Attendance		Collection	
Saturday	67	Saturday	\$775
Sunday	271	Sunday	\$2408
Total	324	Mail/Drop Box	\$2441
Please, write separate checks for the different funds and collections. Thank you!		Total	\$5624
		School	\$486
		Votives	\$134
		Maintenance	\$826
		Loan	
		Organ	\$250.25
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## 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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
<b>Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation</b>		
<b>Monday, August 14, 2023</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass for †Bob Swiger by John and Nancy Riley</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 15, 2023</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass for the People of the Parish</b>
Wednesday, August 16, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Rella Blake by family
Thursday, August 17, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for Bonnie Hall
Friday, August 18, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for special intentions of Alex and Fiona Ayala
Saturday, August 19, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, August 20, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Martha Balkey

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Joe White by Jane White, August 13-26

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Jill Balser, John Butcher, P. Dane Carder, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Deteman, 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:** Marjorie Paugh, 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.**

### Catholic Sharing Appeal Update



We have not reached our halfway point as previously posted in the bulletin. We are just \$545 away from hitting the 50% mark. Once we get to 50% (\$11245) in donations to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, **ALL** money donated from that point forward, is returned to the church.

~Goal \$22490 ~Raised \$10700 ~48% ~Gifts 24

***“Since Christ  
Himself has said,  
‘This is My Body,’  
who shall dare to  
doubt that it is His  
Body?”***

***St Cyril of  
Jerusalem on the  
Eucharist***

#### 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.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### 20th Annual Golf Tournament Winners

- 1st Place- Erica Hall, Chris Hall, Zach Woolen and Alex Louk  
 2nd place- Don Rose, Gene Underwood, Harold Davis and Jeff Hughes  
 3rd place- Wayne Nichols, Paul Thoms, Kip Palmer and Thomas Law

*Thank You Thank You Thank You*

We're thrilled to have celebrated our 20th Annual St. Patrick School Golf Tournament this past weekend at Deerfield Country Club. A huge shoutout to all of our amazing golfers who battled all day long, the competition was great to see! To our amazing and loyal sponsors, each year your donations continue to amaze us and we are forever grateful for your generosity. To the volunteers, your time and presence are the heart and soul of this event! Special thanks to Kathy Boyle for her incredible dedication year after year, and a round of applause for Ryan Jeffries of GJ Garton Insurance for those fantastic golfer goodie bags – a delightful touch! The Putting Contest this year was in remembrance of Cathy Snuffer and Beth Nichols! And let's not forget David Gump, who generously provided his golf cart for the tournament. Your support has truly made this tournament a hole-in-one success!

### T-Shirt Tuesday Design Contest

Our school shirts are not just merely a piece of clothing; they are a symbol of unity, pride, and belonging. Seeing our students wear the shirts with beaming smiles warms our hearts and reinforces the strong bond that makes our school community so wonderful.

We are inviting the community, our school family, parishioners, and alumni to vote for a T-Shirt design that truly embodies the spirit of St. Patrick Catholic School. We have collaborated with Hometown Outfitters to provide three designs.

Please cast your vote through the school's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsSchoolWestonWv> by putting a 1, 2, or 3 in the comment section of the original post! May the best design win!!

Shirts will ONLY be available to purchase at Hometown Outfitters, not through school forms!

2023-2024

**T-SHIRT**

**TUESDAY**

DESIGN  
VOTE

DESIGN

**1**

IS THIS YOUR  
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VOTE 1



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**T-SHIRT**

**TUESDAY**

DESIGN  
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**2**

IS THIS YOUR  
FAVORITE?  
VOTE 2



2023-2024

**T-SHIRT**

**TUESDAY**

DESIGN  
VOTE

DESIGN

**3**

IS THIS YOUR  
FAVORITE?  
VOTE 3



### 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 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:

Please submit the following documents to Principal Riley at [jriley@saintpatricks.school](mailto:jriley@saintpatricks.school):

- A current resume highlighting relevant experience and qualifications.
- A brief cover letter expressing your interest in the position and your suitability for the role.

Contact information for three professional references.





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For more info, go to

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**Laihla Garton was the lucky winner of the quilt raffle at the 90th Annual St. Boniface Church Chicken Supper! Thank you to all the St. Patrick's parishioners who supported our neighboring Catholic church**



### All the Way from Limerick, Ireland!

We had the distinct privilege on Sunday, August 6 of meeting the great nephew of former pastor, Msgr. Joseph McKernan. He was the pastor of St. Pat's from 1944 to 1969. Conor has fond memories of his uncle's visits when he was a child. He and his wife, Liz enjoyed visiting the church his uncle loved and served.

"Fr. Joe, as we knew him, stayed with my family in Garryowen in Limerick, Ireland when he visited from the US and I very much have happy memories of the times he stayed with us because he was always very generous with the gifts he surprised us with as children."

Left: Conor and Liz McKernan with Fr. Ondeck



# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Informational Meeting

Learn about this opportunity for children ages 3-7 to grow in their love of Christ through a hands on approach to religious formation

Attend to learn more and to register your child.

**September 10th**

**Immediately Following Mass  
Church Office Conference Room**



**Limited  
Space  
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for  
Registration**

## ***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**



## 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.

## 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.

## Donut Sunday August 13

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

## 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

**Monday, August 21, 5:30 p.m.**

Mass for the School Open House

**Sunday, October 22**

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

## Our Neighbor Collection

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

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



### Learn About the Catholic Faith

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



## Register Your Child Now for First Communion.

Scan the QR code to register online. Registration papers are also in the church vestibule. More information to follow once registration is complete. For more information, contact Megan White at [mwhite@saintpatricks.school](mailto:mwhite@saintpatricks.school).

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



## Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Margaret Rose Keaton, daughter of Riley and Sadie (Shields) Keaton was baptized on Sunday, August 6.

Margaret is the Goddaughter of Steven and Megan White.

May God bless Margaret and her family.



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