

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2023

## Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9. The vocation of a prophet, as envisioned in terms of Ezekiel's oracles, is to judge the evil and the wicked and to dissuade them from their ways. The prophet has the responsibility of announcing the judgment of God, not his own judgment, and non-fulfillment of preaching the message of God involves death for the prophet, whereas he will save his life if he is faithful to the message given to him to preach. —Excerpted from A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle by Kevin W. Irwin

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:8-10. In the first seven verses of this chapter St. Paul urged the Christian converts of Rome to obey all lawful civil authority. He now turns to the obligation each Christian has of loving his neighbor. —Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 18:15-20. Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbors' need.

There are, alas, millions of lapsed or luke-warm Christians who could and would have been active members of Christ's mystical body if their neighbors had fulfilled this grave obligation which Christ has imposed on us all. They are now a source of scandal to the weaker and youthful members of the Church, and an impediment to the possible acceptance of the faith by non-Christians. Would the Reformation, which has caused whole countries of the western world to lose almost all faith in Christ and indeed in God, have had such disastrous effects, if those who remained within the Church had put this law of fraternal charity into practice? However, it is no use crying over spilt milk! Let us see our present-day obligations and what we are doing to help our neighbors retain their Christian faith and practice. How much of the indifference to religion which the youth of today seems to be showing is due to lack of parental control and example? How many children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans because their Christian faith meant little or nothing to their parents? It is in the home that the religion of the next generation is firmly established or lost. When parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it too; where parents are careless and lax their children will be still more careless and more lax.

Parents, the first neighbors and fellow Christians whom you must kindly and charitably correct are your own children. Their future salvation and your own too will depend on how well you fulfill this obligation. Parents who are obedient to Christ in this will find time and many opportunities to have a charitable word of help for an erring neighbor outside their household. On the other hand, the lax parents, who give little or no thought to getting to heaven or to their children getting there in God's good time, will hardly bother with their neighbor's salvation. Thus this cancer of infidelity and irreligion grows and spreads.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellowmen on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

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



### Donut Sunday September 10

Join us on Sunday, September for donuts and coffee in the cafeteria,  
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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 the Weekly Schedule for changes to Mass times  
or location!)**

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

## **Adoration**

Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

### **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.

### **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!



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Shirley Mason by Ian Droppleman
Sunday, September 10, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, September 11, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Beulah Pentasuglia by Devin O'Sullivan
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday, September 13, 2023	6:00 PM	Mass for †Dr. R. P. Pascasio by Rudy and Karen Pascasio, & family
Thursday, September 14, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. John Duhaime
Friday, September 15, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Marjorie Paugh
Saturday, September 16, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 17, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
<b>The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor of Fr. George Manjadi, September 10 -23.</b>		

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Jill Balser, Vince Baker, Debbie Bailey, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, P. Dane Carder, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Libby Ferrell, Denver Garrison, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Tim Hicks, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, 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 struggling with infertility.**

### Mass Attendance

Saturday	104
Sunday	211
Total	315

### Collections

Saturday	\$1135
Sunday	\$1282
Mail/Drop Box	\$36
Total	\$2253
School	\$270
Votives	\$41
Maintenance	\$25
Loan	\$0
Organ	\$0
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$55,583.80</b>

### Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

We have reached 50% of our goal for the Catholic Sharing Appeal, **ALL** money donated from this point forward, will be returned to the church and not assessable to the Cathedralricum and PHRA annual assessment.

Goal \$22490    ~Raised \$11604    ~52%



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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](http://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.

### Calling for Volunteers to Help Remove Old Playground Equipment!

Saint Patrick's School is in need of enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the removal of our old playground equipment. We're looking for individuals who are willing to lend a helping hand to make way for a safer and more exciting play area for our students.

If you're interested in contributing your time and energy to this project, please get in touch with Mr. Riley at 304-269-5547 or via email at [jriley@saintpatricks.school](mailto:jriley@saintpatricks.school).

Your support will make a significant difference in enhancing the recreational opportunities for our students. Thank you in advance for your generosity and community spirit!

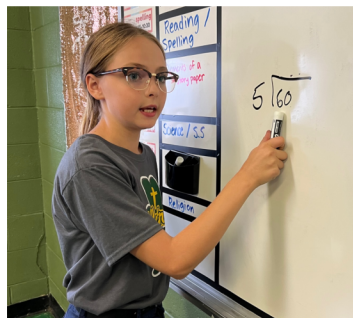
### Happy Birthday Mr. Riley!



The school sang happy birthday to Mr. Riley on Thursday, September 7.

### Math Club

Math club was created to prepare our 3-8th grade students for math field day. Students who join the club meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays to challenge each other in various skills and they also build upon their current skills being taught in class. Students this year will compete in math trivia days by using both mental math and their problem solving skills.



### Small but Mighty

We now have 8 wonderful singers in the new St. Patrick's Schola, and they are already doing great work! All of our current members are from the grade 3 class. We are always open to welcoming new members and look forward to sharing our love of music with the St. Patrick's community.



# THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We had an amazing time at our parking lot fundraiser last weekend! In fact, this was one of the biggest parking fundraisers to date! A big shoutout goes to Laura and Mackenzie Murphy for organizing this fantastic event!

We couldn't have done it without our dedicated volunteers - your hard work and dedication made it a success! We truly appreciate your time and effort. A very heartfelt thank you to Pat Boyle Funeral Home for generously providing us with the space for the event.

Your support means the world to us!



Pre-School Show and Tell for the Letter toilet and tractor



Pre-K Show and Tell for the Letter S = Sandy, snacks, Snow White, stethoscope, and Strawberry Shortcake



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## Virtue of the Month



# FAITH

### What is Faith?

To Believe and Trust **GOD**  
who cannot be seen.

### How Do I Show Faith?

- Read the Word of God!
- Participate in School Mass!
- Pray!
- Stay true to beliefs, even if it is not popular.
- Faithful to school responsibilities!

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14th

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."



## Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15

### The Story of Our Lady of Sorrows

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

### Reflection

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.

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**Location  
Change**

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Informational Meeting**

**September 10  
Secondary Classroom**

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.

## **Would You Like to Sing in the St. Patrick Church Choir?**



St. Patrick's choir will officially resume on Sunday, September 10 with a 9:30 AM rehearsal in the office. 9:30 is the regular time every Sunday for the choir rehearsal. The choir provides music for the Sunday Mass at 10:30 as well as holidays. The choir sings Gregorian Chant and Traditional Sacred music. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, please come and see our Music Director and Organist, Steve Anisko either at the rehearsal or after mass in the choir loft or talk to him or any choir member during the September 10 Donut Social.

## **St. Patrick School Annual Elimination Dinner Saturday, October 14 \$25**

**Dinner begins at 6:30, Drawing begins at 7:00**

**Tickets Available through the school and parish offices.**

**Gather your friends and family for a fantastic evening.**

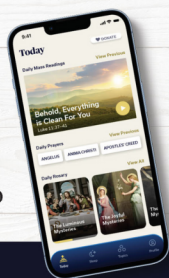
**Hurry, tickets are going fast! See you there!**

## **Annual Mass and Homecoming at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry October 22 12:15 p.m.**

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### **Sunday, September 10**

Donut Sunday, cafeteria

CGS Informational Meeting, secondary classroom

### **Monday, September 18, 6:00 p.m.**

Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

### **Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus meeting, cafeteria

### **Saturday, October 14**

Annual School Elimination dinner, tickets are on sale now!

### **Monday, October 16, 6:00 p.m.**

Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

### **Sunday, October 22**

12:15 p.m.: Mass and Covered Dish  
Dinner at St. Bernard Church in Loveberry

## **Our Neighbor Collection**

**September: Papertowels & Cleaning Supplies**

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

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