TWENTY-FOURYH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023

Additional Hour for Adoring Our Lord Added to Our Weekly Schedule

Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck

From its earliest days, the Church has taught that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life," containing "the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

On June 19, 2022, The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, initiated a Eucharistic Revival to instill deep love and devotion for our Eucharistic Lord in the faithful. The revival will culminate with a Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, July 17-22, 2024.



St. Patrick's parish has always been a parish devoted to the Eucharist, and this is evident in our Eucharistic processions on Corpus Christi as well as many parishioners spending time in adoration after Holy Thursday Mass and our weekly hour of adoration on Wednesday evenings. To join with other Catholics around the country, we will add an evening of Adoration, Confession, and Mass on Tuesday evenings beginning Tuesday, September 19, at 5 p.m. THIS WILL BE A SILENT PERIOD OF ADORATION. I know that it is a custom here at St. Patrick's to pray the rosary in common during adoration, and it is undoubtedly a good and holy thing to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary. Still, it is most beneficial to spend time in silence before our Lord so that he might speak to our hearts. I encourage those who attend adoration and Mass on Wednesday evening to join us on Tuesday evenings. For those looking to deepen their love and devotion to the Eucharist, please consider attending on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I ask everyone to invite a friend.

Silent Adoration, Confession, Mass Tuesday, September 19 Adoration - 5:00 p.m. Confession - 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Mass - 6:00 p.m.

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WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

For anointing of the sick, please see Fr. Ondeck after Mass. For last rites, please call 304-691-0537.

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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 - 6:00 p.m. 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

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

Adoration

Tuesday & 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 16, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish		
Sunday, September 17, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Sr. Theresa Metz		
Monday, September 18, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton		
Tuesday, September 19, 2023	6:00 PM	Mass for †Fr. Pat Wash by S. Mick		
Wednesday, September 20, 2023	6:00 PM	Mass for †Irene and Rondel Curtis by David Curtis		
Thursday, September 21, 2023	11:00 AM	Mass for †Jed Conrad		
Friday, September 22, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for special intentions of Alex and Fiona Ayala		
Saturday, September 23, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish		
Sunday, September 24, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Rober Hamilton by Tammy Arsenault		
The constructive lamp is burning in boner of Er. George Maniadi. Sentember 10, 23				

The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor of Fr. George Manjadi, September 10 -23.

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 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.

Catholic Sharing A	Appeal U	pdate
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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 assessible to the Cathedraticum and PHRA annual assessment.

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

Mass Attendance				
Saturday	100			
Sunday	197211			
Total	297			
Collections				
Saturday	\$1551			
Sunday	\$1252			
Mail/Drop Box	\$1875			
Total	\$4678			
School	\$260			
Votives	\$76			
Maintenance	\$245			
Loan	\$0			
Organ	\$100			
Wesbanco Balance	\$54,856.73			



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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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick Catholic Church,

Greetings from St. Patrick School! We hope this message finds you well and blessed.

We are thrilled to share that our school is buzzing with activity as we dive headfirst into the new academic year. Our students have been diligently adjusting to their new classrooms and settings, and their enthusiasm for learning is truly inspiring.

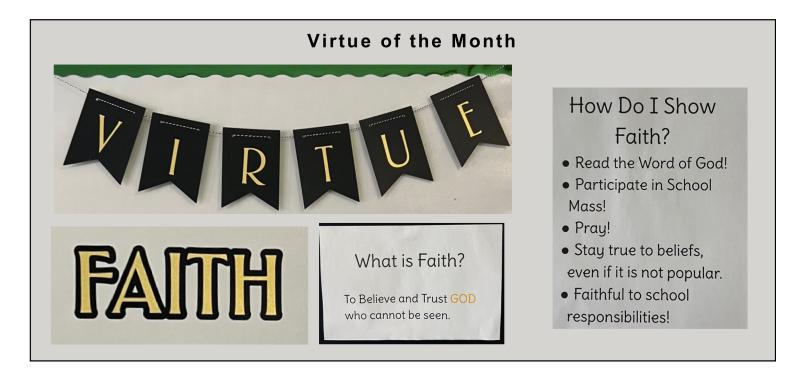
As we near the end of our first testing session of the year, we're excited to harness the results to further enhance our educational journey. Our commitment to providing a challenging and rigorous curriculum remains unwavering, and we're dedicated to helping each student reach their full potential.

In our continuous efforts to foster holistic growth, we are delighted to introduce our Virtue of the Month initiative. This program encourages our students to take on more responsibility and accountability as individuals. Our goal is to emulate the virtues exhibited by the Saints of the Church, setting a shining example for all. We believe that nurturing these virtues will not only help our students excel academically but also grow into compassionate and virtuous individuals.

We are immensely grateful for your support and prayers as we embark on this exciting educational journey. Your unwavering faith and commitment to our school community are deeply appreciated.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all and may our shared values of faith and virtue continue to guide us as we work together to nurture the minds and spirits of our beloved students.

With warm regards, John F. Riley IV Principal



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.

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!

Exciting News from St. Patrick School's Golf Team!

We're thrilled to share the incredible progress our dedicated golf athletes have made!

Our team has been hitting the greens with determination, putting in countless hours of practice to refine their swings and sharpen their skills. They're not just learning about the game; they're mastering it! Thanks to Coach Karp!
But it's not all about the scorecards – our golfers are also having a blast out there! The camaraderie, sportsmanship, and pure joy of the game are evident on and off the course. Stay tuned for more updates as our team continues to shine!







A Pre-K Art Tribute to 9/11



A is for ...



Friend's Forever



Preschool made a friendship bracelet for another student in our class today! During our afternoon snack time, we gave them time to give the bracelet they made to their friend they made it for! It was sooo sweet!

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!

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST; FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 21

Matthew was a tax gatherer, born at Capernaum, called by Jesus, for whom he left everything and turned to a new life. His Gospel was written in Hebrew. Tradition tells that he preached in the East.

PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF ST MATTHEW

God of mercy,
you chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew,
to share the dignity of the apostles.
By his example and prayers
help us to follow Christ
and remain faithful in your service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



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 at the rehearsal or after mass in the choir loft.

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

Join us on Sunday,
October 22 for Mass and a
covered dish dinner at St.
Bernard Church. Meats,
drinks and plastic ware
will be provided.

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OCTOBER 17 6:30 P.M.
ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WHEELING
FREE EVENT



SPEAKER - SCOTT WEEMAN

Scott Weeman is a beloved son of God, a husband, and a father. He is the founder of Catholic in Recovery, a community of men and women seeking freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.

Scott is the author of The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments and editor/compiler of The Catholic in Recovery Workbook, both published by Ave Maria Press. He holds a master's degree in clinical counseling from Point Loma Nazarene University and is an associate marriage and family therapist. Scott and his family live in San Diego, California.

PRESENTATION

Finding Freedom from Addictions, Compulsions, & Unhealthy Attachments

The allure of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments related to alcohol, drugs, food, lust, money, codependency, and many others seek to separate us from God, isolate us from our families, and leave us empty. While sharing personal experience, strength, and hope, Scott Weeman offers key spiritual insight rooted in Catholic faith and 12-step recovery wisdom on how to avoid these temptations and freedom if already in the grip of addiction.

Discover more about Catholic in Recovery and our speaker at CATHOLICINRECOVERY.COM

For information about this event, contact St. Michael's parish office at 304-242-1560

Adopt a Sheep/CGS Fundraiser

Please consider taking a sheep in the vestibule with an item listed on it that you would be willing to donate to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

When the item is purchased, please place it

in the boxes provided in the vestibule or the church office.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

The United States Association of

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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

The First Reading is taken from the Book of Sirach 27:30, 28:7. In the verses read today, Sirach tells us that we must forgive our neighbor if we want God to forgive us our own sins. We must be merciful if we hope to obtain mercy from God. We must not seek revenge on a neighbor lest God should take vengeance on us. If we remember our end in life we will keep God's commandments and we will not be angry with a neighbor who offends us.

The Second Reading is from the St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9. In these three verses St. Paul emphasizes the fact that through our baptism we have been made members of Christ's mystical body, we have become brothers of Christ, intimately united with him in his death and resurrection. Whether living or dead we belong to Christ. It was for this purpose, to unite all men closely to himself not only in this life but especially in the next, that Christ became man and "dwelt among us."

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 18:21-35. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations ofearthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbor for some offense he has committed against us?

Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbors who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

ON DECK

Monday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

Tuesday, September 19
Our Tuesday Evening Adoration,
Confession and Mass Begin
5:00 p.m., Silent Adoration
5 - 5:45 p.m., confessions
6:00 p.m., Mass

Thursday, September 21
Daily Mass will be at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, cafeteria

Sunday, October 8
Donut Sunday

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 Loveverry

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