

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 21:28-32. This parable was primarily intended to show us the hypocrisy of the chief priests and elders of the Jews, and the perilous position in which they stood in relation to God and heaven. It is, however, a warning against hypocrisy for all time. Lip service of God will not merit heaven. Nominal Christians are not working in the Lord's vineyard. At any moment they may be called from this life, and what defense can they offer the just judge? Will they dare to offer the flimsy excuses with which they try to silence their consciences now: "we didn't realize how sinful we were"; "we were too occupied with family and personal cares to have time for our spiritual duties"; "we were led astray by bad example"; "we didn't like to be different from others"; "we were going to put things right"? Who will dare to offer such excuses at the judgment seat? Their utter futility will then be apparent in all its nakedness.

However, we are still on earth, and while we are the door of God's mercy is wide open to us. If in the past we said, "I will not go into your vineyard", we still have time to reverse that sinful decision. Not only can we with God's grace turn over a new leaf, but we can completely wipe out the sinful pages of our life's story written up to now. Remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Mary Magdalenes, the Augustines, the Margarets of Cortona, the Matt Talbots and the millions of unknown penitents who are now saints in heaven He can also do for you.

We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of His Church. If we have grown lax in our fervor and refused to do the tasks allotted to us, we still have time, thanks to God's mercy and patience, to put things right. Today, look into your conscience and see how much of your past life you have given to God and how much you have kept for yourself. If you were called tonight to render an account to the Lord, would the balance sheet be in your favor? Is your corner of the vineyard producing abundant crops, or is it perhaps filling up with weeds, briars and brambles? If the latter, then we will say a heartfelt "Thank you, God, for not calling us to judgment today. We will begin right now to understand our sinful past, so that our corner of your vineyard will be in good order when you do call us. Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. God grant that we shall never abuse it."

—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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4

Wednesday, 12 - 5

Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

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.

Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Adoration

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

For **anointing of the sick**, please see

Fr. Ondeck after Mass.

For last rites, please call **304-691-0537**

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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 30, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, October 1, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Helen Hyre
Monday, October 2, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mary Curtis by David Curtis
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, October 4, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †June and Bob Bess
Thursday, October 5, 2023	11:00 AM	Mass for †John and Mabel McLaughlin by John and Jackie McLaughlin
Friday, October 6, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Saturday, October 7, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Deceased Member of St. Patrick Class of 1698
Sunday, October 8, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memry of Gene and Joanne Baker, September 25 - October 7.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Bonnie Detamore (UHC), 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 Tiemey, Helen Tomaro, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Barbara Downey, Jim Briggs, 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	90
Sunday	210
Total	300


Collections

Saturday	\$1069
Sunday	\$1009
Mail/Drop Box	\$3020
Total	\$5098
School	\$75
Votives	\$70
Maintenance	\$90
Loan	\$60
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$54,856.73

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.

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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 Cathedralium and PHRA annual assessment.

~Goal \$22490 ~Raised \$12459 ~55%

SCHOOL NEWS



First and Third Grade learn the joy of giving as they visit the Blessing Box.



“T” is for tea parties, twins, tiaras, and Miss Tonya!



Math club having a trivia challenge with multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction.



School Rosary Rally

Come pray with us! The students of St. Patrick school are answering Bishop Brennan's call to pray the rosary for vocations. On the eve of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Friday October 6th, we will gather in the church at 2pm and pray as a school and parish community. Please join us as we add our prayers to those of schools and parishes across the diocese. Together we can reach the goal of 1'000'000 rosaries for vocations!

'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." '

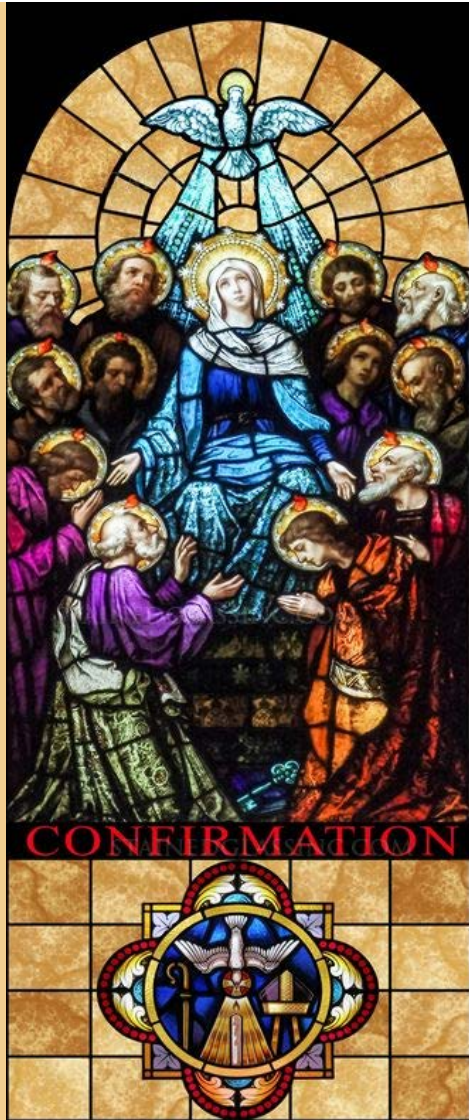
Matthew 9:37-38

Register for

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



FOR 6TH GRADERS AND UP





YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR "WELL READ MOM" SMALL GROUP!

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. Our group reads one book per month and meets to discuss it once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme of "seeking" with the help of some excellent authors such as Brother Lawrence, T.S. Eliot, and Natalie Merrill, among others.

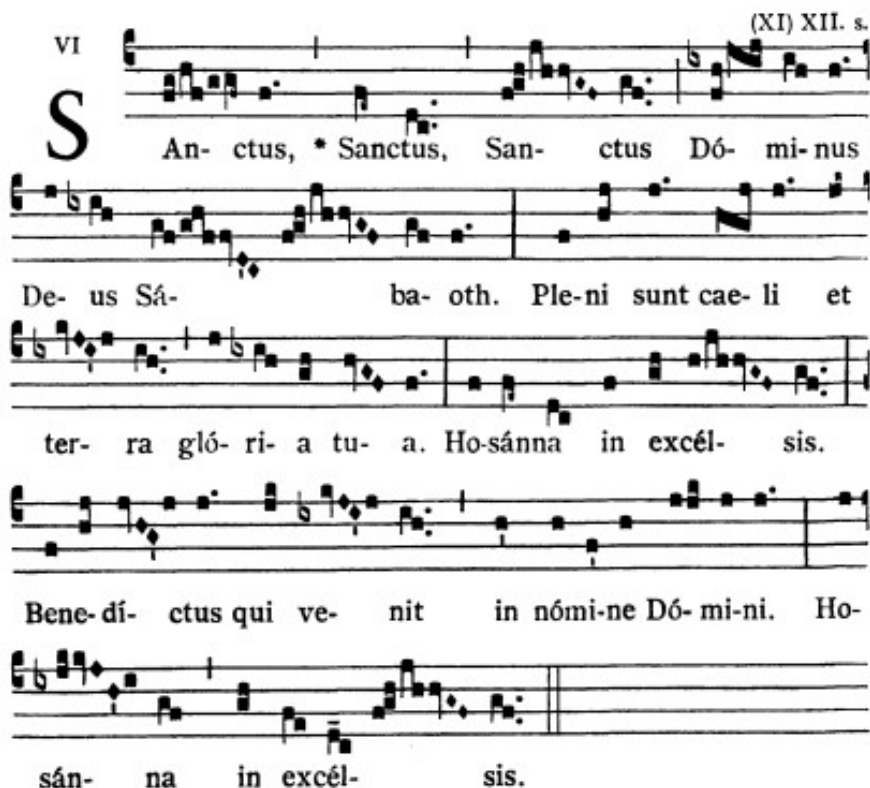
All women are welcome! Not just moms.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17th after Mass in the Church Office Conference Room.

Registration is \$49.95 a year per member (includes WRM materials). If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office. The group will provide monthly books.

To register today, or find out more, visit WellReadMom.com.

Contact Megan White with questions at mwhite@saintpatricks.school



Our music director, Steven Anisko will be introducing "Sanctus VIII, "De Angelis"" in upcoming masses. If you would like to practice singing this song, go to youtube and type in "Sanctus from Mass VIII" or scan the QR code below to listen:



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



from: respectlife.org

*Donut
Sunday*



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.

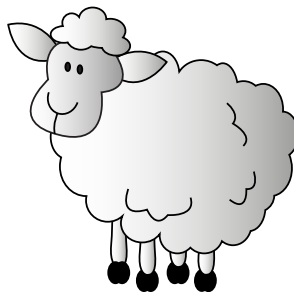
Gather your friends and family for a fantastic evening. Hurry, tickets are going fast! See you there!

Adopt a Sheep/CGS Fundraiser

Thank you to those who adopted a sheep!

When the item is purchased, please place it in the boxes provided in the vestibule or the church office.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



CDA Baby Bottle Fundraiser

As the month of October, Respect Life month begins, the Catholic Daughters are again kicking off their annual "Change For Life" baby bottle project. The project has been a tremendous success in the past, generating nearly \$4,000 which has been distributed to various local causes and organizations to benefit mothers and children.

The Catholic Daughters ask that each family take a bottle home and fill it with loose change and dollar bills. Even checks, made payable to CDA, will gladly be accepted! Please return all bottles the weekend of October 28th and October 29th. Any contribution you can make, whether great or small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this special project which allows CDA to help local mothers, children and families.

**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.**

ON DECK

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus meeting,
cafeteria

Friday October 6th, 2:00 PM

School Rosary Rally

Sunday, October 8

Donut Sunday

Saturday, October 14

Annual School Elimination dinner,
tickets are on sale now!

Monday, October 16, 6:00 PM

Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

Sunday, October 22

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

**Saturday & Sunday, October 28th &
29th**

CDA Baby Bottles to be returned

Sunday, November 2nd, 9:00 AM

Confirmation Classes Begin

Our Neighbor Collection

**October: Soap, Cleaning Supplies,
feminine products**

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

**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.

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Third Monday (Sept—May).
6:00 p.m., Cafeteria



Knights of Columbus Council 1415

First Tuesday of each month.
7:00 p.m., Cafeteria