

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2023

The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a. In today's reading Isaiah describes under the image of a great banquet, the blessings, the contentment and happiness that the messianic kingdom will bring.

The Second Reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. The Philippians were the only converts from whom St. Paul accepted any financial help. He is thanking them here for some such assistance which he must surely have needed for he was in prison when he wrote this letter. He assures them that God will reward them for the charitable aid given him.

The Gospel is taken from Matthew 22:1-14. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

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



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WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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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, October 14, 2023	4:30 PM	Mass for †Michael and Karen Moore by family
Sunday, October 15, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, October 16, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for Bonnie Hall
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Thursday, October 19, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Robert Park
Friday, October 20, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rex Mick by family
Saturday, October 21, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, October 22, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Sr. Theresa Metz by St. Patrick's Class of 1959
October 8 - 21, the sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of D. J. and Ann White.		

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Violet Angotti (SJM), Mary Oldaker (Ruby) Jill Balser, Vince Baker, Debbie Bailey, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, P. Dane Carder, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Sandy Gill, Tim Hicks, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Rochelle Long, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Mike Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Dorthy Valdez, 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	106
Sunday	171
Total	277

Collections

Saturday	\$1329
Sunday	\$789
Mail/Drop Box	\$2575
Total	\$4693
School	\$1225
Votives	\$116
Maintenance	\$665
Loan	\$20
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$54,127.97

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 Cathedraticum and PHRA annual assessment.

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



Rosary Rally 2023

Last Friday, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the students, teachers, and staff of St. Patrick's gathered in the church to pray the rosary. Led by Father Ondeck, we fulfilled a pledge of 120 rosaries for the 1,000,000 rosaries campaign! Let us all continue to answer Bishop Brennan's call to pray for vocations.



Thank you for your
ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

October is Fire Prevention Month!

The school made a trip to the Fire Department on Wednesday, October 11 to learn about fire prevention.



CDA Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

In on week, the church collected \$328.74 and the school collected \$424.18 for the CDA "Change for Life" fundraiser.

The class rankings are:

2nd
K
3rd
4th
P-K
7/8
1st
5/6
P-S

The class that collects the most money will receive a pizza lunch with Fr. Ondeck!



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.**

Join thousands of Catholics in prayer starting this Friday!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month.

Join a nationwide novena starting Friday for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, suggested actions, and more.

Join THOUSANDS of Catholics in prayer Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 21.

Sign up at: <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-and-action>

Confirmation Registration is Happening Now

Children in sixth grade and up **NEED** to register now for our upcoming Confirmation classes.

Classes begin
November 5.

Register for THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



FOR 6TH GRADERS AND UP



Diaper Drive October 15 - 29

St. Patrick's Student's for Life will be having a diaper drive the next two Sundays. Please bring diapers to drop off in the vestibule before or after Mass.



Safe Environment Training

For students involved in parish activities (CGS, First Communion Prep & Confirmation Prep) and those who do NOT attend St. Patrick's School, we are offering a safe environment training on **Sunday, October 29th**.

The Safe Environment training is for children to recognize acceptable and unacceptable behaviors and how to deal with them.

Parents may choose to **opt out** or **teach this information at home**. Opt out forms can be picked up in the vestibule or the church office.

If you choose for your child to attend, please RSVP by emailing mwhite@saintpatricks.school for more information.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Patrick's Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The past few years have been economically challenging for everyone, and despite the troubling financial times we have faced, God's grace has shown through in so many ways. I have been so thankful for St. Patrick's parish family, the Body of Christ, and so many of us have experienced God's grace through it. I wonder how those who do not know the Lord walk through the challenges of this life without the Sacraments and a beautiful Catholic church in which to worship. I have rejoiced as I've seen how so many of you have expressed your love for Christ and His Church, your brothers and sisters, in various creative and authentic ways.

In my remarks after Communion on Sunday, October 8th, I gave a thumbnail sketch of the parish's finances and yearly expenses. For your consideration, I have listed parish expenditures for 2022 below.

Utilities (St. Patrick's parish and school, St. Bernard's and St. Bridget's)--\$65,229.80

Insurance (Church, Rectory, School, Office, St. Bernard's, and St. Bridget's)--\$32,408.00

A Loan from the diocese for organ restoration completed in 2019--\$4,869.70 (\$70,00 outstanding)

A loan from Wesbanco Bank for the interior church restoration completed in 2015-- \$10,328.04 (\$57,000 outstanding)

Priest and parish staff payroll combined--\$87,518.56

Liturgical Expenses, (Hosts, Wine, Candles, Missals)--\$7073.52

In addition to the yearly expenditures, we had to repave both parking lots, totaling \$56,000. The office and parish front steps are in desperate need of being replaced. Inside the church, several areas require paint and plaster repair. Several gutters and downspouts on the church and rectory need replacement and repair. One of the guestrooms in the rectory experienced water damage caused by frozen water pipes.

Though many parishioners respond generously to the school's needs, our average weekly collection for parish expenses is only \$2,700.00, the average collection for the past eight years. I know this may be a bleak financial picture, and this letter is not a scare tactic to "squeeze" more money out of the good people of St. Patrick's, but is needed information so that we might all reflect on whether we think St. Patrick's parish is worthy of our time, talent and treasure.

Peace
Father Ondeck

ON DECK

Saturday, October 14

- Mass time changed to 4:30
- St. Patrick School Elimination Dinner

Monday, October 16, 6:00 PM

Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

Tuesday, October 17th

Well Read Mom Group Meeting, Office Conference Room, after Mass

Sunday, October 22

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

Saturday & Sunday, October 28th & 29th

CDA Baby Bottles to be returned

Sunday, November 5th, 9:00 AM

Confirmation Classes Begin

November 5th-11th

National Vocations Awareness Week

Sunday, November 12

Donut Sunday, sponsored by McFly Outdoors

Our Neighbor Collection

October: Soap, Cleaning Supplies, feminine products

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

**HELP US KEEP
GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN**

Please tidy up your
pew before leaving.

Thank you!



Thank you Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Thank you the wonderful organization, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The CDA remembered both the church and the school in their annual budget. They gave \$500 to the church's general fund, \$500 to the maintenance fund, and \$1000 to assist with school tuition. These donations are reflected in our weekly totals in this bulletin.

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Third Monday (Sept—May).
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First Tuesday of each month.
7:00 p.m., Cafeteria