

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12th, 2023

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 25:1-13. Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day. In the other parable in which our Lord uses a wedding feast to describe his kingdom, the lesson concerns those who refused the invitation and will not come to the wedding. Here it concerns those who gladly accepted the invitation.

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him. This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late. Sad, but true.

A certain number of those for whom Christ died on the cross, and to whom he gave the gift of his revelation and offered all the helps they needed, will never reach heaven because they exchanged their heavenly birthright for a mess of earthly pottage. That the foolish bridesmaids in the parable lost a golden opportunity through their negligence is evident and we can all sympathize with them up to a point, but the thoughts of very few will turn to the bride and groom who were so seriously insulted by this act of negligence on the part of chosen friends.

So too, every Christian lost is a grievous insult to the God who created and redeemed him. Christians have received the fullness of God's revelation, and have been offered a special place in his marriage festival; they have received a privileged invitation not given to others. Is it not a serious and deliberate insult to God not to comply with the conditions of that generous offer?

Providing themselves with oil was the obligation imposed on the bridesmaids in the parable. It was surely a trivial condition when compared with the reward offered them: a very special place at the marriage feast. The obligations imposed on us Christians are surely trivial too when compared with the reward offered us in return: an eternity of happiness in heaven. It seems incredible that there are many among us this very day who, like the foolish bridesmaids, doze and sleep contentedly holding empty lamps in their hands, while at any moment they may be awakened by: Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go forth to meet him. It will be too late then to do anything; even their best friends cannot help them. Each one must stand before the judge just as he is: there can be no borrowing of the oil of merit from others and there will be no time to buy any.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us." open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and remedy them while there is yet time. It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish.

—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, November 11, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for Deceased Veterans
Sunday, November 12, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, November 13, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	5:50 PM	Mass for †Joe Rowh
Thursday, November 16, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †Bessie Worrell by Shirley Hubbs
Friday, November 17, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †John Timmins by the Milinovich boys
Saturday, November 18, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for †Sam Aman by Linda Aman and family
Sunday, November 19, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of all veterans.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Emily Johnston (UPMC), Carol Bean (DM), Hernan Ayala, Violet Angotti, Jill Balser, Vince Baker, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, John Collins, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Mary Catherine Fallon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, Rochelle Long, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Helen Tomaro, Dorthy Valdez, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Mike Tierney, 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	94
Sunday	190
Total	284

Collections

Saturday	\$1091
Sunday	\$1706
Mail/Drop Box	\$2310
Total	\$5107
School	\$246
Votives	\$90
Maintenance	\$570
Loan	\$5
Organ	\$70
All Saints	\$611
All Souls	\$480
Wesbanco Balance	\$54,127.97
Organ Loan Bal.	\$77,599.38

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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Vocations Awareness Week



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

PRIESTHOOD Discernment Retreat

- FOR MEN 18 AND OLDER
- PRAY, SHARE MEALS, AND ATTEND SEMINARY CLASSES WITH WV SEMINARIANS
- HEAR TALKS ABOUT PRIESTLY LIFE AND DISCERNMENT


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MONDAY
MARCH 11
10:00PM

TO APPLY, CONTACT FR. PHILLIP SZABO
AT PSZABO@DWC.ORG TO ARRANGE
A TIME FOR A BRIEF PHONE INTERVIEW.



Vocations Awareness Week Act of Kindness

Consider encouraging our 11 seminarians with a letter or card in honor of Vocations Awareness Week.

Seminarian Joe Derico attends John Paul II College Seminary.

The address is:

John Paul II College Seminary
145 Taylor St NE
Washington, DC 20017

Seminarians – Deacon John Soplinski, Dominic Re, Bryan Tedeschi, Nathan Schmidt, Michael Tupta and Michael Aiello attend Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

The address is:

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Seminarians Timothy Kawash, Donvito Cortese, and Peter Russman attend the Pontifical College Josephinum.

The address is:

The Pontifical College Josephinum
7625 N High St
Columbus, OH 43235

Seminarian Clifton Mastran attends Pope St. John XXIII Seminary.

The address is:

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Avenue
Weston, MA. 02493



Pizza Party

The kindergarten class enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch on Friday, November 3 with Fr. Odeck and Miss Sandy. This was their reward for coming in first place in the Change for Life Baby Bottle fundraiser. Their class raised \$507.67 of the \$1569.49 raised by the school. GREAT JOB KINDERGARTEN!



NOW HIRING

Position: Part-Time Maintenance/Janitorial
Location: St. Patrick School
Hours: TBD

Responsibilities:

Maintain the cleanliness and hygiene of our school
Perform routine maintenance tasks
Ensure a safe environment for our students

Qualifications:

- Strong work ethic
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work independently
- Previous janitorial experience is a plus!

If you're interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to jriley@saintpatricks.school or call into the office at 304-269-5547.



Save the Date

Our annual Christmas pageant will be Friday, December 15, The matinee performance will be at 1:00 p.m. and the evening performance will be at 6:45 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAKING AND GIFT GIVING

It's time for Vanilla!

The Catholic Daughters' annual homemade vanilla is ready, just in time for holiday baking! The vanilla will be available for sale following the weekend masses Saturday, **November 11th and Sunday, November 12th**. It will also be available in the cafeteria that Sunday, in conjunction with donut Sunday. You may also pick some up in the parish office. Cost for a 4-ounce bottle is \$10. This is a great deal! And, even if you don't bake, it makes a unique Christmas gift for family and friends. Get yours while supplies last!



Parish Cookie Exchange

The Catholic Daughter's are initiating a new parish activity for the holidays that we are very excited about!

On Donut Sunday (**December 10th**) participants would be asked to bring three dozen of their own cookies and can then swap theirs for three dozen other cookies from the available selection.

You may wish to freeze your cookie variety for the holidays or enjoy them right away!



Our Angels Have Arrived

We have 35 kids that need to be adopted from our Angel Tree this year. If the tags are stapled together, that means it is a family and we need you need to adopt the entire family. We only have both families and individuals.

Please remember to write your name and phone number next to the corresponding angel in the binder. This helps us to make sure that we don't have any lost angels.

Please return packages unwrapped to the parish office before December 4th.

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

It's time for the annual Knights of Columbus, "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Any child in the parish may enter. There are three age divisions, 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14. Entry forms are in the vestibule. Parents, please remember to sign the entry form along with your child(ren). The deadline is December 3.

Collections Beginning Soon

Food Drive for our Christmas Food Baskets

Collecting will begin next week for the annual food drive for the Christmas food baskets given out at Christmas through the church. The classes of St. Patrick's School collect various items to help with the drive. Each class is assigned a different food item or items. Items we need from the parish are, boxed dinners, (Homestyle bakes, hamburger helper, tuna helper, etc.), Assorted canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.), Baked beans, Assorted canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.), Applesauce, Canned chili, Chef Boy-r-dee ravioli, beef stew, Chunky soups, Stuffing, Gravy

The deadline for food donations will be in next week's bulletin.
Any nonperishable food will be appreciated.

Toy Drive

New and gently used toys are being collected. Toys must be received by December 4. These items will be donated to Our Neighbor. **Please do not bring toys that are broken or dirty.**



Winter Coats Needed

Our Neighbor is in need of kids coats starting at size 2 T. **They don't need hats and gloves at this time.** If they need them later, they will let us know.



Donations may be dropped off at the parish office, the church vestibule, or placed in the cabinet on the back porch of the office.

DOUBLE ^{the} DONUTS in NOVEMBER!



November 12th- Sponsored by McFly Outdoors

November 26th- Celebrating the Solemnity of Christ
the King

CDA Meeting Date Change

The next CDA
meeting will be on
Monday, November
13th at 6:00 PM

Baby Bottle Fundraiser Update

Church total: \$2206.62



*Please return the baby bottles
from the Change for Life Baby
Bottle Fundraiser even if they are
empty. The Catholic Daughters
will reuse the bottles next year.*

St. Patrick's Students for Life and the Pregnancy Resource Center in Buckhannon would like to thank you for your generous donation of diapers. We collected over 2500 diapers to help over 300 mothers in need. We individually wrapped the diapers in groups of twelve last Sunday to align with how they distribute them. Thank you immensely for your response and God bless you!



ON DECK

Sunday, November 12

Donut Sunday, sponsored by McFly Outdoors

Monday, November 13

CDA Meeting 6:00 PM, Cafeteria

November 20 - 24

No School, Thanksgiving break

Sunday, November 26

Donut Sunday, celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Deadline

Monday, December 4

Angel Tree Deadline

Sunday, December 10

Donut Sunday & Cookie Exchange,
Sponsored by Catholic Daughters

Friday December 15

St. Patrick School Christmas pageant

1:00 p.m., matinee performance

6:45 p.m., evening performance

Our Neighbor Collection

November: Shampoo and Conditioner

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

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Knights of Columbus Council 1415

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