

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24th, 2023

The Gospel is from Luke 1:26-38. At the moment our Lady said: "be it done to me according to thy word" the most stupendous event that ever happened, or ever could happen on earth, took place on this planet of ours. The Son of God took on human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. We are familiar with this story from childhood. We often say the Angelus in which this tremendous act of God's love is described. Although familiarity, in this case, does not breed contempt, it does help to blunt the real impact on our minds of such an extraordinary occurrence. If God had created a very special child, and made him into an outstanding saint, so that he could intercede with God for us, this would be a great act of love for us on God's part. Or, if he had sent an angel from heaven in human form, to teach us all about God and to help us to lead holy lives, this would deserve our deepest gratitude. But neither a saintly man nor a holy angel could do for us all that God wanted. No man or angel could make us adopted sons of God and heirs of heaven. It was necessary, in God's plan for us, that his divine Son should become man, should share our humanity so that we could share his divinity.

Could infinite love have gone any further? Our creation, the fact that we exist as human beings on earth, is a great gift to us on the part of God. Of what value could eighty, a hundred, even seven hundred years of a continuously happy life on this earth be for us if we learned that we had to depart life forever one day? In a world tormented by sin and its evil effects our normal span of life would be less satisfying. However, when God created us, he so planned that our stay here would be but a stage, a stepping stone in fact, toward our everlasting home. We are well aware indeed of the lengths to which God's love has gone in order to make us his children and heirs to his kingdom. Are we, however, grateful to him for the love he has shown us? Are we honestly and sincerely trying to make ourselves worthy of the great future he has in store for us?

Today is a suitable occasion to look right into our hearts, to see how we stand with God. During the week we shall be keeping the feast of Christmas. The Baby in the manger will remind us of what God has done and is still doing for us. What are we doing in return? Have we shown our gratitude by living as true followers of Christ? If most of us must answer: "no," this is the time to change our course and return to the right road once more. God is asking this of us today. Shall our answer be: "behold here I am Lord, your humble and grateful servant, let it be done to me according to your word"?

—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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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, December 23, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for Bonnie Hall
Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent)	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Mass for Christmas)	4:30 PM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Robert Park
Monday, December 25, 2023	Midnight	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mass for †Edward Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	9:00 AM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, December 27, 2023	5:50 PM	James A. Weber by family
Thursday, December 28, 2023	9:00 AM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Friday, December 29, 2023	8:15 AM	Mass for †George Geiss
Saturday, December 30, 2023	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 31, 2023	10:30 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Mary Hall

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of James Blake and Brian Francis by family.
December 17 - 30, 2023.**

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Robert and Sophia Anisko, Hernan Ayala, Violet Angotti, Jill Balser, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Mary Catherine Fallon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Emily Johnston, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, Rochelle Long, Sophia McLean, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Jerry Stalnaker, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Audrey Westfall

- **Those who have died:** Delores Snyder, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **All Veterans, and Military Personnel:** Bobby Summers
- **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	80
Sunday	225
Total	305

Collections

Saturday	\$207
Sunday	\$1987
Mail/Drop Box	\$
Total	\$3194
School	\$70
Votives	\$130
Maintenance	\$245
Loan	\$50
Organ	\$20
Christmas Flowers	\$120
Wesbanco Balance	\$53,383.97
Organ Loan Bal.	\$77,599.38

December 24 & 25: Collection for
Catholic Charities WV

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.

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-Matthew 11:28

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In giving, we live honorably before God who gives us all we have. Through your support, we can continue providing caring and compassionate support to West Virginians in need. Thank you for your heart to give.

Support Catholic Charities West Virginia!

Special Collection for the Holy Land Region to be Held Jan. 13-14 in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

By Colleen Rowan

WEST VIRGINIA—Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held in parishes and missions of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at Masses the weekend of Jan. 13-14.

The bishop made the announcement Dec. 14 to all priests, parishes, and missions of the diocese.

"We are all aware of the current Hamas-Israeli war and the escalation in violence in the Holy Land," the bishop said in the announcement. "The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most."

Checks for the collection are to be made payable to one's respective parish/mission and on the memo line indicate CNEWA Holy Land Collection. The parish/mission will then send one check for all contributions for this collection to the DWC Finance Department.

The bishop is asking parishes to spread the word about the importance of this collection.

"Please continue to pray for peace and for all those who have suffered losses during this war," the bishop said.

CNEWA was founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as an instrument of love and a sign of hope for those in need scattered throughout the historic but unstable lands of the ancient Eastern churches — the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe, the organization's website states.

For nearly 100 years, the site states, CNEWA has walked side by side with those in need.

"We have prayed with them when they were attacked, comforted them when they grieved, fed them when they hungered, bandaged them when they bled, sheltered them when they had no place to call home," the site states. "We have been there, always, through the arms of the living body of Christ, the church, as they live for others, counseling the despondent, caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, teaching the eager and forming the next generation of leaders."

CNEWA, the site notes, is a net-work of generous and compassion-ate people scattered throughout the world, committed to living Jesus' great command to "love one another" by reaching out to their neighbors in need, regardless of where their neighbor may be.

This network links generous donors with the laity, priests, sisters and bishops of the local churches — CNEWA's "boots on the ground" — who receive help and touch countless lives in incalculable ways in Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine



Eucharistic Testimony

A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

Jesus is truly present – his body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist (CCC 1374).

I have been a practicing Catholic for my entire life; prior to COVID, I could count on one hand the number of times that I had missed a Sunday Mass.

Some years ago I was in a small chapel making a “visit.” While sitting there I began thinking through Church teaching regarding the Blessed Sacrament – recalling decades prior catechesis from my “mental cobwebs.”

My mind began to question – could Jesus really be present in the Sacred Host? If not, then is it really a Sacred Host?

I tried to reason my way through many explanations and with each iteration (and reiteration) of thought my mind focused more on my reasoning, my analysis, my logic and less on the reality in front of me. I was head deep in doubt.

In a moment of grace an external voice made itself known. With clarity I heard the voice say: “Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.” I later realized (and I believe) that it was the voice of our Blessed Mother.

Just thinking about that moment of grace brings joy to my heart and tears to my eyes. After that moment, while still trying to understand what had happened, I apologized to Jesus for having doubted the most precious gift of his love.

Over the following weeks my life changed. I made daily visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and made frequent Confessions. At first this was very scary for me; although I found great comfort in both Confession and in Marian devotions. I developed the habit of praying the rosary every day – often praying all the mysteries.

One day while in Confession, the priest, as penance, told me to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and pray for a particular intention. This seemed hardly like a penance since it was something I was doing daily. That day, when I left the chapel a peace that I had never felt before (or since) filled my heart – Divine Love is inseparable from Divine Mercy. I knew that what was happening to me was going to be ok and that God loved me. I prayed to God that he continue in me with whatever was happening.

Over the months that followed I was inspired by the lives and the writings of several saints – particularly Saint Faustina. I began reading and studying scripture and found joy in all things authentically Catholic.

I later realized that in the little chapel my Christian faith had also become a Eucharistic faith – that difference has made a huge difference in my life. Today, I am inspired by those who live not only a Eucharistic faith but also a Eucharistic Spirituality – we find in these holy people an inviting wisdom and joyful witness.

We are blessed weekly to have in our parish the opportunity on Tuesday and Wednesday to spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and to receive, as part of Benediction, his Divine Blessing. Each of us should double our personal efforts to invite everyone to make the practice of a holy hour. Lord, please give to us the voice of truth, the light of faith, and the fire of love that we may spend time with you – truly present – in the most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus, please make our hearts like your heart.



40 Hours of Devotion

January 12-14, 2024

St. Patrick Church, Weston WV

All are welcome to join us!

Friday, January 12:

6:00 PM—Exposition and Vespers with Preached Homily
9:30 PM—Chanted Compline followed by Simple Reposition

Saturday, January 13:

7:00 AM Exposition
8:00 AM—Office of Readings and Lauds
8:30 AM—Votive Mass of The Most Holy Eucharist
12:00 PM—Recitation of the Angelus and the Most Holy Rosary
5:00 PM—Vespers followed by Simple Reposition
5:30 PM—Saturday Vigil Mass
9:30 PM—Chanted Compline

Sunday, January 14

9:30 AM—Office of Readings and Lauds followed by Simple Reposition
10:30 AM—Solemn Mass
6:00 PM—Solemn Vespers and Benediction with Preached Sermon

Sign up in the back of Church for your hour(s) to be with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
You may also sign up via email Mike Brumley at brumleyma@gmail.com.

What is the 40 Hours Devotion?

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, #11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord (Eucharisticum Mysterium, #50). As Pope Pius XII taught in *Mediator Dei*, "This practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation." Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion (cf. *Dominicae Caece*, #3, and *Inaestimabile Donum*, #20-22).

Second, the number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. Actually in the Middle Ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher," for this period of time to signify our Lord's time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Reposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. While the forty-hour period should be continuous, some Churches break-up the time, reposing the Blessed Sacrament at night because of security reasons.

The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost like a parish mini-retreat or mission. A guest priest may be invited to give a series of homilies. Confessions should be offered and encouraged. Consequently, an appropriate time to schedule Forty Hours is either Advent or Lent.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion: the protection from evil and temptation; reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory; and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but their neighbors, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world.

Such practices are evidenced in the history of this devotion. The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated in Milan about the year 1530. Granted, prior to this time, the Church did have exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions, and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. In 1539, Pope Paul III responded to a petition from the Archdiocese of Milan asking for an indulgence for the practice: "Since our beloved son the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Milan, at the prayer of the inhabitants of the said city, in order to appease the anger of God provoked by the offenses of Christians, and in order to bring to nought the efforts and machinations of the Turks who are pressing forward to the destruction of Christendom, amongst other pious practices, has established a round of prayers and supplications to be offered by day and night by all the faithful of Christ, before our

Lord's Most Sacred Body, in all the churches of the said city, in such a manner that these prayers and supplication are made by the faithful themselves relieving each other in relays for forty hours continuously in each church in succession, according to the order determined by the Vicar... We approving in our Lord so pious an institution, grant and remit." While this pronouncement seems to be the earliest official approval by the Church of this devotion, the Forty Hours Devotion spread rapidly.

By 1550, both St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius Loyola had also instituted this practice, especially for the reparation of sin. Recognizing the tremendous graces offered through this devotion as well as the dangers threatening the Church, Pope Clement VIII in his letter *Graves et diuturnae* (November 25, 1592) proclaimed, "We have determined to establish publicly in this Mother City of Rome an uninterrupted course of prayer in such ways that in the different churches, on appointed days, there be observed the pious and salutary devotion of the Forty Hours, with such an arrangement of churches and times that, at every hour of the day and night, the whole year round the incense of prayer shall ascend without intermission before the face of the Lord." He also issued regulations for the devotions, which were later collected and promulgated by Pope Clement XI in 1705, and known as the *Instructio Clementina*.

In our own country, St. John Neumann (1811-60), the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, was a strong promoter of the Forty Hours Devotion. While the practice had already existed in individual churches throughout the city (as well as in other places in the country), no organized, cohesive diocesan schedule for it had ever before been attempted. St. John had an tremendous devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and desired to foster such a spiritual life in his people.

Unfortunately at this time, a strong anti-Catholic sentiment plagued Philadelphia. During the Know Nothing riots of 1844, two churches were burned and another was saved simply by the threat of gunfire. Some priests, therefore, advised St. John that the introduction of 40 Hours Devotion would only flame the hatred against the Catholics and expose the Blessed Sacrament to desecration. St. John was left in a quandary.

A strange incident occurred which helped St. John decide. One night, he was working very late at his desk and fell asleep in his chair. The candle on the desk burnt down and charred some of the papers, but they were still readable. He awoke, surprised and thankful that a fire had not ignited. He fell on his knees to give thanks to God for protection, and heard His voice saying, "As the flames are burning here without consuming or injuring the writing, so shall I pour out my grace in the Blessed Sacrament without prejudice to My honor. Fear no profanation, therefore; hesitate no longer to carry out your design for my glory."

He introduced the practice of 40 Hours Devotion at the first diocesan synod in April, 1853, and the first devotions began at St. Philip Neri Parish, an appropriate place since that saint had initiated the devotion in the city of Rome. St. John himself, spent most of the three days in the Church praying. No trouble ensued. St. John then introduced the program for the whole diocese, so that each parish would have Forty Hours Devotion during the course of the year. He composed a special booklet for the devotions and obtained special indulgences for the faithful attending them. The Forty Hours Devotion was so successful it spread to other dioceses. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the Forty Hours Devotion was approved for all Dioceses of the United States.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.

Christmas Pageant, 2023

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Christmas Play last Friday! Both shows had packed houses and the Nativity told by Saint Kateri was truly magical! We're overwhelmed by the incredible support from our community. Special thanks to Fiona Ayala, Louise Grindo, Mackenzie Murphy, and all the amazing teachers/volunteers who played a crucial role, from spotlight to stage management and cleanup. We couldn't have pulled it off without each one of you!





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Christmas





The Annual Decorating of Fr. Ondeck's Christmas Tree

Since Fr. Ondeck's first Christmas at our parish he has invited the second grade class to decorate the rectory Christmas tree. Mr. Riley didn't need a step ladder to reach the top of the tree!



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th: 4:30 PM
December 25th Midnight
December 25th: 10:30 AM

Reminder: morning Mass on the 24th does not count as your Christmas obligation, nor does the 4:30 Mass on the 24th count for your Sunday Mass obligation. Time should be made to attend both Sunday Mass and Christmas Mass.



Parish Office Hours for the upcoming Holidays

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 22 - Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1.



ON DECK

December 22 - 26
Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 1 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Parish Office closed

Friday January 12, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.
40 Hours Devotion

Sunday, January 14
Free Throw Competition, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 21
Donut Sunday

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,
let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Thank you!

We want to offer a very special thank you to the Catholic Daughter of the Americas for once again spear heading the collecting, shopping and preparing our annual food baskets for families in need. This is not an easy task and many hours and a lot of love and dedication go into this project each year. Thank you to everyone who donated to the project. Twenty-five names were on the list this year!



Our Neighbor Collection

January: Anything you can give is greatly appreciated as this is the time of year when all supplies run low.

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