

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 31, 2023

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." (True Christmas Spirit, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless — if we except the event in the Temple — Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

—Excerpted from Bread and the Word, A.M. Roguet



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WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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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, 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
Monday, January 1, 2024	NOON	Mass for †Mary Curtis by David Curtis
Tuesday, January 2, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Larry and Rob Dodson by Luke, Benjamin and Samuel Milinovich
Thursday, January 4, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Frank Karp by family
Friday, January 5, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lynna Davis
Saturday, January 6, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 7, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Robert Joseph Hines by Helen Tomaro

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of of Robert Joseph Hines by Helen Hines Tomaro, December 31, 2023 - January 13, 2024.

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, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Jim Riley, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Audrey Westfall

- **Those who have died:** Jerry Stalnaker, Mary Catherine Fallon, 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.**

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.

Weekend Mass Attendance

Saturday	121
Sunday	182
Total	303

Christmas Mass Attendance

Christmas Eve	291
Midnight	119
Christmas Morning	78
Total	488

Christmas Collections

Christmas Eve	\$1185
Midnight	\$495
Christmas Morning	\$665
Total	\$2345

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

Weekend Collections

Saturday	\$1538
Sunday	\$1116
Mail/Drop Box	\$435
Total	\$3089
School	\$96
Votives	\$80
Maintenance	\$56
Loan	50
Organ	\$0
Catholic Charities	636
Wesbanco Balance	\$53,383.97
Organ Loan Bal.	\$77,599.38

Christmas Liturgies







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.

2024 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19

ANYONE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING THE MARCH
FOR LIFE ON FRIDAY,
JANUARY 19TH, IN
WASHINGTON DC, PLEASE
CONTACT THE PARISH
SECRETARY AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



ON DECK

**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

**A special thanks to all who
helped make the Christmas
liturgies special at our parish!**

The decorators once again did a phenomenal
job of making our already beautiful church
even more beautiful. The long hours of
practice paid off for all of us when the bell
choir played and the vocal choir sang!
Everything was outstanding!



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

**Donut Sunday
January 21st**



**Parish Office
Closed**

The office will be
closed on Monday,
January 1.

Our Neighbor Collection

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

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

Free Throw Competition

January 14, 2024
St Patrick School gymnasium
Starts at 12:00 p.m.
Free participation for all boys and girls
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First Tuesday of each month.
7:00 p.m., Cafeteria