

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 7th, 2024



The Gospel of today's feast, is from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.

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

Chalking the Door The Epiphany House Blessing

Sunday, January 7, 2024, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. It is also known as Three Kings' Day. It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

Marking our doorways or front porch steps with blessed chalk is a centuries-old Epiphany custom and a fun, visible way to dedicate our homes and the New Year to God. The inscription this year is:

20 + C + M + B + 24

"20" and "24" stand for the new year (2024), of course. The plus signs represent the Cross. CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "May Christ bless the house."

To mark your home, you will need two things: Chalk that has been blessed by a priest and a prayer. As you prepare to mark the front door or porch, say the following:

The Three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human 2,024 years ago. May Christ bless our home and be with us throughout the New Year. Amen.

Then, as you make the marks, offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of Your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of Your love. Grant that we may manifest Your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

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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

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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

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| 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 |
| Monday, January 8, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Beth Nichols by T. J. and Mindy Hall |
| Tuesday, January 9, 2024 | 5:50 PM | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Wednesday, January 10, 2024 | 5:50 PM | Mass for †Milinovich grandparents |
| Thursday, January 11, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †James Sweeney by David Curtis |
| Friday, January 12, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala |
| Saturday, January 13, 2024 | 5:30 PM | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 10:30 AM | Mass for †Joseph Rowh |

**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, Andrea Heath, Emyle 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, Kathy Watson, 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:** 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.**

Weekend Collections

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| Saturday | 109 |
| Sunday | 171 |
| Total | 280 |
| Saturday | \$1201 |
| Sunday | \$1064.47 |
| Mail/Drop Box | \$2600 |
| Total | \$3486.47 |
| School | \$96 |
| Votives | \$80 |
| Maintenance | \$56 |
| Loan | 50 |
| Organ | \$0 |
| Catholic Charities | 636 |
| Wesbanco Balance | \$53,383.97 |
| Organ Loan Bal. | \$77,599.38 |

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

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.

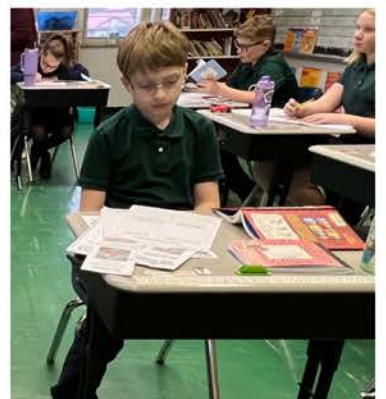
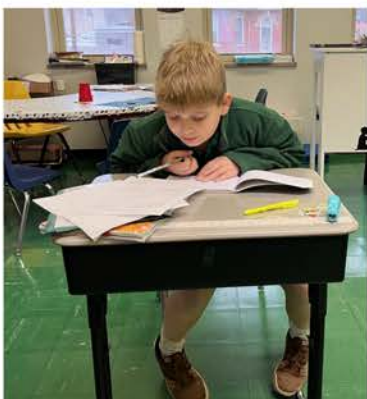
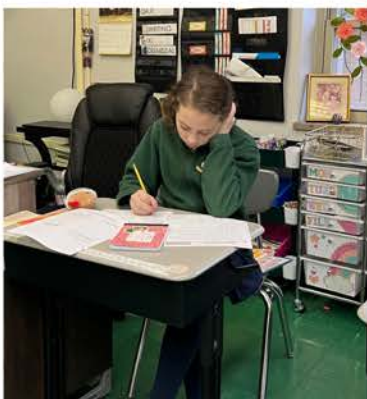
SCHOOL NEWS

Back to School

Christmas break is over and the students returned to school on January 2 ready to learn. Here are some pictures of our kids hard at work!



Never
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Learning!





Math Field Day Practice

Lewis County Math Field Day will take place at Stonewall Resort on Wednesday, January 10. Barbara Mason is working with our school's representatives, Tucker Cook, Ashton Walton, and Mason Nash.



Calendar Cash Tickets

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Eucharistic Testimony

A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

During this Christmas season, we focus on the incarnation of Jesus and are accustomed to that awesome image depicting his nativity. We often see it with the child Jesus in the manger, Mary and Joseph adoring our Lord, surrounded by the wise men, shepherds, and sheep. As I reflect on this image, the first thing to come to mind is the fact that nativity scenes show Jesus laying in a feeding trough-- a "manger." This is symbolic not only of the detachment from the things of this world or poverty, but that Jesus is the divine food for his sheep, you and me. God is purposeful in this image, he makes no mistakes. Jesus being in a trough is not a tragedy; this truly foreshadows what Jesus speaks about in the gospel of John chapter six. Eight times in ten verses, Jesus explicitly states that he is indeed the bread of life, he who eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. We know that Jesus meant what he said. He even doubled down in saying, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54). What a gift it is indeed that the child laid in the manger is ever present with us in the Eucharist!

Just as jarring as the God-child in the manger is the woman who laid Him there. Mary received Jesus in a special way, in a way that we can only experience through the Eucharist. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would conceive a child, the Son of God. Mary, to this amazing news, replied yes-- she gave her fiat! Jesus, fully God and fully man would then become incarnate in her womb. This is symbolic of how we ought to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. Giving Jesus our fiat, our yes, saying Amen, I believe this host is truly Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Just as Mary received Jesus, accepting God's will for her, we imitate this action by receiving him, uniting ourselves intimately with him and his will. The importance of Mary is not only that she bore and gave birth to our Lord, but that she desires to come to us, and make Jesus incarnate in our souls. She places her divine son in the manger and beckons us to come to him. So as we increase our Eucharistic devotion, let us stay close to His dear mother who leads us ever closer to Him as we attempt to imitate her fiat.

40 Hours Devotion

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
12:00 PM—Recitation of the Angelus and the Most Holy Rosary
6:00 PM—Solemn Vespers and Benediction with Preached Sermon
Sign up in the back of the church for your hour(s) to be with Christin the Blessed Sacrament. You may also sign up by emailing Mike Brumley, brumley@gmail.com.

ON DECK

Friday January 12, 6:00 p.m. -
Sunday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.
40 Hours Devotion, sign up in the back of the church or email Mike Brumley at brumley@gmail.com

Sunday, January 14

Free Throw Competition, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 21

Donut Sunday

January 28 - February 3

Catholic Schools Week



Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times

- 8:15 a.m.

Confessions will follow the 8:15 a.m. Mass

- 6:00 p.m.

We will not have Adoration on this day.

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.



Reminder:

You can donate supplies for the Crisis Pregnancy Center at any time by placing them in one of the boxes in the vestibule!

Our Neighbor Collection

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as of Jan. 1, 2024

Donut Sunday January 21st



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