

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

The Gospel is from the Gospel of Mark 1:14-20. Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his divine gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's mercy and love toward us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit, his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature. What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to thinking man. One of the psalm-writers said centuries ago: "What is man that you should spare a thought for him, the son of man that you should care for him" (Ps. 8:4)? Many a saint too, has repeated this remark ever since.

We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the incarnation in order to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set up and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 15:4-7).

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. The same call goes out from our loving Savior to each of us today: repent—change your outlook on life—and see it as God sees it to be for us, a short journey toward heaven. If we really believe in the gospel of Christ, the revelation of God's plan for our eternal happiness, our earthly troubles will look small, our trials and temptations will appear to us as they really are—a means of earning the eternal victory. Christ, the innocent victim for our salvation, has gone before us, carrying his heavy cross; can we refuse to carry the relatively lighter cross which he places on our shoulders as our means of making atonement for our own failings and for those of our fellowmen? God forbid that we should! If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel, by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

—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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# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**Rev. Fr. Douglas A. Ondeck**  
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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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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](http://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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 21, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Betty Heavner by Nicholas and April Cutright
Monday, January 22, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Tuesday, January 23, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Thursday, January 25, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala
Friday, January 26, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rita A. Lydon by family
Saturday, January 27, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 28, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Deceased Alumni and Benefactors of St. Patrick School

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sam Aman by family, January 14 - 27, 2024.**

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Robert and Sophia Anisko, Heman 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, Dan Rittenhouse, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall

• **Those who have died:** Jim Riley, John W. Mullooly, Joann Berry (Lynn Lynch's sister), Mary Rittenhouse (Joe Karp's mother-in law), 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

Saturday	104
Sunday	135
Total	239
Saturday	\$1175
Sunday	\$992
Mail/Drop Box	\$260
Total	\$2427
School	\$195
Votives	0
Maintenance	\$15
Loan	\$0
Organ	\$0
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	\$53,004.66
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	\$67,859.98

### 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!

### November and December myEoffering Donations, Utilities and Other Expenses

**Income**  
 General Fund: \$5692.48  
 School: \$700.20  
 Maintenance: \$141.20  
 Loan: \$330.90

**Expenses**  
 Utilities \$11,728.63  
 (All buildings)  
 Copier Lease and copies \$996.47  
 Pest Control \$280



# Eucharistic Testimony

## A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

“...this is no other but the House of God...”

The most real, lasting, and important Presence in the world has no fireworks, no strobe lights, no deafening music. It is not a Presence that demands attention; and is in fact usually left alone day and night—despite its immeasurable worth.

It is QUIET---with a small red light hanging silently above. Look up.

From birth onward I am what they call a “cradle Catholic” --- from both sides of the cradle. Parents, family, the sisters at St. Patrick School, exemplary clergy, fellow (and “non-fellow”) co-parishioners all taught, and SHOWED, me what Catholics believe about Our Lord Really Present---though clearly and humbly appearing to be bread and wine. In addition to genuflecting when passing in front of the tabernacle when I was INSIDE, I was even taught to make the Sign of the Cross when OUTSIDE, walking or driving past the center of the church. The church is the House of God.

The Jews had the Ark of the Covenant in the Temple’s Holy of Holies; we have the Holy in the Holy of Holies. It is, after all, the House of God.

I smile to this very day when watching a parent teach a small child to genuflect. First efforts may find the child genuflecting toward the back of the church or toward the wall. But the child is learning to genuflect before the presence of God, taking first steps that will lead to fuller understanding. A smile-inducing beginning that is so encouraging to see.

Let me be clear that being a “cradle Catholic” is not a surer guarantee of deeper faith than coming to the Faith later in life. Both “Cradle” and “Later” Catholic can unthinkingly “take for granted” belief in the Real Presence, or even perhaps reject the Belief. God always offers, but does not (usually) twist arms.

So pray for the Gift of Faith and of keeping it. You see, Belief is obviously NOT incredible (pardon the play on words); but it surely is a Gift.

And the center...the very heart...of being a Catholic is belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. If THAT is not our Faith, we may well be good people, even Christians, but we are not Catholic. The Real Presence is not “off to the side” in the Catholic church.

As children we may have the Faith “in our head”; but as adults we must bring the Faith down into our heart. Paraphrasing what one priest recently preached: “The journey from our head to our heart can be among the longest of journeys.” Faith is not just for children.

Many enlightened modern people will “write off” belief in the Real Presence as nostalgic “brainwashing” that defies scientific proof. But, come on..., we human beings “know” things on deeper levels than demonstrable physical proofs. Many people I have met---Catholic and non-Catholic---“sense” and “know” something particularly sacred in a Catholic church. It is the Real Presence of Our Lord. A Catholic church radiates a perceptible sacredness.

Do you remember the story of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”? (If not, look up the book or the movie.) In the story the misshapen Quasimodo seeks Sanctuary in the Cathedral of Notre Dame. In Roman Imperial Law, being on “sacred ground” provided safety and immunity from legal prosecution.

In the ever-changing, “insane”ifying busyness of life today, could we not all benefit from a little “Sanctuary” time. We somehow manage to make time for ever-increasing, too often trivial, little daily demands. So you don’t have time for a retreat. Well how about a few minutes a week (ok, too much?...how about a month) before the quiet Presence of God in the tabernacle—with the silent light above? Solid ground for the soul to stand on in a world of shifting sand.

As well as within us, in this world of constant change, the unchanging Real Presence of God in the Eucharist remains dependably at our service---for our consolation and for our Saving.

It is “as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be”--- solid ground.

Seek solid ground; it’s really nearby. What reverence does God and the House of God not deserve?



# 40 Hours Devotion



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously of their time to make our first 40 Hours Devotion in many years a success!



# Generosity



## December Virtue Winners

December's Virtue sinners were announced at Mass on Friday, January 12. Congratulations, Conner Jordan, Valerie Long, and Leah Long.



## 2024 Math Field Day

The annual Lewis County Math Field Day Competition was held at Stonewall Jackson Resort. St. Patrick's had 3 representatives, 5th grade Ashtyn Walton, 4th grade Tucker Cook, and 6th grade Mason Nash. We are so very proud of all the hard work they have been putting in. Special thanks to Coach Barb Mason who has been working with all our competitors. With that being said, Mr. Mason Nash placed 2nd overall in the county, congrats Mason!



## 2024 Lewis County Spelling Bee

St. Patrick's School was well represented at the Lewis County Spelling Bee with seven participants.



St. Patricks had 3 students place and move on to regionals in March! Congratulations to Bailey Oldaker (2nd), Mason Nash (4th), and Darryl Queen (5th). Way to go!

(left to right) Gracelynn Hill, Daelynn Luzader, Bailey Oldaker, Tucker Cook, Darryl Queen, Mason Nash, and Ryleigh Murphy

## Rite of Enrollment



This Sunday, we are celebrating our 2024 First Communicants through a “Rite of Enrollment.” This is a rite where the children come before the parish community for encouragement, blessing, and prayer as they delve further into their preparation for the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us in praying for these little ones.

### Donut Sunday

January 21st

Sponsored by  
Josh and  
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### Free Poinsettias

Please take a poinsettia from the table in the back of the church. If you don't have a green thumb, give it to someone who does.

## Calendar Cash Tickets

Calendar cash tickets are on sale now!  
\$10 each

A drawing is held for some lucky person to win anywhere from \$75 to \$500 each day of February. The drawing is not based on the lottery. Someone wins EVERYDAY!

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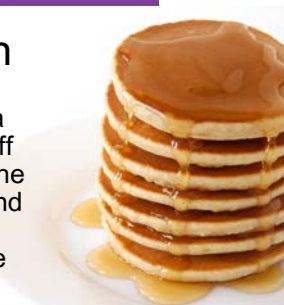
**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK 2024**

January 28 - February 3  
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## Pancake Breakfast and Brunch

Join us after Mass on Sunday, January 28 for a delicious pancake breakfast and brunch to kick off the 2024 celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters.

The Knights will cook the pancakes and sausage and the Daughters will provide the breakfast casseroles and serve the food.



## ON DECK



**Sunday, January 21**

Donut Sunday

Mass of Enrollment- First Communion

**January 28 - February 3**

Catholic Schools Week



**Sunday, January 28**

Catholic Schools Week Pancake

Breakfast/Brunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters

**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.*

**Thursday, February 15**

Mullady Scholarship Application deadline

## Our Neighbor Collection

January: Toilet Paper and tissues.

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.

## Mullady Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Catholic, currently enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students). Applications can be picked up in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Church, the parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you. The application deadline is February 15, 2024.

Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in late February or March.



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