

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4th, 2024

The Gospel is from St. Mark 1:29-39. Surely the people of Capernaum saw enough that first day of Christ's public ministry among them to make them realize that this man from Nazareth who had come amongst them was no ordinary preacher, no ordinary rabbi, no ordinary man. They saw that he preached as one having authority; they saw that by a simple command he cast out demons and removed all bodily ailments. Yet though they were astonished and amazed at his power, their worldly outlook did not let them rise above their own small interests. Our Lord did not blame them or criticize them, he knew and fully understood their slowness of mind in regard to things spiritual, and he knew also that they would eventually give themselves wholeheartedly to his kingdom. While he was prepared to wait for the desired effects which his miracles and preaching would eventually have on them, he hastened the arrival of that day by praying to his heavenly Father to send the graces necessary for their conversion into their hearts.

When the four Apostles found him praying in a lonely place, they told him that all Capernaum was searching for him, but he knew why they were searching for him. They wanted to see more miracles and very likely they were hoping that he would stay on in Capernaum and the sick and the maimed from the whole of Galilee would be brought there for healing. This would increase their earthly business and prosperity. His answer to the Apostles, while not directly condemning this worldly outlook, shows that his mission had an entirely different objective. He had come on earth not to bring earthly prosperity to any town or country but to bring spiritual salvation and blessing on all people. That very morning he began to carry out his mission and for the remaining two years or more he went from town to town preaching the kingdom of God.

We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death he conquered death for us; by his resurrection he opened the gates of heaven for us and led the way there for all who will follow him.

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christianity promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds? In my daily dealings with my fellowmen would I be picked out as a Christian? Do I, by my words and deeds, prove to those with whom I live and work that I am convinced there is a future life after death, that reaching that life is the most important thing in this world for me, and that it is through living my short earthly life as a true Christian that I can earn that eternal life?

If I can say yes to these questions I am, thank God, on the right road. But if my answer is "no" then it is time I had another good look to see where I went off the road, and to find out that I can return to that right road once more. God is merciful; Christ is patient with followers who straggle and wander, but it could be fatal to postpone for too long our call to the God of mercy. It will be too late if we delay turning to our patient Christ until we are about to die. Stop straggling and wandering off the highway today and the patient Christ will welcome you and help you back. There may be no tomorrow for you, you have no guarantee of it.

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



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.*

## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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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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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, February 3, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Nell Fealy Moore by family
Sunday, February 4, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, February 5, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †James Sweeney by David Curtis
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Alexandra Moody Hamrick
Thursday, February 8, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Edward Hubbs by Shirley Hubbs
Friday, February 9, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala
Saturday, February 10, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Emma Pascasio by Rudy and Karen Pascasio
Sunday, February 11, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Michael Francis Tierney by Shirley Hubbs, January 28 - February 10, 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, Josiah Eagle, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Lindsey Fisher, 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, Kaitlyn Patterson and baby girl, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, 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.**

• **Those preparing for First Communion:** Especially Claire Cid, Grayson Clevenger, Zeke Deaton, Brody Donaldson, Bailey Farnsworth, Christian Greathouse, Mason Karp, Isaiah Messer, Marcileen Queen, Kaedalyne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

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### Weekend Collections

Saturday	101
Sunday	303
Total	407
Saturday	\$1222.25
Sunday	\$1654
Mail/Drop Box	\$0
Total	\$2876.25
School	\$160
Votives	\$59.65
Maintenance	\$180
Loan	\$0
Organ	\$0
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	\$53,004.66
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	\$67,859.98

### 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!

### 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.

**There will be a special collection February 10th and 11th for Church Missions within the United States.** (This collection of two collections we previously had, Black and Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Funds will be divided between the two.)



# Eucharistic Testimony

## A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

I am a cradle Catholic who attended St. Patrick's School for eight years. I paid attention in Religion Class and went to Mass every day. But I realize I missed so much, including the treasure of Holy Communion. I confess, as a young Catholic, I didn't really believe the host was the Body of Christ, but just a symbol.

Reading the Catholic author, Flannery O'Connor, I was puzzled when she said, "If the host is just a symbol, to Hell with it!"

Eleven years ago as a 50 year old adult living life as a lukewarm Catholic who allowed herself to be influenced by our secular culture, I said in exasperation to my priest, "There's got to be more to life!"

My priest encouraged me to attend daily Mass and I continue to do so as often as possible.

Since then, my faith has grown. I now understand that the Body and Blood of Christ are far more than symbols. (Doubtful? Just GOOGLE Eucharistic miracles!) As I look back in gratitude to God and my priest, I understand that the Eucharist is the reason I grew in faith. God gave the gift of the Eucharist to unite us to Him and to strengthen us on our journey to Eternity. Holy Communion is Spiritual food that changed me and continues to strengthen me.

Holy Communion is called, "The Most Blessed Sacrament," because it is the Sacrament of Sacraments that unites us to Christ. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1331)

These words are so true and indicate WHAT A GIFT THE EUCHARIST IS.

I am a work in progress and don't have it all figured out but I do have complete faith that God does have it all figured out. (He created it!) The more I learn, the more I realize with humility that sanctification (being made holy) is a goal that may be out of my reach. But I can give it my best shot! I'm inspired by the saying, "A saint is a sinner who keeps on trying!"

God, through the rich tradition of the Catholic Church, has laid out the path as to how I can attempt to spend Eternity in Heaven. My free will and worldly distractions tempt me away from that path. The only way I have been able to stay focused on my goal is by actively practicing my Catholic faith including frequenting the Sacraments, attending daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration as often as possible, seeking God through Scripture and the vast amount of information the Catholic Church has to offer.

Several statements have inspired me:

- Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
- "A saint is a sinner who realizes their complete dependence on God."

We need complete faith and trust in God just as St. Therese of Lisieux said, "Holiness is recognizing one's nothingness and resting like a small child in God's Fatherly arms."

As C.S. Lewis said, "Let us seek to awaken in ourselves and our children this desire for sanctity (holiness) and not allow ourselves to settle for less; that would be a tragedy."

The French Novelist, Leon Bloy, said, "The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."

St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord."

I spent decades of my life seeking wealth, pleasure, power and honor only to realize the FUTILITY in all of it.

Pope Benedict said, "The happiness you are seeking has a name and a face: It is Jesus-HIDDEN IN THE EUCHARIST."

After 60 years of life, I realize how true these words are as well as the words of St. Anthony of Padua who said, "Who can be more blessed or happier than one in whom God has set up His dwelling place? What else can you need or what else can possibly make you richer? You have everything when you have within you the One who made all things, the only One who can satisfy the longings of your spirit, without whom everything else is nothing."

So with complete dependence on God and actively participating in all the Catholic Church has to offer, most especially the Blessed Sacrament, I HAVE HOPE!



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Lent**

**Every Wednesday**

**February 21 - March 27**

**1:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Commit now to spending 30 minutes each week of Lent with  
our Blessed Lord. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule!**





## Kicking off Catholic Schools Week

Last Sunday, we began Catholic Schools Week with Mass. Concluding Mass, three students, Alexis Terranova, Daryll Queen, and Mason Nash gave their personal testimonies as to why they love St. Patrick's School. Mason Nash's testimony is shared below.

Following Mass, the parish and school community came together to share a pancake breakfast thanks to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters!

## Why I Love St. Patrick School



"Hello, my name is Mason Nash and I am in 6th grade. I've been attending St. Patrick's Catholic School for the last 6 years of my life, and out of the three different schools I've attended, this school is my personal favorite. Here I feel welcome and understood by both the staff and students. This place isn't only exceptional academically, but also religiously. Children from ages 3-14 develop a strong religious conscience due to their daily exposure to the Catholic faith. They show this by having a daily religion class and by going to Mass every Thursday and Friday morning.

No matter how you look or where you come from, the teachers here care about each and every one of the students equally. St. Patrick's School provides a comfortable and fun environment for both learning and participating in other activities. I'm also appreciative of how the teachers provide an equal amount of discipline and leniency toward the students. This school has shaped each and every student into the kind, respectful, and supportive people they are today. In conclusion, St. Patrick's Catholic School is an amazing place to be."



## All School Mass and Eucharistic Procession

There is no better way to celebrate our Catholic School than by celebrating Mass and reverencing Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with a Eucharistic Procession!



## Preschool Scavenger Hunt



Preschoolers learn to identify objects seen in the Church with their devoted aid and Religion teacher, Ms. Heather.

## Calendar Cash Winners

February 1 - \$200, Gary Stout of Camden, sold by R. and R. Murphy

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## Our First Cash Calendar Ticket Drawing

Congratulations to our first cash calendar ticket winner, Gary Stout!

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# Lent Schedule



## Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

8:15 All School Mass

6:00 p.m., Mass

We will not have Adoration on this day!

### Each Friday of Lent (Feb 16 - March 22)

6 pm Stations of the Cross

### Each Wed of Lent (beginning Feb 21)

12:30 school Stations of the Cross

Exposition immediately after  
Adoration during the afternoon.



### Parish Dinner

When: Sunday, March 17

Time: TBD

Where: gymnasium

If you wish to help, please  
contact the parish office.

This is a covered dish dinner with  
meats, hot rolls, drinks and paper  
goods provided.



## 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.

### Our Newest Member, Clara Ann Lewellyn!

Welcome to the  
Church!

Clara was baptized on  
January 27. She is the  
daughter of Chase  
and Abby Lewellyn.



### Take a FREE Poinsettia

Please take a  
poinsettia from the  
table in the back of  
the church home  
with you or to a  
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## ON DECK

### Tuesday, February 7

7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus meeting,  
Cafeteria

### Sunday, February 11

Donut Sunday

### Monday, February 12

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters meeting,  
cafeteria

### 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

### Sunday, March 17

Parish Dinner

### Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

### Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

## Our Neighbor Collection

**February: Bath and Dish Soap,  
Laundry Supplies**

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



Join us on Feb. 11  
after Mass for  
donuts and coffee  
in the cafeteria.

## Brooks' Body Shop

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