

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14th, 2024

The Gospel is from St. Luke 24:35-48. Our Lord's glorious resurrection is the crowning miracle of his sojourn on earth among men. It is the foundation and cornerstone of our Christian religion. His death on Calvary proved that he was really human; his resurrection proved he was also divine. During his public life he had claimed to be God. Had that claim been untrue God the Father could not have raised him from the dead. By his death he made atonement for the sins of the world — "he nailed them to the tree of the cross"; by his resurrection he opened the gates of death for all men and made them heirs to the eternal life.

We need hardly delay to prove the fact of the resurrection of Christ, for without it there would have been no Christianity, no Christian Church. In the story of the appearance which precedes today's Gospel, we are told how two of Christ's disciples were so depressed and disorientated by his death that they were giving up all interest in the dead Master and were returning home at the first opportunity (the Sabbath, Saturday, had intervened and they could not travel on that day). The Apostles were no better since Good Friday. They had remained behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They had no hope left. They too would have left Jerusalem that Sunday were it not for the story brought by Mary Magdalene that Christ's body had been taken from the tomb. When the risen Christ appeared to the ten Apostles (Thomas was absent) they thought he was a ghost, so far were their thoughts from a possible resurrection.

When the truth sank into their minds, however, they became changed men. After Pentecost day they fearlessly proclaimed to the Jews, of whom they had been frightened, that Christ whom those same Jews had crucified, had risen and was now glorified by the Father. Thousands of Jews in Jerusalem had come to believe in Christ, because they were convinced he had risen and was the Messiah and the Son of God, as he claimed to be. The four Evangelists testify to the truth of the resurrection and we have the exceptional witness of St. Paul whose radical change of life can have only one explanation — he saw the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

Of the fact of the resurrection we can have no doubts; Christianity is inexplicable without it, and Christianity has existed for almost two thousand years. A more important point for consideration today is what this resurrection means to us. "If Christ has not risen," says St. Paul (1 Cor. 15:17), "vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins." But "Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." Our faith then is not in vain, for the founder and foundation of our faith is the Word of God who cannot deceive or be deceived, and his resurrection is the guarantee of our resurrection. He is the "first fruits," the earnest of the full harvest that was to follow after our earthly death. We shall all rise again, in glory if we have been faithful during our time on earth, in a less pleasant state, if we have not followed Christ here below.

Human life has always been the great enigma for philosophers down through the ages. The resurrection of Christ, which causes and guarantees our resurrection, is the one and only explanation of that enigma. If death were the end of man, with all his gifts of intellect and will; if the grave were to enclose forever this noble being whom God has raised above all other earthly creatures and has endowed with super-mundane gifts and aspirations, then indeed man's sojourn on earth would be an inexplicable enigma. But the gifts God gave to man were not simply to help him to make a precarious living and enjoy a fleeting happiness, interspersed with much sadness, for sixty, seventy or even a hundred years. No, they were intended to last for eternity and to reach their real fruition in eternity.

With St. Paul then, we may well sing out today: "O death where is thy victory, O death where is thy sting?...thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15 : 55-57). Yes, Easter time is a time of rejoicing for every true Christian. It is a time for Alleluias, for praising and thanking God. Our happy future is within our reach. Our eternal happiness has been won for us by Christ and is within our grasp, if only we hold fast to the true faith of Christ, taking the rough with the smooth, going through our lesser Gethsemanes and Calvaries as Christ went through his great ones. If we do this we can hopefully await the angel who will roll back the stone from our grave one day, and allow us to enter into the glory of the eternal Easter in heaven.

—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

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING OUR CHURCH BULLETIN EACH WEEK THROUGH EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ADDED TO OUR FILES.

## CHURCH & SCHOOL INFORMATION

*WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!*

### St. Patrick Catholic Church

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#### Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
Wednesday, 12 - 5  
Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1



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### 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.

### Sacrament of the Sick & Last Rites

The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive.

Please call the parish office to schedule or if you are in danger of death, please call 304-691-0537

### 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](http://virtusonline.org).

Thank you for your continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church and school safe for everyone.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of the Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment 304.20.1504. For more information on Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

*"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.*

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, April 14, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for Cayetano by grandma
Monday, April 15, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Irene and Rondel Curtis by David Curtis
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Vicci Tucci
Thursday, April 18, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Shirley Mason by Jim and Matilda Lower
Friday, April 19, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mary Agnes Hines
Saturday, April 20, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Junior Brumley by Cathy & Char Mezera
Sunday, April 21, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sam Aman by Linda Aman. April 7 - 20, 2024.**

## Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Hernan Ayala, Jill Balsler, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy Butcher, John Butcher, Margaret Carr, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Amy Dillon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Holly Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Danielle (Mick) Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Alesha Lehman, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Lisa Marlow, Shirley Murchland, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Catherine Ratliff, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Marge Tiemey, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

**Those who have died:** Fr. Jerome P. McKenna, C.P., 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.**

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

## Special Collection April 20 & 21

You will not have envelopes for this collection. Please clearly mark your donation "special collection."

### Attendance & Collections

Saturday	99
Sunday	236
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>
Saturday	\$1337
Sunday	\$1810
Mail/Drop Box	\$1891
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5038</b>
School	\$235
Votives	\$45
Maintenance	\$125
Loan	\$10
Organ	\$50
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$47,274.18</b>
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	<b>\$67,859.98</b>



## 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Goal \$22,465    Raised \$2,115    9%

Once we reach 50% of our parish goal, all donations are returned to the church as non-assessable income. You can give directly through the church, just mark your donation for CSA.

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



*"I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy" - Jesus to St. Faustina*

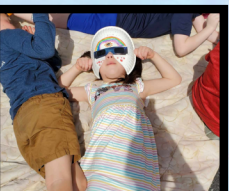
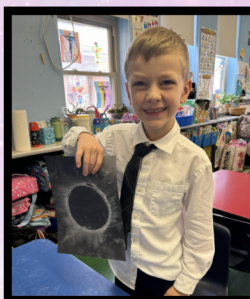
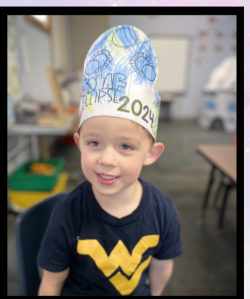
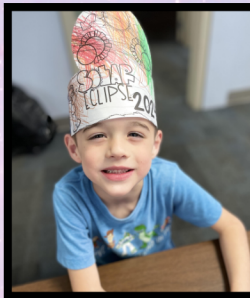
# SCHOOL NEWS



As Preschool learns about space for the next few weeks, they have a spaceship ready to take them anywhere in the galaxy!

**THE ENTIRE SCHOOL LOOKED FORWARD TO LAST WEEK'S SOLAR ECLIPSE. IT WAS WELL ANTICIPATED WITH LESSONS AND CRAFTS. STUDENTS ENJOYED THE CELESTIAL PHENOMENON WITH THEIR CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.**

**VIEWS FROM EARTH**





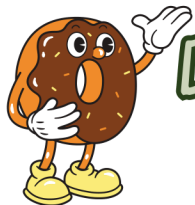
# Eucharistic Testimony

## A Eucharistic Revival Initiative

Unfortunately, the state of the Church in West Virginia when I was growing up did not foster a love of the Eucharist. Heck, I didn't even know much about what I was doing when I received. I remember all of us receiving our First Communion at St. Augustine's in Grafton. We thought it was funny to wince and make a face at receiving the Blood of Christ. I don't even recall being told that it was a sin to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin until one of the last few years of my 12 years of Catholic school! Suffice it to say, Jesus and I were very much strangers, especially in the Eucharist.

As with many people, the deeper conversion of a close family member can begin to change that, though. When I was wrapping up my time in high school, my brother and I went to Camp Bosco together. There, we both experienced Eucharistic exposition for the first time. While I was more invested in singing the songs that accompanied that hour, my brother was experiencing the deep love of Christ. His life changed from that moment on, and he became a stronger Catholic while I drifted from the faith. Eventually, in large part because of my brother's persistent prodding, I realized that this "church" thing could turn my life around and make me happy again.

I started going to Mass again, but was still very confused about the Eucharist. Why, after all, is it so important that God gives Himself to us physically, and that it is actually His Body and Blood? It was a good question, and I'm glad I asked it. As with all questions about the faith, there is a saint that either has a good answer or a good reason to step out in faith. Though I don't remember where I learned it, I know that God's gift of His body is actually a condescension to our nature as beings with both spirits AND bodies. If He remained in us by simply leaving His Holy Spirit, it would be enough, but God, in His infinite goodness, chose to satisfy us more deeply by being physically available to us at every Mass. Thus, he can appeal to us physically and spiritually in the same gift of Self. There is no question of whether or not He is capable of doing this through the person of his priests; an infinite God, who created the Earth, light, dark, every living animal, and humanity, not capable of making bread into His own Body? That would be inconsistent and, not only that, I couldn't believe in a God who isn't capable of that. The two millenia since Christ's resurrection hold countless tales of healings due to reception of the Eucharist and countless writings from saints who tell us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Therefore, regardless of whether or not I feel anything extraordinary at the reception of Jesus at communion time (I almost never have), I can know that Christ is spiritually nourishing me through this reception. I know that He is physically present with me, and I know that this is good. Thus, I give thanks. God is with me. The proof of my spiritual nourishment is in the wonders He has already worked in my life; He has rescued me from the vice-grip of sins that I thought I would be mired in for the rest of my life, and grown virtues where I had nothing. He is greater than any of my weakness, and that starts and ends at His real presence in the Eucharist.



# DONUT SUNDAY!

Join us on Sunday, April 14 for our next Donut Sunday in honor of our First Communicants!

## Angotti Family Scholarship Application 2024

Applicants must be members of St. Patrick Parish and enrolled in college for the 2024 -2025 school year. Application deadline is May 12, 2024.

Completed applications can be returned in the church collection basket or can be mailed to: St. Patrick Church, ATTN: Angotti Family Scholarship, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

## Special Collection April 20 & 21

Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides.

Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries.

The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornados in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St. Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia.

Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

## Women's Day of Reflection

All women of the parish are invited to a Day of Reflection sponsored by the Catholic Daughters on Saturday, April 27. The theme of the event is "On Fire with the Holy Spirit." Please join us in the school cafeteria from 10 AM until 12 noon. A light lunch will follow.

You do not need to be a member of CDA to attend. In fact, we encourage all ladies to take advantage of this opportunity to take some time for yourself and enjoy fellowship with your peers.

A response is appreciated but is not necessary. Respond to Marilyn Bean, 304-884-8884 (h), call or text 304-266-7546 (c), or email at [Msbean1421@aol.com](mailto:Msbean1421@aol.com).

## ON DECK

### Sunday, April 14

Donut Sunday, in honor of our First Communicants

### Monday, April 15

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

### Sunday, May 5

First Communion  
First communion Reception, cafeteria

### Tuesday, May 7

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

### Sunday, May 21

Donut Sunday

### Sunday, June 2

Donut Sunday

### Sunday, June 9

Donut Sunday

## Our Neighbor Collection

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June 30 - July 6th (rising Freshman to HS Seniors)

**Week #2:** July 7 - 13

**Week #3:** July 14 - 20

**Week #4:** July 21 - 27

For a week of adventure, register campers at: <https://campcarlowv.org/>

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