## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28th, 2024

The Gospel is from St. John 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today. The communications media are now very technically improved and perfected and can be, and sometimes are, a means for good. Unfortunately, more frequently, they are the channels of bad example. The evil deeds of men have more "news value" than their good deeds. And it is so much easier to follow the bad example! Permissiveness, rejection of authority, glorification of unlawful sexual indulgence, drug addiction, and other such crimes are placed before the minds and the eyes of the youth of today, and are unfortunately copied by far too many.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ.

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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# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

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



#### St. Patrick Catholic School

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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**

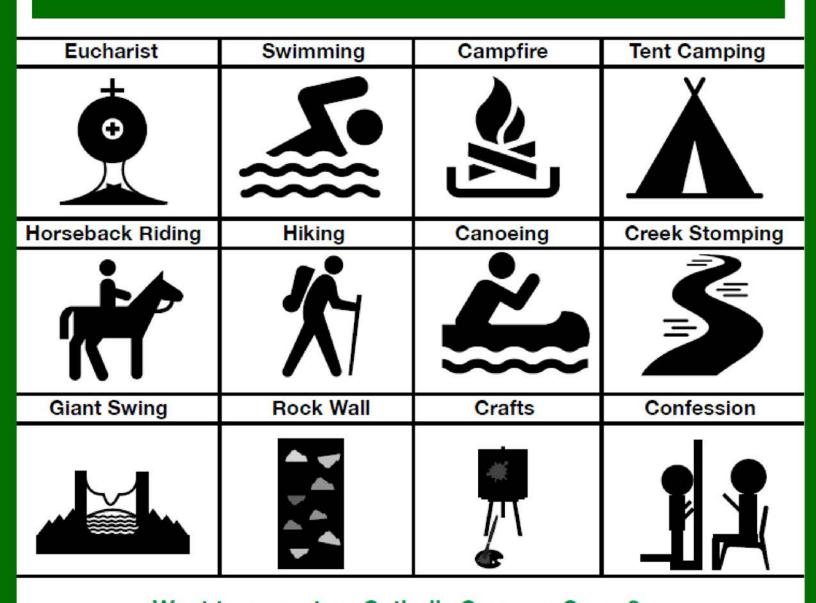
St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete 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.

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, 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.

# Camp Carlo



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# **Earth Day Art**

Children learn to be good stewards of the Earth with crafts that foster the appreciation of nature.













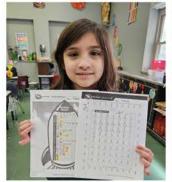








Rocket Math winners enjoy cake as a reward for their hard work.









### **Pre-School Crafts**

Pre-school made some adorable creations this week! Using two-liter soda bottles they painted on the leaves of cherry blossom trees. Students also made a Lorax craft for Arbor day!

#### **Trees**

By <u>Joyce Kilmer</u>
I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

> A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer, "Trees" from Poetry 2, no. 5 (August 1915)





























#### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, April 28, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †J. R. Rowan by family
Monday, April 29, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rev. Fr. Jerome P. McKenna
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †James Blake and Bryan Francis
Thursday, May 2, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Pat & Roberta Karp by family
Friday, May 3, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala
Saturday, May 4, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Marcia Tucci by Lee O'Mara
Sunday May 5 2024	8:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 5, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for our First Communicants

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of James Blake. April 21 - May 4, 2024.

#### **Prayer List**

Those who are sick: John Butcher, (Ruby), Heman Ayala, Jill Balser, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy 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, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Catherine Ratliff, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

**Those who have died:** Shirley Murchland, 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 deaconate 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, Kaedalynne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

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#### March myEoffering Donations, Utilities and Other Expenses

Income

General Fund: \$2541.89 School: \$591.97 Maintenance: \$205.78 Loan: \$71.28 CSA: \$100.20

#### **Expenses**

Utilities \$6557.68 (All buildings)
Copier Lease and copies \$819.21
Pest Control \$140

#### **First Communion Mass**

On Sunday, May 5 will will celebrate First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Ondeck will offer Mass at 8:30 a.m. to prevent over crowding at the 10:30 Mass.

Attendance & Collections			
Saturday	113		
Sunday	209		
Total	322		
Saturday	\$1033		
Sunday	\$1006		
Mail/Drop Box	\$0		
Total	\$2039		
School	\$84		
Votives	\$116		
Maintenance	\$810		
Loan	\$40		
Organ	\$10		
Wesbanco Balance	\$47,274.18		
Organ Loan Bal.	\$67,859.98		



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# Congrapulations!

We are excited to welcome another member into the Christian Community through the sacrament of baptism, Raelynn Holmer. Raelynn is pictured above with her mother and father, Chad & Natalie Holmer, and her godparents Michael James & Marta Tlalka.

#### Join us in Praying for those who will be Receiving First Holy Communion Next Week

Grayson Clevenger
Brody Donaldson
Baylee Farnsworth
Christian Greathouse
Marcileen Queen
Kaedalynne Riley
Ricky Walsh
Isaiah Messer
Claire Cid
Mason Karp
Ezekiel Deaton
Jagger Gibson

THE SACRAMENTS ARE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE FATHER'S TENDERNESS AND LOVE TOWARDS EACH OF US. -POPE FRANCIS

# 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.

# Visitors from Franciscan University



We were honored to have these young men from ASJ house of Franciscan University at Mass on Sunday, April 21. They were on a retreat and staying at the home of their housemate, Devin O'Sullivan. One parishioner noted that it warmed her heart to see so many young men attending Mass.

# Please Donate to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Goal \$22,465 Raised \$2,115 9%

Once we have raised \$11,232.50 (50% of our parish goal), all donations are returned to the church as non-assessable income. You can give through the diocese by picking up an envelope/pledge card from the vestibule or give through the church, just mark you donation for CSA.

Thank you to everyone who has given so far!



#### ON DECK

Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m., Mass 10:30 a.m., Mass with First Communion First communion Reception, cafeteria

Tuesday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 19

**Donut Sunday** 

Monday, May 20

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, cafeteria

Thursday, May 16

Pre-K graduation

Friday, May 17

Pre-School Moving Up Ceremony

Thursday, May 23

Final All School Mass for this school year

Friday, May 24

School picnic

Sunday, June 2

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

Blood of Jesus

Eucharist Procession Donut Sunday

Sunday, June 9

**Donut Sunday** 

#### **Our Neighbor Collection**

April: Bath Sop, Deodorant and feminine products

May: Shampoo and Conditioner

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

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#### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Victory 379

Third Monday (Sept—May). 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria



#### Knights of Columbus Council 1415

First Tuesday of each month. 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria