# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5th, 2024

The Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done." We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance. Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in heaven which Christ has won for you.

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

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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
Monday, May 6, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for the Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Tuesday, May 7, 2024*	6:00 PM	Communion Service
Wednesday, May 8, 2024*	6:00 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, May 9, 2024	8:15 AM	No Mass
Friday, May 10, 2024	8:15 AM	No Mass
Saturday, May 11, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 12, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

# Changes to the Mass Schedule for this Week

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, (May 7 and 8), we will have a Communion Service instead of Mass. We WILL have Adoration on both days beginning at 5:00 p.m.

We will not have Mass on Thursday, May 9 or, Friday, May 10.

# **Prayer List**

Those who are sick: John Butcher, (Ruby), Hernan 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, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Lisa Marlow, Dan Mick, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Catherine Ratliff, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Bob Thompson, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

**Those who have died:** Bill Pratt, 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, Ezekiel Deaton, Brody Donaldson, Baylee Farnsworth, Jagger Gibson, Christian Greathouse, Mason Karp, Isaiah Messer, Marcileen Queen, Kaedalynne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

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The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor and memory of all mothers, May 5 - May 18, 2024.

Attendance & Collections			
Saturday	104		
Sunday	205		
Total	309		
Saturday	\$1564		
Sunday	\$1419		
Mail/Drop Box	\$390		
Total	\$3682		
School	\$75		
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# Congratulations

# FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Sunday, May 5, 2024 Claire Cid Grayson Clevenger Ezekiel Deaton Brody Donaldson Baylee Farnsworth Jagger Gibson Christian Greathouse Mason Karp Isaiah Messer Marcileen Queen, Kaedalynne Riley Ricky Walsh

Join us after Mass for a small reception in the cafeteria celebrating our First Communicants!



# Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue

Lovely Lady dressed in blue ——
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
Tell me what to say!

Did you lift Him up, sometimes, Gently on your knee? Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things ———
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear Me if I speak low? Does He understand me now? Tell me ———for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue ——
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
And you know the way.

by Mary Dixon Thayer

# MAY IS THE MONTH OF

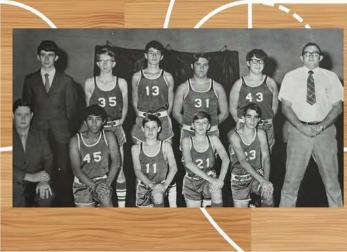
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# WE NEED YOU!

One Mission One Day is on May 7th! This year, we're rallying our community to make a lasting impact by upgrading the basketball hoops at our beloved St. Patrick's gym. How many of you have shot hoops at St. Pat's or shared countless memories in this iconic space? Our gym isn't just a place—it's the heart of our community, still bustling with activity year-round! Show your support and check out our story by visiting onemissiononeday.org, selecting St. Patrick School, and contributing! Early donations open today also! Together, we can ensure our gym remains a vibrant hub for generations to come.





# Mother's Day 7ea & Concert

Please Join us Sunday May 12th, 1pm to 2pm at St. Patrick's gym.

Enjoy the children's singing while having a treat!



# Pre-K Graduation!

Join us on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. for our Pre-K graduation.



# Pre-School Moving-Up Ceremony!

Join us on Friday, May 17 at 12:15 p.m. for our Pre-School Moving-Up Ceremony.















June 30 - July 6 July 7 - July 13 July 14 - July 20 July 21- July 27







# Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 9.



# Please Donate to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal

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!

Goal \$22,465 Raised \$8,330 37%

# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 2

Join us on Sunday, June 2 for our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus! Help us BEAR WITNESS in our Catholic faith of the REAL presence of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist!



Our next Donut Sunday will be on May 19, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Wear red to Mass and join us for coffee, donuts and fruit to celebrate the birthday of the Church!



# **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.

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Bennett Rollins Moran on receiving the sacrament of baptism!

Bennett is pictured above with his parents Adam & Shayna Moran, brother Luke, and godparents, David & Megan Moran.

Welcome to the family, Bennett!

# 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

# Thursday, May 9

Parish Office closed

# Sunday May 12

- 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.
   Mother's Day Tea and concert, gym
- Deadline for the Angotti Family Scholarship.

# Sunday, May 19

**Donut Sunday** 

## Monday, May 20

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

### Thursday, May 16

6:00 p.m., Pre-K graduation

### Friday, May 17

12:15 p.m., 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

Eucharist Procession Donut Sunday

# Sunday, June 9

**Donut Sunday** 

# **Our Neighbor Collection**

May: Shampoo and Conditioner

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