PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19th, 2024

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . . Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations. —Excepted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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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.

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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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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Saturday, May 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for Cecilia by grandma
Sunday, May 19, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, May 20, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for the healing of Alex Lukas
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Marie McKisic and †Nellie King
Thursday, May 23, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Benefactors of St. Patrick School
Friday, May 24, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Saturday, May 25, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 26, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †those who died in service to our country.

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory all who lost their life in service to our country, May 19 - June 1, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Heman Ayala, Jill Balser, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, John Butcher, Margaret Carr, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Amy Dillon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Holly Garton, Janie Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, 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 who recently recieved 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

Attendance & Col	lections
Saturday	102
Sunday	205
Total	307
Saturday	\$1071
Sunday	\$1624
Mail/Drop Box	\$150
Total	\$2845
School	\$90
Votives	\$42
Maintenance	\$
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$47,274.18
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Attendance May 4t	h & 5th
Saturday	86
Sunday - 8:30 am	57
Sunday - 10:30 am	219

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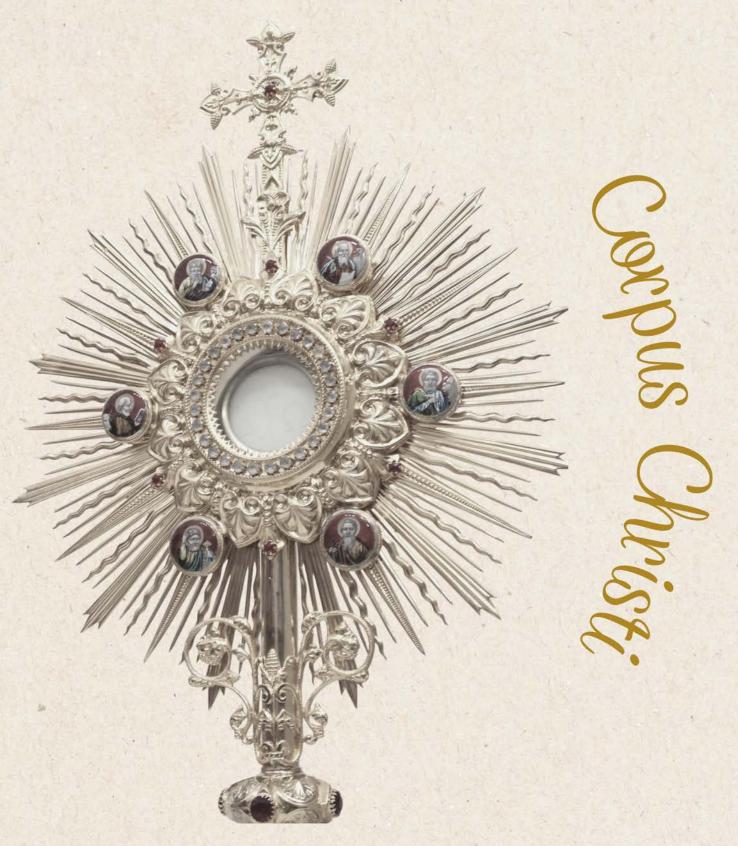


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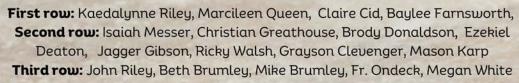
Join us for a Eucharistic Procession in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 2, 2024



After the procession, we will have donuts and coffee in the cafeteria.

First Communion, 2024







Father Ondeck and May Queen, Kaedalynne process together at Mass on Sunday, May 5.

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH



Grade

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN

8th Grade

<u> LUNGH</u>

Father Ondeck treated our three 8th graders and their teacher to lunch at Thyme Bistro on Tuesday, May 14.

Darryl and Jarrett Queen, Brooklyn Oldaker, Fr. Ondeck, and Ms. Bush





















Virtue Award Winners

February (Prudence)

Winners: Allison Barker, Gracelyn Hill, and Molly Anderson.

Your wisdom and thoughtful decision-making are truly commendable!

March (Respectfulness)

Winners: Brantlee Craig, Mason Nash, and Baylee Farnsworth.

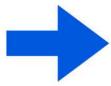
Your demonstration of respect towards others sets a shining example for our community!

April (Obedience)

Winners: Ryleigh Murphy, Darryl Queen, and Matthew Peters.

Your obedience to guidance and commitment to following the right path inspire us all!

Preschool



Pre-K

Students visited their next classrooms for step up day. These adorable preschoolers are nearly prekinders!









SCHOOL NEWS

Mother's Day Tea & Concert

Mrs. Ayala put on a beautiful concert in honor of the mothers in our community. Thank you, Mothers, for all that you do for your children!

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." -St. Therese of Lisieux

































Rosary Rally



Students hosted a Rosary Rally for the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. Girls presented flowers to the statue of Our Lady and the children led the rosary.

2023-2024 Aquinas Award Recipient

Congratulations to Conner Jordan for being chosen as a recipient of the Aquinas Award! The Aquinas Award is one of the highest honors a student can receive on behalf of the diocese. It is awarded to students who represent the ideals of Catholic education: faithful discipleship, excellence in learning, leadership, and service to the school, parish, and community. Conner embodies these qualities as an excellent student and faithful Catholic. We are very proud of him and we are grateful he is a part of of school and parish community!





2023-2024 St. Patrick Award Recipient

The St. Patrick's Award is given to a student who demonstrates the characteristics of Saint Patrick. Courage, devotion to faith, humility, and temperance are a few of the qualities a winner is selected for. Actively participating in mass, proving exemplary in course studies, and being a positive role model toward fellow students of St. Patrick School are additional necessities of award winners. Ella exemplifies all of these qualities and more. We are grateful to have her in our middle school program as she continues to be an example of how to live a virtuous life as the great Saint Patrick, our school patron, did.

WV Agriculture Poster Contest

Congratulations to Jillie McCartney and Lucas Clevenger on placing in the WV Agriculture Poster Contest. Jillie and Lucas placed first and second in the county.



ALUMNI NEWS



St. Sebastian Medal Recipient

St. Patrick parishioner and school alumni, Stormee Frymier was awarded the St. Sebastian Medal for Notre Dame High School. The St. Sebastian Medal is presented to high-achieving student athletes from the diocese's Catholic high schools. It is presented to athletes who exhibit sportsmanship, teamwork and academic excellence and who show respect for their schools, classmates, teammates, opponents, parish, and community.

uo Vadis Retreat

Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

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Thursday, May 23

Final All School Mass for the 23-24 academic year

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Friday, May 24 School picnic

Sunday, May 26 8th Grade Graduation at Mass Reception to follow

Monday, May 27 9:00 a.m., Memorial Day Mass

Friday, May 31
Priesthood Ordination

Sunday, June 2
Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and
Blood of Jesus
Eucharist Procession

Friday, June 7th
Diaconate Ordination

Donut Sunday

Sunday, June 9
Donut Sunday sponsored by the children

of Mike and Beth Brumley

Our Neighbor Collection

May: Shampoo and Conditioner

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

The Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with Thee, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.

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