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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

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.
Monday, May 27, 2024	9:00 AM	Mass for †Larry and Rob Dodson by Luke, Benjamin and Samuel Milinovich
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	5:50 PM	Communion Service
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	5:50 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, May 30, 2024	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Friday, May 31, 2024	8:15 AM	No Mass
Saturday, June 1, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli by Frank Renzelli
Sunday, June 2, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

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, Steve Murray, 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, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

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 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.

Attendance & Collections			
Saturday	109		
Sunday	192		
Total	301		
Saturday	\$1407		
Sunday	\$87		
Mail/Drop Box	\$110		
Total	\$2392		
School	\$65		
Votives	\$56		
Maintenance	\$64		
Loan	\$40		
Organ	\$20		
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Income

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Expenses

Utilities \$7165.03 (All buildings)
Copier Lease and copies \$701.65
Pest Control \$142

Corpus Chrisz.

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.

As we prepare for our Eucharistic Procession next Sunday, let's educate ourselves and our children on the importance of the event.

The first is a letter from a parishioner explaining what the procession meant to him. Next, is an excerpt from a blog on the National Eucharistic Revival website (https://www.eucharisticrevival.org). It includes history of how the Church came to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the important task we, the faithful, have in sharing this belief outside of the church.

To the Faithful of St. Patrick's,

I was a protestant almost all of my life and the concept of the real presence in the Eucharist was very foreign to me. The protestant churches I attended passed out "communion" but it was made very clear that the bread and wine were only symbols. There was far more reverence for the coffee and donuts that were made available before church than communion. My conversion to Catholicism has changed my view of "communion". In fact, the Catholic teaching on the Eucharist is one of the reasons I became Catholic (the sacrament of reconciliation was another reason). The Catholic Church offers us salvation in the sacraments, and the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of Christian life. It makes us more like Jesus and receiving it takes away venial sins! The procession around the block was very powerful for me because it shows that we really believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. My hope is that next year our parish will be packed on Corpus Christi so all of us can stand shoulder to shoulder as we process around the block. May we always be proud to proclaim the power of the Eucharist!

May the Lord bless you!

Excerpt from Eucharistic Processions and Pilgrimages for Children

by Katie Bogner, May 31, 2023

As the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Body and Blood of Christ—draws near, many parishes are planning Eucharistic processions, and our country is preparing for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage which will begin in May 2024! We've been blessed as a Church to celebrate Corpus Christi for over 750 years.

The significance of this solemnity is as relevant today as it was in 1264, when Pope Urban IV declared it a feast of the Universal Church. A year before that, a priest was struggling to believe that the Eucharist was truly Jesus' Body and Blood. While celebrating Mass at the tomb of St. Christina, something miraculous happened. Just as the priest spoke the words of Consecration, the host began to bleed! When the pope heard what had happened, he instructed the bishop of the diocese to bring the host and the corporal with the drops of blood to the cathedral in Orvieto. This procession was met by Pope Urban IV, and the relics were placed in the cathedral where they can still be venerated today. The pope created the Solemnity of Corpus Christi as an opportunity to celebrate the gift of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ truly present in the Eucharist.

Corpus Christi processions and Eucharistic Pilgrimages are wonderful ways to celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They do require some forethought, but these public expressions of our faith need not be reserved to distant locations or entail elaborate planning. And they are certainly not just for pious adults. Rather, anyone can participate in processions and pilgrimages, including children! When you consider sharing these prayerful practices with children, use the following talking points and activities to help them grow in understanding and devotion.

What is a Eucharistic Procession?

A Eucharistic procession is like a holy parade that brings Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, into the world that he loves. The Blessed Sacrament is placed in a monstrance and carried out of the church by a priest. A Eucharistic procession sometimes begins at one church and ends at another and is connected to the celebration of the Mass or a time of Adoration.

The procession can be a short walk around the neighborhood of a church or can stretch for miles and miles from start to finish. Along the way, Jesus is accompanied by priests, deacons, altar servers, and people of all ages. Together they can pray the Rosary, sing hymns, or walk in silent prayer. Processions are often planned for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi but can take place just about any time of the year.

The altar servers or other members of the Eucharistic procession might carry a canopy, processional cross, candles, a thurible, or bells. One type of processional canopy, a baldacchino, is held over the monstrance by four servers holding a pole for each corner. This creates a sacred space that is set aside for the Eucharist during the movement of the procession. The processional cross is a large crucifix attached to a long handle that can be lifted high for all to see. The candles remind us of Jesus, the Light of the World, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The thurible is filled with burning incense, which releases sweet-smelling smoke that rises to the sky, symbolizing our prayers rising to heaven. The bells incorporate another of our five senses, announcing that Jesus is here with us. A Eucharistic procession is a wonderful opportunity to worship our Lord and pray together as a community as we witness our faith publicly to the world.

The Family is an Icon of the Trinity

Fr. Anthony Ferguson, Homily from June 14, 2022

Today the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. Whenever we start digging into the theology of the Most Holy Trinity, I think it's pretty easy to get overwhelmed by all the technical terms that the Church (guided by the Holy Spirit) has developed over the past two thousand years in order to systematically speak about this most profound, transcendent Mystery of our faith. Words like Divine Substance, Persons, Processions, Real Relations, Spiration, Generation — these are all highly specialized, hugely important technical terms that help us meditate on the beauty and grandeur of the inner life of God in both His Unity and Trinity. This theology is beautiful, and it is a gift from God. Jesus promised in our Gospel today that the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth, and we've been blessed by so many theologians and Ecumenical Councils that have handed down this language to us.

But today, rather than unpacking all of that theological terminology, I'd like to instead try bringing things much closer to home. Because if the Most Holy Trinity really is the "the central mystery of Christian faith and life" as the Catechism says it is, then it cannot remain something abstract and distant from us. It has to become absolutely central to who we are as Catholics... A daily, lived reality. Thankfully, God Himself agrees. And He has created and designed something so obvious, so fundamental... so simple... so universally experienced by all of us... to help bring the Holy Trinity down to earth for us: He created the Human Family. That's right: the Human Family teaches us about who God is, and what it means for Him to be the Holy Trinity. After all, the Son of God Himself took flesh and came to us through what else... but a human family?!?! This is massive! It's fundamental! Jesus came to us in a family. With a mother and a father. We can therefore only know God as Trinity because of the Human Family.

The last three popes have all made this very clear. Pope St. John Paul II, as part of his famous 'Theology of the Body,' once said that: "Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family." Pope Benedict XVI declared that: "The human family, in a certain sense, is an icon of the Trinity because of its interpersonal love and the fruitfulness of this love." Pope Francis reiterated this when he wrote that "the triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection." What do we mean exactly when we say something like "the family is the living reflection of the triune God?" Well, let's start at the very beginning! In the Book of Genesis, we are taught that human beings have been created in the image and likeness of God: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." That last line is key — Our existence as male or female is intrinsically connected to the way we live out this image and likeness of God, this image of the Holy Trinity. Something is built into us — into the very fabric of our human nature as men and women — and it communicates the eternal truth that God is a Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The fact of the matter is that God created us either male or female. I know this is very controversial to say today...

I just recently watched Matt Walsh's new documentary, "What is a Woman?" and suffice to say — this homily would not go over very well with some of the people he interviewed, however well-intentioned they might be. But this objective truth cannot and should not be avoided. It is a question of Reality. And it strikes right at the center of why we are here...Maleness and Femaleness is not something we get to decide or produce for ourselves. It is not a social construct that is arbitrarily assigned at birth. It is who we actually are, both physically and spiritually. You are a man or a woman, and this is not the result of personal choice or a feeling. It's inscribed in your biology — In your body! It's what God created you to be. And this is actually VERY GOOD NEWS! Because the fact that you are a man, or that you are a woman tells you something very crucial: It tells you that you are made for relationship. It tells you that you were made for love — to communicate yourself with another. You don't explain yourself! Your biology doesn't explain itself. You don't make sense apart from another... another person! And not just any other person — but a person who is complimentary to you. A person who is distinct and different from you. Simply put: Men and women are MADE for each other. They need each other to make sense of themselves! And what's more, God has so designed male and female that when they come together in an act of self-giving love, they become a kind of created version — by analogy — of what's been going on in the Holy Trinity for all eternity.

Think about it for just a moment: From all eternity, the Father gives Himself away in love to the Son. And in return, the Son, from all eternity, gives Himself away to the Father. And from this perfect union, there comes forth... there proceeds a Third Person — the Love that they share is Himself the Holy Spirit. This sounds a lot like a family, doesn't it? The husband gives himself to his bride, and the bride gives herself to her husband, and from that beautiful and good and natural union of love — a child comes forth! In a deep and profound way, this is why the Catholic Church only affirms marriage as being between one man and one woman. There is something deeply sacred — deeply Trinitarian — about the union of spouses which is open to and able to bear children.

We're now obviously in the thick of Pride month. It's all around us... And I know that many of us are confused about how to best love our neighbors, our friends, our family members who experience same-sex attraction or some form of gender dysphoria. I know I struggle with how best to welcome everyone unconditionally, while also holding to what I know that God has revealed out of love for each and every one of us. But here's the important thing to remember: As Catholics, our defense of natural marriage, of the traditional family — should NEVER be rooted in hatred or fear, but in love and reverence for the Most Holy Trinity. It must always be born out of a deep and profound respect for God's Creation of male and female. All our efforts to uphold the dignity of marriage needs to be founded on the conviction that the family is a living icon of the Trinity.

Now... at this point, maybe you're thinking: "I don't know about this. My family is pretty messed up. How can it be a "living icon" of the Trinity... And that is a fair question. Because if all of this is true... if God designed the family to image the eternal love and communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit — then we can then see how terribly damaging it is when families aren't what God intended them to be....When a father abandons his wife and kids. When spouses cheat on one another and betray one another. When bitter fights erupt and grudges smolder for decades. When family members are addicted to drugs, alcohol, or porn. When there is unforgiveness, greed, resentment, and envy... When there is fierce competition and comparison going on... When family members use one another for their own selfish ends... When there's verbal or even physical abuse happening. These are all TERRIBLE distortions of God's plan for our families. And unfortunately, those realities do damage our understanding of who God is. We can so easily forget that God our Father is Goodness and Love, and we can begin to see Him as a harsh, or destructive presence in our life.

So what a great responsibility, we have, therefore, to strive to grow in holiness as families! It is our privilege and our task to cooperate with God's grace in order to better reflect, each and every day, the love and communion of God. But if you're still sitting there thinking: "But Father, you really don't know my family. We are hopeless. We are so screwed up...you wouldn't even believe it" — if that's you. If you're feeling guilty or ashamed right now, then I just want to encourage you: Be not afraid!

We've all been wounded in some way, in this regard — NOBODY'S FAMILY IS PERFECT... If you're looking across the church right now thinking... "Man that family over there is perfect" ...TRUST ME... They're not. None of our families are perfect. We all have baggage to work through. We all have memories that need to be healed, and we all ave relationships to be reconciled either in this life or in the next. And so I encourage you: Be at peace, and trust that God is working through your family in ways we might not be able to understand fully right now... He's even working through our faults and failings. But we still have to be honest about those failings. We ought to confess them regularly in the Sacrament of Penance. We owe it to our families to keep growing, to keep striving, to keep going deeper in our journey of healing. Mother Theresa famous said once: "If you want to bring peace to the whole world, go home and love your family." That is so true, and I believe if we turn to the Lord of all love — that Trinitarian, total self-giving love — He will help us to do just that: To go home, and love our families. He will help you and your family become more and more a clear and tangible icon of the Most Holy Trinity.



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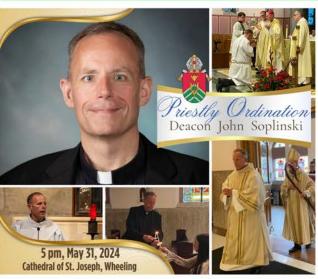
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Donuts x = gummm!

Please join us for double the donuts in June!

On June 2 we will close the Feast of Corpus Christi with coffee and donuts sponsored by Larry and Luanne Bowers. Then on June 9, we will CELEBRATE the ordination of parishioner Mike Brumley to the role of permanent Deacon. Mike will be one of twenty men to complete the program and become permanent deacons for our diocese. This celebration is sponsored by the children of Mike and Beth Brumley.





Joe Begins his Summer Assignment

Our seminarian, Joe
Derico, began his
summer assignment this
week at Sacred Heart
Parish in Bluefield.
Please continue to pray
for him and all of our
seminarians.



Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mass on Monday, May 27 will be at 9:00 a.m.
The parish office will be closed.

ON DECK

Sunday, May 26

8th Grade Graduation at Mass Reception to follow

Monday, May 27

9:00 a.m., Memorial Day Mass The parish office is closed for Memorial Day.

Friday, May 31

Priesthood Ordination

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

Eucharist Procession Donut Sunday 4:45, CDA Birthday Dinner and installation of officers

Friday, June 7th

Diaconate Ordination

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.

Attention Catholic Daughters!

CDA will have their annual birthday celebration and installation of new officers on Sunday, June 2. The event will take place at the Jane Lew Community Center, 6161 Main Street, Jane Lew.

Pulled pork BBQ will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

Officer installation will take place at 4:45 PM. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM.

RSVP to Kelli Jo by June 1, 304-282-0023.



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