

St. Patrick's Church

September 8, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catechesis Launch at St. Patrick's

You may remember from your time in CCD as a child the old Baltimore Catechism question: "Why am I here?" This is the question that everyone has asked themselves at least once in their life. This question should drive our daily purpose and does whether we recognize it or not. Unfortunately, many fall into atheism or nihilism and answer the question of purpose with, "There is no meaning." The majority of our culture falls under the hedonistic category, saying with their words or actions: "Whatever optimizes my sensual pleasure that is what I will do. I am here to have as much fun as possible and as little suffering." But of course, solid Catholics know the answer to the question to be: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him for ever in heaven."

We as Catholics may "know" the answer, but do we live it? If our entire purpose on this earth is to know, love, and serve God we need to ensure right prioritization. We absorb ourselves with the knowledge that will help us to obtain a rewarding career, we study diligently our bank accounts, spend hours on social media to learn about what our loved ones are doing, and our google search history is filled with menial questions that pop up throughout our day.

Do we know our faith? We are called to know our faith beyond rote memorization- we are called to know three persons, one God- the Holy Trinity in the most intimate way. The Christian life is no walk in the park. It is a battle; no battle can anticipate success without a mission. This mission is to know, love, and serve God. This mission leads us to our eternal destination "...to be happy with Him forever in Heaven."

Blessed are we to have teachings of holy mother Church! The time to tap into her teachings is NOW. St. Patrick's Church is excited to launch many opportunities to know more about the Catholic faith beginning on September 15th- Catechetical Sunday. Let's be a community equipped with the teachings of our Catholic faith, supported by the joy of Christian community. Be sure to check out what we have to offer in these following pages.

Three Reasons to Study Your Faith

by Dr. James Merrick

1. Knowledge Helps Liberate Us from Sin

The Catechism teaches that the original sin of Adam and Eve deprived the human soul of God's original gift of holiness and justice and, consequently, the wounded human nature is "subject to ignorance" (CCC 405).

The supervisor of my doctoral dissertation, the late John Webster, eloquently elaborates how sin disrupts the proper functioning of our minds:

"The performance of our intellectual nature is distorted by the fall. The depravity of the intellect is not such that our intellectual nature is wholly destroyed ... But in the wake of the fall, our intellect is no longer well-directed; it no longer moves swiftly to its goal, but is dissipated ... Indeed, the human mind, because of its darkness, cannot hold to the right path, but wanders through various errors and stumbles repeatedly ... " (John Webster, What Makes Theology Theological, 26)

We should be careful, then, to discipline our minds so that they can overcome their disability.

The more truth we know, the better we are able to assess our circumstances and follow the Lord, the more capable our minds will be to perceive goodness and discern the deceptions of evil. Study is not optional; it is essential for our full participation in the gift of new life from the Holy Spirit.

2. God Is Wise and His Children Cherish His Wisdom

The longest Psalm and longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, which repeatedly praises the wisdom of God in his commandments and precepts, urging worshippers to meditation on them. "God is Truth itself," says the Catechism, and so "one can abandon oneself in full trust to the truth and faithfulness of his word in all things" (CCC 215).

How could we expect to know by ignorance and foolishness a God whose very nature is knowing? Do we think the God of truth and wisdom prefers ignorant and foolish children? Surely to grow as a child of an all-knowing Father is to grow in wisdom through diligent study.

3. The Intellect Is the Highest Faculty of the Soul

In our day, we tend to think we should follow our feelings, not our thoughts; our hearts, not our minds. The ancient motto "Know thyself," which prioritized knowledge over feeling has been replaced with "be true to yourself" which prioritizes feeling over knowledge.

But the traditional view of the human person is that the intellect is the supreme faculty of the soul and a human person functions properly when the intellect informs the will and disciplines the passions. We are truest to ourselves when we live in accordance with our reason.

Read full article here: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/2020/01/27/the-importance-of-studying-your-faith/>

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.

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

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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.

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

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

"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, September 7, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 8, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for Alex and Fiona Ayala's 12th anniversary by Mary Hall
Monday, September 9, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for Christian by Grandma
Tuesday, September 10, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country.
Thursday, September 12, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Marcia Tucci by Lee O'Mara
Friday, September 13, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Saturday, September 14, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 15, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †John Butcher by Ed and Anita Droppleman

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sam Aman by Linda Aman, September 8 - 21, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Herman Ayala, Jill Balser, Allison Barker, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Holly Garton, Janie Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, Lisa Marlow, Patty Moody, Steve Murray, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tiemey, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

Those who have died: Eddie O'Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Rodney Hefner, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

All Veterans, and Military Personnel:

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

All seminarians: Especially Joe Derico, and Bryan Tedeschi

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	105
Sunday	215
Total	320
Saturday	\$1314
Sunday	\$1345
Mail/Drop Box	\$710
Total	\$3374
School	\$385
Votives	\$120
Maintenance	\$200
Loan	\$4400
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$46,014.29
Organ Loan Bal.	\$65,912.10

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**Special Collection for
the Archdiocese of
Imphal
September 7 & 8**

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an envelope from the pew
and mark it for the
Archdiocese of Imphal.



2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

**Goal \$22,465 Raised \$10,840 48%
Need \$392.50 (to reach 50%)**

Once we reach the 50% mark or \$11,232.50, all donations made to this appeal are returned in full to the parish! You may give online at dwc.org or by putting your donation in the collection basket. Please make sure it is CLEARLY marked for CSA or the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Learn With Us

Adult Catechesis

Scripture Series
with Deacon Mike Brumley

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We will host an Adult Discussion series on Holy Scripture and the interdependence between Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and Authority of the Church. Bring your bible and a notepad.



Sundays
Beginning September 15th
9:15 AM
School Cafeteria

OCIA

Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults
*with Catechists Megan White &
Kara Milinovich*

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- Want to be Catholic?
- Curious about Catholic teachings?
- A Catholic Adult in need of Confirmation?
- Catholic and wishing you knew the fundamentals of your faith better?

join us to explore the basics of the Catholic faith!



Sundays
Beginning September 15th
9:15 AM
Upstairs in the School



Revive

Sacramental
Revisitation for
Adults
with Catechist Beth Brumley

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You are invited to learn about the sacraments of reconciliation & communion with a "beginner's mind". We will explore anew the church's teaching on these two sacraments and pray for our students in preparation to receive these gifts for their first time.



Sundays
Beginning September 15th
9:15 AM
Upstairs in the School

Children's Catechesis

with Catechists Delaney Byrnes & Anna Milinovich

Ages 2-6



Ages 7-10



Please pre-Register. In order to maintain proper adult/children ratios, spots are limited until we can secure more volunteers. Registration cannot guarantee a spot.

please note:

a parent or guardian should be in the building and easily reachable while children partake in catechesis.

We are looking for volunteer catechist assistants.

If you have a gift for working with children, we need you!

Email:

mwhite@saintpatricks.school

**Sundays
beginning 9/15
Downstairs in the school
9:00AM -10:10 AM**

High School Catechesis

with Catechist Steven White

Catholic High School students are invited to discuss and enrich their faith in this new student-led program. Come equipped with discussion topics that are important to you.



**Sundays
beginning 9/15
Parish Office
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM**

First Communion

with Catechists Beth Brumley, Mary Lynne Catsam, & Angie Fitzsimmons



Registration is open for children 2nd grade+ who are eligible to receive First Holy Communion in May of 2025

**Sundays
beginning 9/15
School Library (upstairs)
9:15AM -10:00AM**

Confirmation

with Catechists J.J. & Melissa Jordan

This is a continuation of the preparation for the sacrament of confirmation which began last Fall.



Schedule

9/8/24
9/22/24
10/6/24
10/20/24
11/3/24
11/17/24
12/1/24
12/15/24
12/29/24

**Every other Sunday
beginning 9/8
Upstairs in the School
9:15AM**

Schools Filled with Prayer Strengthening Hope, Leadership, and Numbers

(This article appeared in your FaithInWV e-bulletin and The Catholic Spirit on 09/06/2024.)

The Department of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston reported that more families are choosing to send their children to West Virginia Catholic schools, where the focus is not only on academic excellence, but also the development of strong moral and ethical values in a faith-filled environment.

Superintendent Jennifer Hornyak shared that 75 percent (18 of the 24) of Catholic schools in the state saw an increase in enrollment from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025.

Overall, there are 4,706 students enrolled in WV Catholic schools for this year up from 4, 579 last year.

"Parents and grandparents are entrusting us with their children and teaming up with us to develop the whole child academically, socially, and spiritually for today's world and tomorrow's challenges," Hornyak said.

Of the 4,700-plus students in Catholic schools this year more than 1,400 are receiving the state's Hope Scholarship (a state-run ESA program that allows parents and families to utilize a portion of their state education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience – public school alternative - that works best for their individual child.

Hornyak reported while the state ESA program has introduced more families to the possibility of a Catholic education, total enrollment has trended upward for the diocesan school system over the last five years with the largest jump post COVID year in 2021 (4,214 students in 2020-2021 and 4,415 students in 2021-2022). Hope Scholarship began for the 2023-2024 school year.

While the schools have been blessed with increasing enrollment, school administration and faculty remain true to the mission to be a blessing for families.

"Our focus is providing academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment for our students," Hornyak said and added, "However, it's more than that for us. Our focus is also to develop strong moral and ethical values, as well as to guide our children through the highs and lows life brings – ultimately preparing them for a lifetime of strong virtuous decision making." Faith and prayer are intentional realities in Catholic schools, where we seek to discover God in every part of life. More families are choosing our schools to support the character and integrity they want for their children.

Students in WV Catholic schools that are in 13 counties learn about the Church and the world around them in a "Christ-centered supportive learning culture so they feel more positive and confident," she said.

Weaving prayer into the classrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, and playgrounds, leads to prayer at home, community, and work. "It is prayer that gives us balance and hope," Hornyak said.

As the Catholic Church around the world has celebrated the Year of Prayer in 2024, leading up to Pope Francis's 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Catholic schools in WV continues to celebrate the fact that it is prayer that unites and helps their students, faculty, staff, families, and volunteers be more empathetic to and respectful of others.

"Our students can see, learn, and know they make a difference through their hard work, prayer, actions, and service," Hornyak said. "By teaching them in the classroom, at Mass, and through the Sacraments we are giving them the skills to reach their full potential, navigate the future, and empower others – that's leadership."

St. Patrick School, All School Mass

September 6, 2019



September 6, 2024



Mission Co-Op Weekend, Sept 7/8

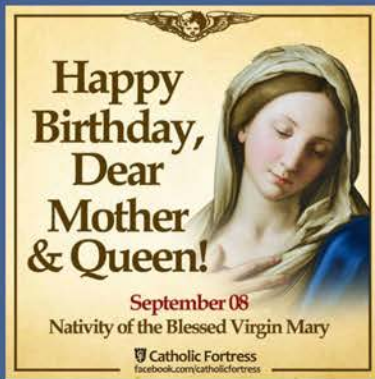
(Archdiocese of Imphal)

The mission diocese of Imphal in the State of Manipur in Northeast India is home to 34 indigenous tribes of Mongolian origin. Ever since first Catholic baptism in 1952, Catholic population has grown up to 1, 01283 as of now. The diocese has 45 parishes, and 8 Mission Centers, 174 priests including 114 indigenous tribal priests. The growth of the Church has always been accompanied by various challenges and persecutions during the past decades. Between 1990 – 2001, six of our young and dynamic missionaries were killed for witnessing the gospel. Yet the Church in Manipur is growing and blessed with lots of vocations to priesthood and religious life.



Special Collection for the Archdiocese of Imphal September 7 & 8

You do not have envelopes for this collection. Please use an envelope from the pew and mark it for the Archdiocese of Imphal.



Donut Sunday September 15

Sponsored by Steven Anisko and the choir.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 29, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Lewis County Park, Large Pavilion

Bring a covered dish and enjoy the afternoon with your parish family.

The parish will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, the Knights will cook them and provide drinks. The Catholic Daughters will provide table cover, plates, napkins, and utensils.

Anyone interested in helping should contact the parish office.

Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Ada Mae Lough who was baptized on Sunday, September 1. She is the daughter of Bailey and Olivia Lough and the sister of Elsie and Dalton. She is pictured with her family and Gary and Susie Cunningham who were proxies for her Godparents, Mark and Sherry Cummings.



ON DECK

September 7 & 8

Special collection for the diocese of Imphal.

Sunday, September 8

Confirmation back in Session

Sunday, September 15

- Adult Catechesis Kickoff, Cafeteria 9:15
- First Communion Formation Kickoff
- OCIA Orientation 9:15AM
- Teen Catechesis 9:15 AM
- Donut Sunday

Monday, September 16

6:00 Catholic Daughters meeting, cafeteria

Sunday September 22

Confirmation

Sunday, September 29

3:00 p.m., Parish Picnic

Lewis County Park, large pavilion

Our Neighbor Collection

September: Paper towels

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

St. Bernard Church

Mass and Homecoming

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Mass and Homecoming at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry.

Mass will be at 1:00 p.m.
Mike Riffle will provide all the food - no need to bring a covered dish.

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