TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death. Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honor in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians - they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening.

These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by 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

| Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 5:30 PM | Mass for †Cathy Snuffer and Beth Nichols by Connie Scott |
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| Sunday, September 22, 2024 | 10:30 AM | Mass for the People of the Parish |
| Monday, September 23, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for Seminarians at St. John Paul II Seminary |
| Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 5:50 PM | Celebrant's Intentions |
| Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | 5:50 PM | Mass for †Robert Sherwin by the Milinovich family |
| Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis |
| Friday, September 27, 2024 | 8:15 AM | Mass for †Monsignor Joseph Peterson |
| Saturday, September 28, 2024 | 5:30 PM | Mass for †Edwin and Mary Mullady |
| Sunday, September 29, 2024 | 10:30 AM | Mass for the People of the Parish |
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The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of victims of abortion., September 22 - October 5, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Heman Ayala, Jill Balser, Allison Barker, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron and Marsha Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Janie Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, Lisa Marlow, Patty Moody, 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: 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 | 88 | |
| Sunday | 195 | |
| Total | 283 | |
| Saturday | \$1821 | |
| Sunday | \$840 | |
| Mail/Drop Box | \$400 | |
| Total | \$3061 | |
| School | \$25 | |
| Votives | \$81 | |
| Maintenance | \$50 | |
| Loan | \$ | |
| Organ | \$ | |
| Wesbanco Balance | \$46,014.29 | |
| Organ Loan Bal. | \$65,912.10 | |

We HIT 50% of our Catholic Sharing Appeal Goal!!! Give Generously. Pray Purposefully. Serve Joyfully.

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St. Patrick Parish is at 50% of our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal. This means that we have fulfilled our parish share to diocesan ministries and outreach programs and everything we raise over 50% will be awarded to the parish, free from Cathedraticum and PHRA. This is a tremendous opportunity!

Please make a donation today! 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.

Adult Catechesis

Scripture Series with Deacon Mike Brumley

Sundays Cafeteria 9:15 AM

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

with Catechists Megan White & Kara Milinovich

Sundays Upstairs in the School 9:15 AM

Revive

Sacramental Revisitation for Adults

with Catechist Beth Brumley

Sundays upstairs in the school 9:15AM

Children's Catechesis

with Catechists Delaney Byrnes & Anna Milinovich

Sundays
Downstairs in the
school
9:00AM -10:10 AM

High School Catechesis

with Catechist Steven White

Sundays upstairs in the parish office 9:15AM













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Don't Miss Out on the Event of the Season!

Our Elimination Dinner is just around the corner, and YOU could be the big winner! Enjoy an unforgettable evening filled with amazing food, exciting prizes, and plenty of fun. The Murphy Family were the top sellers last year and will be so tough to beat this year!

And guess what? We'll be streaming the WVU game during the event, so you won't miss a minute of the action! Go Mountaineers!

Tickets are available NOW in the St. Patrick School office. These are selling FAST, so call 304-269-5547 to grab yours today!





















Father Ondeck was spotted taking Jesus seriously when He said "...unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 18:3)





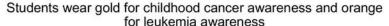














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Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to our church and school!

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern priesthood. We beg Your continued blessings on our Diocese and families. Call forth even more men of generous spirit and fervent love whom You desire for this holy work. Amen.

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Clifton Mastran Birthday: May 1



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.

FOOD HANDLER'S CLASS

The Catholic Daughter's have set up a class for those needing to renew their food handler's card. A representative from the Lewis County Health Department will be in the St. Patrick School cafeteria, September 24 at 6:30 pm. The class will last approximately one hour. Participants will take a written test after class and if the test is passed, will be asked to pay \$15 for a three-year food handler's card. In order to ensure that there are enough materials for participants please call and leave a message, text, or email Donna Lake at 304-476-3426/dlake5977@gmail.com, with your name and intention of attending no later than September 22nd

Join Our Handbell Choir

Become a part of St. Patrick music ministry by joining the handbell choir. Being able to read music is helpful but not necessary. If interested contact Donna Lake at 304-476-3426 or just come to the choir loft for practice Wednesday evening after Mass.

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.

You're Change and Change Lives!



CDA Baby Bottle Fundraiser kicks off Next Weekend

As the month of October, Respect Life month quickly approaches, the Catholic Daughters will once again have their annual "Change For Life" baby bottle project. The project has been a tremendous success in the past, generating over \$4,000 each year which has been distributed to various local causes and organizations to benefit mothers and children.

The Catholic Daughters ask that each family take one bottle home next weekend (September 28, and 29) and fill it with loose change and dollar bills. Even checks, made payable to CDA, will gladly be accepted! Please return all bottles the weekend of October 26th and October 27th. Any contribution you can make, whether great or small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of this special project which allows CDA to help local mothers, children and families.

ON DECK

Sunday September 22

Confirmation Class
OCIA
Adult Catechesis
Children's Catechesis

Sunday, September 29

3:00 p.m., Parish Picnic Lewis County Park, large pavilion

Tuesday, October 1

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

Monday, October 14

6:00 p.m., CDA meeting, cafeteria

Saturday. October 19

School Elimination Dinner

Sunday, October 20

1:00 p.m., Mass and Homecoming at St. Bernard Church, Loveberry

Our Neighbor Collection

September: Paper towels

October: Soap, Deodorant, Feminine
products

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

Choir Practice Resumes

Would you like to be a part of the incredible music program at our parish? The choir practices Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the parish meeting room. For more information, talk with Steven Anisko after Mass.



Steven Anisko and the choir at Mass on Sunday, September 15.

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