October 6th, 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gospel is from St. Mark, 10:2-16. On the "divorce" section of this Gospel see today's First Reading. Christ clearly states that from the very beginning, God's plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman. Its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife. These demand this life-long bond. Divorce, which tries to break this bond, breaks the law of the Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

The last four verses of today's Gospel describe an incident which is in no way connected with the previous discussion but which has a very useful lesson for all Christians. It describes Christ's love for children and while manifesting this love he stresses the need for all his true followers to be childlike. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." To receive the kingdom of God is to accept the teaching of Christ and live according to it in his kingdom on earth. He who does this will enter, after death, into the eternal kingdom of heaven. Christ says, however, that we must accept "like a child": his kingdom on earth, his teaching and the Church he founded to carry on that teaching. It does not mean: in a childish way, an unthinking, uneducated way, but in a child-like way-a humble, grateful, receptive way. A child is unselfconscious, content to be dependent on others' care and generosity. Christianity is a gift of the generous God to us, we have done nothing and never could do anything to merit it. We must accept it simply and gratefully as a gift; we could never deserve it.

While Christianity is a religion of reason and conforms in all its aspects to the rational nature of man—its basis is the revelation of God who is the author and foundation of all rationality—yet it is the heart of man rather than his intellect which Christ means to capture. The assent of the intellect to the doctrine revealed by Christ is not sufficient of itself for a Christian to earn the eternal kingdom; faith is the total acceptance and commitment of the believer to God through Jesus Christ.

The man of true faith commits himself to God with a filial childlike trust, assured that if he does all that he can God will do the rest.

Therefore, our Christian faith must be childlike, a trusting, humble and obedient faith. This is the kind of faith that will move mountains—the mountains that loom so large in the vision of too many Christians today —the mountains of doubt, selfishness, unwillingness to be subjected to authority. Christ asks us, if we would be his followers: to take up our daily cross and climb the way to Calvary after him. This daily cross is made of the troubles and trials of life from which no one can escape. They can be borne with reluctance and grumbling or they can be accepted as the loving God's means of training us for the future life. Every true Christian accepts his trials in the latter way, for if he is true to his faith he knows that his years on earth are his apprenticeship to prepare him for his eternal life.

God is surely not asking too much of us when he asks us to live our Christian faith in childlike humility, candor and confidence during the days of our pilgrimage on this earth.

-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**.

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, October 5, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †June Bess by Margaret Blake
Sunday, October 6, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, October 7, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Junior Brumley by Luke and Benjamin Milinovich
Thursday, October 10, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †John Butcher by Mary Lynn Catsam
Friday, October 11, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Kathy Watson
Saturday, October 12, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Lou Anne Beaton by family
Sunday, October 13, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sam Aman, October 6 - 19, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Hernan 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 Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Diane Walker, 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	82	
Sunday	214	
Total	296	
Saturday	\$1222	
Sunday	\$1291	
Mail/Drop Box	\$200	
Total	\$2713	
School	\$55	
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Maintenance	\$10	
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Organ	\$	
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Organ Loan Bal.	\$65,912.10	



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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.

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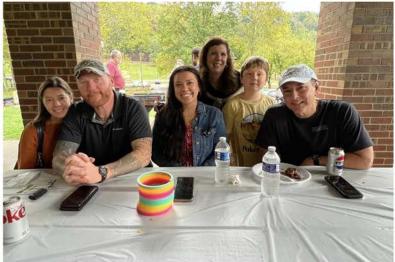
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."1

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of Roe v. Wade, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with some amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide any amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."2

In a tragic way, abortion has become the pre-eminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II's words resonate today: "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life' ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." 3

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And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

•We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.

We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, Walking with Moms in Need.

•We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church's abortion healing ministries like Project Rachel Ministry.

•Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month "Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament": Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

For information on October Respect Life Month, visit https://www.respectlife.org/.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND, SPECIAL COLLECTION OCT. 26-27

In late September, Hurricane Helene slammed the coast of Florida and ravaged portions of the southeast with strong winds and flooding rains. Hundreds of lives have been lost and millions of families lost their homes and everything in them. Entire towns have been destroyed.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 26th-27th, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting dwc.org and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief."

Proceeds from this collection will support the longterm humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA's Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.



Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.



Catholic Charities West Virginia is the largest private provider of social services in West Virginia. Every year we provide help to tens of thousands of vulnerable West Virginians.

CCWVa Disaster Services Program is active in all 4 cycles of Disaster and Emergency Management. Our preparedness activities BEFORE a disaster include establishing and maintaining Emergency Operation Plans, promote preparedness plans, facilitate trainings, and communication such as this one to parishes. The response phase occurs DURING an emergency when responders take the gears. During this phase, our role is communication that keeps our internal contacts informed and updated. Recovery takes place AFTER the disaster has occurred. In WV, there are many organizations like Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Team Rubicon, and others that assist with immediate needs such as water, feeding, muck-out teams and deconstruction. Our role in recovery is long-term recovery. This is after the immediate needs of clean-up and deconstruction. We support households with home repairs, re-building, appliances, essential furniture, and other needs as identified. We also assist clients with mitigation actions such as excavation of yards and driveways, raising HVAC units and raise foundations to prevent FUTURE water damage.

We also offer support to those who have experienced a house fire. We provide up to \$500 per household to assist with returning them to a safe residency. Funds can be used for first month's rent, down payment, utility hook-ups, material, clean-up, or other identified need that will help the applicant get moved in to a new residence

In 2023, CCWVa Disaster Services program provided \$82,000 for repairs and re-building for 76 households from 5 major flood events. We provided \$8323 to house fire recovery helping 22 households return to safe and secure homes.

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All volunteers need to be Virtus Compliant!

If you already have a Virtus account, please log-in and make sure you are compliant and up to date on the latest training and bulletins.

If you do not have an account, please go to virtusonline.org and create one. Flyers are in the vestibule that take you through the process step-by-step. If you need help or have questions or are unable to complete the process online, please call Sandy Mick at the parish office.

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

Safe Environment Training for Kids October 27, after Mass

For students involved in parish activities (children and teen catechesis, First Communion Prep & Confirmation Prep) for those who do NOT attend St. Patrick's School, we are offering a safe environment training.

Parents may choose to teach this information at home or may choose to fill out a form giving their child permission to opt-out of the training.

Opt-out forms can be picked up in the vestibule or the church office.

The Safe Environment training is for children to recognize acceptable and unacceptable behaviors and how to deal with them.

Please register your child in advance by contacting Sandy Mick at secretary@spchurchweston.net.

Your Change can Change Lives!



CDA Baby Bottle Fundraiser

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 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.



Diapers of all sizes are needed!

October 13 or to any

Mass and place in

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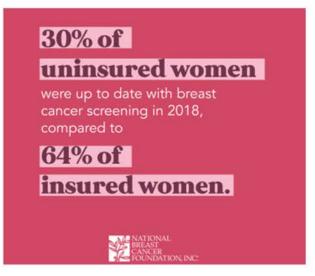
Catholic Daughters are Going to the Heart of a Servant Movie!

On October 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Meadowbrook Mall's Cinemark Theaters, there will be a one night only showing of "Heart of a Servant-The Father Flanagan Story". If anyone is interested in going, please meet members of the and would like to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot and be ready to leave at 6:00 pm.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mammography is a recommended screening for early detection of breast cancer but is often avoided due to cost. Bonnie's Bus is a mobile mammography unit that travels West Virginia to make mammography accessible and affordable to WV residents. Bonnie's Bus will be at the WVU Family Medical Clinic at Jane Lew on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, November 2nd. Contact Brooke Swisher at the clinic at 884-7880 to schedule your Bonnie's Bus appointment.





For more information about Bonnie's Bus and breast cancer awareness, check out these websites:

Bonnie's Bus: https://cancer.wvumedicine.org/about-us/programs/mobile-cancer-screening-program/bonnies-bus/
The National Breast Cancer Foundation: https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/

Show & Tell: the Letter "T"

Pre-Schoolers bring items to show and tell that begin with the letter "T".

















Virtue Award Winners - Kindness







September's Virtue Award for "Kindness" was presented to Ozren Watson and Audrey Westfall. Continue to be examples of virtue, kids. Congratulations!

The virtue for October is "Respect."



Jack of All Trades: Celebrating Mr. Greg Hitt on National Custodian Day!

Wednesday, October 2 was National Custodian Day, so Mr. Riley and all of the staff gave a special shout-out to the one and only, Mr. Greg Hitt! They surprised him Thursday morning with some of his favorite snacks!

From keeping the school clean to ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes, Mr. Hitt has been a staple here for many years. Whether he's fixing, cleaning, or lending a helping hand, we are grateful for his hard work, quick wit, and dedication! Thank you, Mr. Hitt, for all you do to make our school a wonderful place!



Kindergartners, Mari and Maggie Queen made the best of their free time by building the church. Great job girls!





ON DECK

Friday, October 11

Parish Office Closed

Sunday, October 13

Donut Sunday, sponsored by St. Patrick's Teens for Life

Monday, October 14

6:30 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

Sunday, October 27

Safe Environment training for children

Our Neighbor Collection

October: Soap, Deodorant, Feminine products

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

Hello, my name is Gubbio.

I am training as a part time greeter at the parish office. I love sleeping, playing and walks but my favorite activity is hanging out my favorite human, Fr. Ondeck. I love being a pert of the St. Pat's family!



St. Francis and the Taming of the Wolf

The story of how St. Francis of Assisi tamed the Wolf of Gubbio is one of the great legends linked with the life of the saint. I have never been too worried as to whether the story was historically true or not. I am more interested in seeing how the story fits into the pattern of biblical themes and of God's plans for creation. In this well-known legend, St. Francis goes to the Italian town of Gubbio, where a fierce wolf had been terrorizing the village and even killing some of the people, including children

During his visit to Gubbio, Francis goes out to meet the wolf. You can find an account of this event in The Little Flowers of Saint Francis, a 14th-century collection of stories about Francis and his companions. According to the story, when the wolf sees St. Francis, he comes charging at the saint with his mouth open, ready to attack.

St. Francis immediately makes the sign of the cross over him and says, "Come here, Brother Wolf. I command you on behalf of Christ that you do no harm to me or to anyone." As soon as St. Francis did this, notes The Little Flowers, "the fearsome wolf closed his mouth and stopped running; and once the command was given, it came meekly as a lamb, and threw itself at the feet of St. Francis."

https://www.franciscanmedia.org/st-anthony-messenger/st-francis-and-the-taming-of-the-wolf/

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