

# St. Patrick's Church

November 3, 2024

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:

**The First Reading** is taken from Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Moses, having received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, set about teaching them to the Israelites.

**The Second Reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 7:23-28 where he continues to show the superiority of Jesus over the high priests of the Old Testament.

**The Gospel** is from Mark 12:28-34. The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice. For example: why am I forbidden to murder my neighbor? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life, and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights, and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

One may ask: how can I love God? He is infinitely perfect, he needs nothing from me, what therefore can I do for him? I can understand loving my neighbor—for a neighbor can need help, advice, encouragement and consolation. I can prove my love by giving these to my neighbor, but God has no such needs. It is quite true that true love is not theoretical but pragmatic, it means doing some good for somebody. While the infinite God has no needs that I can supply, he has claims on my service, on my respect, on my gratitude—claims so basic and so great that I must be ready to suffer persecution and even death rather than deny or dishonor him (Mt. 5: 10; Lk. 6: 23). It was God who gave me existence and every gift that I have. It was God, through the incarnation of his own divine Son, who made me his adopted child and heir to heaven. Everything that I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's generosity; therefore, he has an unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect—these are the ways in which I can show my love for him.

The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition which daily we offer, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical functions, these are the means God gives us of showing our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is doing for us. God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we need them absolutely, for they are the means he has given us of fulfilling his purpose in creating us—to share his eternal glory with him. To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all men no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our fellowmen, our neighbors, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbor because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's favor.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4  
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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](http://virtusonline.org).

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

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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, November 2, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, November 3, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Dr. Perfiro Pascasio by family
Monday, November 4, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Olive Karp by family
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Joseph and Nell Moore
Thursday, November 7, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †King Geiss
Friday, November 8, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for the Special Intentions of Sandy Mick.
Saturday, November 9, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, November 10, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor and memory of all veterans November 3 - 16, 2024.**

### Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Herman Ayala, Jill Balser, Allison Barker, Glenn and Karen Bragg, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Kelsea Butcher, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron and Marsha Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Lisa Marlow, Susan Murray, Rose Neal, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Chris Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Diane Walker, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofler

**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	94
Sunday	209
Total	303
Saturday	\$1287
Sunday	\$1744
Mail/Drop Box	\$450
Total	\$3481
School	\$75
Votives	\$97
Maintenance	\$10
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Loveberry	\$50
Hurricane Relief	\$4325
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$45,761.38</b>
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	<b>\$65,912.10</b>



**PLEASE** continue to give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Every donation we receive until the end of the year will be awarded to the parish free from Cathedraticum and PHRA. This is a tremendous opportunity!

You may give online at [myeoffering.com](http://myeoffering.com), [dwc.org](http://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.

## FORMED

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26452

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*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the hurricane relief collection last weekend!**





# ELECTION WEEK



REMEMBER TO VOTE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH



Most glorious and Triune God,  
At this moment of much contention within  
our world, we turn to You.

Bestow Your grace in abundance.  
Heal our land, give direction to our leaders,  
dispel all darkness and strengthen our  
charity.

This day, dear Lord, I join with all Your  
faithful and consecrate my life to You.

Fill my mind with Your Truth.  
Strengthen my resolve with Your will.

Endow my spirit with Your mercy.

This day, dear Lord, I also join the  
Communion of Saints in my prayers for the  
United States (my nation).

May Your will and Your will alone be done  
in our elections.

May You and You alone guide the  
legislators and those with executive office.  
May Your Truth and Your Truth alone guide  
our judges.

May You and You alone guide every voter.

Have mercy on our great nation.  
Fill all citizens with clear direction in their  
civic duty.

Help all who lead to bring forth Your  
Kingdom.

Direct those in the media toward Your  
Truth alone.

Spare the lives of the unborn and bring an  
end to abortion.

Protect our religious liberty.  
Protect the innocent, poor, neglected and  
most vulnerable.

Comfort those who are suffering.  
Help our country to prosper in Your grace.  
Mother Mary, take up your queenship in  
our lives and in our country.

Saint Joseph, be our protector now and  
always.

Angels of God, guard us against all evil.  
Most Holy and Triune God, have mercy on  
us.

God the Father, have mercy on us.

God the Son, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.



Rosary Rally for the consecration of the election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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*"We cannot diminish the value of one category of  
human life "the unborn "without diminishing the value  
of all human life." — President Ronald Reagan*



# *Your Change can Change Lives!*

## *Baby Bottle Update*

	Church	School	St. Boniface	Good Shepherd	Total
10/1/2024-10/7/2024	\$330.76	\$471.32			\$802.08
10/8/2024-10/14/2024	\$322.73	\$268.39			\$591.12
10/15/2024-10/22/2024	\$329.91	\$130			\$459.91
10/23/2024-10/27/2024	\$1543.09	\$239.33	\$324.22	\$415.45	\$2522.09
10/28/2024-11/03/2024					
Totals	\$2526.49	\$1109.04	\$324.22	\$415.45	\$4375.20

The class that collects the most money will win a pizza party with Fr. Ondeck. 4th grade is in the lead followed closely by kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grades!

# *Winter Fest 2024*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GYM

KIDS GAMES &  
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# HOW TO DISCERN YOUR VOCATION

# National Vocations Awareness Week



## 1 PRAY

Establish a routine prayer life of attending Mass regularly, praying the Rosary, meditating on Scripture, journaling, making a retreat, and spending time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



## 2 TALK

Contact your Diocesan Vocations Director and

speakers to them about your discernment thus far to get their advice on next steps.



## 3 SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction, often by a priest or consecrated person, attunes the heart to the voice of the Lord and will help you identify how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life.



## 4 COME & SEE

Often coordinated by the diocesan vocation office, these "Come & See" events offer a glimpse into the life of a seminarian / religious sister and will help you identify if this is the life to which God is calling you.



## 5 GET INVOLVED

Consider volunteering in your parish or community and finding trusted friends who can provide support and accountability for your discernment journey.



## 6 REST

Discerning a vocation should not be considered an

"accomplishment" that you check off your to do list. It's a daily walking with God that involves the whole person. A healthy life balance of eating well, exercising, and getting the proper amount of rest will positively contribute to your spiritual well-being!

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

**Loving God,  
your Son, Jesus, has shown  
us that an open heart finds  
the way.**

**Help me to find my way in  
this world.**

**Keep my heart open to  
following Jesus' way of  
serving  
others in love.**

**Give me the courage to  
accept the guidance you offer  
me  
through my family, my  
friends, and my parish  
community.**

**Through the Holy Spirit, you  
call me to a particular way of  
life.**

**If it is the way of a priest,  
sister, brother or deacon,  
then  
help me to walk it in joyful  
service to your people.**

**With you, my God, I know I  
can find my way.  
Amen.**





# SISTERS VS NUNS



## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The words 'sister' and 'nun' are often used interchangeably to describe women religious in the Catholic Church, but there are differences in the lifestyle, ministry, and vows of these unique vocations.

### SISTERS



### NUNS



Live in a convent, but minister and work in the world outside of their religious community

#### LOCATION

Live, minister, and pray within the enclosure of a monastery.



#### Simple Vows

- Taken publicly or privately
- Can be temporary or perpetual
- Permit ownership of property or estates but not their use or revenue

#### BOTH TAKE VOWS

poverty, chastity & obedience

#### Solemn Vows

- Taken publicly
- Perpetual; not temporary
- Must give up all worldly goods including estates, endowments, and inheritances



Live an active vocation of both prayer and service, taking the Gospel to and serving people where they are

#### MINISTRY

Devoted to a contemplative and cloistered life of meditation and prayer for the salvation of all



Learn more about how we support women religious: [www.CatholicExtension.org/Sisters-Week](http://www.CatholicExtension.org/Sisters-Week)





# How to Become a Priest, Brother or Sister



Here are the basic steps to becoming a priest or professed member of a religious order. These steps to a religious vocation may vary in different orders or congregations.

## To become a diocesan priest:



### Discernment

Interested men meet with a vocations or spiritual director to learn more about the priesthood and priestly formation. You then become a candidate for a specific diocese.

### Seminarian

After completing a requisite number of courses in philosophy, one begins four years of graduate studies in theology. During their years of formation seminarians also deepen their prayer life, work on becoming a well-rounded person, and minister in parishes.

### Deacon

During your last year of theology and upon the recommendation of your bishop, you are ordained as a transitional deacon and begin ministry such as preaching, catechetical instruction, counseling, and service to the community.

### Priest

Having successfully completed all of your studies and deepened your spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral understanding, you promise to be a priest forever and you are ordained by your bishop.

## To become a sister or brother:



### Affiliate/ Postulant

Most candidates start in or after college. You spend a few months to a couple years getting to know the community you want to join.

### Novice

For one to two years, you continue your studies, deepen your knowledge of the religious order, and prepare for the work that you will do.

### Temporarily Professed

In each of the next three or more years, you will take temporary vows, deepening your commitment to God and the religious order.



### Sister/Brother

Having successfully completed your formation, you take final vows, a promise that you will remain a sister, brother, or religious priest forever.





# FALL FESTIVITIES



St. Patrick's School has been booming with Fall activities! Students enjoyed making caramel apples and trunk-or-treat!

Thank you to all volunteers and participants who make these events spectacular!



St. Patrick's students Valeria and Leah Long receive the sacrament of baptism at Holy Rosary in Buckhannon





# DONUT Sunday

Nov. 10

Sponsored by McFly Outdoors



## Angel Tree Children

Our angels have arrived. If angels are stapled together, please adopt all of them, they are a family. If that is too much financially ask another family to join you in adopting them.

Keep in mind, all gifts will be due by **December 1.**

## Double Donuts in November

We will have TWO Donut Sundays in November! On November 10 we will have our regular Donut Sunday.

On November 24 we will have a special Donut Sunday to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King!



## Catholic Daughters Vanilla Sales

Catholic Daughter's have begun their annual vanilla sales. They are selling 4 ounce bottles of pure vanilla made with Madagascar beans for \$10 each. If interested, please contact any member of the CDA.



## Remembrance Book And All Souls Envelopes

For your convenience, envelopes for All Souls Day and the Remembrance Book are out. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelopes or in the book. We will remember them in our prayers throughout the month of November!

## ON DECK

### Parish Office Closed

November 4 & 5

### Sunday, November 10

Donut Sunday, Sponsored by Wes and Kate Garton and McFly Outdoors

### Monday, November 11

Veterans Day

### Sunday, November 24

Solemnity of Christ the King

We will have donuts after Mass!

### Thanksgiving Break

November 25 - 29

### Friday, November 29th

Winter Fest, 3:00-8:00, School Gym

Weston's Christmas Parade

### Sunday, December 1

Advent Begins

Angel Tree presents must be turned in by this date.

## Our Neighbor Collection

November: Shampoo & Conditioner

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





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