## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindliest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable his ways." But though we are unworthy of his infinite love, it nevertheless stands out as clear as the noonday sun in the Incarnation. We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

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

# Christmas Mass Schedule December 24: 4:30 p.m. December 25: Midnight

December 25: 10:30 a.m.



## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

#### St. Patrick Catholic Church

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4 Wednesday, 12 - 5 Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1



## St. Patrick Catholic School

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#### Principal

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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, December 21, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Connie Gregory
Sunday, December 22, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, December 23, 2024	9:00 AM	Mass for †Ed Hubbs by family

#### **Christmas Masses**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024	4:30 PM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Midnight	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mass for †John Butcher by Stephen and Christine Williams
Thursday, December 26, 2024	9:00 AM	Mass for †James A. Weber by family
Friday, December 27, 2024	9:00 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by family
Saturday, December 28, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 29, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for Margaret E. Blake and Joseph Blake

Please note the morning Mass time change while the students are on Christmas break.

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory memory of James Blake and Bryan Francis, December 15 - 28, 2024.

#### Please help update the prayer list.

Please look over the prayer list below for accuracy. If you see something that needs changed, please contact the parish office via telephone or email. Thank you for your help to keep us up to date!

#### **Prayer List**

Those who are sick: Beulah Ruppert (Davis Medical Center), Micki Snyder (Encompass), Hernan Ayala, Jill Balser, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Kelsea Butcher, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Kyle Hayhurst Sr., Mary Hall, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Robert McClain, Lisa Marlow, Joey Mick, Jennifer Hubbs Morris, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Rob Snuffer, Terry Sprouse, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Tia Tucci, Diane Walker, Jane White

**Those who have died:** John Rush, 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	90		
Sunday	215		
Total	305		
Saturday	\$1372		
Sunday	\$1195		
Mail/Drop Box	\$1026		
Total	\$3593		
School	\$35		
Votives	\$79		
Maintenance	\$100		
Loan	\$		
Organ	\$10		
Wesbanco Balance	\$40,214.93		
Organ Loan Balance	\$65,912.10		
Christmas Flowers	\$140		
CSA	\$250		
Religious Retirement	\$1896		
Immaculate Conception	n Masses		
8:15	201		
6:00	96		
Collection	\$561		

# Lord,

#### **Prayer for the Advent Wreath**

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

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#### **Food Basket Update**

Thank you to everyone who donated for our annual Christmas food baskets. A very special to the Catholic Daughters for organizing and donating money for this project each year. Over 25 families will have a better Christmas because of the generosity of all of you.











Weston Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

January 12, 2025
St Patrick School gymnasium
Starts at 12:00 pm
Free participation for all boys and girls ages
9 - 14 as of Jan. 1, 2025

Doors open at 11 am for registration
No prior registration needed.
For more information, please call or text
Jim at 304-704-0865

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### **Congratulations Matthew Peters!**

Second grader Matthew Peters received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday, December 15 at his parish, St. Thomas in Gassaway.



Mr. Riley, Mrs. Moody, and Mrs. Campbell joined Matthew on this special occasion.



Matthew with his mom, Kayla Peters.



Matthew receives communion at Mass with his classmates on Monday,

December 16.

















#### Parish First Reconciliation Retreat

Students preparing to make their First Communion in May received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. Catechists held a retreat for the children with a skit featuring good & bad confessions, a "Jewels of Confession" craft, a 10 commandments review, and a meditation on how sin affects their hearts.

#### Calendar Cash Tickets make GREAT Christmas Presents!

Calendar Cash tickets are on sale now. They make great Christmas gifts. Tickets are \$20 each and are available in the school and parish offices and from students.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

















FROM ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



















Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation January 1 Mass - 6:00 p.m.

Mass on Tuesday,
December 31 will be Mass
for the Seventh Day within
the Octave of Christmas.

## Catholic Charities West Virginia

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private provider of social
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There will be a collection at ALL Christmas Masses for CCWV.

#### HELP US KEEP GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN

Please tidy up your pew before leaving.

Thank you!

All Sunday Catechetical programs are on hiatus until January 5th.

Please consider joining us come the new year!

### Parish Office Hours for the upcoming Holidays

The parish office will be close at noon on Monday, December 23, and remain closed through Thursday, December 26 for Christmas.

The office will also be closed on Tuesday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1.

#### ON DECK



Christmas
Mass
Schedule



Tuesday, December 24

• 4:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 25

- Midnight
- 10:30 a.m.

Morning Mass times will be at 9:00 a.m. of the following days.

December 23,26, 27, 30 January 2, 3

#### Sunday, January 5

Catechesis Continues 9:15 AM (Adult Catechesis, Children's Catechesis, OCIA, First Communion)

#### **Our Neighbor Collection**

**December:** Dental Supplies

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

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\$10,280 needed to reach our parish goal!

We have reached 54% of our CSA goal of \$22465.00! That means all donations made before the end of the year are returned in full to our parish, free from Cathedraticum and PHRA.

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