

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Commentary

The Gospel is from St. Luke, 10:38–42 and recounts the familiar story of Martha and Mary. St Augustine comments on this scene as follows: "Martha, who was arranging and preparing the Lord's meal, was busy doing many things, whereas Mary preferred to find her meal in what the Lord was saying. In a way she deserted her sister, who was very busy, and sat herself down at Jesus' feet and just listened to his words. She was faithfully obeying what the Psalm said: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Ps 46:10). Martha was getting annoyed, Mary was feasting; the former coping with many things, the latter concentrating on one. Both occupations were good" (Sermon 103).

Martha has come to be, as it were, the symbol of the active life, and Mary that of the contemplative life. However, for most Christians, called as they are to sanctify themselves in the middle of the world, action and contemplation cannot be regarded as two opposite ways of practicing the Christian faith: an active life forgetful of union with God is useless and barren; but an apparent life of prayer which shows no concern for apostolate and the sanctification of ordinary things also fails to please God. The key lies in being able to combine these two lives, without either harming the other. Close union between action and contemplation can be achieved in very different ways, depending on the specific vocation each person is given by God.—Excerpted from The Navarre Bible—St. Luke



Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Church?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is set to begin **September 21st**.

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Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:15 a.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.
(During Lent - Adoration begins at 1pm on Wednesdays.)

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.

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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, July 19, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, July 20, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Edward Hubbs by family
Monday, July 21, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †James Murphy By Scott Garton
Tuesday, July 22, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, July 23, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli
Thursday, July 24, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †John Butcher by Stephen and Christine Williams
Friday, July 25, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Geraldine Alfred by family
Saturday, July 26, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, July 27, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family

**CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE TO SPONSOR THE
SANCTUARY LAMP FOR A
TWO WEEK PERIOD!**



The sanctuary lamp is
burning in memory of
Janie Garton,
July 13 - 26, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Michael James, (PA Burn Center), Ray and Sue Swiger, (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Hernan Ayala, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Tyrone Binford, Kathy Boyle, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Lucille Hicks, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Shawn Keyser, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Stanley Marlow, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Robert McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, Diane Walker, Jane White, Kyle Wilkinson

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 Andrew Dean

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	107
Sunday	177
Total	284
Saturday	\$2315
Sunday	\$1110
Mail/Drop Box	\$1555
Total	\$3980
School	\$151
Votives	\$323
Maintenance	\$165
Loan	\$40
Organ	\$50
Wesbanco Balance	\$33,110.05
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52

See You Later, Andrew

This weekend is Andrew's last weekend at our parish. He will leave here and spend a week at Camp Carlo as a counselor. Andrew has assured us that he will be back to visit. Especially, since Sandy owes him a meal since he did not get to go out to eat during his visit.

Please continue to keep Andrew and all seminarians in your prayers. Cards and letters can be sent :

Andrew Dean
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.
Emmitsburg, MD 21727



Fr. Odeck and Andrew visit
the Monster Museum in
Braxton County.

Rosary Brunch

Five parishioners participated in the women's rosary brunch on Saturday, July 12.

Deacon Mike blessed some of the rosaries and took the picture to commemorate the event.



Humility with Confidence

Many of you may be familiar with Little Thérèse of Lisieux: a French Carmelite nun from the turn of the twentieth century. She is a great saint known for her numerous miracles, care for priests and seminarians, and most notably her little way of love. One of the most beautiful examples of her wisdom before the Lord is shown in her letters with Maurice Bellière: a seminarian she adopted as a spiritual brother at the request of her mother superior. Maurice, like many people, was plagued with struggles accepting God's love for him despite his many sins. In one letter she wrote to him, Thérèse offers this simple and beautiful reflection:

I'd like to try to make you understand, by a very simple example, how much Jesus loves even very imperfect souls, who trust in Him:

I'm thinking of a father who has two children who are mischievous and disobedient, and when he comes to punish them he sees one who trembles and draws away from him in fright, knowing in the bottom of his heart that he deserves to be punished. his brother on the contrary, throws himself into his father's arms, protesting that he is sorry for hurting him, that he loves him and that to prove it he will be good from now on. Then if this child asks his father to punish him with a kiss, I doubt that the heart of the happy father will be able to resist the childlike confidence of his son, of whose sincerity he is sure. He's well aware that child will often fall back into the same faults, but he's always ready to forgive him provided the boy always grasps him by the heart. I say nothing about the first child, dear little brother surely you know yourself, whether his father can love him as much as the other, and treat him with the same indulgence.

(Maurice and Thérèse: The Story of a Love p167)

How often do we act with fear like the first child?...Well aware of our sins, we try to run and hide from God's mercy while thinking we are running from His justice. We find it easy to remember the punishment of God and all the many many sins we've committed throughout our lives. We look with fear at a justice we so thoroughly deserve.

"Why would He forgive me of this again?"

"Is it really contrition if I do it again within a couple days?"

"Am I presuming His mercy if I think I'm going to fall into it again?"

"How could God forget such a sin so simply in confession?"

What a horrible disservice we do to ourselves by thinking of God as a tyrant rather than as a father. The Lord is not out to get you, in fact He does everything but condemn those who seek Him! Look at what the Gospel says:

Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

(Matthew 7:9-11 RSV)



The Lord's mercy is beyond our comprehension and is unending. There is nothing you have done that is beyond His forgiveness and, on top of that, His greatest desire is for you to ask Him for His mercy. The Lord is not holding a pen and paper counting your mistakes, He's cheering you on and constantly giving you all the grace you need to overcome your favorite sins. This is what Thérèse is touching on with the reaction of the second son. The second son throws himself into his father's arms because he knows that his father's greatest desire is the love between them. The father is entirely aware of the weakness of his child and rejoices in the child's desire to overcome it after each and every fall. He is patiently waiting to put him back on his feet again and again.

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

(Psalms 103:12 RSV)

So what does this mean practically? I think a good place to start is to look at what our immediate reaction when we've committed a grave sin is. A good practice is to immediately make an act of contrition in which you promise to confess your sins and right in that moment plan when you will seek confession. Throw yourself into His arms again and again and again. The Lord desires your holiness. Why would you fear your greatest fan? Little Thérèse understood this, and even more explicitly than in her letters to Maurice, on her death bed she said this regarding her confidence in the mercies of the Lord:

It is not because I have been preserved from mortal sin that I lift up my heart to God in trust and love. I feel that even had I on my conscience every crime one could commit, I should lose nothing of my confidence: my heart broken with sorrow, I would throw myself into the Arms of my Saviour. I know that He loves the Prodigal Son, I have heard His words to St. Mary Magdalen, to the woman taken in adultery, and to the woman of Samaria. No one could frighten me, for I know what to believe concerning His Mercy and His Love. And I know that all that multitude of sins would disappear in an instant, even as a drop of water cast into a flaming furnace.

(Story of A Soul: Manuscript C)

If this is something that you struggle with, I highly recommend seeking the intercession of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, especially in reading her autobiography Story of a Soul.

In Christ,

Andrew Dean





DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM MASS THIS SUMMER

A loving reminder that vacation is not considered a valid reason to miss Sunday Mass. When you plan a trip, include Mass in your itinerary to meet your Sunday obligation.

If you visit a different parish or holy site this summer, snap a photo of your family at the and email it to Sandy along with the parish name, city, and state as we would love to feature your travels in the bulletin!

PARISHIONER'S TRAVELS

VISITORS & PILGRIMS

For those visiting our parish this summer, we would love to include you in our bulletin. Take a picture and email it to the address below. Tell us your names, where you are visiting from and the name of your home parish!

THANKS FOR VISITING!

Lay Missionary
Servants of the
Word, Jackie
Clemente & Emily
Gonzalez visited
our parish from
Immaculate
Conception,
Clarksburg. Thanks
for visiting!



Rebecca Ruppert, visiting from her home parish of St. Joseph's in Salem, Oregon, is pictured here with cousin sister, Mary Lynn (Ruppert) Catsam. It was great to have you with us!



The Jordan's are well traveled this summer! They visited the city of Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic and, while there, visited the Cathedral of St. Phillip the apostle.



The Derico family visited St. John the Evangelist Parish (and their son!) in Wellsburg, WV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to the
92nd
Annual Chicken Supper and Bazaar



St. Boniface Church • Route 33W • Camden, WV

Saturday, August 2, 2025
4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

MENU:
Fried Chicken • Mashed Potatoes • Gravy
Green Beans • Coleslaw • Homemade Hot Rolls
Desserts • Iced Tea • Coffee
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St. Boniface 92nd Annual Chicken Supper, Bazaar, & Quilt Raffle



Take a Chance on me!

Help support our sister parish, St. Boniface Church, by purchasing a ticket to the 92nd Annual Chicken Supper & Bazaar- taking place on August 2nd.

Don't miss the chance to win a beautiful quilt!

Quilt Tickets Available at St. Patrick Church Parish Office for \$5 each!

Parish in Need of New AC Unit

Thank you to those who have contributed to the replacement of the air conditioning unit on the left (rectory) side of the church. Last week, we raised **\$12,100.00** for the unit! Thank you all for your generous donations to help keep our church at a comfortable temperature!

One of the donations was \$2000 from a visiting family last Saturday. Thank you so much for your kindness!

Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Please make sure you write "air conditioner" on your donation.

Next week, we will have more info about the sound system.

Farewell Reception for Joe Derico



Our parish enjoys our Sunday Donut gatherings immensely but in August we are replacing Donut Sunday with a farewell reception for our seminarian Mr. Joe Derico!

The Derico family invites the parish to join them on **Sunday, August 10** for a farewell reception for Joe, who leaves for Rome the next week. There, Joe will continue his priestly studies and formation at the Pontifical North American College for the next 4 years.

The reception will be held in the gym and will be immediately after 10:30 Mass.

Let's send Joe off knowing how much he is loved and appreciated by his family, friends and parish.

For those disappointed by not having donuts, don't worry. Joe's family knows how to cook! There will be plenty of delicious food for everyone!

HIGHLIGHTS

JARROD WEST BASKETBALL CAMP



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



It may be summer, but this pre-school teacher is not taking a break! Mrs. Sheila McCartney & family spent a hot afternoon spreading mulch on the pre-school playground.

It takes a village to provide a safe, beautiful space for our little ones to learn and grow. Thank you, McCartney family for all that you do!

On Deck

Friday: July 25

Parish Office closed

Saturday, August 2

St. Pat's Golf Tournament, Deerfield

Saturday, August 2

St. Boniface Annual Chicken Supper

Sunday, August 10

Farewell Reception for Joe Derico, gym (immediately after Mass)

Monday, August 18

St. Patrick School Open House

Tuesday, August 19

First day of classes for St. Pat's Students

Our Neighbor Collection

July: Toilet Paper & Tissues

August: Bath Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Supplies

The Our Neighbor pantry is in need of the items listed above. They don't need conditioner just shampoo as well as the other items listed.

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

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We're Hiring

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