
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Commentary

The Gospel is from St. Luke 13:22-30 and concerns those who hear Christ's message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was made very clear to him and to all of us that each one's salvation is in his own hands. All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those who are excluded from that eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame. God invites all men to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to every man, but, because men have a free will which God cannot force, some will abuse that freedom and choose wrongly.

Christ mentions the narrow door through which we must enter into God's kingdom. This means that we must exercise self-restraint and mortification and this we do when we respect and keep his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should have sought his mercy and his forgiveness during our earthly life, and he would have granted it.

Neither will it avail us to say that we knew him in life. Acquaintance with Christ is not enough. We should have loved him and become his real friends, which we could only do by being loyal followers of his. "He taught in our streets" will only prove our guilt. We could have learned his doctrine; we could have become his disciples, but we would not. The pagan who never heard of Christ will not be condemned for not following his teaching, but the Christian who did hear his doctrine and refused to carry it out, will deserve condemnation.

As descent from Abraham was not a claim for special consideration on the part of the Jews, neither will any other circumstances of nationality, birth or earthly privilege help us on the day of judgment. Each one will stand or fall by his own mode of life during his term on earth. Nothing and nobody else can change the just judgment of God when that moment arrives for each one of us.

The thought of our moment of judgment is a staggering one even for the holiest of us. Things and actions that do not trouble us much now, will appear in a different light then. The prayers we omitted or said carelessly, the Masses we missed on flimsy excuses, the little bit of continual injustice to a workman or customer, or the dishonesty practiced by a worker against his employer,



the sins of impurity of which we thought rather lightly, the bad language so freely used and the scandal we spread so flippantly, the money wasted on drink or gambling when our children needed nourishment and clothing — these, and many other such faults of which we excuse ourselves so easily now, will not be a source of joy or consolation for us on that dread day, if we arrive at God's justice-seat still burdened with them.

We are dealing with God's mercy while alive. He will forgive any sin and any number of sins if we truly repent, and resolve to correct these faults. To do this is the only one guarantee that even God himself can give us of a successful judgment. Every man who lives in God's grace will die in God's grace and be numbered among the saved. The man who lives habitually in sin, and refuses to amend his life, will die in his sinful state, and thus exclude himself from eternal salvation.

I have a free will. I can choose to pass that final examination or to fail it. The whole of my eternity, the unending life after death, depends on my choice now. If I choose to follow Christ and live according to his laws during the few years I have on this earth, I shall pass and shall be among the saved. If I ignore Christ and his laws now, he will not know me on the day of judgment. I shall be among the lost. God forbid that I should choose the latter course.

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

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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.

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, August 23, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Bob Thompson by Pam Thompson
Sunday, August 24, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, August 25, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Margaret Adams by David Curtis
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †J. Francis Lydon by family
Thursday, August 28, 2025	6:00 PM	Mark & Beulah Ruppert by family
Friday, August 29, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family
Saturday, August 30, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, August 31, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Dorothy Butcher by Benjamin, Samuel & Dominic Milinovich

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sharon Shearer by Linda Aman and family, August 24 - September 6, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Allen Butcher (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Hernan Ayala, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Kathy Boyle, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Carol Conrad, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Lucille Hicks, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Shawn Keyser, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Nile Straley, Ray and Sue Swiger, 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.

To add or remove names to the prayer list, please call or email Sandy at the parish office!



Flocknote for You

Our database changed from ParishSoft to Flocknote in June. We have used Flocknote for sending bulletins since 2020. Now we use it for sacrament tracking, donations, announcements and more. We are still learning all the things we can do with the program. One of the best things is that you can access and update your own information such as addresses and phone numbers. You can view your sacramental records and weekly giving. Not all of the sacramental information has been transferred yet but we are working on it. Call or email the parish office if you need help accessing your information.

July Online Donations

General	\$3506.55
School	\$500.35
Maintenance	\$50.30
Loan	\$30.30
CSA	\$150.30

Thank You!

Thank you to the anonymous donor who visited our church and gave us a \$1000 donation to go toward our Wesbanco Loan!

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	134
Sunday	199
Total	334
Saturday	\$1213
Sunday	\$2131
Mail/Drop Box	\$
Total	\$3344
School	\$40
Votives	\$100
Maintenance	\$120
Loan	\$1050
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$32,775.02
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52
HVAC	\$
Tanga Diocese	\$1070
Assumption 8:15	88
Assumption 6:00	87
Collection	175
In memory-school	\$200

July Utilities and Other Expenses

Utilities	\$7553.21
Copier	\$645.72
Pest Control	\$142

Opening Mass



WELCOME
Back to
SCHOOL!

First Day of School



Open House



Teacher's First Day



Continuing
Catholic
Education

Pre-K



Pre-K has show and tell about their summer.

A Closer Look...



Kindergarten



Kindergarten made scissor salad this week to sharpen their fine motor skills.

Fourth Grade



Fourth grade during their reading class.

Pre-School



Pre-Schoolers working at their stations which include sensory bins & doll house.

Third Grade



Third grade goes over etiquette for Mass & identifies objects in the church.

OCIA



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you do not understand the Catholic Church, you are not alone. There are many misconceptions, misunderstandings, or simply erroneous beliefs in our society about Catholicism.

Now is the time to figure out what the Catholic Church is all about.

OCIA begins **September 21st**. Use the QR code above to register. Questions? Email: mwhite.stpats@gmail.com

Confirmation

Plans are in the works for our next group of confirmandi but we are not quite ready for registration.

If you would like to be put on a contact list for when these details are ready, use the QR code below:



First Communion Registration



We ask that parents of First Communicants for May of 2026 (children entering into the 2nd grade) attend a parent meeting on September 7th in the school cafeteria after Mass (refreshments & childcare provided). You can register your child for first communion while in attendance. First Communion classes are set to begin September 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Joe Arrives in Rome!



Our seminarian arrives safely in Rome to begin studying at the Pontifical North American College along with another diocesan seminarian, Michael Tupta.

You make your community so proud, Joe!



Joseph Derico
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Upcoming Canonizations

On September 7th, Pope Leo will canonize two Italian laymen- Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Frassati.

Carlo, who will be our first millennial saint, is well known for his Eucharistic devotion and his website which shared information about Eucharistic miracles.



Pier was an ordinary young man with a deep spiritual life. He loved adventure but found the adventure of loving Christ the most thrilling of all. He dedicated himself to service of the poor and sick and took a hard stance against fascism.

Soon to be joining Blessed Pier & Blessed Carlo are seven other Blesseds who will be canonized on October 19th. They are: Blessed Ignatius Maloyan, the martyred Armenian Catholic archbishop of Mardin, which is in present-day Turkey; born in 1869, he was arrested, tortured and executed in Turkey in 1915.

Blessed Peter To Rot, a martyred lay catechist, husband and father from Papua New Guinea. Born in 1912, he was arrested in 1945 during the Japanese occupation in World War II and was killed by lethal injection while in prison.

Blessed Vincenza Maria Poloni, founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona, Italy; she lived from 1802-1855.

Blessed Maria Rendiles Martinez, the Venezuelan founder of the Congregation of the Servants of Jesus. Born in Caracas in 1903, she died in 1977. She will be Venezuela's first female saint.

Blessed Maria Troncatti, a Salesian sister born in Italy in 1883 who became a missionary in Ecuador in 1922. She died in a plane crash in 1969.

Blessed José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, a Venezuelan doctor born in 1864. He was a Third Order Franciscan and became known as "the doctor of the poor." He was killed in an accident in 1919 on his way to helping a patient.

Blessed Bartolo Longo, an Italian lawyer born in 1841. He had been a militant opponent of the church and involved in the occult, but converted, dedicating himself to charity and to building the Pontifical Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary of Pompei. He died in 1926.

On Deck

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

9:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Office closed

No School

Sunday, September 7

First Communion Registration & Parent Meeting

Monday, September 8

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughter meeting, cafeteria

Sunday, September 14

Donut Sunday

Sunday, September 21

First Communion
OCIA

Sunday, October 19

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

Our Neighbor Collection

August: Bath Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Supplies

We have done great with the dish soap and bath soap but we have not collected any laundry soap and they are in need of it.

September: Peanut Butter and Jelly, Laundry detergent

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

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