

AUGUST 24TH, 2025

St. Patrick's

ORDINARY TIME

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Commentary

The Gospel is from St. Luke 14:1, 7-14, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbor and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts to go on. I shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which I did not receive.

If I use all the gifts which God gave me, to help my neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping myself aloof from them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

The proud Christian sets himself up as a critic of God's wisdom. He muses: God forgives sinners too easily. God doesn't know them as well as I do. That conversion cannot be trusted, it will not last, he says. The "sinners" prosper, they are blessed with good health, a happy family, more than their share



of the world's goods, and here am I who never failed God, who always did what was right and even more, and I am neglected by God. God doesn't know his real friends!

These are the questionings of a proud soul. Such Christians raise themselves above their neighbors in their own minds. They choose the first places, and from their self-appointed heights they look down on their fellow guests at stranger's grave. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to his counsel when He said: "Learn of me, for I am humble of heart?"

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances.

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

"FOR ALL WHO EXALT
THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED,
AND THOSE WHO HUMBLE
THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED."
-LUKE 14:11

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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 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
Monday, September 1, 2025	9:00 AM	Mass for †Mary Curtis by David Curtis
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, September 3, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †James Blake by Margaret Blake
Thursday, September 4, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by Mary, Andrew, & Stephen Hendricks
Friday, September 5, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass in honor of Our Lady of Good Success
Saturday, September 6, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Sam Aman by Linda Aman and family
Sunday, September 7, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

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, 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: Shawn Keyser, Tom Smith, 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!

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	114
Sunday	179
Total	293
Saturday	\$2409
Sunday	\$1141
Mail/Drop Box	\$
Total	\$3520
School	\$50
Votives	\$40
Maintenance	\$30
Loan	\$2000
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$32,775.02
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52

July Online Donations

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

July Utilities and Other Expenses

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



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.



We received another large donation (\$2000) this week to be applied toward the principal of our Wesbanco Loan! THANK YOU!

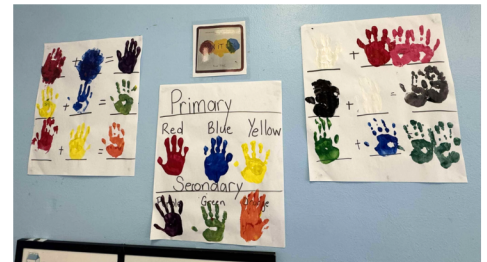


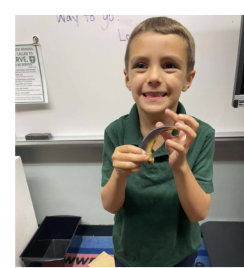
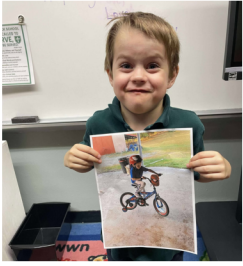
COLORFUL CREATIONS



"To go with our new color sight words, the students learned about primary and secondary colors today. We also had fun mixing primary colors to make secondary colors, as well as a few other color combos." -Mrs. Clevenger, Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Andrea's Pre-School class created these adorable posters with our new school motto using painted hands.



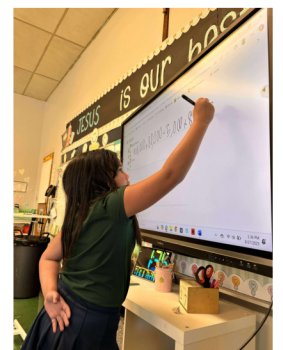
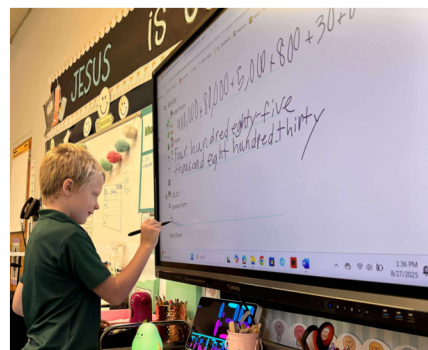
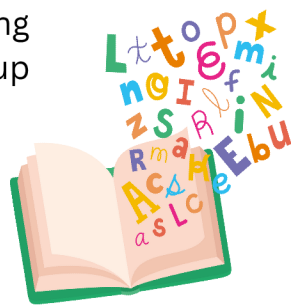
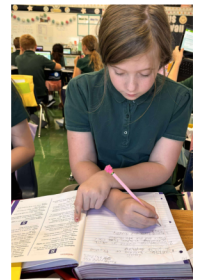


First Grade Show and Tell



Fourth Grade

Mrs. Atchison's Fourth Grade Class uses technology to enhance learning but also values traditional classroom methods such as using dictionaries to look up vocabulary.



Gubio is Grateful that School is Back in Session

With children returning to school, Gubio secures about 100x the amount of pets he usually gets in a given summer week.



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

Labor Day Mass

Mass on Monday, September 1 will be at 9:00 a.m. The parish office will be closed this day.

Day of Fasting & Prayer for Peace- September 4th

Bishop Mark Brennan is calling the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to observe Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, as a day of fasting and prayer for peace and justice in our world especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

Special Collection for Gaza Relief- September 6th & 7th

This day of fasting precedes the special collection to be held at all Masses in the diocese on Sept. 6-7 for Gaza Relief.

Both are a sign of our solidarity with the Church offering both spiritual and material support.

Let us open our hearts generously and compassionately in prayer and fasting mindful of all traumatized and displaced by war. Invoke the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, to take our prayers directly to her son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace.



Mass at St. Bernard Church Loveberry



October 19
1:00 p.m.

Mike Riffle will provide a delicious meal after the Mass.

EVERYTHING is provided. Just show up!

Our Next

Donut Sunday

will be **September 14th**

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

September: Peanut Butter and Jelly, Laundry detergent

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



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grogg. We didn't have a picture of the happy couple when we first congratulated them earlier this month so here they are again!

This was the first wedding that Deacon Mike officiated!

May God bless them and their families.

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