

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Commentary



In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that being his disciple is not easy. "Great crowds" are following Jesus and listening to his words. But Jesus warns them that being his disciple requires much sacrifice. Jesus says: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Here "hating" is a hyperbolic way of saying that Jesus' disciple must love God's kingdom more than he loves even his "father, mother ... and even his own life." Matthew's Gospel has a close parallel which makes this clear: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).

Jesus' first statement is clarified by his next statement: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Note that Matthew's parallel account (10:38) also connects these two statements. With this second statement, Jesus points to his own crucifixion, but also insists that his disciples must undergo similar suffering.

Jesus makes a third statement: "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." This continues Jesus' teaching that sacrifice is essential for his disciples, but also creates a contrast between earthly possessions and the kingdom of God. Being Jesus' disciple takes absolute priority over both earthly possessions and earthly

relationships (father, mother, etc.). God's kingdom will bring a "new heaven and new earth" (Revelation 21:1). Instead of clinging to the things of this present life, being Jesus' disciple means placing our loyalty and focus on receiving God's kingdom.

Before his third statement about discipleship, Jesus gives two images: 1) the construction of a tower, and 2) a king marching into battle. In both cases, one should not begin the task unless it can be successfully completed. Similarly, Jesus wants his disciples to persevere to the end. When we begin to follow Jesus, we need to commit to the necessary sacrifices.

-By Father Paul Nord, O.S.B.

### Canonization Day for Bl. Carlo & Pier Giorgio Frassati



"Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever." -Bl. Carlo Acutis



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

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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](http://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](http://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, 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
Monday, September 8, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Irene and Rondel Curtis by David Curtis
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Jim Hill by Luke, Benjamin, Samuel, and Dominic Milinovich
Thursday, September 11, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Victims of the 9/11 Terrorist attack
Friday, September 12, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Fr. Leo Lydon by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Saturday, September 13, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 14, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Mary Dolan by Barbara Daugherty

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



The sanctuary lamp is  
burning in memory of  
Janie Garton by family,  
September 6 - 20, 2025.

### Prayer List

Those who are sick: Jerry Gross, Allen Butcher (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Herman 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, Gage Ruley, 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!**

### Attendance & Collections

Saturday	123
Sunday	201
Total	324
Saturday	\$1072
Sunday	\$1191
Mail/Drop Box	\$475
Total	\$2738
School	\$35
Votives	\$75
Maintenance	\$15
Loan	\$5
Organ	\$504
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$32,775.02</b>
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52

## Special Collection for Gaza Relief

This weekend, September 6-7,  
at all parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



**CATHOLIC  
SHARING APPEAL**

**Goal: \$24,400**

**Raised: \$21,519**

**88%**

**Difference: \$2882**



### 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.



## 12 Facts about Carlo Acutis

### 1. He was born in London in 1991

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

### 2. He was diagnosed with leukemia

Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."

Carlo loved God and the Eucharist from a young age. From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding.

### 3. As a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary.

After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily."

Salzano spoke to "EWTN News Nightly" in October 2023 about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: "He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ... So, for him the Eucharist was the center of his life."

### 4. His witness of faith led to conversions

Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. Rajesh Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was young, converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo's witness. Carlo taught Mohur how to pray the rosary and told him about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mohur said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness of Carlo's love and concern for the poor — how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance of the church and would bring Tupperware dishes filled with food out to people living on the streets.

### 5. He defended Church teaching

Carlo was not afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defense for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom debate about abortion.

### 6. He stood up for the vulnerable

Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

### 7. Carlo was a computer whiz

Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.

### 8. He balanced fun with faith

Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked the Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.

### 9. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020

Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, there were reports that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not incorrupt. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. Thousands came to pray at his tomb at the time of his beatification in October 2020.

### 10. The miracles attributed to Carlo's intercession

Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in a decree on May 23, 2024. The miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. The first miracle that led to his beatification involved the healing of a three-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth. His tomb has become a pilgrimage site.

Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the world have visited Carlo's tomb since his canonization was announced. His remains rest in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore at the Sanctuary of Spogliazione (or of the Stripping) in Assisi, the home of St. Francis and St. Clare.

### How to watch his canonization

The canonization of Carlo Acutis, along with Pier Giorgio Frassati, will air live on EWTN at 3 a.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7 and the encore presentation will be at 3 p.m. ET on the same day. Pope Leo XIV will preside over the Mass and canonizations of the two young Blesseds from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.





## 12 Facts about Pier Giorgio Frassati



### 1. He was holy against all odds

Despite being raised by agnostic parents, Frassati's inclinations to help others manifested in his childhood. Once, as a child, he answered the door to find a mother begging with her son who was shoeless. He took off his own shoes and gave them to the child.

### 2. He received daily Communion

At an early age, he joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer and obtained permission to receive daily Communion, which was rare at the time.

### 3. He was a joker

At the same time, he was known among his friends as "Il Terrore" ("The Terror") due to his fondness for practical jokes.

### 4. He cared for the poor and sick

At 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time taking care of the poor, the homeless, the sick, and the demobilized servicemen returning from World War I.

### 5. He stood against fascism

In 1919, Frassati joined the Catholic Student Foundation and the Popular Party, whose principles were based in the social doctrine of the Church. He strongly opposed the rise of fascist leader Benito Mussolini and was jailed in Rome after joining the protest of the Catholic Workers' Association.

### 6. He gave his all

He became notable for giving literally everything he had to the poor. He would even use his bus fare for charity and then run home to be on time for meals.

### 7. He was a mountain-climber

An avid and accomplished mountain-climber, he saw many parallels between Catholic life and his favorite pastime. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with occasions for prayers and conversations about faith on the way up or down from the summit.

### 8. "To the heights"

After what would become his final climb he wrote a simple note on a photograph: "Verso L'Alto" ("To the heights") — a phrase that has become a popular Catholic motto.

### 9. He died from polio

At 24, Frassati became very ill with polio. Some of his friends believed that he contracted the disease from the people in the slums of Turin. In his last days, he whispered the names of people who still needed assistance to his family and friends who gathered at his bedside. He died on July 4, 1925.

### 10. Declared "Blessed" by JPII

Pier Giorgio Frassati was declared "Blessed" in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, who called him a "man of the beatitudes" and a "joyful apostle of Christ." A year before, after visiting his tomb, John Paul II revealed that he also had felt in his own youth "the beneficial influence of his example."

"He left the world rather young," he said, "but he made a mark upon our entire century."

### 11. Represented "the finest Christian youth"

In her biography of her brother, Frassati's sister, Luciana, wrote that "he represented the finest in Christian youth: pure, happy, enthusiastic about everything that is good and beautiful."

### 12. Popular among the youth

Pier Giorgio Frassati's popularity is big among young people, especially in America. Many apostolates have been created with his name, and he is regarded as the patron of students (mainly because he wasn't good at school), young Catholics, mountaineers, youth groups, Catholic Action, Dominican tertiaries (he became one), and World Youth Day.





# GRANDPARENT'S DAY



"A  
grandparent  
is a little bit  
parent, a little  
bit teacher,  
and a little bit  
best friend."





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Well-Read Mom accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. Our group reads one book per month and meets to discuss it once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year we are excited to dive into the theme "The Year of the Teacher."

### All women are welcome! Not just moms.

Our kick-off meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> - no reading necessary prior to this meeting.

Registration is \$49.95 a year per member (includes WRM materials). The group will provide monthly books.

To register today, or find out more, visit [WellReadMom.com](http://WellReadMom.com).

Contact Megan White with questions at [mwhite.stpats@gmail.com](mailto:mwhite.stpats@gmail.com)

### Joe Meets Pope Leo XIV

Seminarian Joe Derico, of St. Patrick's Church, Weston, arrived in Rome on Thursday, August 21st and three days later he was greeting Pope Leo XIV before the pontiff led the Angelus in St. Peter's Square, August. 24th.



SAVE  
THE DATE

### 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!



Please go to the gym and check out the book fair after you enjoy your donuts!

### Book fair

9/12 – 9/19



Parents/families will an opportunity to shop on Sunday September 14 From 11:30am-2pm in the gym.

## On Deck

### Sunday, September 7

First Communion Registration & Parent Meeting

### Monday, September 8

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

### September 12 - 14

Book Fair

### Sunday, September 14

Donut Sunday

### Sunday, September 21

First Communion  
OCIA

### October 7

School Rosary Rally

### Sunday, October 12

Virtus training for children not in Catholic school

### Saturday, October 18

School Elimination Dinner

### Sunday, October 19

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

### Our Neighbor Collection

**September:** Peanut Butter and Jelly, Crackers

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



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