

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feast Day Commentary

The cross used to be nothing more than an instrument of torture and death. The Romans used it to punish those they considered criminals, to strike fear in the hearts of those who might dare challenge their so-called peace. It was the cruelest form of execution.

Everything changed the day Jesus was crucified. Once he died upon the cross, what was once merely an instrument of Roman punishment became in Christ the symbol of humans' salvation from pain and death. It became an instrument of divine mercy, a symbol of love, and above all, our hope for God's total deliverance at the end of time.

In Christ, the cross now tells not a human story of oppressive power and dehumanizing punishment, but the divine story of redemption. In the cross, Jesus reveals the very heart of God. He shows us how precious each of us is to the Father, and how far God is willing to go for our salvation: "For God so loved that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." On the cross, Christ proves God's love for us and answers the deepest questions of human life. God alone is the ultimate purpose of our existence.

The cross teaches us that it is better to give than to receive. That, as Jesus teaches, unless the grain of wheat falls and dies, it bears no fruit. That a life lived for others is the fullest life. That death is not a calamity when it crowns a selfless life of charity and service. It teaches us the meaning and power of humility. Jesus embraced the cross in humility as an example for us. He emptied himself for our sake to model for us what it means to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The cross reminds us to prepare for our impending death by appreciating the



temporality of life and the emptiness of a life lived outside the purpose of God. The cross doesn't just urge us to be good as individuals; it inspires us to work together with other good people for the common good. After all, one of the reasons Jesus climbed the cross was to draw all humanity in unity unto himself.

The cross compels us toward justice, compassion, and solidarity with all those who suffer. It challenges us to open our eyes to the plight of the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the oppressed, and to vehemently challenge the structures responsible for their suffering, while we do what we can to alleviate their distress. It warns us not to rest until there is justice for all, to resist the constant temptation to participate in corruption or selfishness, but to transform the vicious circle of life into a circle of grace and mercy.

Above all, the cross challenges us to take God and our faith more seriously. For every Christian, the cross remains the most powerful reminder of the religion of love, justice, and peace that Christ inaugurated.

-William Orbih, Catholic Voices

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Wednesday, 12 - 5
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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, 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
Monday, September 15, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for 'Marcia Tucci by Lee O'Mara
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for 'Rev. Fr. Robert Park
Thursday, September 18, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for 'Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Friday, September 19, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for 'Larry Dodson by family
Saturday, September 20, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for 'Matthew Pickens by Joe and Susie Pickens
Sunday, September 21, 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
Janie Garton by family,
September 6 - 20, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Jerry Gross, 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, 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	120
Sunday	193
Total	313
Saturday	\$2005
Sunday	\$2154
Mail/Drop Box	\$200
Total	\$4359
School	\$215
Votives	\$73
Maintenance	\$105
Loan	\$100
Organ	\$200
Wesbanco Balance	\$31,446.66
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52
Gaza Relief	\$440

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Attention Church and School Volunteers

If you are a volunteer for St. Patrick Church or school, please go to virtusonline.org to check the status of your account.

If you are new to our church and school, please go to that website and create an account.

All volunteers for church and school activities need to be Virtus compliant BEFORE they can volunteer.

There are 5 components to the process.

- Background check (to be completed every 3 years)
- Training (to be completed every 3 years)
- Code of Conduct Acknowledgement
- Handbook Acknowledgment
- Reporting Statute Acknowledgement

Please contact the parish office if you have questions or require assistance.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
ANNUAL
ELIMINATION
DINNER

ST. PATRICK GYMNASIUM

\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

DRIVE-THRU PICKUP: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

DINNER: 6:30 PM

CHICKEN OR STEAK
DINNER & DESSERT



PLUS — LIVE STREAMING THE
WVU AWAY GAME!

TICKETS: \$30 EACH

For a ticket, call the school: (304) 269-5547

What goes on at

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL?



School Prayer

Every day at St. Patrick's School begins and ends in prayer. The day starts with the Angelus and ends with an Our Father and Act of Contrition.



Patriotism

Our school emphasizes a strong love for our country. Our Pre-K students expressed their patriotism through creative artwork, while our Kindergarten students honored 9/11 with special remembrance pieces.



Creative Lessons

Here, lessons are innovative. For example, Sixth graders sharpened their descriptive writing skills by using their senses—and some Play-Doh! They focused on how it looks, feels, and smells... but we're hoping they used their imagination when it comes to taste!



Peace in the storm

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A program of support
for those going through
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How to remain strong in
faith and let God
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October 11th

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Football Frenzy \$10

Annual Knights of Columbus Football Frenzy tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$10 each and will be on sale at Donut Sunday this weekend! You don't have to do anything after you purchase your ticket. They will send you a check when/if you win. Cash prizes are awarded to the highest and lowest 4 team totals.



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 have an opportunity to shop on Sunday September 14 from 11:30pm-2pm in the gym.

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!



All women are welcome!
Not just moms.

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."

Our kick-off meeting will be September 29th - 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.

Contact Megan White with questions at mwhite.stpats@gmail.com

On Deck

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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