

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." -Luke 17:6*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Marian Procession & Donut Sunday**  
October 5<sup>th</sup>  
After Mass
- \* **School Rosary Rally**  
October 7th  
12:45 PM  
Church
- \* **Virtus Training**  
October 12th  
Details inside bulletin.
- \* **Parish Rosary Rally**  
October 18th  
Noon  
Holt Park
- \* **School Elimination Dinner**  
October 18th  
4:30-5:30 PM Drive Thru  
6:30 PM Dinner in Gym
- \* **Mass & Picnic @ St. Bernards**  
October 19th  
1:00 PM Mass  
Loveberry
- \* **Parish Square Dance**  
November 8th  
6:30 PM  
School Gym



In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to "increase our faith." Jesus tells them that even faith the size of a mustard seed can accomplish what seems impossible, illustrating that the strength of our faith lies not in its size but in its sincerity and trust in God.

So how can we cultivate this kind of faith in our daily lives?

1. **Moment-by-Moment Trust:** Faith begins with trust in God's presence in every moment. Start each day by acknowledging God's nearness and asking for guidance. In every challenge, pause and remind yourself that God is with you, ready to help.

2. **Pray with Sincerity:** Prayer is the soil where faith grows. Instead of worrying about the right words or the length of your prayers, focus on honesty and openness with God. Share your struggles, joys, and hopes, trusting that God hears you.

3. **Embrace Small Acts of Faithfulness:** Like the servant in the parable, approach your daily tasks with humility and dedication. Whether it's helping a neighbor,

being patient with a loved one, or offering a smile to someone in need, these acts are where faith takes root and flourishes.

4. **Reflect on God's Promises:** Regularly spend time with Scripture, focusing on God's promises and past faithfulness. Meditate on passages where God has proven steadfast and trustworthy, like Romans 8:28—"We know that all things work for good for those who love God."

5. **Connect with Community:** Build relationships with others who encourage and challenge your faith. Share your experiences and learn from theirs, finding strength in your common journey toward God.

By taking these steps, we invite God to grow our faith, even in the simplest acts. Remember, just as a mustard seed grows into something magnificent, so too can our small gestures of faith become powerful testimonies of God's love.

Today, ask yourself: Where can I plant mustard seeds of faith in my life, trusting God to nurture and grow them beyond what I might see?



# 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, October 4, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Clarence and Mary Lou Weber by family
Sunday, October 5, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, October 6, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Helen Hyre
Thursday, October 9, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for the Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
<b>Friday, October 10, 2025</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Mass for †Edward and Regina Brennan by St. Patrick Church and School</b>
Saturday, October 11, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, October 12, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Beulah Ruppert by Mary Lynne Catsam

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning for  
victims of domestic violence  
October 5 - 18, 2025.

## Prayer List

Those who are sick: Valerie Corley, Jerry Gross, Allen Butcher (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Alex 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, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Gage Ruley, Charles Sailor, 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.

Those who are participating in OCIA.

Those in our First Communion Preparation classes.

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

## Attendance & Collections

Saturday	113
Sunday	196
Total	309
Saturday	\$1106
Sunday	\$4909.49
Mail/Drop Box	\$1053
Total	\$7068.49
School	\$135
Votives	\$63
Maintenance	\$
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$31,446.66
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58

## Reminder

As part Bishop Brennan's debt forgiveness for the Year of Hope, parishes will not pay the Cathedralricum assessment (normally 3% of net assessable income) in 2025 and the PHRA Assessment is reduce to 4% (normally 6%).



**Raised: \$21,619 (89%)**  
**Goal: \$24,400**  
**Difference: \$2781**

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**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

October 2025  
[respectlife.org/celebrate](https://respectlife.org/celebrate)

## St. Patrick's



### Language Arts, Adjectives, & Oreos

6th grade has been learning about adjectives! They used adjectives to describe Oreos before and after eating.



### Middle School Volleyball Team Serves Up Support for Breast Cancer Survivors



This week, the middle school volleyball team held a special tribute to honor breast cancer survivors.

Players invited community members to be recognized during the event. Among those honored was our very own Mrs. Moore, who was invited by St. Patrick's School players in recognition of her courageous battle with cancer.

**Support Our  
Curriculum  
Fundraiser**  
for grades 6-8

	All proceeds benefit the funding of Social Studies and Science Curriculum for grades 6-8		Drawing October 18 during Elimination Dinner.
ST PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM FUNDRAISER (GRADES 6-8)			NAME : _____
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Purchase tickets online by scanning the QR code.			_____
			_____
1 TICKET=\$10			No. _____
Drawing October 18 during Elimination Dinner.			No. _____



## Marian Procession & Donuts

**October 5th | Immediately Following Mass**

We will have a Marian procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary immediately following Mass on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in honoring our Blessed Mother as we process with her statue around the block, singing hymns of praise. We will serve donuts afterwards in the school cafeteria in honor of Larry Jurysta.

## Fraternal Dinner for Men

**October 7**

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parish men to a fraternal dinner on October 7. This is a chance for all the men of the parish to connect with each other. It will be a potluck, so bring whatever you would like to share with your brother. Hope to see you there. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. for Mass. Dinner will follow in the cafeteria.

## Parish Square Dance

**November 8th | 6:30 PM | School Gymnasium**

Join us for a night of dancing! All ages are welcome!



## Virtus Training

**October 12**

We will offer an optional Virtus training for children who do not attend St. Patrick's School but who attend sacramental prep on October 12th. Parents who opt out will be given a form to sign.

Pre-registration is required, email [mwhite.stpats@gmail.com](mailto:mwhite.stpats@gmail.com)

## Parish Rosary Rally

**October 18th | 12:00 PM | Holt Park**

We invite you to join us for a Rosary Rally on October 18th at 12:00 p.m. at Holt Park, as we bring our faith outside our church doors.

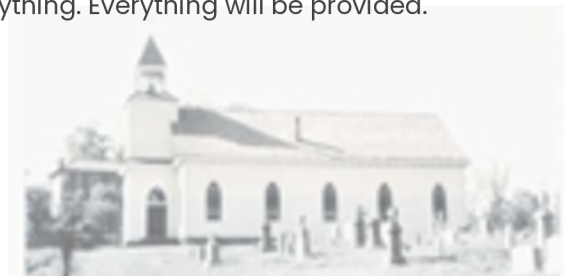
To get to Holt Park from the Church: cross the street, walk down the alley that is directly across from the school. Pass the grey house, the little white house, and Holt Park is the large open area behind.

## Mass & Picnic @ St. Bernard's

**October 19th | 1:00 PM | Loveberry**

Reconnect with your roots and join us for our Annual Homecoming at the historic St. Bernard's Church in Loveberry on October 19th at 1:00 PM. This beautiful church stands as a testament to the rich history of Catholicism in Lewis County, reminding us of the strong foundation of faith planted by our ancestors.

Following Mass, we'll share a delicious meal together provided by Mike Riffle. No need to bring anything. Everything will be provided.



## Seven Sorrows Rosary

Tuesdays | Noon

Join the Catholic daughters in praying the Seven Sorrows Rosary on Tuesdays at Noon in the church.

## Our Neighbor Collection

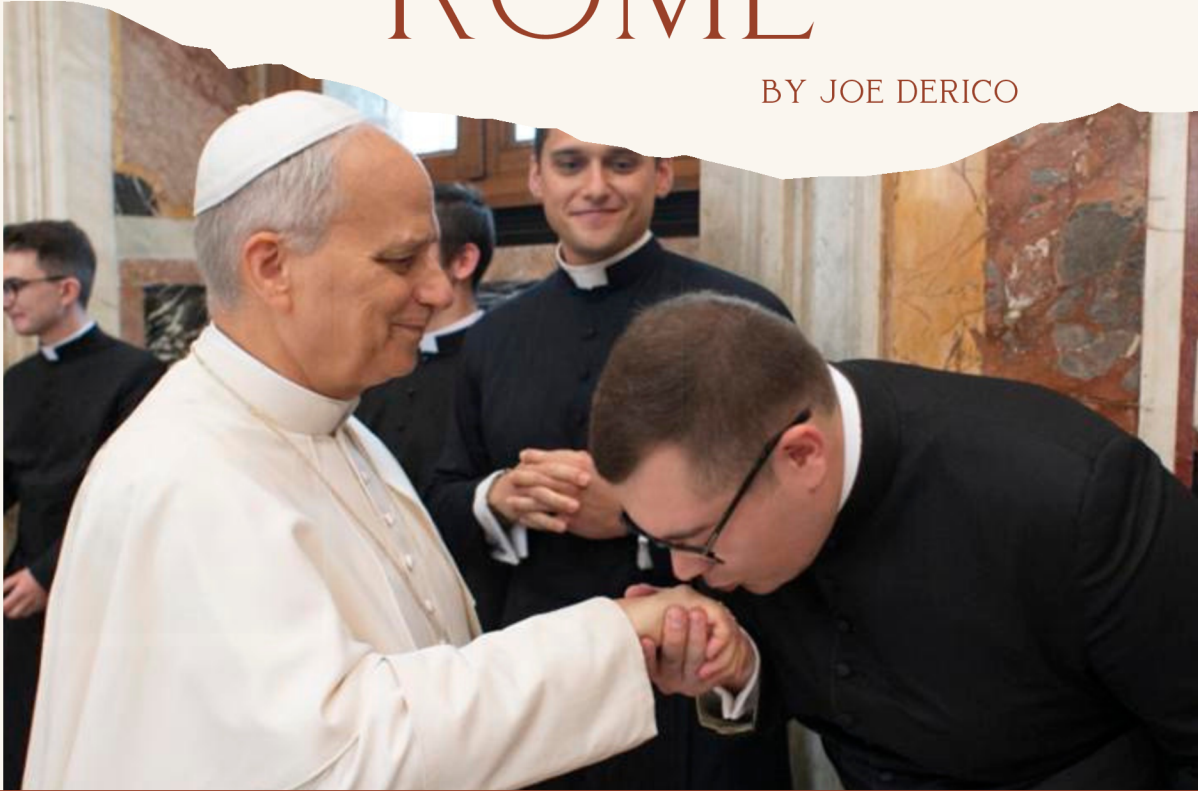
We are collecting peanut butter, jelly, & crackers for Our Neighbor this month. Kindly place donations in the cabinet outside the back door of the parish office.

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# UPDATE FROM ROME

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BY JOE DERICO



## BEAUTY, THE ETERNAL CITY AND MEETING THE POPE

Having been in Rome now for a little over a month, I have been quite privileged to have a number of experiences that I could have never expected to have, yet alone in such rapid succession. The most striking part of Rome, by far, is the readily observable beauty which pervades the entire city. Not only the churches and the grand piazza's with baroque fountains but simply just the façade of every building just radiates beauty before functionality in a way which we're not accustomed to in the States. It has quickly become one of my favorite parts of living in Rome. Each day when I decide to go out for a random walk around the city, or even when I go to run errands or something like that,

I encounter beauty everywhere in a way which is unusual, and still new to me. It makes me question, at least partially, how we think about architecture in general. As Americans, we tend to build for longevity and functionality. We tend however to oppose those ideals to beauty. The Romans tend to build thinking of beauty first, and everything else just sort of falls into place. The pantheon for example, still stands 2,000 years later and is easily one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. It was built to be beautiful, but it stands today, transformed from a pagan temple into a Catholic Church, captivating the hearts and minds of people who pass it by.



It's gotten me thinking however, what is the purpose of all this beauty? What end does it serve? Certainly it costs a little extra, so there must be a principled reason to undertake such an expense for seemingly no reason. In fact, beauty seems perfectly useless. Yet, deep down, we still know that it is noble, and worthy. We don't build strictly for functionality (most of the time). I think, that the principal reason that beauty is so important, is because it calls the mind to what is beyond our present experience. We see something beautiful, and we think, at least on some level, that this must be what heaven is like. Heaven, indeed, will be far more beautiful, more beautiful than we could possibly imagine, but beauty, I propose, serves to remind us that heaven exists. In fact, one of the biggest goals of most communist regimes is to eliminate western ideas of beauty because it eliminates this sort of subconscious consideration. When all there is are concrete buildings, there is nothing to ponder, nothing to serve, except the regime. Beauty is the antidote then to a certain type of spiritual worldliness, wherein we consider only the here and now.



We're extremely blessed to belong to a very beautiful parish. There is art in the church, the looks are timeless and ancient all at once. A great effort is put forth to have beautiful music and vestments and liturgy, and all of these things come at a considerable cost, both monetary and labor.



But these things are meant to be a labor of love. An expense which is undertaken simply because of what it intends to serve, namely Almighty God. But remember also, that it serves your brothers and sisters, who are (or at least should be) drawn into that same consideration of beauty by the efforts undertaken. So yes, beauty is perfectly useless, but that is what makes it so wonderfully useful. It serves no ulterior motives, other than itself.

Finally, I've had opportunity to meet the pope, personally, up close, since being here in Rome. That was a kind of crazy experience. I would have never imagined that it would come only three days after having arrived in this city. It was such a wonderful blessing to have met His Holiness, and he spoke to us all, young seminarians, of the need for perseverance in the priesthood.

Gesturing to his white cassock, he said, "You have to pray for perseverance, because you never know when the Lord might surprise you." It was so evident, in even such a short exchange, that the Holy Father is clearly a man of a deep interior life, and that it is from that relationship with the Lord that he draws to offer words of encouragement and guidance to us all.

In closing, please pray for me, and pray for Pope Leo XIV, that the Lord may aid us both in perseverance. Know of my prayers for you, and for our parish community.

In Christ,  
Joe Derico

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