

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." - Matthew 3:3*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Monday, December 8** **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

8:15 a.m., All School Mass  
6:00 p.m., Mass

### **December 13 & 14**

Religious Retirement Fund Collection

### **Sunday, December 14**

Donut Sunday (sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

### **Wednesday, December 17**

Advent Reconciliation (Fr. Maghsoudi will assist Fr. Ondeck with Confessions)

### **Friday, December 19**

1:00 p.m., Christmas Play  
6:30 p.m., Christmas Play

### **Wednesday, December 24**

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

### **Thursday, December 25**

Midnight Mass  
10:30 a.m., Morning Mass

### **Wednesday, December 31**

6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

### **Thursday, January 1**

Noon, Mass for the Solemnity of Mary



As we continue our Advent journey, this Sunday brings us the powerful and challenging voice of John the Baptist. In Matthew 3:1-12, John emerges as a prophetic figure in the wilderness, calling for repentance and preparing the way for the Lord. His message is as provocative today as it was then: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

John's urgent call invites us to examine our hearts and lives during this season of preparation. Advent is not just about preparing externally for Christmas celebrations but about making space within ourselves for the coming of Christ. Repentance, then, is an opportunity to turn away from sin and toward the love and mercy of God.

John also warns against complacency and self-assurance based on heritage or status, reminding his listeners that true repentance bears fruit. He calls us to produce good fruit as evidence of an interior transformation—a life marked by faith, hope, and love.

The imagery of John the Baptist as a voice crying out in the wilderness is a stark reminder that our world, too, often finds itself in spiritual wilderness. His call to make "straight the paths" reminds us of our mission to bring justice, peace, and reconciliation into our own areas of influence.

John speaks of one "more powerful" who is coming after him, recognizing his role as a precursor to Jesus. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, how can we also be heralds of His presence? Let John's passionate call to repentance inspire us to renew our commitment to live as disciples, ready to meet the Lord when He comes.

May this Advent season be a time of spiritual renewal, as we heed John the Baptist's call and prepare our hearts for welcoming the Savior with joy and readiness.

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

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Wednesday, 12 - 5  
Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1



## St. Patrick Catholic School

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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, December 6, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 7, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Kenny Parker by Mary Jane Parker and family
<b>Monday, December 8, 2025</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	8:15 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
	6:00 PM	Mass for †Curtis Kiddy by Pat Kiddy and sons
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Doris Dodson by the White Family
Thursday, December 11, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Martha Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Friday, December 12, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by family
Saturday, December 13, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 14, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Kathy Colcombe by Dominic Milinovich

**Contact the parish office to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for a two week period!**



**The sanctuary lamp is burning for in memory of Helen Linger, November 30 - December 13, 2025.**

## Prayer List

Those who are sick: Vicki Almase, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Allen Butcher, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Carol Conrad, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Emily Donaldson, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Raymond Oliverio, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Paula Reynolds, Brenda Riley, Gage Ruley, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, 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	108
Sunday	245
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>
Saturday	\$1544
Sunday	\$4299
Mail/Drop Box	\$335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6178</b>
School	\$35
Votives	\$
Maintenance	\$145
Loan	
Organ	2501
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58
Christmas Flowers	\$110

## Christmas Flower Donations



Please consider giving to the Christmas flower fund. We are blessed to have talented volunteers who always make the church look spectacular. The cost of flowers has increased along with everything else so we need to make sure they have the funds to continue to make the church look absolutely amazing.

## FORMED

Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

Enter Weston's zip code—26452

Register with your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

## Upcoming Special Collections

**December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

~Religious Retirement Fund

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

~Catholic Charities WV

## myEoffering

Scan to donate online



<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>

## Names for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the St. Patrick Church parish office at 304-269-3048 or email [secretary@spchurchweston.net](mailto:secretary@spchurchweston.net). Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

We need the following information when you add someone to the list:

- Family name**
- Family size (broken down by the number of adults and number of children)**
- A contact number for the family.**
- Your name and phone number.**

## Tidal Wave Spa Car Wash Tickets

Tidal Wave Spa Car Wash tickets make a great gift for only \$10 and they can be used now through November of 2026. Donna Lake will have the tickets at Donut Sundays or you can email her at [dlake5977@gmail.com](mailto:dlake5977@gmail.com)

## Homemade Madagascar Vanilla

Made by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.  
4 oz. bottle for \$10.

## Welcome to the Family!

Congratulations to Josiah Ball who was baptized on Sunday, November 30. Josiah is the son of Joseph & Rebecca Ball and the Godson of Chasity King and Tom Snyder.



## CDA Christmas Food Basket Drive

It's time for the annual Christmas food drive and this year more families than ever need our help.

The following is a list of needed items and they are different from the list given to the school children for donation

Since families come in all sizes, we can use various portions from individual to family size. The only thing we ask is if it is something sold in bulk, it can easily be divided if needed.

Collection boxes will be in the back of church starting Nov. 22-23 until Dec. 13-14 with the drive-thru collection before and after Masses Dec. 13-14.

Thank you for helping those in need.

### Items needed from the parish:

- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.)
- Canned fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, etc.)
- Baked beans
- Beef stew
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pastas
- Rice (plain or seasoned)
- Canned protein (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Boxed stuffing
- Brownie mix



# MAKE THE ORGAN OURS THIS CHRISTMAS

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Help us make the organ ours this Christmas!

An anonymous parishioner is offering a dollar-for-dollar match for every gift to our Organ Fund now through January 31, 2026. This is a wonderful chance to make your generosity go twice as far and help ensure that the beautiful music we cherish continues to fill our church for generations.

A few ways to participate:

- use this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-the-organ-fund>
- scan the QR Code above
- place your donation in a pew envelope marked "Organ Fund," or write a check with "Organ Fund" in the memo line and place it in the collection basket.

Together, let's make the sacred music we love truly ours!

## WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Last week, we received **\$2,501** from **six families**. The donations ranged from **one dollar to one thousand dollars**.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Donut Sunday

Sunday, December 14

Cafeteria

Sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

**Sponsors are needed for our 2026 Donut Sunday gatherings. Sponsorship is \$250.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**  
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

January 11, 2026  
St Patrick School gymnasium  
Starts at 12:00 p.m.  
Free participation for all boys and girls ages 9 - 14 (as of Jan. 1, 2026).

Doors open at 11 am for registration.  
No prior registration needed.  
For more information, please call or text Jim at 304-704-0865

## Our Neighbor Collection

We are collecting **spaghetti sauce, cereal, and green beans** for Our Neighbor this month. However, they can use any non-perishable food items as well as paper supplies and toiletries, Kindly place donations in the cabinet outside the back door of the parish office.

# St. Patrick's School

December 2025

## Pizza Party!

Pre-School earned a pizza party with special guest, Father Ondeck, for raising the most “baby bottle” money.



## Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas pageant will be Friday, **December 19**. The matinee performance will be at **1:00 p.m.** and the evening performance will be at **6:30 p.m.**

## Called to Serve

“Looking sharp in their uniforms and even sharper in their character...” says Ms. Kennedy as these boys volunteer daily to take the lunch trash cans to the dumpster.



## Festive Preparations

The holidays roll in fast, but St. Patrick's School is not missing a beat. Right after Thanksgiving break, preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas commences. Preschool decorated their Christmas tree together and celebrated with a dance party.



## The Season of Giving

Students went to Santa's Shop this week to purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones.



## Cash Calendar Tickets

Calendar Cash tickets are for sale now. They make great Christmas gifts. Tickets are \$20 each and are available in the school and parish offices and from students.

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