

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." - Psalm 128:1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m., Adoration and Confession

6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

Noon, Mass

Sunday, January 4

Solemnity of the Epiphany
Donut Sunday

Sunday, January 11

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

January 25 - 31

Catholic Schools Week

Joe's Address

Send our seminarian Christmas tidings at the address below:

Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
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Today is the Fourth Day within the Octave of Christmas. The Feast of the Holy Family is a movable feast, assigned to the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas.

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

—Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

The Gospel is from Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23. During this holy season of Christmas, Jesus Mary and Joseph should be remembered frequently by every Christian. To help us to remember them and above all to strive to imitate them, the Church has dedicated this Sunday to the memory of the Holy Family. Although they were God's closest friends, and although they were the holiest family that ever lived, or ever will live, on earth, they had more than their share of this world's troubles and cares. Today's Gospel story tells us of some of these earthly woes and sufferings. They had just settled in Bethlehem, and the Baby Jesus was only a few months old when, to avoid his murder at the hands of the murderous and jealous Herod, they had to flee from Bethlehem and become displaced persons in a foreign and pagan land.

The message of today's Gospel story is a message of encouragement and consolation for every one of us. If the Holy Family suffered such trials and hardships, surely we should be ready and willing to suffer and bear with the trials that God sends us for our own eternal welfare.

—Adapted from *The Sunday Readings*, by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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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, December 27, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 28, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family
Monday, December 29, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for Seminarians at St. John Paul II Seminary
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Paul Derico
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Noon	Mass for the People of the Parish
Friday, January 2, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for the conversion of North America
Saturday, January 3, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 4, 2026	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 in memory of Robert Joseph Hines, December 28 - January 10, 2026.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Sal Carmona (Ruby) 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, Josh and Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Cristy Lloyd, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Lydia Moodispaw, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Raymond Oliverio, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Paula Reynolds, Brenda Riley, Kaycee Rinehart, 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	122
Sunday	209
Total	331
Saturday	\$3176
Sunday	\$1200
Mail/Drop Box	\$200
Total	\$4576
School	\$50
Votives	\$101
Maintenance	\$145
Loan	\$20
Organ	\$810
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58
Christmas Flowers	\$95
Religious Retirement	970

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November Online Donations

General	\$3175.48
School	\$300

November Utilities and Other Expenses

Utilities	\$7004.94
Copier	\$710.85
Pest Control	\$142
Insurance	\$4159



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Parish Office Hours New Year's Week

Closed December 31 – January 2

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

Thank You

This year, we were able to give out 29 food boxes, serving a total of 95 people thanks to your generous donations. Many of the people we help are older people who often get overlooked.

We also wish to give a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful and welcoming.

March for Life



The Mon County Chapter of West Virginians for Life will be taking a chartered bus to Washington, D.C. for the 53rd Annual March for Life on Friday, January 23, 2026. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for a family of three or more. The bus departs from JC Penney's parking lot at Morgantown Mall at 4:30 a.m. and returns approximately 11 p.m. To voice your opinion to your federal legislators in a special morning congressional meeting and to join with thousands at the rally, make a mandatory reservation now by calling 304-216-6573.

Please Return Empty Baby Bottles

Please return all baby bottles from the CDA car seat fundraiser back to the Church, even if they are empty. Kindly place them somewhere in the vestibule. Returning them helps keep the Catholic Daughters from having to purchase new bottles every year.

Our Neighbor Collection

We are collecting **soup, canned fruit, and jelly** 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.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)



Mass Wednesday, December 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

- Adoration and Confession on Wednesday, December 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Mass Thursday, January 1 @ Noon

**MAKE THE ORGAN OURS
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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.

WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Last week, we received **\$810** through envelopes and **\$50** through our Zeffy online campaign.

Thank you for your generosity!

Give the Gift of Music

WARM GREETINGS!

I am writing a more detailed explanation about the pipe organ rebuilding to the congregation of Saint Patrick Church because a very generous parishioner has made an offer to match dollar for dollar contributions dedicated to paying off the organ fund loan. I have also included photos of the organ which most people cannot normally see.



The Organ Console

Upon my arrival in 2019, it became immediately evident that the organ at St Patrick's Church was in need of a complete overhaul because many notes were not working and many components of the instrument were in beginning to mid stages of failure.

The organ was installed in the early 1950s by the M.P. Moller organ Company of Hagerstown Maryland. The relatively small instrument had six ranks of pipes and approximately 400 pipes spread over two keyboards and a pedal board. No information of the previous organ is known which serve the church until 1952.



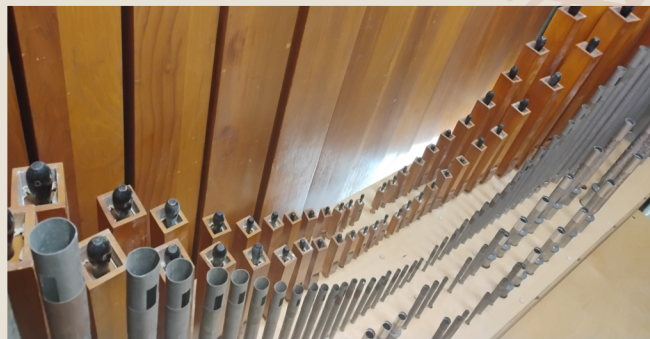
The Organ Wind Chest

St Patrick's Church reviewed three different bids from different organ companies and then settled on a bid from the late Al Sterner and Walker Technical Company to rebuild the mechanism of the current pipe organ as well as adding a new three manual organ console with digital controls and new digital stops (sounds) to expand the tonal range and capability of the organ. After several delays and

the death of the original contractor Al Sterner, the organ was completed on Saint Patrick's Day in 2020 ironically the day the church was closed because of the lockdowns occurring throughout the country. The organ rebuilding was completed by Mr. Ray Colby in conjunction with the Walker Technical Company.

Plans to have a dedication concert and blessing by the bishop were canceled because of the uncertainty of the lockdowns in 2020. And so, a proper dedication and a thank you to the parishioners who contributed to the organ never took place. It is the intention however to have a proper blessing and dedication of the organ.

It is my hope that generous contributions will continue to come in to pay off the organ loan completely. This can be done very easily because of the current dollar for dollar match. This will also allow the pastor to then address other pressing concerns within the parish such as the replacement of the boiler which heats the church and the school.



The Organ Pipes

Thank you for all who have already contributed. St Patrick's Church is blessed now to have a beautiful pipe organ which will continue to sing God's praises and elevate voices in Sacred Music.

Steve Anisko,

MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST



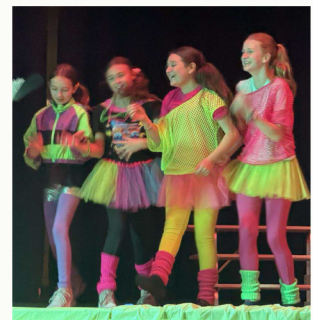
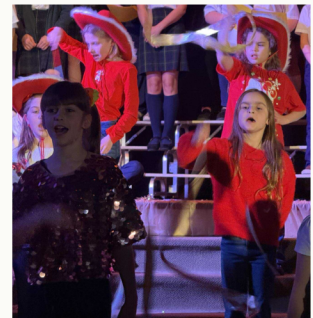
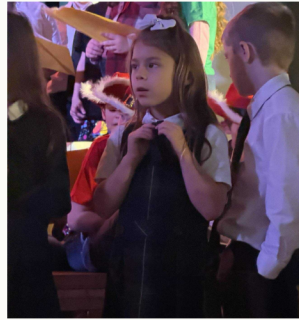
The Organ Wind Reservoir

St. Patrick's School

Christmas Pageant Snapshots



“Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man.”
— St. Augustine



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