

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." -Isaiah 60:1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4

Solemnity of the Epiphany
Donut Sunday, sponsored by
Josh and Marsha Garton

Sunday, January 11

Knights of Columbus Free
Throw Competition
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

January 25 - 31

Catholic Schools Week

Saturday, February 14

Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday
Lent Begins

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Joe's Address

Send our seminarian Christmas
tidings at the address below:

Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
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The Gospel of today's feast, is from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a

"fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.

—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, 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
Monday, January 5, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Vicki Almase
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, January 7, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for †Robert Joseph Hines by Helen Tomaro
Thursday, January 8, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Dorothy Butcher by Benjamin, Samuel & Dominic Milinovich
Friday, January 9, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Jim Aman by St. Pats Class of 56
Saturday, January 10, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 11, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for †Lou Costello 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 Robert Joseph Hines, December 28 - January 10, 2026.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Ann Rowan (UHC), Lorin Albin, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Allen Butcher, Kelsea Butcher, Sal Carmona, 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, Deborah Underwood, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Doreen Valade, 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.

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	127
Sunday	157
Total	284
Saturday	\$773
Sunday	\$2737
Mail/Drop Box	\$2800
Total	\$6310
School	\$35
Votives	\$145
Maintenance	\$445
Loan	\$20
Organ	\$2005
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58
Christmas Mass Attendance	
Christmas Eve	289
Midnight	135
Christmas Morning	75
Total	499
Christmas Eve	\$1979
Midnight	\$615
Christmas Morning	\$430
Total	\$3024
Catholic Charities	\$1126

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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.

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Last week, we received \$2005 through envelopes.

The total raised is \$10, 936.

The organ balance is \$58,120.58. Half of that is \$29060.29 which means if we raise \$18,000 by the end of the month, the organ can be paid off!

SAVE THE DATE



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.

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.

Epiphany House Blessing (chalking the door)

The family gathers to ask God for the blessing of their home and that of those who inhabit or visit it. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, in our chores, comings and goings, our conversations, our work and games, our sorrows and joys.

A traditional way to do this is to use chalk to write on the home's entry
20 + C + M + B + 26.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Gaspar (Caspar in Latin), Melchor and Balthasar.

They are also short for the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat, meaning "May Christ bless this house." The symbol "+" represents the cross and 2026 is the year.

Instructions for each family to bless their home

Using the blessed chalk, write on the lintel of your front door the following:

20 + C + M + B + 26
...as you recite:

The three Wise Men, Gaspar, Melchor and Balthasar followed the star of the Son of God who became a man two thousand and fifteen years ago. May the Lord bless this home and be with us during this new year. Amen.

Family Leader then offers the following prayer:

We ask you, Lord, to bless this house and all those who live in it: may there always be love, peace and forgiveness in this home; grants its inhabitants sufficiency of material goods and abundance of virtues; who are welcoming and sensitive to the needs of others; that in joy they praise you, Lord, and in sadness they seek you; at work they find the joy of your help, and in need they feel close to your comfort; when they go out, enjoy your company, and when they return, experience the joy of having you as a guest; May this house truly be a domestic church where the Word of God is light and food, and may the peace of Christ reign in his hearts until one day he arrives in your heavenly home. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Indelible Blessing: Chalking the door of the home is a way of celebrating and literally leaving a mark on the occasion of Epiphany and God's blessing on our lives and homes.

Over time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we will let the meaning of the Latin words sink deep into our hearts and manifest itself in our words and actions: Christus mansionem benedicat, "May Christ bless this house."

Merry Christmas & THANK YOU

To all who helped make our Christmas liturgies beautiful.





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