

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." - John 1:29

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25 - 31

Catholic Schools Week

- Sunday, January 25,
- 10:30, Mass,
- 11:30 a.m., Breakfast and Open House

Sunday, February 8

Donut Sunday

Saturday, February 14

5:00 p.m., Mass

6:15 p.m., Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

Lent Begins

8:15 a.m., Mass

6:00 p.m., Mass

March 8

Donut Sunday

March 14 & 15

Gifts from the Holy Land

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Joe's Address

Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
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Europe

John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel echoes across the whole of salvation history: "Behold, the Lamb of God."

For Israel, the image of the lamb was deeply familiar. At the very first Passover, a spotless lamb was sacrificed and its blood marked the doorposts, saving God's people from death and leading them out of slavery. Every year this was repeated as a memorial: lambs were offered again and again in the Temple as a sign of repentance and hope for reconciliation with God. Not only were the lambs sacrificed — for the rite to be complete, the lambs had to be consumed. Yet these sacrifices could only point forward; they could not fully take away sin.

When John sees Jesus and names Him the Lamb of God, he proclaims something strange to Jewish ears. John was saying that Jesus is the one who will take away the sins of the world. This doesn't make much sense until we get to the story of the cross which actually takes place during the feast of the Passover... the exact time that lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple. At calvary, Jesus is both priest and victim. He is the innocent Lamb who bears our sins and he is the priest who freely sacrifices his life to restore us to the Father.



But how do we receive this Lamb of God? In the Old Testament, the sacrifice was not complete until the lamb was eaten—and we know that sacrifice pointed to the New Covenant sacrifice: the Mass. Catholics really do have it all on Sundays (and every day where we attend the Holy Mass) as this Gospel comes alive! When the priest elevates the host and repeats John's words— "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world..."—we are placed at the same moment of revelation as John. We are invited to recognize that the same Jesus who stood before him, the same Jesus who offered His life on the cross, and the same Jesus who reigns as our eternal King is now truly present on the altar. The sacrifice once offered on the Cross is made present to us, to receive Him sacramentally in our very selves.

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.

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 17, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 18, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for †J. B. Parker by family
Monday, January 19, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Martha Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for †Beulah Ruppert by Betty Hill
Thursday, January 22, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for Fr. Kevin Regan
Friday, January 23, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Vickie Almase by Martin and Peggy Riley
Saturday, January 24, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 25, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for all Alumni of St. Patrick School.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: 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, Lisa Marlow, Louise Mehr, Lydia Moodispaw, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Raymond Oliverio, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Paula Reynolds, Brenda Riley, Kaycee Rinehart, Ann Rowan, Gage Ruley, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, Deborah Underwood, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Dee Mullooly, 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!

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning for in memory of Tom Blake by Margaret Blake, January 11, - 24 2026.

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	108
Sunday	209
Total	317
Saturday	\$2487
Sunday	\$2765
Mail/Drop Box	\$500
Total	\$5752
School	\$100
Votives	
Maintenance	\$240
Loan	
Organ	\$5235
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58

The 2025 Donation Statements are being prepared for those who gave \$250 or more. If you DO NOT NEED a statement for you taxes, or if you prefer to receive your statement via email, please contact the parish office.

This will help save on postage. The cost of a First Class Stamp is \$0.78 each.

Thank you to all of you who donate to support St. Patrick Church!

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Welcome to the Family!

Last Sunday as we were all reflecting on the gift of our own baptism and remembering how Christ sanctified the waters with his own, baby Jettson Lain Gum joined the Church through the sacrament of baptism.

Jettson is the son of Joey and Claire Gum and the godson of Thomas Snyder and Elyse Monepenny.



Take Home a Poinsettia

Please feel free to take home one of our beautiful Christmas poinsettias from the back of the church.

KofC Seminarian Support Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are selling Seminarian Support raffle tickets. Proceeds go to supporting seminarians in the Diocese. Tickets are \$5 each and winners can win up to \$1000! Please see one of the members of the KofC for information.

KofC Free Throw Competition

The local court of the Knights of Columbus held their annual Free Throw Competition on Sunday, January 11 in the gym. Congratulations to all the winners.



Mardi Gras Dinner Tickets and 50/50 Tickets Available After Weekend Mass

You can purchase your Mardi Gras Dinner and/or 50-50 Tickets after both weekend Masses beginning Saturday, January 17.

Dinner tickets are \$25 each. 50-50 tickets are \$10 each. Don't wait to buy your 50-50 tickets! We want the winning half to grow!

2026 Mullady Scholarship Application

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Catholic, currently enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students), and residents of Lewis County.

Applications can be picked up in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Church, the parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you.

The application deadline is February 28, 2026. Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in March.

Sponsors for Donut Sunday Needed

Please consider sponsoring a Donut Sunday to provide a social space for parishioners with delicious treats. The cost of a Donut Sunday is typically \$250. Contact Sandy at the parish office to sponsor at 304-269-3048.

Our next Donut Sunday will be February 8, sponsored by Ethan and Kristi Garton.

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.

**TICKETS FOR
SALE AFTER
WEEKEND
MASSES!**

you are invited to a

MARDI GRAS PARTY

FEBRUARY

14

AT 6:00 PM

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

**DINNER
TICKETS**

\$30

**MUST BE 21 OR
OVER TO ATTEND**



**Games of Chance
Live Music**

**Steak tips, roasted potatoes,
green beans, salad, and bread
King Cake cupcakes and other
delicious desserts.**

**50/50
TICKETS*
\$10 EACH**

**MUST BE 18 OR
OVER TO PURCHASE**



50/50 DRAWING TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. **MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PURCHASE A TICKET.**
2. **IF PRIZE IS MORE THAN \$1000, WINNER WILL PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SO A W-2G CAN BE PROVIDED.**
3. **WRITE YOUR NAME, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, LEGIBLY ON THE TICKET.**
4. **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters
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CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

AN ANONYMOUS FORUM



Our faith is beautiful. But let's be honest... it is vast. That's why I decided to create this space: a space for answers to your honest questions about the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Have you ever had a question about the Catholic faith but weren't sure where to turn for an answer?

Maybe you hesitated to ask in Confirmation class in front of your peers. Maybe you felt you "should already know this" from years of Catholic school. Or perhaps you worried that asking the priest might feel awkward or intimidating.

You are not alone — and your questions matter.

This parish forum is a safe and welcoming place to ask any question about the Catholic faith, completely anonymously. Each week, one (and sometimes several) of your submitted questions will be addressed in the parish bulletin.

No judgment. No pressure. Just honest questions and faithful answers — because growing in our faith begins with the courage to ask.

***Your DRE,
Megan***



Submit Questions Here

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Q: "Do we have to be forgiven for a sin twice - once in the sacrament of reconciliation and again at death during particular judgment? If so, what is the value of the sacrament?"

A: This is an interesting question, and I am glad you took advantage of this opportunity to ask! The short answer to your question is "no" but I think it is important for us to unpack what the particular judgement is and what the sacrament of reconciliation is to get to the heart of your question.

The particular judgment happens immediately after death. At that moment, we stand before God and see our life clearly in the light of truth. God does not offer a new chance to repent then as our time of receiving God's grace is on earth. Rather, the judgment reveals whether we died in His friendship, that is, in a state of grace. Based on this, we enter Heaven (directly or through purgatory) or Hell. This judgement is the result of what we have freely chosen during our earthly life and is perfectly just (CCC 1022).

This is why the sacrament of reconciliation's value is immeasurable. When we commit mortal sin, we knowingly and freely turn away from God and break our friendship with Him. If we were to die unrepentant and without this sacrament, that separation would become eternal (Hell). In confession, however, when we sincerely repent and confess our sins, we hear the priest—acting in the person of Christ—say, "Through the ministry of the Church, I absolve you of all your sins..." At that moment, our sins are truly forgiven, and we are restored to God's grace.

Confession prepares us to meet the Lord with confidence and trust, knowing we have accepted His mercy which covers a multitude of sins. Even beyond forgiving mortal sins, this sacrament strengthens us, heals us, and helps us grow in holiness.

I hope this brings clarity and peace. Please feel free to ask any follow-up questions.

Recommended sources:

CCC 1022, 1030, 1033, 1035, 1446–1458

Hebrews 9:27, Luke 16:19–26, John 20:21–23, 1 John 1:7–9, Galatians 5:19–21, 1 John 5:16–17



Our faith is ever ancient, ever new.

You're never "too Catholic" to return to the basic tenets of our faith.

Join us in

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feel free to pop in only for topics you are interested in

UPCOMING TOPICS:

January 25: The Mass, Part 1

In this lesson, Catechist Megan White will unpack the first parts of the Mass: The Opening Rites & The Liturgy of the Word in the **School Cafeteria @ 9:00 AM.**

February 1: The Mass, Part 2

In this lesson, Catechist Megan White will unpack the next parts of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist & The Concluding Rites in the **School Cafeteria @ 9:00 AM.**

February 8th: Holy Orders

In this lesson, we will discuss the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the **School Cafeteria @ 9:00 AM.**



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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 \$5235 through envelopes and \$150 online.

The total raised is \$17,091.

The organ balance is \$58,120.58. Half of that is \$29,060.29 which means if we raise \$11,969 more by the end of the month, the organ can be paid off!



Joe Derico installed as Lector

Seminarian Joseph Derico was installed as a lector on Sunday, January 11, by His Eminence Fabio Cardinal Baggio at Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Pontifical North American College, in Rome.

The photos from the Pontifical North American College showcase this rite, including one of Joe receiving the Holy Scriptures - the Word of God.

Lectors are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God in the liturgical assembly and to instruct children and adults in the faith to prepare them to receive the sacraments.

Derico, who is from St. Patrick Church, Weston, WV, and his fellow seminarians, currently in their first year of theological formation for the priesthood, will have three additional years of theological, spiritual, and pastoral formation before being ordained to the priesthood in their home dioceses.

The Pontifical North American College serves as the American seminary in Rome. Founded in 1859 by Blessed Pius IX, the College has formed more than 5000 priests near the heart of the Church for service in

dioceses around the United States, Canada, and Australia. The College strengthens the bonds between Rome and local Churches worldwide, and it allows its students a first-hand encounter of the Church's rich religious and cultural heritage.

We are blessed to have two of our seminarians attending the NAC. Pictured with Derico after the Mass is Seminarian Michael J. Tupta III, who is from the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, WV.





School News



Breakfast!

On **January 25 after Mass** the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters will be hosting a pancake and casserole breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools week! Please stop by and show your support for our school.



Last Call for Cash Calendar Tickets

If you would like to purchase a Cash Calendar ticket please call the school at 304-269-5547



School Update & Catholic Schools Week

Peace be with you! We are pleased to share an update on our parish school and the many blessings unfolding within our school community. Our parish school continues to be a vibrant extension of our Church's mission, dedicated to forming students in mind, body, and spirit. Each day, our teachers and staff work to provide a strong academic foundation rooted in faith, prayer, and service to others.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support, prayers, and involvement of our parishioners, which make this important work possible. Catholic Schools Week is upon us, offering a special opportunity to celebrate the gift of Catholic education and its lasting impact on our children, families, and parish. Catholic education is an equal partnership between the school, families, and the Church, working together to form faithful disciples and responsible leaders. As we celebrate this week, we invite our parish community to join us in prayer and thanksgiving for our students, families, and staff, and to continue supporting our shared mission to form young men and women who are called to serve, not to be served.

Mr. Riley

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God in the mountains.

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Camp Carlo 2026

Our Catholic Youth Adventure Camp

High School Week:
June 28th – July 4th

Week 1: July 5th – 11th

Week 2: July 12th – 18th

Week 3: July 19th – 25th

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2026 Men's Discernment Retreat

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