

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." -Matthew 4:19*

## 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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The Gospel is from St. Matthew 4:12-23. The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed.

The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasises the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes one feel happier, more certain and protected.

God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2).

A joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks



God's initiative performing His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity.

This dynamic is expressed through Jesus call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives He invited them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of His earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16). This Sunday's Gospel invites us to remember that our personal vocation is founded on God's original and absolutely free choice. His invitation towards us, therefore, is an invitation to make a final decision to let Him conquer or re-conquer us to mark a turning point in our lives.

Let us ask the Lord, for us and the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. Christ is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.

—From the Dicastery for the Clergy  
nally in our very selves.

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

## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Wednesday, 12 - 5

Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1

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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.

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*"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, PRAYER LIST & COLLECTION

|                             |          |   |
|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| 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.                        |
| Monday, January 26, 2026    | 8:15 AM  | Mass for †Merle Corley by Diana and Rue Thompson                  |
| Tuesday, January 27, 2026   | 6:00 PM  | Celebrant's Intentions  |
| Wednesday, January 28, 2026 | 6:00 PM  | Mass for †Rita A. Lydon by family                                 |
| Thursday, January 29, 2026  | 8:15 AM  | Mass for †Rev. Fr. James Murphy by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton |
| Friday, January 30, 2026    | 8:15 AM  | Mass for †Paul Derico   |
| Saturday, January 31, 2026  | 5:30 PM  | Mass for the People of the Parish                                 |
| Sunday, February 1, 2026    | 10:30 AM | Mass for †Lorin Albin by Joe Derico                               |

## Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Allen Butcher, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Carol Conrad, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Emily Donaldson, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Eric Folio, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Josh and Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, LaDonna Heckert, 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:** Lorin Albin, 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!

## FORMED

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Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)  
Enter Weston's zip code—26452  
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2025 giving statements are in the process of being mailed or emailed to those who gave more than \$250.

You can view your donations online anytime by clicking the my info link at the bottom of any Flocknote email and then clicking on Giving.

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of the victims of abortion, January 25, - 31, 2026.

## Attendance & Collections

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Saturday           | 130         |
| Sunday             | 174         |
| Total              | 304         |
| Saturday           | \$1830      |
| Sunday             | \$831       |
| Mail/Drop Box      | \$250       |
| Total              | \$2991      |
| School             | \$50        |
| Votives            | 126.25      |
| Maintenance        | \$135       |
| Loan               |             |
| Organ              | \$2711      |
| Wesbanco Balance   | \$28,399.18 |
| Organ Loan Balance | \$58,120.58 |

## December Online Donations

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| General | \$4080 |
| School  | \$300  |
| Loan    | \$60   |
| Organ   | \$1225 |

## December Utilities and Other Expenses

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Utilities    | \$6491.28 |
| Copier       | \$770.07  |
| Pest Control | \$142     |
| Insurance    | \$4159    |



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



50/50  
TICKETS\*  
\$10 EACH

MUST BE 18 OR  
OVER TO PURCHASE



Games of Chance  
Live Music

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

#### 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.

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# LAST WEEK TO DONATE!

## MAKE THE ORGAN OURS BY GROUNDHOG'S DAY WITH DOUBLE THE IMPACT!



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Help us make the organ ours by February 1st!

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 **\$2711** through envelopes.

**The total raised is \$19,802.**

The organ balance is \$58,120.58. Half of that is \$29,060.29 which means if we raise \$9,258 more by the end of the month, the organ can be paid off!

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

We received another \$5000 donation toward the organ loan after our weekly deposit was made which will be reflected next week. That means we only need \$4258 this week to pay off the organ.

### 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.

### 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

Please remember donation centers are hit hardest in cold weather. Kindly place donations of non-perishable food and paper goods in the cabinet outside the back of the parish office.

# ST. PATRICK'S

## SCHOOL NEWS



### 2025 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PICTURES

<https://www.oldakerphotography.com/Unlisted/ChristmasPageant2025>

### Valerie Brings Home the Gold



Congratulations to Valerie Long, who earned 1st place in the 5th grade division at Math Field Day! We are proud of all the students who represented our school at the Math Field Day competition.

### 100 Days of School



### St. Patrick School Hymn Hibernia's Patron Saint, All Hail

Hibernia's Patron Saint, all hail! With  
fadeless glory crown'd;  
Thy children spread through many  
lands this day thy praises sound.  
O Saint Patrick we proclaim thy  
heavenly glory far and wide.  
Grant that shielded by thy name, we  
may at last with thee abide.

Impelled by apostolic zeal thou cam'st  
to Erin's land;  
God's love for man thou didst reveal,  
and Satan's hosts disband  
O Saint Patrick we proclaim thy  
heavenly glory far and wide.  
Grant that shielded by thy name, we  
may at last with thee abide.

To God who gave thee to our school, be  
endless glory giv'n.  
Oh! May He always on it smile, and lead  
us all to heav'n!  
O Saint Patrick we proclaim thy  
heavenly glory far and wide.  
Grant that shielded by thy name, we  
may at last with thee abide.

# CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Have questions about the  
Catholic faith?

Scan the QR code to ask an  
anonymous question.



## Join us in **OCIA**

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

### UPCOMING TOPICS:

#### **Feb 1: 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 8: 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 15th: Holy Orders**

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

**\*dates subject to change due to weather\***

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

**Q:** "What should we be doing and not doing on the Sabbath? (After mass, of course) Hobbies? Watching the game on TV? Shopping? Going for a drive? Gardening? Cleaning house?"

Great question! Since the Church does not provide a strict list of do's and don'ts for Sundays, knowing exactly how to observe the Lord's Day can be difficult.

Traditionally, Christians were expected to abstain from unnecessary physical or "servile" labor. Under the 1917 Code of Canon Law, this made sense because the majority of people performed intense physical labor throughout the week on farms or in factories. In the 20th century, however, the nature of work changed significantly as many people began working desk jobs. As a result, physical activities such as gardening, light home projects, or mowing the lawn may actually be restful and recreational for some people.

When the Code of Canon Law was revised in 1983, the Church moved away from listing specific types of forbidden work and instead emphasized the underlying principles of Sunday observance. Canon Law 1247 now teaches that **the faithful are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and to refrain from activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable rest of mind and body.**

Engaging in **hobbies or watching television** can be good ways to relax and are perfectly permissible, provided they do not distract from prayer, family life, or lifting the mind and heart to God.

Going to **restaurants or shopping** is not strictly prohibited, but should be limited when possible. The Catechism reminds us: "Every Christian should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would hinder them from observing the Lord's Day" (CCC 2195).

Deep **cleaning** is generally not recommended as a recreational Sunday activity. While many people find it difficult to relax in a cluttered space, it is best—when possible—to prepare for the Lord's Day on Saturday by cleaning ahead of time. This helps create a peaceful environment that fosters rest and contemplation on Sunday. Of course, some light and necessary tasks—such as washing dishes or picking up toys—are unavoidable.

Simply put, Sunday should be set aside as a day of worship (above all through attending Mass), rest, and recreation, in a way that looks different from the rest of the week and draws us closer to God.

*For further reading, see CCC 2174-2195; Mark 2:27; Matthew 12:1-8; Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10.*

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