

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." -Matthew 5:16

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 8

Donut Sunday

Sponsored by Ethan and Kristi Garton

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

Sponsored by Bobby Stewart

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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In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds His disciples that they are "the salt of the earth." When we think of salt, we usually think of flavor, but for Jesus' listeners, the primary meaning was likely preservation—salt's essential role was keeping meat from spoiling. In the same way, Jesus calls His followers to preserve the gospel message in the world by living in His grace and according to His teachings. When we compromise our lives by turning away from Him, we fail to "preserve" the good, true, and beautiful.

The result of this is spiritual spoil. This is evident in a culture that increasingly moves away from a Christian worldview, leaving many feeling distant from God.

But we are "the light of the world." Our faith is not meant to be hidden, but to shine through our words and actions. Others should see our hope & charity and wonder: "Why is she always so hopeful despite challenges?" or "Why does he go out of his way to help others?" The answer, made visible in our daily lives, should be unmistakable: Jesus. Let us bear witness throughout the world of the God we serve as a city set on a hill!

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

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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/.

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, PRAYER LIST & COLLECTION

Saturday, February 7, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for †Alexandra Moody Hamrick by Mike and Anna Lee Determan
Sunday, February 8, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, February 9, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sara Garton Murray by Mary Ellen and Margaret Ann Lydon
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by family
Thursday, February 12, 2026	8:15 AM	No Mass
Friday, February 13, 2026	8:15 AM	No Mass
Saturday, February 14, 2026	5:00 PM	Mass for †Olga Angotti by family
Sunday, February 15, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Emma Pascasio, February 1 - 28, 2026.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Cyndee Becker, Allen Butcher, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Emily Donaldson, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Eric Folio, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Josh and Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Pam Gross, Tim Haggan, LaDonna Heckert, Coretta Jefferson, Cristy Lloyd, Pat Kiddy, Becky King, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, James McClain, Lisa Marlow, Louise Mehr, Lydia Moodispaw, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Raymond Oliverio, Amy Price, Mike Ramsey, Catherine Ratliff, 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: Greg Garton, 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!

New Online Giving Platform



We are implementing Flocknote as our online giving platform. If you are currently using myEoffering you may continue to use it until March 31. While myEoffering has been efficient, we do pay a monthly fee for using it. This fee is in addition to the per donation fee that you see with your donation.



Flocknote online giving is straightforward: just an industry-standard 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction (or 1.1% + \$0.30 for ACH). A \$50 donation through our current program using ach would actually be \$50.30. With Flocknote it is \$50.86. These fees are counted as part of your donation.

Registered members of our parish already have a Flocknote account so there is no need to create one. Your Flocknote account is the email address where you receive your weekly bulletin.

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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2026

You're Getting on My Nerves!

7th and 8th grade students explored how the nervous system detects touch through a hands-on experiment. After learning how neurons send signals to the brain, students formed hypotheses about sensitivity in different parts of the body. Using paper clips spaced at varying distances, they tested their fingertips, arms, and necks to see when they felt one point versus two. Students recorded their data and reflected on their results, gaining a deeper understanding of how nerve density affects our sense of touch.



Exciting New Centers in Pre-School



Mrs. Sheila introduced several exciting new learning centers to celebrate students' return to school after many snow days. Students were thrilled to discover a laundry-folding station, a construction table, a light table filled with Arctic animals, and a kitchen stocked with real baking materials. Each center invited hands-on exploration, creativity, and plenty of excitement as students eagerly dove back into learning.

TICKETS FOR
SALE AFTER
WEEKEND
MASSES!

you are invited to a

50/50 UPDATE

THE WINNING HALF OF THE 50/50
RAFFLE IS CURRENTLY \$550!
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MASS OR
ONLINE BY USING THE QR CODE.

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.

Sponsored by St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters Court Victory 379, and the Knights of Columbus Council 1415.

Welcome to the Family!

On Sunday, February 1, Henry Blaise Deaton entered the Church through the sacrament of baptism.

Henry is the twelfth child of Aaron and Ginna Deaton. His Godfather is his big brother Lucas, and his Godmother is Sandy Mick.



Front: Toby, Clara and Ruby
 Middle: Joy, Hallie, (Sandy Mick), Ginna, Henry, Aaron, Zeke, Seneca, Camille, and Daisy
 Back: Fr. Ondeck, Lucas and Carver

Ash Wednesday- Feb. 18th

Masses with the Imposition of Ashes will be offered on Ash Wednesday at **8:15 a.m.** and **6:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Fasting means one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, while abstinence means refraining from meat. We observe these practices as an act of penance and preparation for Easter.

New \$1,000 standard deduction charity break in 2026

With taxes on everyone's mind, we wanted to share this update for next year's tax season:

Do you typically claim the standard deduction on your federal taxes? You're in luck. Beginning in 2026, there's a new deduction you could take. The non-itemizer charitable deduction is available for all taxpayers claiming the standard deduction, worth up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for joint filers).

Here are a few fast facts on this key tax break:

- Only cash contributions qualify (checks, credit card charges, online donations and payroll deductions are considered "cash" in this instance).
- The donation must be made to a qualified 501(c)(3) public charity (<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search>).

Donut Sunday- Today!

Today's Donut Sunday is **sponsored by Ethan and Kristi Garton**.

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.

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.

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Our Neighbor Collection

Jelly, shampoo, and dish detergent are the supplies Our Neighbor is running low on. 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.

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Have questions about the Catholic faith?

Scan the QR code to ask an anonymous question.



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Q: Can you give some specific examples of how we can evangelize without making people feel uncomfortable, which is often the reaction, even among other believers?

A: Great question. Evangelism is certainly something that gets us out of our comfort zone. Here are my thoughts:

1) Get comfortable with being uncomfortable. Jesus has always shaken things up and He doesn't seem to have plans to stop any time soon. His very name makes people uncomfortable in social settings (even among Christians!) This is because Jesus demands a response from us: we either give Him our whole lives or nothing at all. This reality can (and should) make people uncomfortable. If you offer the gospel to someone and that message is rejected, we do not take it personally—we entrust the person to God and continue to love them. On this theme, Peter Kreeft's book: *Jesus Shock* is a helpful resource on the unsettling nature of Christ.

2) Avoid trying to force people to accept Christ. As His disciples, we are obligated to share the life He offers, but never by force or coercion. Jesus tells the disciples that when the Gospel is rejected, they are to "shake the dust from their feet" and move on (Mt 10:14). This reminds us that conversion is ultimately God's work, not ours, and that God respects human freedom. We are allowed to reject Him (though we are *not* free from the consequences of that rejection). In this light, the Church teaches that authentic evangelization must always respect the freedom and dignity of the person. The goal is not to pressure or persuade at all costs, but to propose the Gospel with love, trusting the Holy Spirit to work in hearts.

3) Live as an example. From my own experience and working with other converts, this seems to be the

number one evangelizer: sincerely living the faith. When you meet people who are truly alive in Christ their fruits show it. A couple of years back, someone in OCIA recounted why they did not go to the church of one of their friends who often invited them: "Why would I go to Church with someone who I have gossiped with?" This testimony hit hard! How can we, on one hand, invite someone into our faith and on the other hand contradict it? A life that exemplifies the fruits of the Holy Spirit will draw people in. Today's gospel reminds us that we (Christians) are a city on a hill and we should let our light shine for all to see-- not to glorify ourselves but for the glory of God. Therefore, examine your speech, your Facebook posts, the way you treat others, how you present yourself, your priorities.... these will speak volumes about the God you serve.

It is important to remember that this is not an excuse to never share your faith in words but is a vital place to start evangelizing. Our words will not matter if our actions do not align.

4) Truly walk with people. I have not met many people who have come to faith simply because someone asked them, "Do you know Jesus?" or handed them a Gospel tract. While those things can have value, they often feel impersonal—especially when they come from a stranger. By contrast, when someone is genuinely charitable and friendly—listening, inviting you to coffee, and building real relationship—it says: "I care about you as a person, not as a project." When faith does come up, continue walking with them by answering questions, inviting them (and going with them) to OCIA or Bible studies, and eventually to Mass when they're ready (Mass can feel confusing at first, so I don't recommend starting here. When it is time, accompaniment matters).

5) Ask the big questions. Once you are walking with a friend, you can steer conversations toward faith by asking questions that get to the heart of what it means to be human. Discuss things like:

- How do you think the earth came to be?
- What do you think our purpose on earth is?
- What do you think happens when we die?
- Where do you think our sense of right/wrong comes from?
- What does love mean?

Have an answer ready for your perspective as a Catholic (knowing your faith is SO important!). If your friend offers answers that are contrary to the Catholic faith you can say: "Well, have you ever thought of it this way?" Remember that you can acknowledge that you see their perspective without saying that you also believe that way.

For further info, see: *Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 10:14, Matthew 5:14-16, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 10:14-15, CCC 848-849, CCC 851, CCC 856, Evangelii Gaudium, Jesus Shock by Peter Kreeft*

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