

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.'" ~ John 14:6-7*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 3

8:30am, Mass

10:30am, First Communion Mass

### May 10

Mother's Day

### May 13

1pm, Rosary Rally

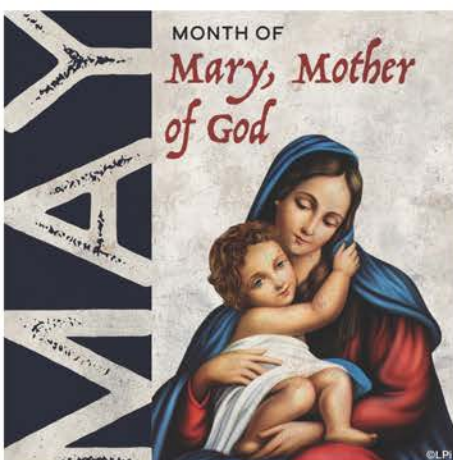
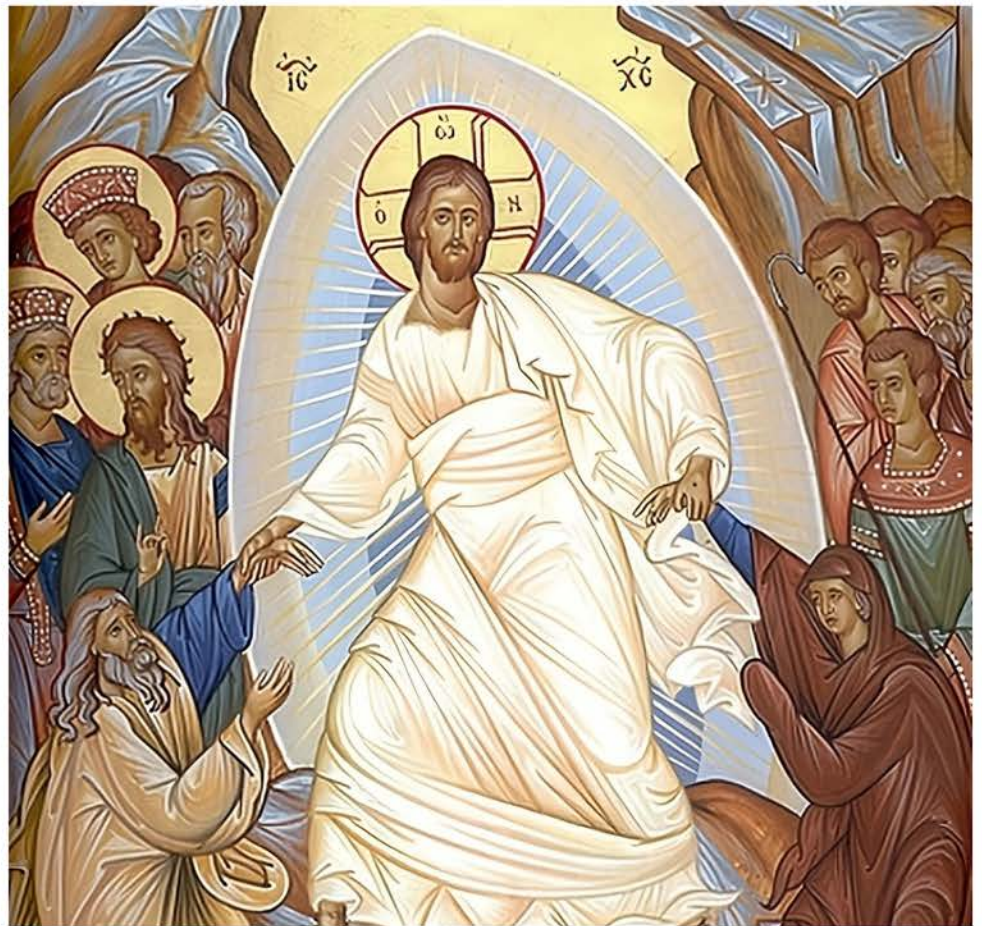
### May 14

6pm, Pre-K Graduation

### May 24

Pentecost Sunday

Donut Sunday



Just as Philip struggled to understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, we, too, face moments of confusion when God's ways seem beyond our grasp. God's answer to life's most challenging questions is rarely straightforward or immediate. Why? Because such an approach can never fully satisfy the depth of our hearts. Instead, God reveals a kernel of truth to us and then invites us to ponder it, revealing the divine mystery we seek to understand little by little, to the degree we are open.

The answers we seek come only as we conform our wills to God's, patiently opening ourselves to His Wisdom. Divine mysteries can only be understood through prayer and deep attentiveness to the truths in God's mind. Source: mycatholic.life

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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.

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### SCHEDULE

#### MASS

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!)

#### CONFESSION

TUESDAY | 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY | 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.

SUNDAY | 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

#### ADORATION

TUESDAY | 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & LAST RITES

Please call the parish office to schedule, or in danger of death, please call 304-691-0537.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE, PRAYER LIST, & COLLECTION

Saturday, May 2, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for †James Blake by family
Sunday, May 3, 2026	8:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mass for Our First Communicants
Monday, May 4, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Greg Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	5:50 PM	Communion Service*
Wednesday, May 6, 2026		<b>No Mass, Adoration, or Confession</b>
Thursday, May 7, 2026		<b>No Mass</b>
Friday, May 8, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday, May 9, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 10, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for All Mothers (both living and deceased)

\*There will be Adoration on Tuesday (5/5) at 5pm, but no Confession offered.

## Prayer List

Those who are sick: Cyndee Becker, Allen Butcher, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron Cullens, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Emily Donaldson, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, LaDonna Heckert, Coretta Jefferson, Pat Kiddy, Cody King, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Lynn Lynch, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, James McClain, Lisa Marlow, Louise Mehr, Andy Mertz, Dan Mick, 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, Tammy Stalnaker, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, Kevin White, 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.

Those just received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Those receiving First Holy Communion this weekend.

**To add or remove names to the prayer list,  
please call or email Sandy at the parish office!**



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of James Blake, April 26-May 9, 2026.

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

2025 Average Weekly Offering	\$5,226
Last Week's Offering (Mass)	\$3,590
Last Week's Offering (Online)	\$441
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,031</b>
March Average Weekly Offering	\$6,338
2026 YTD Average Weekly (Jan - March)	\$5,959
2026 Come Grow With Us Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,226
Primary Households	204
Primary Households returned pledges or increased offering	73 (36%)
Saturday Attendance	122
Sunday Attendance	233
January 2026 Wesbanco Loan Balance	\$27,685
Current Wesbanco Loan Balance	\$26,952



**Online Giving**



<https://stpatsweston.flocknote.com/giving>



# *First Holy* COMMUNION

We are excited to introduce our First Communicants who are receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time this weekend.



*Josiah Ball*



*Madlyn Butcher*



*Ruby Deaton*



*Palmer Gissy*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



*Graham Karp*



*Elsie Lough*



*Easton Sumpter*



*Pearl Walsh*



*Thank You*

Thank you to our catechists: Beth Brumley, Mary Lynne Catsum, and Angie Fitzsimmons! Your hard work and dedication to our First Communicants is greatly appreciated.

## Rosary Rally on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

A Rosary Rally will be held at St. Patrick's at 1pm on May 13<sup>th</sup> in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared several times to three shepherd children and asked them to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world and the conversion of sinners.



## Camp Carlo Registration is open!

Camp Carlo is a beloved summer camp run by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Many of our young parishioners look forward to attending every year. Activities include rock wall climbing, swimming, archery, daily Mass, and Adoration, all in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia! Registration is open and there are still spots available, so now's the time to sign up! St. Patrick's Church will pay for active parishioners to attend. Sign up today! Registration and dates can be found at the website, using the following link: <https://dwc.flocknote.com/signup/236386>. Your children won't want to miss it!

## Diocese Welcomes New Bishop

The Diocese announced on Friday that the Holy Father had accepted Bishop Brennan's resignation and appointed the Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala as the 10<sup>th</sup> bishop of our diocese. His Mass of Installation will be celebrated on July 2, 2026, at 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.



## Who can receive Holy Communion?

### When can Catholics not receive the Eucharist?

- If you have a mortal sin on your soul, you should not receive. For example, some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the Church, being unmarried but living together, using pornography, using artificial contraception for birth control, or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or Holy Days of Obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.
- If you have not observed the Eucharistic fast of one hour before receiving. We are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This includes chewing gum.
- If you have not yet received your First Communion or have not made a sacramental Confession in over a year.
- If you do not believe the Eucharist to be Christ Himself (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity).

### Why can't non-Catholics receive the Eucharist?

Catholics believe that the reception of the Holy Eucharist is a sign of the reality of agreement in faith, morals, and doctrine. Members of those church communities with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion because they do not practice or believe in the fullness of the Catholic faith. Reception of Holy Communion is ultimately a sign of authentic unity in faith. For those who cannot receive the Eucharist at this time, we welcome you to join in the Mass, to pray and sing with us.

Please either remain in the pew during the Communion Procession or cross your arms visibly as you come forward for a blessing, offering your heartfelt prayers to our God of love and mercy.

## Come Grow With Us Update

Parishioners have pledged prayer or increased their offering by \$1,170 and/or pledged \$29,121 to the maintenance fund. A successful campaign requires the 131 primary households not yet heard from to respond. Thank you for your generosity to Saint Patrick's.



### Fourth Graders Sweep Competition!

Walker Furby placed first, Kian Hefner placed second, and Mason Karp placed third in the West Virginia Farm Bureau AG Poster.



### Library Workers

Eighth grade students spent time helping in the library.



### Essay Contest Winner!

Audrey Westfall won first place in the VFW essay contest for Lewis County.



### Pre-K Plant Sale

The Pre-K class is having a plant sale that starts this Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will pay for graduation and grad party supplies. Any additional funds will go toward the Pre-K supplies next year. Thank you for your support!



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