

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Commentary

The Gospel is from St. Luke 12:49-53. We who appreciate what he has done for us, and who are striving hard against our natural weaknesses to profit by his salvific work, can do something to console him for the desertion of so many that he still loves dearly. God wants no human being lost eternally. He detests sin but he still loves the sinner. He is always ready to grant a full pardon for each and every sin a man commits, if only the sinner has the humility to say "mea culpa."

Let those of us who have remained faithful never let a day pass without a fervent prayer for the prodigal sons of God, that they will get the humility to return to their father's home and ask for his pardon. Another grace, too, that we must ask of God is that peace between fellowmen will soon be restored. Christ foresaw that this concord would be broken, because of his very gospel of peace. First and foremost we must pray for, and do everything we can to help bring about, a reunion between all Christians who are followers of Christ by their baptism. Thanks to the late saintly Pope John, active steps are now being taken to restore the unity which Christ wished and intended to exist among his followers. We may not be able to solve the theological problems which are preventing this unity, and each of us can do much to make personal contacts between the members of what were once opposing Churches. We are all followers of Christ, we are all on the road to heaven—if we really love God and if we really appreciate what the Son of God has done for us, we must want every one of his followers to be in heaven with him.

Let us put aside all past prejudices and opinions. Neither we nor our separated brethren are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors in the eleventh or the sixteenth centuries. We are responsible for our own actions today. We are failing Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the noble and truly Christian work of ecumenism.



To mention our brothers in Christ first, does not mean we forget the children of Abraham whom, in our Mass, we call "our father in faith." They are still dear to God. We are now the Chosen People of the New Covenant but that New Covenant is for them also. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, Greek or Barbarian in the Church of Christ. It is for all mankind, as St. Paul tells us. The followers of Mohammed also have much in common with us Christians; they believe in one God, the Creator of all. They believe in a future life and hope to reach it by keeping the rules laid down by their Prophet. While respecting the beliefs of Jew and Muslim, which correspond with some of those we ourselves hold, let us pray fervently that God will give them the grace to recognize Jesus as the Person he was, the Son of God in human nature, who came on earth to make us fit for heaven.

God speed the day, and let us each give him a helping hand in this work, when not only all Christians will be one but when our Jewish and Muslim fellowmen will also be with us, thanking Christ for all that he has done for us. That day may still be a long way off, but every step I take towards bringing it about, is bringing me a step nearer to heaven and making me dearer to God.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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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, August 16, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Louis & Diana Conti by family
Sunday, August 17, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, August 18, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for Faculty, staff, and students of St. Patrick School
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, August 20, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †John Rush by Anna Rush
Thursday, August 21, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by Steve Moran
Friday, August 22, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Saturday, August 23, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Bob Thompson by Pam Thompson
Sunday, August 24, 2025	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 Paul Derico, by the family, August 10 - 23, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Allen Butcher (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Hernan Ayala, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Tyrone Binford, Kathy Boyle, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Lucille Hicks, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Shawn Keyser, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Nile Straley, Ray and Sue Swiger, Marge Tierney, Diane Walker, Jane 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.

All struggling with infertility.

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

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	120
Sunday	211
Total	331
Saturday	\$1837
Sunday	\$2071
Mail/Drop Box	\$1406
Total	\$5314
School	\$306
Votives	\$45
Maintenance	\$170
Loan	\$60
Organ	\$80
Wesbanco Balance	\$32,775.02
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52
HVAC	\$100
Tanga Diocese	\$1046

Diocese of Tanga, Tanzania

Donations can still be made this week to benefit the Diocese of Tonga, Tanzania. Just be sure to write Tanga on your check or envelope.

Sound System and Air Conditioning Update

**Thank you for generosity!
We have raised \$20,130!**

The AC unit is installed and the sound system is repaired. We do not have all the invoices yet so we can't update you with a final cost. Donations can be made by writing HVAC on your check or envelope and drop it in the collection baskets.

Wesbanco Loan Balance

The Wesbanco Loan original balance in 2012 was \$400,000.00. We are down to \$32,775.02. We pay a small additional amount on the principal each month but what has really helped is the larger donations of \$400 and above that parishioners have given to go directly to the principal.

If you would like to make a larger donation to go towards the principal of the loan you can do so by using one of the pew envelopes with the black border and mark on the check that it is for the principal.

Celebrating Our SEMINARIAN

There was a great turn out to Joe's farewell party last Sunday as we send him off to the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Continue to keep Joe in your prayers as he undertakes this new period of formation for the priesthood.

Encourage Joe with a letter using the address below:

Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
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PARISHIONER'S TRAVELS

"THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY ONE PAGE."—ST. AUGUSTINE

KUHN FAMILY TRAVELS



The Kuhn family recently travelled to Texas for our parishioner, Will Kuhn's, Air Force Basic Training Graduation.

Congratulations and thank you for your service!

Continue to pray for Will and all of our military personnel.

While in Dallas, the Kuhn family attended Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.



MILINOVICH FAMILY TRAVELS

Steve, Kara, and their seven children have recently traveled to several inspiring pilgrimage destinations throughout the midwest.



Top Left & Middle: Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. An inspiring miracle took place here in 1875 when a procession took place with a statue of Our Lady in the rain. Everyone in the procession (including the statue) was kept completely dry while rain fell all around them.

Bottom Left: Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine of Indian River in northern Michigan which has the tallest crucifix in the world.

Bottom Right: Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Marietta, OH.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

The Apparitions

Many Catholics know of Our Lady's apparitions in places such as Fatima or Lourdes, but did you know that the Blessed Mother also appeared in the United States? In 1859, Mary appeared three times to Adele Brise, a young Belgian immigrant, in the woods of Wisconsin.

In 2010, the bishop of Green Bay officially gave his ecclesiastical approval to the apparition, making it the first and only approved Marian apparition in the United States.



DID YOU KNOW?

An apparition of Our Lady falls under the category of "private revelation." Learn more about private revelation in paragraph 14 of *Verbum Domini*, found on the Vatican website.

What was Our Lady's message?

Mary told Adele to pray for sinners and to teach the children about their catechism, how to make the Sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments.

Our Lady's parting words to Adele were the same words which she says to each one of us today: **"Go and fear nothing; I will help you."** Because of these words, this apparition has also been known as "Our Lady of Good Help."

The Shrine today...



Apparition Oratory

This statue marks the spot where Our Lady appeared. Hundreds of votive candles line the walls. The atmosphere is one of earnest petition to Our Lady and a quiet sense of her loving presence.



Grave

Adele Brise, the visionary to whom Mary appeared, is buried on the grounds.



Relics

The oratory houses several relics of saints, including all twelve Apostles and St. John Paul II.



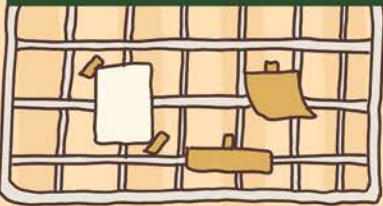
Roadside Chapel

This incredibly tiny chapel imitates the one which Adele's father built to mark the spot of the apparition.

Visit championshrine.org to learn more about this apparition and the shrine.

Our Lady of Champion, pray for us!

Back to SCHOOL



All School Mass & Open House

Monday, August 18

Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Open House: immediately after
Mass



First Day Back

Classes are in session starting
Tuesday, August 18th!

Important Dates for September

(Dates are Subject to Change)

- Monday, 9/1- No School for Labor Day
- Friday, 9/19- Picture Day
- Thursday, 9/25- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, 9/26- Tech Day, No School



Sneak Peak

Teachers have been working diligently this week to welcome students back to the classroom. Here's a sneak-peak of their work!

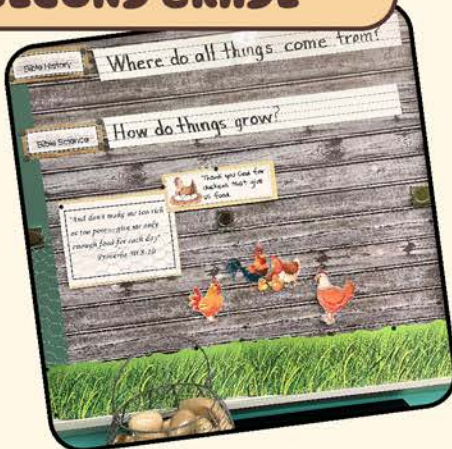
PRE-SCHOOL



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Back To School Pictures

Send your back to school pictures to secretary@spchurchweston.net to be featured in next week's bulletin!



OCIA



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you do not understand the Catholic Church, you are not alone. There are many misconceptions, misunderstandings, or simply erroneous beliefs in our society about Catholicism.

Now is the time to figure out what the Catholic Church is all about.

OCIA begins **September 21st**. Use the QR code above to register. Questions? Email: **mwhite.stpats@gmail.com**

Confirmation

Plans are in the works for our next group of confirmandi but we are not quite ready for registration.

If you would like to be put on a contact list for when these details are ready, use the QR code below:



First Communion Registration



We ask that parents of First Communicants for May of 2026 (children entering into the 2nd grade) attend a parent meeting on September 7th in the school cafeteria after Mass (refreshments & childcare provided). You can register your child for first communion while in attendance. First Communion classes are set to begin September 21st.

SPECIAL Collection

This weekend we'll have our annual collection for Seminary Formation. This money goes to aid the education costs of our men in formation. This year we are blessed with 17 men saying yes to discerning God's will in the seminary. Education/room and board/food costs range between \$60,000 - \$70,000 a year per seminarian.

Please help us support our future priests!



On Deck

August 16 & 17

Special Collection for the Education of DWC Seminarians

Monday, August 18

5:30 p.m., St. Patrick School Open House Mass,

Tuesday, August 19

First day of classes for St. Pat's Students

Sunday, September 7

First Communion Registration & Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 14

Donut Sunday

Sunday, September 21st

First Communion
OCIA

Our Neighbor Collection

August: Bath Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Supplies

The Our Neighbor pantry is in need of the items listed above. They don't need conditioner just shampoo as well as the other items listed.

Items can be placed in the cabinet on the back porch of the parish office.



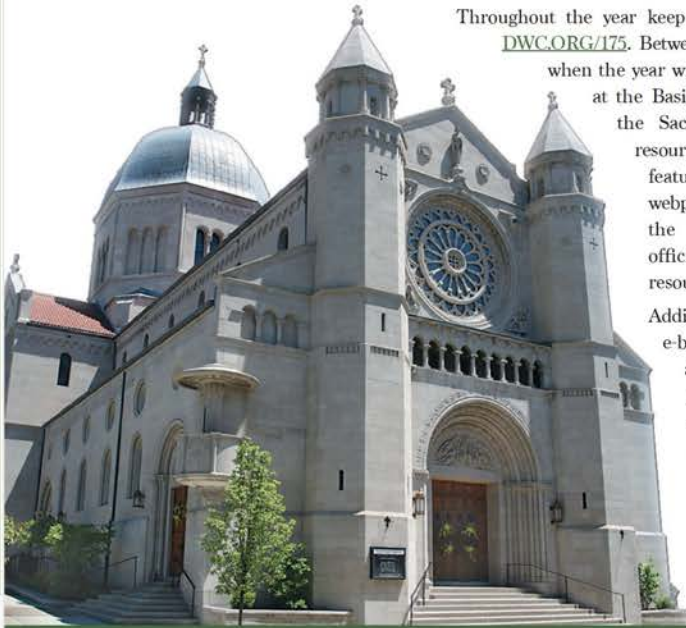
Meagan Walker and Joe Grogg celebrated the sacrament of marriage on Saturday, August 9 at our parish. May God Bless them with many years together.

HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE PRESENT

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is celebrating our 175th anniversary all year long. Churches across all reaches of the state rang in the anniversary on at 7:19 pm, July 19, honoring the July 19, 1850, date when the Holy See established the Diocese of Wheeling (at that time the diocese would include all of what is now West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle, and it would include the section of present-day western Virginia to our southern border).

JOIN US FOR MASS

Faithful from the Mountain State are invited to Mass at noon, August 22, 2025, at the **Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling**, which will formally open the jubilee. That day is also the 6th Anniversary of Bishop Mark Brennan as ninth Bishop of Wheeling Charleston.



Throughout the year keep an eye on our website at DWC.ORG/175. Between now through July 2026, when the year will close with a special Mass at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, resources and links to historical features will be posted on the webpage that will also include the Diocesan 175th Hymn, official prayer, and children's resources.

Additionally, your FaithInWV e-bulletin, The Catholic Spirit, and diocesan social media will feature diocesan history and photos to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire us for the future of the Church in WV.

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