

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"...the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." -Matthew 11:5

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13 & 14

Religious Retirement Fund
Collection

Sunday, December 14

Donut Sunday (sponsored by
the Catholic Daughters of the
Americas)

Wednesday, December 17

Advent Reconciliation (Fr.
Maghsoudi will assist Fr. Ondeck
with Confessions)

Friday, December 19

1:00 p.m., Christmas Play
6:30 p.m., Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

Midnight Mass
10:30 a.m., Morning Mass

Wednesday, December 31

6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass for the
Solemnity of Mary

Thursday, January 1

Noon, Mass for the Solemnity of
Mary



On this Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday—we are invited to rejoice, even as we wait. Today's Gospel gives us a powerful lesson in what Christian joy truly is. From his prison cell, John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus with a question that echoes the longing of every human heart: "Are you the One who is to come?" This is not doubt so much as yearning. John, who spent his life preparing the way, wants reassurance that the Messiah has indeed arrived.

Jesus does not respond with theories or titles. He points to what is happening: the blind see, the lame walk, the dead are raised, the poor hear good news. In other words, the Kingdom is breaking in—quietly, mercifully, unmistakably. Joy, for Jesus, is not an emotion but a sign that God is at work.

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that Christian joy is born not from perfect circumstances, but from the certainty that Christ is near, already healing, restoring, and

renewing what is broken. Even in John's confinement—his waiting, his suffering—God's saving work continues.

Jesus then turns to the crowd and praises John as the greatest of the prophets, yet adds a stunning truth: "The least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." In Christ, we are given a dignity beyond anything the world can offer. We live not just awaiting the Messiah—He is already with us.

As we light the rose candle this week, we are invited to look again at our own lives. Where is Christ already moving? What signs of hope, mercy, or healing have quietly taken root? Advent joy grows when we can recognize and receive these signs, however small.

May this Gaudete Sunday strengthen our hope, deepen our joy, and open our eyes to the presence of the One who has already come and who continues to come to us each day.

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

Saturday, December 13, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 14, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Kathy Colcombe by Dominic Milinovich
Monday, December 15, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Jim Hill by Betty Hill
Tuesday, December 16, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, December 17, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Vicci Tucci
Thursday, December 18, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by Steve Moran
Friday, December 19, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday, December 20, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Tom Blake by family
Sunday, December 21, 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 for in memory of the Blake family by Margaret Blake, December 14 - 27, 2025.

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, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Lydia Moodispaw, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Raymond Oliverio, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Paula Reynolds, Brenda Riley, Gage Ruley, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Vicki Almase, 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.

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!

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	103
Sunday	220
Total	323
Saturday	\$2071
Sunday	\$2414
Mail/Drop Box	\$330
Total	\$4815
School	\$745
Votives	\$162
Maintenance	\$175
Loan	
Organ	\$3275
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58
Christmas Flowers	\$110

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Christmas Flower Donations



Please consider giving to the Christmas flower fund. We are blessed to have talented volunteers who always make the church look spectacular. The cost of flowers has increased along with everything else so we need to make sure they have the funds to continue to make the church look absolutely amazing.

Upcoming Special Collections

December 13th & 14th

~Religious Retirement Fund

December 25th

~Catholic Charities WV

Names for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the St. Patrick Church parish office at 304-269-3048 or email secretary@spchurchweston.net. Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

We need the following information when you add someone to the list:

Family name

Family size (broken down by the number of adults and number of children)

A contact number for the family.

Your name and phone number.

March for Life

The Mon County Chapter of West Virginians for Life will be taking a chartered bus to Washington, D.C. for the 53rd Annual March for Life on Friday, January 23, 2026. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 for a family of three or more. The bus departs from JC Penney's parking lot at Morgantown Mall at 4:30 a.m. and returns approximately 11 p.m. To voice your opinion to your federal legislators in a special morning congressional meeting and to join with thousands at the rally, make a mandatory reservation now by calling 304-216-6573.

Please Return Empty Baby Bottles

Please return all baby bottles from the CDA car seat fundraiser back to the Church, even if they are empty. Kindly place them somewhere in the vestibule. Returning them helps keep the Catholic Daughters from having to purchase new bottles every year.

Cash Calendar Tickets

Calendar Cash tickets are for sale now. They make great Christmas gifts. Tickets are \$20 each and are available in the school and parish offices and from students.

CDA Christmas Food Basket Drive

It's time for the annual Christmas food drive and this year more families than ever need our help.

The following is a list of needed items and they are different from the list given to the school children for donation

Since families come in all sizes, we can use various portions from individual to family size. The only thing we ask is if it is something sold in bulk, it can easily be divided if needed.

Collection boxes will be in the back of church starting Nov. 22-23 until Dec. 13-14 with the drive-thru collection before and after Masses Dec. 13-14.

Thank you for helping those in need.

Items needed from the parish:

- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.)
- Canned fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, etc.)
- Baked beans
- Beef stew
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pastas
- Rice (plain or seasoned)
- Canned protein (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Boxed stuffing
- Brownie mix

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.

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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.

WEEKLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Last week, we received **\$3800** through envelopes and our Zeffy online campaign from fifteen families. Bringing our total to **\$6301** given by 21 families! Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Penance Opportunity- Visiting Priest

Wednesday, December 17

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi will be here on Wednesday, December 17 to assist Fr. Ondeck with Confessions. Adoration and Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue through Mass at 6.

Don't let your fear of "not knowing how" keep you from the grace of confession. Prepare your heart for Christ this Advent in the sacrament of reconciliation using the guide here ----->

How to Go to Confession Guide



Scan for an examination of conscience guide

Before confession, make a thorough and prayerful examination of conscience, reflecting on the sins committed since your last confession. Write your sins down to take with you to confession.

Father will greet you and say "Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit"

****Make the sign of the cross****

Say: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ____ since my last confession."

****Read the sins on your paper from your examination of conscience****

When you are finished, say "For these and all my sins, I am truly sorry."

Listen to any advice Father may give you and pay attention to the penance.

When Father says, "Now make a good act of contrition," Say,

"Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee and I detest all of my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen"

Father will pray the prayer of absolution. "God the Father of mercies has reconciled the world to himself..."

Father will then say, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." at which you respond, "His mercy endures forever."

The priest then concludes by saying, "Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace." and you respond, "Thanks be to God."

****Exit the confessional, go to your pew and immediately pray your penance. ****

St. Patrick's School

All School Mass

All students of St. Patricks came together in celebration of our Blessed Mother for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.



Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas pageant will be Friday, **December 19**. The matinee performance will be at **1:00 p.m.** and the evening performance will be at **6:30 p.m.**

Elf Mischief

Silly elves made their way back into the classrooms!



5th Grade's Elf, Holly, wreaked havoc on their class Christmas tree!

Staff Christmas

School staff enjoyed some festive quality time together at the Thyme Bistro!



Pre-School's Elf played tricks on students by dressing up as the Grinch!



First Reconciliation Retreat 2025



Prayer Pal Rolls

At our First Reconciliation Retreat, the children baked bread to share with someone of their choice, hoping that person will keep the soon-to-be first communicant in prayer as they prepare to receive the Bread of Life in May.



Confession Practice

Mrs. Beth & Ms. Mary gave an example on how to go to confession then guided the children in practice.



Examen

With the help of catechists, the children went through an examination of conscience.



Let us Pray

Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to receive God's mercy in the confessional & prepare to receive Him in the Eucharist.

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