

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." -Isaiah 7:14

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 23

Adoration followed by a
Communion Service

Christmas Mass Schedule

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

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

Mass for the Solemnity of

Mary the Mother of God

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 p.m., Adoration and
Confession
6:00 p.m., Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

Noon, Mass

Sunday, January 4

Solemnity of the Epiphany
Donut Sunday



January 25 - 31

Catholic Schools Week



The Gospel of this Sunday, from the Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24 begins in a typical Hebrew fashion, by giving the genealogical table of Jesus, who was born of Mary. He does not mention the Annunciation, nor Mary's problem of preserving virginity while becoming a mother. But the revelation given to Joseph, Mary's betrothed, which Matthew here describes, brings out the fact of the virginal conception of Jesus, and his messianic mission of salvation. Matthew then adds that Christ was the Messiah, to be born of a virgin, of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke, seven centuries later.

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the furnace of divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby, represented by a statue, we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves, so that he would make us sharers in his divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid his divine nature so that he could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable his ways." But though we are unworthy of his infinite love, it nevertheless stands out as clear as the noonday sun in the Incarnation. We realize that we can never make ourselves worthy of this infinite love, but let us imitate Joseph and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that he will continue to make us daily less unworthy.

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

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Wednesday, 12 - 5

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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 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
Monday, December 22, 2025	8:15 AM	No Mass
Tuesday, December 23, 2025	6:00 PM	Communion Service
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	4:30 PM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli by family
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Midnight	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Mass for †John Rush by Anna Rush
Friday, December 26, 2025	Noon	Mass for †James A. Weber by family
Saturday, December 27, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 28, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Sal Carmona (Ruby) 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, Cristy Lloyd, 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, Kaycee Rinehart, Gage Ruley, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, 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.

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!

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.

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	88
Sunday	55
Total	143
Saturday & Sunday	\$1829
Mail/Drop Box	\$1675
Total	\$3504
School	\$
Votives	\$45
Maintenance	\$8295
Loan	\$2847.36
Organ	\$1220
Wesbanco Balance	\$28,399.18
Organ Loan Balance	\$58,120.58
Christmas Flowers	\$215
Religious Retirement	\$905
Immaculate Conception	
8:15 a.m.	211
6:00 p.m.	83
Total	284
Collection	\$281

Upcoming Special Collections

December 25th

~Catholic Charities WV

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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.

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.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Wednesday, December 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

- Adoration and Confession on Wednesday, December 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Mass Thursday, January 1 @ Noon



Parish Office Hours for Christmas Week

Closed December 24 - 26

Parish Office Hours New Year's Week

Closed December 31 - January 2

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.

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.

MAKE THE ORGAN OURS THIS CHRISTMAS WITH DOUBLE THE IMPACT!



GIVE HERE



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 **\$1720** through envelopes and our Zeffy online campaign from fifteen families. Bringing our total to **\$8021** given by **26** families! **Thank you for your generosity!**

Give the Gift of Music

WARM GREETINGS!

I am writing a more detailed explanation about the pipe organ rebuilding to the congregation of Saint Patrick Church because a very generous parishioner has made an offer to match dollar for dollar contributions dedicated to paying off the organ fund loan. I have also included photos of the organ which most people cannot normally see.



The Organ Console

Upon my arrival in 2019, it became immediately evident that the organ at St Patrick's Church was in need of a complete overhaul because many notes were not working and many components of the instrument were in beginning to mid stages of failure.

The organ was installed in the early 1950s by the M.P. Moller organ Company of Hagerstown Maryland. The relatively small instrument had six ranks of pipes and approximately 400 pipes spread over two keyboards and a pedal board. No information of the previous organ is known which serve the church until 1952.



The Organ Wind Chest

St Patrick's Church reviewed three different bids from different organ companies and then settled on a bid from the late Al Sterner and Walker Technical Company to rebuild the mechanism of the current pipe organ as well as adding a new three manual organ console with digital controls and new digital stops (sounds) to expand the tonal range and capability of the organ. After several delays and

the death of the original contractor Al Sterner, the organ was completed on Saint Patrick's Day in 2020 ironically the day the church was closed because of the lockdowns occurring throughout the country. The organ rebuilding was completed by Mr. Ray Colby in conjunction with the Walker Technical Company.

Plans to have a dedication concert and blessing by the bishop were canceled because of the uncertainty of the lockdowns in 2020. And so, a proper dedication and a thank you to the parishioners who contributed to the organ never took place. It is the intention however to have a proper blessing and dedication of the organ.

It is my hope that generous contributions will continue to come in to pay off the organ loan completely. This can be done very easily because of the current dollar for dollar match. This will also allow the pastor to then address other pressing concerns within the parish such as the replacement of the boiler which heats the church and the school.



The Organ Pipes

Thank you for all who have already contributed. St Patrick's Church is blessed now to have a beautiful pipe organ which will continue to sing God's praises and elevate voices in Sacred Music.

Steve Anisko,

MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST



The Organ Wind Reservoir

School News

December 2025

Feast of St. Nicholas

Ms. Kennedy's class learned about the life of St. Nicholas and reflected on ways they can be more like him in their own lives. The lesson concluded by putting the virtue of generosity into action, as students secretly delivered a treat to the kindergarten classes in his honor.



The Polar Express

Last week, students took part in one of the most highly anticipated holiday activities—the Polar Express! Beloved friend of our school, Mr. J.J. Jordan, read *The Polar Express* to the children, followed by a cozy celebration with hot cocoa and Christmas cookies.



Holiday Visitors

Students enjoyed several special visitors: Santa Clause, Buddy the Elf, & The Grinch!



It looks as if Principal Riley had to have a serious talk with the Grinch about how terrible it is to steal Christmas.

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