

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." -Matthew 5:7*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 14**  
5:00 p.m., Mass

**Tuesday, February 17**  
11:00 a.m., Funeral Mass for Greg  
Garton  
(No Adoration, Confession, or  
Mass on this day.)

**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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Today's Gospel is a firm reminder of how we are meant to approach our faith: not as people checking off a list of religious laws, but as a people who have been truly transformed by the Gospel.

We hear Jesus speak in what are known as the antitheses, repeating the words: "You have heard it said... but I say to you." Before doing so, He makes it clear that He has not come to abolish the moral law of the Mosaic Covenant, but to bring it to fulfillment. The Old Covenant prepared God's people for the New. Through it, they were taught how to walk in God's ways by faithfully observing a code of laws. This was a great good—but the New Covenant is even greater.

Under the New Covenant, God's people are no longer called merely to observe the law externally, but to live the spirit of the law, not just its letter. Some may hear this and breathe a sigh of relief, thinking, "So we don't have to follow a bunch of rules anymore—we just do what we think is right." This is not so. Jesus is not lowering the moral bar; He is raising

it. He calls His disciples to a deeper and more demanding righteousness—one motivated not by fear of punishment, but by genuine love for God and love for neighbor. So, you have heard that you shall not kill—but do you give in to anger, resentment, or contempt? You have heard that you shall not commit adultery—but are you striving to be chaste even in your thoughts, desires, and what you choose to look at?

We were never able to accomplish this on our own. While Jesus did not come to relax the demands of holiness, He graciously gives us the grace to live them—transforming us from the inside out.

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

## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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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](http://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](http://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 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
Monday, February 16, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sarah T. Rowgh by family
Tuesday, February 17, 2026*	11:00 AM	Funeral Mass for Greg Garton
<b>Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Mass for the People of the Parish</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass for †Davita Alfred Kisner by family</b>
Thursday, February 19, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †J. R. Rowan and John Broschart by family
Friday, February 20, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Greg Garton by Scott Garton
Saturday, February 21, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for †Tom & Pat Garton
Sunday, February 22, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

**\*We will not have Adoration, Confession or Mass on Tuesday Evening.**

## 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:** 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!*

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.

## Attendance & Collections

Saturday	114
Sunday	177
Total	291
Saturday	\$1485
Sunday	\$1205
Mail/Drop Box	\$4200
Total	\$6890
School	\$290
Votives	\$134
Maintenance	\$230
Loan	
Wesbanco Balance	\$27,684.74

## FORMED

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Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

Enter Weston's zip code—26452

Register with your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED



## 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.



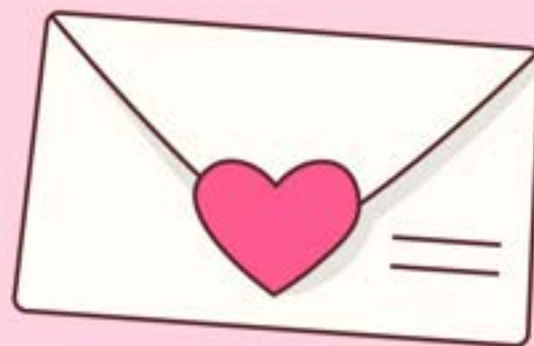
Flocknote online giving is straightforward: just an industry-standard 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction (or 1.1% + \$0.30 for ACH). A \$50 donation through our current program using ach would actually be \$50.30. With Flocknote it is \$50.86. These fees are counted as part of your donation.

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.

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

# St. Patrick's School

FEBRUARY 2026



Kindergarten students sorted candy hearts by color and graphed their results. They practiced reading their color words to make sure each one was counted correctly. Afterward, they enjoyed tasting their work with mixed reviews on the sour flavors!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade made these adorable heart crafts for Valentines Day!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade students, visited pre-k to lead an adorable love bug craft and brought a delicious snack:

Chocolate covered strawberries and ice cream!



# Are You Ready to Stay with Christ & Keep Watch?

## Let Ash Wednesday Mark Your "YES"

On His last night with the disciples Jesus had a simple request of them, "Stay with me and keep watch."

Matthew (26:36-46) describes the Agony in the Garden. It was after the Last Supper. Jesus was with his disciples at Gethsemane. He told them to stay alert and keep watch while he prayed. Specifically, he confided in Peter, James, and John that he was terribly "distressed and full of sorrow," requesting they stay with him. He turned away from them in prayer. When He turned back to them, they were all asleep. It hadn't even been an hour.

This happened three times before the Judas and the crowd with swords and clubs came to arrest Him.

As we approach Ash Wednesday, let's ask ourselves: Can Christ count on me to stay with Him and keep watch this Lent? Will we be his disciplined disciples?

Will we choose Jesus over comfort?

Will we choose Him over instant gratification?

Will we choose Him over ego, convenience, and the easy way out?

Will we love him when it costs us something?

Lent is our opportunity to build on our relationship with God - to stay with Him.

Acknowledge this time as a season sacrifice and action for Christ.

Stop giving energy away, and instead listen to God's voice in the Bible, at Mass, in Adoration, and in moments of peace when we intentionally steal away a few minutes for ourselves.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans (5:3-4) he tells us that our sacrifices and sufferings are not in vain:

**"Suffering produces endurance,  
and endurance produces character,  
and character produces hope."**

This Lent when it comes to almsgiving give in love - your time, talents and treasure - freely & willingly because you love God.

*Editor's note: the emotional portrait with this article is Agony In The Garden circa 1898, by Frans Schwartz*



## 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>).

## Consider Sponsoring a Donut Sunday

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.

**Our next Donut Sunday, sponsored by Bobby Stewart, is March 8th!**



## 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.

## 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 QUESTIONS:

**Q: As Catholics, when we pray the Our Father, we do not include "...for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory..." However, during the Mass, that last phrase is appended, almost as an afterthought. Why do we not say the prayer as our Protestant friends do?**

**A:** Yes, this can be confusing at first. It can make us wonder: *Are we Catholics leaving something out of the Lord's Prayer, or are Protestants adding something to it?*

The short answer is that the difference comes down to the translation of biblical manuscripts and liturgical practice.

Most biblical scholars—Catholic and Protestant alike—agree that the phrase "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever" was not part of the earliest and most reliable manuscripts of Matthew's Gospel. As a result, Catholic Bibles (and most modern Protestant translations as well) do not include this line as part of the original text of the Our Father.

So where did it come from?

This ending appears in later manuscripts, beginning around the 4th century, and is widely understood to be a doxology—a short prayer of praise to God—that developed within early Christian liturgy. It is very likely that scribes (who copied the bible by hand), familiar with hearing this doxology used in worship, eventually included it when copying the biblical text, whether intentionally or out of habit.

When the King James Version was produced, it relied on later Greek manuscripts (the Textus Receptus), which contained this doxology. As a result, many Protestant traditions inherited the practice of praying the Our Father with this ending as part of the prayer itself.

Ironically, then, what is often perceived as a "biblical omission" by Catholics is actually the opposite: the doxology has its roots in Catholic liturgical worship, not in the original Gospel text.

At Mass, Catholics do say this phrase—but not as part of the Our Father itself. The priest prays: ("Deliver us, Lord..."), and then the people respond with the doxology as a separate liturgical act of praise, echoing ancient worship practices and giving glory to God.

In short:

- We *do not* usually include the doxology when praying the Our Father privately because it was not part of the prayer Jesus originally taught as written in the earliest biblical texts.
- We *do* include this phrase at Mass because it belongs to the Church's liturgical tradition, where it has always functioned as a communal response of praise.

*For further info, see: Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4 (be sure to use a Catholic translation when looking at these verses such as the NABRE or RSV-CE.*

## St. Joe's Parish

### Lenten Mission

with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivens  
a.k.a. the Dynamic Deacon!

229 California Ave. Winston, WV 26062  
Questions? Call 304-723-2054

March 22-24, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 PM: Talk  
8:00 PM-TBD: Confession,  
Meet & Greet, Book Sales,  
& Refreshments!

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivens - known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" - is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him.



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