

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve." -Matthew 4:10*

UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25
& April 1**

- Stations of the Cross 12:30PM
- Adoration Immediately following until 5:45 p.m.
(Please sign-up for Wednesday Adoration on the form in the vestibule.)

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27

Stations of the Cross 6:00PM

March 8

Donut Sunday

Sponsored by Bobby Stewart

March 14 & 15

Gifts from the Holy Land

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

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.



The temptations Jesus faced in the desert are not unlike the ones we face each day. Lent is not merely a season of self-improvement; it is a sacred time of battle and renewal. The Church, in her wisdom, gives us these forty days to confront sin and prepare our hearts for Easter.

Sensual Fulfillment Over the Spiritual

When Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread, He was urged to satisfy an immediate physical hunger rather than remain faithful to His Father's will. We experience similar temptations whenever we place comfort, pleasure, or convenience above our spiritual good. Even legitimate desires—rest, food, entertainment—can become disordered when they dominate us. That is why fasting is so powerful. By freely denying ourselves, we practice discipline and train our hearts to say "no." Small acts of self-denial strengthen us for greater spiritual battles. This Lent, let us resist the pull of constant comfort—turn off the television, step away from endless scrolling, and embrace intentional sacrifice for the sake of our souls.

Pride and Vanity

Satan also tempted Jesus to use His divine power for self-display rather than for the glory of the Father. Pride tempts us in much the same way. The talents,

resources, and opportunities we possess are not achievements to boast in, but gifts entrusted to us by God. Lent calls us to examine how we use them. Do we seek recognition, or do we quietly serve? Through almsgiving and generosity, we loosen pride's grip and remember that everything we have is a gift meant to bless others and glorify God.

Worldly Dominion and Idolatry

Finally, Satan offered Jesus worldly power in exchange for worship. Temptation rarely appears negative; it often looks appealing, promising quick success, influence, or satisfaction. The enemy tempts us to trade eternal joy for temporary gain. We forget how long eternity truly is. Prayer is our defense against this deception. In prayer, we anchor ourselves in truth, seek God's strength, and renew our loyalty to Him alone. By deepening our prayer this Lent, we keep our eyes fixed not on fleeting rewards, but on the lasting glory of Easter and the promise of eternal life.

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Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4

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, PRAYER LIST & COLLECTION

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
Monday, February 23, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Cathy Snuffer by Connie Scott
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, February 25, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for †Kevin Butcher by the Mick Family
Thursday, February 26, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Sam Aman by Linda Aman and family
Friday, February 27, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Marjorie Ruppert by family
Saturday, February 28, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, March 1, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for †Jim Hill by Betty Hill

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Cyndee Becker, 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, LaDonna Heckert, Coretta Jefferson, Pat Kiddy, 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, Kevin White, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Kevin Butcher, 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	133
Sunday	171
Total	304
Saturday	\$1557
Sunday	\$1644
Mail/Drop Box	\$750
Total	\$3951
School	\$25
Votives	\$76
Maintenance	\$91
Loan	\$200
Wesbanco Balance	\$27,684.74
In Memory	\$5000
Ash Wednesday Attendance	
8:15 a.m.	263
6:00 p.m.	164
Total	427
Collection	\$589.35

January MyEoffering & Flocknote Donations

General	\$2854.74
School	\$300
Loan	\$81.16

January Utilities and Other Expenses

Utilities	\$7754.55
Copier	\$626.43
Pest Control	\$142
Insurance	\$4159

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Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, invites us to join him on the journey into the wilderness this Lent to become holy—because we are made for heaven. Are you ready to enter the wilderness with Jesus to experience grace, freedom, and transformation with our Lord?

Mardi Gras

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MARDI GRAS PARTY. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AND THE FOOD AND DESSERTS WERE DELICIOUS! A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CHILD CARE CREW!
CONGRATULATIONS TO DYLAN O'SULLIVAN ON WINNING THE 50/50 DRAWING!




**ASH
WEDNESDAY**



Last Week to Turn in the 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.

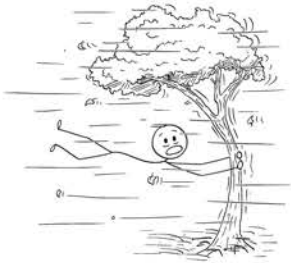
Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Wednesday at 12:30p.m.

Followed by Adoration until 5:45 p.m.

A sign-up sheet for adoration is in the vestibule.

Friday at 6:00 PM.



Joe's Address

Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

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!



Prayerful Fellowship Opportunities

- Family Fellowship
 - Join us for a "meager meal" and fellowship immediately following Friday's Stations of the Cross in the cafeteria. Contact mwhite.stpats@gmail.com if you need more information.
- Men's Group
 - Men of the parish meet at the Brumley residence every other Tuesday after the evening Mass at the Brumley residence to share a meal and study scripture. The next meeting is set for March 3rd. Contact brumleyma@gmail.com if you need more information.

Gubbio

Gubbio was not sure what he thought of the high winds on Friday afternoon. Here are a few pics for his fan club!

ST. PATRICK'S

School News

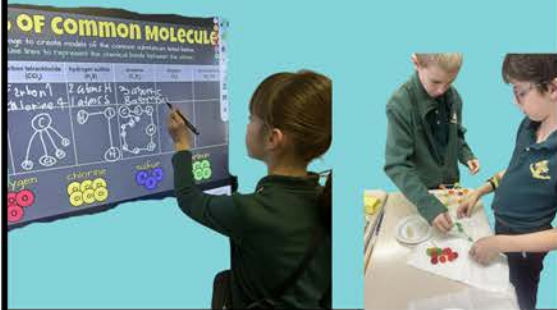
6TH GRADE

6th grade just closed a unit on the Nervous System, making model brains as a final project. They then started learning about the Respiratory System. They created their own lungs and simulated what harmful effects can do.



5TH GRADE

Fifth grade has been learning about atoms and molecular bonds and recently put their knowledge to the test in a hands-on "gummy lab," building their own molecule models.



PRE-K

Pre-k learned about measurements. The kids loved using the scale to determine the weight of various school supplies!



ASH WEDNESDAY

A generous anonymous donor provided cheese pizzas for the students on Ash Wednesday.



CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Have questions about the Catholic faith?

Scan the QR code to ask an anonymous question.



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Help me understand what is meant by "fear of the Lord". I know we should obey God, but fearing seems to be at odds with the concept of a loving God.

Yes, at first it can seem like a contradiction — especially since "fear of the Lord" is named as one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2-3). How on earth can "fear" be a gift? Well, this "fear" does not refer to terror but rather awe and reverence. Scripture says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10), which means that wisdom starts with recognizing who God truly is — Creator, Lord, and the source of all goodness — and who we are in relation to Him. There is an infinite difference between the Creator and the created. To "fear" God in this sense is to stand before Him with humility, wonder, and deep respect. It is the posture of a heart that knows it is completely dependent on a God who is all-powerful and all-holy.

From that reverence flows the second dimension: love that does not want to wound the relationship. In a healthy parent-child relationship, a child does not cower in terror when he hears his father enter the home. He loves his father, respects him for being such a kind man and a good provider for the family, and he certainly would not want to offend such a good father who only wants the best for his children. This is what the Church calls filial fear: the rightful respect owed to a parent out of love. When we hear of fear, we most often think of servile fear — fear of punishment alone — such as a servant would have for a harsh master. John 4:18 says, "Perfect love casts out fear" which refers to servile fear. Filial fear remains because love naturally includes a desire not to offend the beloved. Jesus' words, "Do not fear those who kill the body... rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28), are not meant to instill panic but to remind us of eternal realities. God alone is absolute; separation from Him is the greatest loss.

This is reflected beautifully in the Act of Contrition: we 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." The Catechism teaches that sin is an offense against God's love (CCC 1850). When we truly grasp how good God is — and how deeply He has loved us in Christ — we begin to fear sin not simply because of consequences, but because it wounds a relationship of love.

It is also worth acknowledging that our culture has largely lost a healthy sense of respect— not only for divine authority, but even for earthly authority. We are quick to dismiss, question, or mock what should instead inspire respect. This erosion affects our spiritual lives. When we lose a proper fear of God, we also lose a proper understanding of sin. Scripture is clear that sin is not trivial; it separates us from the source of life itself. In a world that often treats sin lightly, we need a renewed awareness of its seriousness — and of the reality of judgment and hell. A healthy fear of God, sin, and eternal separation restores clarity. Yet this fear must always be understood in light of God's fatherly love. Scripture says: "...the Lord disciplines him whom he loves" (Hebrews 12:6). Even God's correction is not vindictive but fatherly and medicinal — ordered toward our healing and salvation. He calls us to reverence not to crush us, but to save us, guiding us away from sin because He desires our eternal good.

In conclusion, fear of the Lord is not opposed to the idea of a loving God; it flows from it. The more we recognize God's greatness, the more wise that we become as our entire life becomes ordered around He who is the source of all that is good. The more we recognize His love and what He has done for us, the more we desire never to offend Him. It is not a fear rooted in dread, but a reverent, loving fear that draws us closer to Him and keeps us from the eternal harm of sin.

"THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM IS FEAR OF THE LORD, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS UNDERSTANDING." - PROVERBS 9:10

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