

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Commentary

The Gospel is from St. Luke, 11:1-13 in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer.

The Our Father is certainly the most sublime formula possible and contains the whole essence of the most elevated mental prayer. However, Jesus gave it as a formula for vocal prayer: "When you pray, say. . ." (ibid. 11:2). This is enough to make us understand the value and importance of vocal prayer, which is within the reach of everyone even children, the uneducated, the sick, the weary.... But we must realize that vocal prayer does not consist only in the repetition of a certain formula. If this were true, we should have a recitation but not a prayer, for prayer always requires a movement, an elevation of the soul toward God. In this sense, Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.... And when you are praying, speak not much as the heathens" (Mt 6:6-7). It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew these prescriptions concerning the exterior and interior dispositions necessary for well-made prayer immediately precede the teaching of the Our Father.

Therefore, in order that our vocal prayer be real prayer, we must first recollect ourselves in the presence of God, approach Him, and make contact with Him. Only when we have such dispositions will the words we pronounce with our lips express our interior devotion and be able to sustain and nourish it. Unfortunately, inclined as we are to grasp the material



part of things instead of the spiritual, it is only too easy in our vocal prayer to content ourselves with a mechanical recitation, without taking care to direct our heart to God; hence we should always be vigilant and alert. Vocal prayer made only by the lips dissipates and wearies the soul instead of recollecting it in God; it cannot be said that this is a means of uniting us more closely to Him.

—Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday, 9 - 4

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](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

|                          |          |   |
|--------------------------|----------|---|
| Saturday, July 26, 2025  | 5:30 PM  | Mass for the People of the Parish                                   |
| Sunday, July 27, 2025    | 10:30 AM | Mass for †Larry Dodson by family                                    |
| Monday, July 28, 2025    | 8:15 AM  | Mass for †Sarah Rowgh by family                                     |
| Tuesday, July 29, 2025   | 6:00 PM  | Mass for †Geraldine Alfred by family                                |
| Wednesday, July 30, 2025 | 6:00 PM  | Mass for Elizabeth Renzelli   |
| Thursday, July 31, 2025  | 8:15 AM  | Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton |
| Friday, August 1, 2025   | 8:15 AM  | Mass for Joe Derico by Frank Renzelli                               |
| Saturday, August 2, 2025 | 5:30 PM  | Mass for the People of the Parish                                   |
| Sunday, August 3, 2025   | 10:30 AM | Mass for †J. B. Parker by Parker family                             |

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SPONSOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD!**



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Tom and Marie Murray and family, by the Frazier's, July 27 - August 09, 2025.

## Prayer List

Those who are sick: Don Markley, Ray and Sue Swiger, (Ruby), Michael James, (PA Burn Center), 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, 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, Robert McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Nile Straley, Marge Tierney, Diane Walker, Jane White, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Dorothy 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.

All struggling with infertility.

## Attendance & Collections

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Saturday           | 124         |
| Sunday             | 171         |
| Total              | 295         |
| Saturday           | \$2353      |
| Sunday             | \$1107      |
| Mail/Drop Box      | \$3421      |
| Total              | \$6881      |
| School             | \$95        |
| Votives            | \$95        |
| Maintenance        | \$          |
| Loan               | \$          |
| Organ              | \$          |
| Wesbanco Balance   | \$33,110.05 |
| Organ Loan Balance | \$59,094.52 |
| HVAC               | \$4750      |

## June Online Donations

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| General     | 4378.60  |
| School      | \$500.40 |
| Maintenance | \$275.30 |
| Loan        | \$185    |
| CSA         | \$250.60 |



## Sound System and Air Conditioning Update

**Thank you for generosity! we have raised \$16,850!**

Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Please make sure you write "air conditioner" on your donation.

### "Can you hear me now?"

The sound system has been repaired. The technician thinks the damage was the result of a lightning strike.

He will send us a quote on things we may need to update due to their age.

## June Utilities and Other Expenses

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Utilities    | \$5783.45 |
| Copier       | \$612.63  |
| Pest Control | \$142     |
| Insurance    | \$3000    |

# OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation  
of Adults



## Questions About the Catholic Church?



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.

**Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?**

**Why do Catholics pray to saints?**

**Do Catholics really think the pope is infallible?**

Do you have questions like these?

Find answers to these and more starting **September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Use the QR code above to register. Questions? Email: [mwhite.stpats@gmail.com](mailto:mwhite.stpats@gmail.com)

## Testimonial

*"When I first considered joining OCIA, I was hesitant and skeptical. I had a wall up. I was unsure of what I'd learn, what would be asked of me, and whether I would belong. I feared the truth might challenge me in uncomfortable ways. The depth and tradition of the Church felt overwhelming. But beneath it all, I knew something was missing. I carried a deep emptiness that nothing and no one could fill, until I realized what I was longing for was a true relationship with God.*

*What I didn't expect was how deeply I would connect with the Church, the people or how much it would begin to transform me from within. OCIA became a journey not just of learning, but of healing, discovery, and peace... "*  
-Nastausha H. (OCIA Class of 2025)

**Becoming Catholic May  
Not Be in Your Plans this  
Year...**

**But Maybe it Should Be?**



## DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM MASS THIS SUMMER

A loving reminder that vacation is not considered a valid reason to miss Sunday Mass. When you plan a trip, include Mass in your itinerary to meet your Sunday obligation.

If you visit a different parish or holy site this summer, snap a photo of your family at the and email it to Sandy along with the parish name, city, and state as we would love to feature your travels in the bulletin!

## PARISHIONER'S TRAVELS

### VISITORS & PILGRIMS

For those visiting our parish this summer, we would love to include you in our bulletin. Take a picture and email it to the address below. Tell us your names, where you are visiting from and the name of your home parish!

### THANKS FOR VISITING!

Parishioners, Ron and Abby Jurysta had several friends from home visit last weekend. Ron and Abby moved here from Butler, PA in 2024.



Joe and Cindy Carte joined us for Mass on Sunday, July, 20.

Joe and Cindy attend two parishes throughout the year, St. John's Church in Summersville and Ascension Church in Hurricane.



St. Mary's Cathedral, Lansing, MI



St. Thomas, Grand Rapids, MI

The Milinovich pew has been one kid short the past couple of weeks as Anna Milinovich was in Michigan visiting her friend from college. While there, she visited many beautiful churches. Anna's favorite was the Basilica of St. Albert pictured below.



Basilica of St. Albert, Grand Rapids, MI

Come to the  
**92<sup>nd</sup>**



**Annual Chicken Supper and Bazaar**



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**Saturday, August 2, 2025**

4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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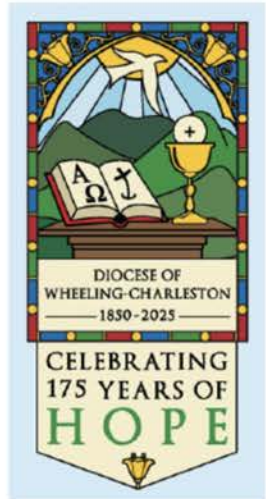
Help support our sister parish, St. Boniface Church, by purchasing a ticket to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicken Supper & Bazaar- taking place on August 2nd.

Don't miss the chance to win a beautiful quilt!

Quilt Tickets Available at St. Patrick Church Parish Office for \$5 each!

Take a Chance on me!

**The Diocese of  
Wheeling-Charleston  
Celebrating Our 175th  
Anniversary**



On July 19, 1850, the Holy See established the Diocese of Wheeling, a region that would include all of what is now West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle, and it would also include the section of present-day western Virginia.

Anchored in hope and love of Christ, let us celebrate our diocese, honor the past, and pray for the future.

**West for Virginians Life**



The Northern Panhandle Chapter of WVFL  
Invites you to their:

**"Calling All Young People" Pro-Life Conference**

**When: Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025**

**Where: Lava Ave. Baptist Church  
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Geared toward ages 13 through college. **ALL** ages are welcome.

**Tickets: \$10.00 each or \$25.00 per family of 3 or more**

**Conference: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Dinner @ 5:00pm**

**Grab & Go or Eat In for a time of fellowship**

For more information or to register please go to the website at [NPCWVFLevent.com](http://NPCWVFLevent.com)

or call/text Faith Meyer at 304-650-2866

*Walk-ins are welcome if seats are available.*



It was a blast having Andrew with us this summer. He is truly a wonderful young man. Please pray for Andrew and all seminarians as they discern God's call in their lives.

Andrew Dean  
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## From the Office of Safe Environment

Effective July 1, 2025, the following changes are in effect relative to Safe Environment compliance in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**VIRTUS training will be required for employees and volunteers every three (3) years. (The current protocol for awareness training is yearly.)**

Monthly VIRTUS bulletins will be made available in hard-copy format at parishes and schools in common areas for anyone who wants to read them and will not be tied to compliance. (The current protocol is for all employees and volunteers to read monthly bulletins through their VIRTUS accounts.)

The list of volunteer roles required to comply with Safe Environment has been revised.

The revised list will be reflected in the back of the Diocese's Sex Abuse Policy booklet that can be found online at [dwc.org](http://dwc.org) under the Safe Environment section of [dwc.org](http://dwc.org).

The protocol for background checks will not change and will remain on a three (3) year schedule.

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The monthly VIRTUS bulletin for July 2025 is available in the vestibule for those who cannot access it online.

## Farewell Reception for Joe Derico

The Derico family invites the parish to join them on **Sunday, August 10** for a farewell reception for Joe, who leaves for Rome the next week. There, Joe will continue his priestly studies and formation at the Pontifical North American College for the next 4 years.

The reception will be held in the gym and will be immediately after 10:30 Mass.

Let's send Joe off knowing how much he is loved and appreciated by his family, friends and parish.

## CAMP CARLO WEEK FOUR



## On Deck

### Saturday, August 2

St. Pat's Golf Tournament, Deerfield

### Saturday, August 2

St. Boniface Annual Chicken Supper

### Sunday, August 10

Farewell Reception for Joe Derico, gym (immediately after Mass)

### Monday, August 18

St. Patrick School Open House

### Tuesday, August 19

First day of classes for St. Pat's Students

### Our Neighbor Collection

**July:** Toilet Paper & Tissues

**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.

## St. Patrick Catholic School

### We're Hiring

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