

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

*"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light." -Matthew 17:2*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.)**

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



The Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9) offers us a radiant glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. On Mount Tabor, Jesus reveals His splendor to Peter, James, and John, allowing them to see, if only for a moment, who He truly is. This vision was meant to strengthen them. Soon they would witness His suffering, humiliation, and crucifixion. By showing them His glory beforehand, Jesus prepared their hearts so that despair would not overcome their faith.

The Church places this Gospel early in Lent for the same reason. As we begin our Lenten sacrifices and reflect on Christ's Passion, we are reminded that suffering is not the final word. Easter follows Good Friday. The cross leads to resurrection. The Christian life is not a life of ease, but a journey marked by trials, sacrifices, and daily acts of faithfulness. We do not reach heaven by comfort or convenience, but by trusting God and carrying the crosses permitted in our lives.

Every person experiences sorrow, disappointment, and eventually death. Wealth, success, or status cannot shield us from these realities. But for the believer, suffering is not meaningless. United to Christ, it becomes redemptive. When we accept our trials with faith, they prepare us for eternal glory. As St. Paul reminds us, if we share in Christ's sufferings, we will also share in His glory. The Transfiguration encourages us to persevere in the "little" things asked of us this Lent—our prayers, sacrifices, acts of charity, and hidden struggles. If we remain faithful, the glory glimpsed on the mountain will one day be ours to behold forever. Beyond the cross shines the promise of Christ's everlasting kingdom. —Adapted from Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M., The Sunday Readings, Cycle A

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.

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, PRAYER LIST & COLLECTION

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
Monday, March 2, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for *Jean Droppleman Helmick by Ed & Anita Droppleman
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, March 4, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for *Helen Linger by Mary Ellen Lydon
Thursday, March 5, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for the Seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Friday, March 6, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel
Saturday, March 7, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, March 8, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for *Ed and Mary Jo Stark by the Milionvich Boys

Contact the parish office to sponsor the sanctuary lamp for a two week period!



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Sam Aman, March 1 - 14, 2026.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Cyndee Becker, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Emily Donaldson, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Josh and Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, LaDonna Heckert, Coretta Jefferson, Pat Kiddy, Bernadette Law, Tom Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Rochelle Long, James McClain, Lisa Marlow, Louise Mehr, Andy Mertz, 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: Pam Gross, 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!

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	151
Sunday	168
Total	319
Saturday	\$2200
Sunday	\$1434
Mail/Drop Box	\$340
Total	\$3974
School	\$160
Votives	\$135
Maintenance	\$655
Loan	\$540
Wesbanco Balance	\$27,684.74
In Memory	\$275

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New 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.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Message for Lent, 2026

Dear faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston,

We have begun the holy season of Lent with ashes on our foreheads and hope in our hearts. Lent's goal is to prepare us spiritually for the great feast of Easter, when we celebrate the Lord Jesus' resurrection from the dead in which we find our own hope for immortality.

We know from experience how easy it is to succumb to temptations to sin and let our spiritual lives sink into routine or indifference. We need a wake-up call and Lent gives us one. Like the baseball players who brush off the rust of a lethargic winter to get back into shape for the new season, we practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving in Lent to open our veins to God's grace and allow it to transform us into more faithful disciples of Christ.

If you have a habit of daily prayer, keep it up and consider how you might extend it either by spending more time with the Lord or enriching your prayer by meditating on Scripture. If you have not been praying, start now. Give the Lord at least 15 or 20 minutes a day at the time you find most convenient. (For many of us, that time is early in the morning before daily work or study begins.) Just place yourself before God, briefly present to him your concerns and projects of that day, invoke him slowly and repeatedly by saying "Father," "Jesus" or "Spirit", and then be quiet. God's Spirit in you will do the rest.

As for fasting, Pope St. Gregory the Great said, "The principal fasting in Lent is fasting from sin." Reflecting this understanding, Pope Leo XIV in his Lenten message for 2026 urges us to "refrain from words that offend and hurt our neighbor:" harsh words, slander, rash judgments and speaking ill of others when they cannot defend themselves. Bodily fasting is useful, not as an end in itself – a Lenten fast is not for the purpose of losing weight! – but for curbing our desires for the things of this world and moving us to *hunger and thirst for righteousness* [Matthew 6:6]. Pope St. Leo I said: "What we forego by fasting is to be given as alms to the poor," underscoring our responsibility in charity to share what we have with those in need.

Almsgiving may take many forms. Giving money to a poor family to help them buy groceries or to a pantry which offers them a bag of food is one form but so is tutoring a child struggling with math or reading, visiting or calling a sick neighbor or relative or befriending an immigrant afraid of being separated from his or her spouse and children. The heart of almsgiving is overcoming self-concern in order to do good to others. *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you* [Matthew 7:12].

If these counsels for keeping a good Lent sound familiar, they are from the Lord's words in the Gospel we heard on Ash Wednesday. Jesus himself gives us the way to make our Lent fruitful in holiness and good works. Commit now, if you have not already done so, to give your soul a vigorous workout in the gymnasium of Lent so that you will be in good shape when Easter comes. Then you, with the newly baptized and confirmed, will rejoice in the power of God's love to make his divine life pulsate more vibrantly in you.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

St. Patrick School



ST. PATS STUDENTS ATTEND COUNTY SPELLING BEE

St. Patrick's School was well represented at the county Spelling Bee and our very own Elle Burkhammer brought home the gold!



SUNSHINE!

After a long winter, students were thrilled to return to outdoor recess and enjoy the fresh air.



YOUNG WRITERS



Mason Karp won first place in the fourth-grade division of the Young Writers Contest. All winners will attend Young Writers Day in May, where they will be recognized for their outstanding work and participate in writing workshops designed to further develop their creative talents.

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.

A light meal will follow in the cafeteria



Donate to Mary's Refuge

Mary's Refuge is a maternity home in Martinsburg, West Virginia, that provides safe housing and supportive services for pregnant women facing difficult circumstances. The program offers a stable, structured environment where residents can prepare for motherhood while receiving assistance with prenatal care, life-skills training, education, and employment assistance.



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Angotti Family Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must be either **recently accepted into a college or university or currently enrolled and attending.**

Please submit your application to Sandy Mick by April 10, 2026 with the following information:

- Applicant Name
- Contact information

- Academic Performance
 - High School/College GPA
 - Academic Honors or Awards
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Volunteer, Community Service, Clubs and Organizations

- Personal Statement/Essay Question—Must be at least 300 words
 - Explain your career aspirations and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

We will notify all applicants and award a winner in May.

Next Donut Sunday: March 8

- Join us for Donuts on March 8th after Mass in the school cafeteria sponsored by Bobby Stewart!

Joe's Address

**Joseph Derico
Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
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CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & CATHOLIC ANSWERS

Have questions about the Catholic faith?

Scan the QR code to ask an anonymous question.



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Jesus is the Son of God. Why does he so often refer to himself as the Son of Man in the Gospels?

Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Man in what we call the hypostatic union—100% human and 100% divine. Both are necessary. Jesus had to be human so that he could stand in our place as a sacrificial offering to the Father. He also had to be divine in order for the sacrifice that he offered to take on infinite value. The terms must be seen together.

Although, you are right. As one reads through the gospel of Matthew, Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man about thirty times whereas the reference to Jesus being the Son of God is made only a handful of times and rarely ever used as a term to describe himself but expressed by others. For example, in Matthew 16, Jesus asks the disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Peter famously responds: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus expresses to Peter that this was true and revealed to him by his heavenly Father. In this exchange, we see Jesus accepting both titles: Son of God as well as Son of Man.

So why does Jesus frequently use "Son of Man"? First, it emphasizes His solidarity with humanity. By using this title, He highlights that He could experience hunger, thirst, fatigue, suffering, and death—human experiences necessary for His redemptive mission. St. Paul underscores this when he writes, "For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a human being" (1 Corinthians 15:21). In Hebrew, "Son of Man" is "ben adam"—literally "son of Adam." Jesus is not only a descendant of Adam but also the new Adam, fulfilling humanity's ultimate purpose in union with God.

Secondly, Jesus used this title to express that he is the messiah prophesied of in Daniel 7. Let's look at this essential prophecy:

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

In this vision, the messiah, one who is like a human, is presented to God the Father. The "like" emphasizes that this is a human, not an angel, not an animal. This human is presented to the "The Ancient of Days" and is given an everlasting kingdom and authority. The term "like" may also emphasize the fact that the messiah appears merely human but is also on par with God.

Jesus knew this scripture well, and so did the Jewish authorities of his day. By stating that he was the "Son of Man" he was alluding to being the messiah of the prophecy in Daniel 7. The Pharisees understood the significance of this title. In Mark 14:61-64, during His trial, they ask Him:

"Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?' Jesus said, 'I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his garments and said, 'What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?' And they all condemned him as deserving death."

Here, Jesus clearly identifies Himself with the "Son of Man" of Daniel's prophecy, revealing that He is the Messiah with divine authority. The Pharisees recognized this as a claim to both messianic identity and divine prerogative, which is why they accused Him of blasphemy, leading to his condemnation and death.

In sum, the frequent use of the term "Son of Man" is not opposed to the reality that Jesus is also the "Son of God," as both were necessary to fulfill his redemptive mission. Jesus uses the term in expression of solidarity with humanity as well as to reveal that he is the messiah spoken in the Old Testament prophecy of Daniel.



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