

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11, 18, 25 & April 1

- Stations of the Cross 12:30PM
- Adoration Immediately following until 5:45 p.m.

March 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 Church begins the second phase of Lent—an extended meditation on Baptism—with one of the key gospel passages that were taught to the catechumens of the early Church as they prepared to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Today's story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, the longest dialogue in the four gospels, is such an important moment in the Forty Days that, although other gospel passages are appointed for this Sunday in years B and C of the Lectionary

cycle, the Church asks that, in those years, this Gospel of "living water" be read on one weekday of the following week. Those who will be called to renew their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil, as well as those being baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, are being addressed by the Lord in a special way today through his dialogue with the foreigner from whom he asks a drink of water: a conversation that teaches the entire Church something very important about prayer.

—George Weigel, Roman Pilgrimage: the Station Churches

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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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.

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, 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 Millionvich Boys
Monday, March 9, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles & Charlotte Ruppert by family
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for †Mildred Droppleman by Ed and Anita Droppleman
Thursday, March 12, 2026	6:00 PM	Mass for Fr. Benjamin Petty
Friday, March 13, 2026	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by John and Judy Dolan
Saturday, March 14, 2026	5:30 PM	Mass for †Judi Rowan by Family
Sunday, March 15, 2026	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

2025 Average Weekly Offering	\$5,226
January Average Weekly Offering	\$5,683
2026 Average Weekly Offering	\$5,683
2026 Come Grow With Us Weekly Offering Goal	\$7,226
To Date Come Grow With Us Pledged Increase	
Primary Households	204
Households Using Envelopes or Recorded Offerings YTD	121
Saturday Attendance	112
Sunday Attendance	197
January, 2026 Wesbanco Loan Balance	\$27,685
Current Wesbanco Loan Balance	\$27,685

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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.

To add or remove names to the prayer list, please call or email Sandy at the parish office!

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: 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.



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

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

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Go to 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.





Letters from

R O M E

March 2026

It Never Stops Getting Deeper

About two months ago I was installed in the ministry of Lector at the Pontifical North American College, what follows is a reflection borne out of prayer during this time, reflecting on the new ministry which the Church has called me to.

St. Augustine, that towering father of the early Church in his prolific writings describes a certain gift of sacred scripture that is often lost on us in the modern world. He says that sacred scripture can always be read “non nova, sed noviter”—not new, but newly. Each verse of scripture contains a truly numberless quantity of fruits which have been borne out in the prayer of the faithful for millennia, and which will continue to be borne out until the end of time. Indeed, nearly every non-martyr saint of the early church wrote extensive commentaries on the sacred scriptures in order to explain them to the faithful in their preaching and perhaps no era produced more than the medieval period.

As a result of our contemporary co-existence with search engines and artificial intelligence chatbots, we are not often able to conceive that the answer to a question may be more nuanced or varied than what a quick search might lead us to believe. The scriptures cannot be treated in this way. They are not antiquated stories whose meaning has been exhausted by the men of old, but rather the living, breathing words of God, which, when treated with respect and given the precious gift of our time spent with them—studying them, praying with them—offer to us a treasure trove which cannot ever be exhausted. No man has in the past, or will ever, draw all the meaning and gift out of so much as a single word of scripture. The Lord

consistently uses his Word to teach us new lessons, to help us love anew, to call us to repentance and to educate us in his truth.

The greatest gift of spending time with the scriptures, however, is the perpetual reward of a deeper love for God. Each time a new insight is given, or connection drawn, it is as if yet another new gift has been given, a breath of life which is an irreplaceable grace offered by the Lord to a particular hearer.

This is the very reason why the Church’s liturgy since time immemorial has retained the proclamation of the scriptures. The words written on the page, when proclaimed become the Word, living and breathing which must be received and acted upon by the hearer. If the Church were merely attempting to impart knowledge of scripture, then perhaps it would not be so clearly insistent on this point, but it is not about individual reading of the words, but about hearing the Word. And the Word which is heard is given in such a way that it does not simply impart intellectual knowledge of the Word, but experiential and relational knowledge of Him who is the living Word of the Father. Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit through her hearing the Word of God spoken by the Archangel Gabriel. Let us allow that same Word to penetrate our minds, hearts and lives. For reading is not enough alone, hearing however opens the portal to the soul that we too, like our blessed Mother, may receive the Word, begotten before all ages, and allow Him to take up His dwelling within us.

Joe Perico

Confirmation

- **April 19th immediately after Mass, School Cafeteria:** "Come and See" informational meeting & registration. Parents and confirmandi should attend for light refreshments, registration, and an overview of the confirmation formation process.
- **Sunday, June 7th @ 5:30 PM, location TBD:** First Official Confirmation Class Meeting

Stations of the Cross & Adoration

- Wednesday at 12:30p.m.
Followed by Adoration until 5:45 p.m.
- Friday at 6:00 PM.
A light meal will follow in the cafeteria



Women's Lenten Retreat

**FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS
THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER**
Women's Lenten Retreat
March 21, 2026
St. Patrick School Cafeteria

Join presenter, Beth Brumley, as we explore ways to deepen our prayer life.
"One size does not fit all"

Registration/Refreshments 9:00am
Retreat 9:30am-12:00
Lunch 12:00

An optional Rosary making workshop will follow. Materials provided for Seven Sorrows Rosary or Rosary of your choice.

REGISTRATION IS FREE
Donations Accepted
TO REGISTER CALL/TEXT Donna Lake
304-476-3426 by March 16

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: Today!

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

Joe's Address

Joseph Derico
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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:

Have we truly forgiven if we haven't forgotten? If we still go over it in our minds sometimes, or if we avoid that person, or are outwardly polite to them while not truly engaging with them?

Many people assume forgiveness means forgetting the offense, feeling no more pain, or restoring a relationship exactly as it once was. The Catholic understanding of forgiveness is more realistic and compassionate than that.

Forgiveness Is Required for Christians

Scripture makes clear that forgiveness is not optional. In the Lord's Prayer we say: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." (Matthew 6:12) When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to extend mercy to us in the same way we extend it to others. St. Augustine of Hippo warned: "Forgive from the heart; otherwise you say the words, but God does not hear the prayer." (Sermon 58).

Forgiveness Is Not Forgetting

Forgiveness does not mean erasing the memory of the offense. The Church recognizes that this is often impossible. The Catechism explains: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion." (CCC 2843). Memories and emotions may remain, but that does not mean forgiveness has failed. Forgiving someone does not require pretending the wrong never happened.

Forgiveness Is an Act of the Will

Catholic tradition teaches that forgiveness is primarily a decision of the will, not a feeling. It means letting go of the desire for revenge and entrusting justice to God. Even if hurt or anger remains, choosing not to retaliate and wishing the other person's ultimate good is the beginning of true forgiveness.

Forgiveness Does Not Always Mean Reconciliation

Forgiveness and reconciliation are not the same thing. Forgiveness can be given by one person; reconciliation requires both. Jesus Himself acknowledges this when He says: "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him." (Luke 17:3). Rebuilding trust and restoring a relationship usually requires repentance and a willingness to repair the harm done.

Seeking Peace When Possible

Jesus also teaches: "If you are offering your gift at the altar and remember that your brother has something against you... first be reconciled to your brother." (Matthew 5:23-24). When we have caused harm, we should actively seek reconciliation. And when reconciliation is possible and safe, Christians should be open to it. The Catechism echoes the scriptures when saying: "As far as it depends on you, live at peace with all." (CCC 1829; cf. Romans 12:18). Sometimes prudence requires boundaries, especially when trust has been broken or harm could continue. But when someone sincerely seeks peace and reconciliation with us, we should cooperate with God's grace and not harden our hearts.

Forgiveness Is Often a Process

Even after forgiving someone, memories of the hurt may return. Forgiveness may need to be renewed again and again—just as Christ calls us to forgive "seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22). Each time the memory arises, we can repeat the decision: "Lord, I choose to forgive again."

The Heart of Christian Forgiveness

Christian forgiveness flows from remembering how much we ourselves have been forgiven. The heart of Christian forgiveness, then, is not simply overlooking a wrong but extending to others the same mercy God has shown us. Jesus illustrates this in the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35). In this parable, a servant who was forgiven an enormous debt refuses to forgive the much smaller debt of a fellow servant. The master rebukes him: "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" The lesson is clear: because God's mercy toward us is immeasurable, we are called to extend that same mercy to others.

Forgiveness is:

- letting go of retaliation
- wishing the ultimate good for the offender

Forgiveness is not:

- never feeling pain
- forgetting the hurt completely
- allowing a person to continue hurting us

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