

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." -Luke 16:13

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Pet Blessing**
October 4th
Noon
Rectory Backyard

- * **School Rosary Rally**
October 7th

- * **Donut Sunday**
October 12th

- * **Parish Rosary Rally**
October 18th
Noon
Holt Park

- * **School Elimination Dinner**
October 18th
4:30-5:30 PM Drive Thru
6:30 PM Dinner in Gym

- * **Mass & Picnic @ St. Bernards**
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This week's Gospel presents the intriguing Parable of the Dishonest Steward, where Jesus highlights a steward who, realizing his impending dismissal, cunningly secures his future by reducing debts owed to his master. While the steward's actions raise ethical questions, Jesus uses this illustration to offer a deeper spiritual lesson.

The core message of this parable isn't to mimic the steward's dishonesty, but to commend his foresight and initiative. Jesus invites us to apply the same shrewdness and planning to our spiritual lives as we prepare for eternity.

What are some practical ways that we can plan for our eternal destination?

First and foremost, we can be sure we are spiritually prepared for our judgement day. Just as the steward planned for his future, we too must prepare for eternal life by engaging with the sacraments, deepening our prayer lives, and forming our hearts according to Christ's teachings. These practices align our lives with the ultimate goal of union with God.

Next, we can use resources with eternity in mind. Consider how worldly possessions can be used to build heavenly treasures. By investing in acts of charity and supporting the Church's mission, we use our material wealth in a way that transcends temporal bounds, reflecting our commitment to eternal values.

Further, we must prioritize spiritual wealth over material wealth. Jesus clearly states that we cannot serve both God and money. This calls us to evaluate where our true treasure lies and choose to prioritize our relationship with God above all else.

Through this parable, Jesus challenges us to live with eternity in focus, making intentional decisions that align our lives with His will and purpose. Let us embrace this call to wisely manage our lives, always investing in what endures beyond this world.

As you reflect on this teaching, what steps can you take today to plan for your eternal future, ensuring that your earthly journey prepares you for everlasting life with God?

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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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

Saturday, September 20, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Matthew Pickens by Joe and Susie Pickens
Sunday, September 21, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, September 22, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for Fr. Brian Crowley
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	6:00 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	6:00 PM	Mass for †Janie Garton by Tim and Beth Monepenny
Thursday, September 25, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Fr. Donal O'Donovan
Friday, September 26, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Marjorie Boyers
Saturday, September 27, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Sara Murray by the Catholic Daughters
Sunday, September 28, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

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



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Larry Dodson by family, September 21 - October 4, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Jerry Gross, Allen Butcher (Ruby), Vicki Almase, Alex Aytli, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Kathy Boyle, Kelsea Butcher, Margaret Carr, Carol Conrad, Jody Craig, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Charles Frame, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Tim Haggan, Luella Hicks, Michael James, Mark Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Brice Johnston, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, Bernadette Law, David Lewis, Beth Linger, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Louise Mehr, Judy Nicholas, David Nuzum, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Raylee Rahming, Mike Ramsey, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Gage Ruley, Charles Sailor, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Nile Straley, Ray and Sue Swiger, Marge Tierney, Diane Walker, Jane 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.

All struggling with infertility.

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

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	99
Sunday	215
Total	314
Saturday	\$1044
Sunday	\$2636
Mail/Drop Box	\$1955
Total	\$5634
School	\$146
Votives	\$212
Maintenance	\$91
Loan	\$100
Organ	\$80
Wesbanco Balance	\$31,446.66
Organ Loan Balance	\$59,094.52
Gaza Relief	\$530

Attention Church and School Volunteers

If you are a volunteer for St. Patrick Church or school, please go to virtusonline.org to check the status of your account.

If you are new to our church and school, please go to that website and create an account.

All volunteers for church and school activities need to be Virtus compliant BEFORE they can volunteer.

There are 5 components to the process.

- Background check (to be completed every 3 years)
- Training (to be completed every 3 years)
- Code of Conduct Acknowledgement
- Handbook Acknowledgement
- Reporting Statute Acknowledgement

Please contact the parish office if you have questions or require assistance.

Reminder

As part Bishop Brennan's debt forgiveness for the Year of Hope, parishes will not pay the Cathedraticum assessment (normally 3% of net assessable income) in 2025 and the PHRA Assessment is reduce to 4% (normally 6%).



Raised: \$21,619 (89%)
Goal: \$24,400
Difference: \$2781

THE JOY OF READING



4th Grade Reads Aloud to Kindergarten

Our 4th graders partnered with Kindergarten for a special reading activity! Not only does this give our younger students wonderful role models to look up to, but it also allows our 4th graders to practice reading with fluency and prosody in front of an audience. It's a meaningful way for older students to share their knowledge and for younger students to see strong reading modeled. A win-win for both groups as they grow together in learning and love of reading! Below see Grayson Clevenger reading to his young friends. Each week, a new 4th grader will take a turn to read.



Book Fair Fun

Students at St. Patrick's School were buzzing with excitement this week as they explored the Scholastic Book Fair. The annual event continues to spark a love of reading and curiosity in every corner of our school!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Elimination Dinner

Join Us For Our Annual Elimination Dinner!

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled evening at St. Patrick's School Gymnasium! Our annual Elimination Dinner kicks off at 6:30 PM, featuring your choice of delicious chicken or steak, a mouthwatering dessert, and the live stream of the WVU away game!

Can't stay for dinner? No worries — you can pick up your meal to-go between 4:30 and 5:30 PM.

Tickets are \$30 and include your chance to win \$1,000 in our elimination drawing!

To purchase a ticket, contact the school or speak with any St. Patrick's student. Don't miss out on this great night of food, fun, and fundraising!

Curriculum Fundraiser

Help us fund our new Science & Social Studies Curriculum for grades 6-8 by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win ALL of the exciting items listed below! Each raffle ticket is \$10.



Purchase using the QR code.

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1. \$25 Fox's Pizza Gift Certificate
 2. \$10 Flying Dogs Gift Certificate
 3. \$135 Vera Bradley bag donated by Caplan's Jewelry
 4. 100 Rounds for two shooters, hat, stickers- Stonewall Sporting Clays- \$170 value
 5. \$25 Mountain Misfit Gift Certificate
 6. \$15 Buns Gift Card
 7. \$50 Giovanni's Gift Card
 8. Free monthly quart of custard for a year- Whit's Custard. \$120 value
 9. 16x20 Painting Class for 2- The Guild- \$60 value
 10. One free night stay at the lodge at Stonewall Resort
 11. 1 free foot detox or aroma jelly foot soak & \$10 off service - Aura Spa \$65 value
 12. 1 free foot detox or aroma jelly foot soak & \$10 off service - Aura Spa \$65 value
 13. 1 free Himalayan Salt Room or Infrared Sauna & \$10 off service - \$55 value
 14. 1 free foot detox or aroma jelly foot soak & \$10 off service - Aura Spa \$65 value
 15. 1 free Himalayan Salt Room or Infrared Sauna & \$10 off service - \$55 value
 16. The Family Table Gift Certificate

JOIN THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA IN PRAYING THE

The Seven Sorrows Rosary

Tuesdays @ Noon starting September 23rd

CDA Court Victory would like to invite you to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary with some of their members on Tuesdays at noon in St. Patrick's Church beginning Tuesday, September 23. The Seven Sorrows Rosary is used to meditate on the major sorrows the Blessed Mother endured during the life and death of her son, Jesus Christ. If you don't have the Seven Sorrows Rosary beads, you are still invited to come and pray. Be looking for future news on a workshop sponsored by the CDA in which you can come and make your own Seven Sorrows or traditional rosary. The Seven Sorrows Rosary is not meant to replace the traditional rosary but add to our prayers. And our Blessed Mother revealed that if not prayed every day, it is recommended we pray this rosary on Tuesdays and Fridays. The following is a history of this devotion adapted from Imaculee Iligabiza's book "A Blessing in Disguise". If you are interested in reading a more in depth look at the history and praying of this devotion, consider purchasing her book from www.imaculee.com.

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother began with St. Bridget who was a visionary in the early 14th century. In one of her visions that came in a dream she saw Jesus covered with all the wounds he received on Good Friday. She asked who did this to him and was told "All those that despise my love." While the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed the seven sorrows to St. Bridget and asked her to pray and meditate on them. It was the Order of the Servites who introduced the Seven Sorrows as a rosary. Later in 1954, Mary appeared to the Mother Superior of the Benedikira religious order in Rwanda and not only asked her to teach the sisters the Seven Sorrows Rosary but also to build a small chapel with images of her seven sorrows. Both of these were done but consistent praying of the Seven Sorrows Rosary faded. Mary began to appear to three schoolgirls from Benedikira High School in Kibeho, Rwanda beginning in 1984 (Alphonsine, Anathalie and Marie Claire). One apparition was of Mary dressed in all white and holding a black Rosary. Mary explained that this was the Seven Sorrows Rosary and asked that this prayer be taught and prayed. She also asked for two buildings to be built, a smaller chapel (Chapel of the Seven Sorrows) holding 1,000 people and a larger basilica (Reunion of the Dispersed) holding 10,000. Mary explained that the world was on the edge of a catastrophe and showed a vision of a river of blood but said that God is more powerful than evil and that prayer was needed to change hearts. However, in 1994 the Rwandan genocide took place and about one million Tutsis were murdered, and the river ran red with blood. 250 nun's lives were spared who housed themselves and prayed continually in the chapel that was built in the 1950's. The apparitions to the students in Kibeho were approved by the Vatican in 2001 and in 2023 a steering committee was formed to begin plans to build the Reunion of the Dispersed Basilica after Imaculee met with Pope Francis in 2015.

Many promises of praying and meditating on the Seven Sorrows were given to St. Bridget and Marie Claire which included "I have obtained this grace from my Divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation & joy," and "More than ever, the world needs the Seven Sorrows Rosary."



-DONNA B LAKE, REGENT
CDA COURT VICTORY #379



Pet Blessing

October 4th | 12:00 PM | Rectory back yard

Join us on October 4th at 12:00 PM in the rectory backyard for our annual Pet Blessing to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Bring your furry (or feathery!) friends for a special blessing and celebrate the love and joy they bring into our lives.

Animals must be crated or on a leash.

Parish Rosary Rally

October 18th | 12:00 PM | Holt Park



In a world that seems to be moving farther from God with each passing day, the power of prayer has never been more essential. We invite you to join us for a Rosary Rally on October 18th at 12:00 p.m. at Holt Park, as we bring our faith outside our church doors. Together, we will pray for peace, healing, and repentance of sinners through the powerful prayer of the Rosary.

As Our Lady of Lourdes said,
"Pray, pray very much, the Rosary is the weapon for these times."

Through the Rosary, we receive the abundant graces Our Lady promised to those who pray it faithfully. By meditating on the life of Christ—His joys, His sorrows, His glories—we keep at the forefront of our minds His saving works. When we pray the Rosary, Our Lady intercedes on our behalf, helping us to grow in virtue and deepen our relationship with her Son.

Come, unite with us in this powerful prayer. Together, we'll ask for the graces needed to navigate these times and find strength in the peace of Christ.

Holt Park is just down the alley that is across the road from the school. We look forward to seeing you there as we pray together for our world, our families, and our faith.

Mass & Picnic @ St. Bernard's

Reconnect with your roots and join us for our Annual Homecoming at the historic St. Bernard's Church in Loveberry on October 19th at 1:00 PM. This beautiful church stands as a testament to the rich history of Catholicism in Lewis County, reminding us of the strong foundation of faith planted by our ancestors.

Following Mass, we'll share a delicious meal together provided by Mike Riffle. No need to bring anything. Everything will be provided.

Help Needed Cleaning St. Bernard's

On 4 Oct the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will join forces to clean the St Bernards church in Loveberry. This is usually a labor-intensive event so the more people that can help, the better. They will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to begin cleaning at 9:30.

Fraternal Dinner for Men

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parish men to a fraternal dinner on October 7. This is a chance for all the men of the parish to connect with each other. It will be a pot-luck, so bring whatever you would like to share with your brother. Hope to see you there. Please join them at 6:00 p.m. for Mass. Dinner will follow in the cafeteria.

Our Neighbor Collection

We are collecting peanut butter, jelly, & crackers for Our Neighbor this month. Kindly place donations in the cabinet outside the back door of the parish office.

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