## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 12th, 2024

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness. While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

—Excepted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

#### ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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# St. Patrick Catholic School

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## Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:15 p.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.

## 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.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of the Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment 304.20.1504. For more information on Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit http://www.usccb.org. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

"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.







# Camp Carlo 2024









June 30 - July 6 July 7 - July 13 July 14 - July 20 July 21- July 27

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## **Playground Fun (At Last!)**

Spring fever has been setting in at St. Patrick's School as the children have waited on the completion of their new playground. They were ecstatic to play on the playground for the first time this week!





































## **Book Fair**

Students enjoyed the scholastic book fair this week!





Last weekend our parish celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Twelve children received the Blessed Sacrament!

We kicked off the weekend on Saturday with a retreat. Mrs. Brumley led the students in creating their First Communion banners and spent time reflecting on the Eucharistic symbolism. Mrs. White conducted a game connecting the manna in the desert that sustained the Israelites on their way to the promised land with the Eucharist sustaining us to our eternal promised land. The children then went to adoration and had an opportunity to go to confession. Mrs. Sandy led them in rehearsal and we enjoyed pizza for lunch.

On Sunday the children participated in the May Crowning, received our Lord for the first time, and recited the poem "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue" in honor of the Blessed Mother. A reception was held in the cafeteria.

A special thanks to all who helped make this a special day! Especially catechists Beth Brumley & Megan White, Sandy Mick for leading rehearsal, Jessica Hefner for photographing the day, and Kathy Boyle for putting together a beautiful reception.





























## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, May 12, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers
Monday, May 13, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butcher
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrants Intentions
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Marjorie Rupert by Tom Rupert
Thursday, May 16, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Edwin and Mary Mullady
Friday, May 17, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Hernan Ayala by Alex and Fiona Ayala
Saturday, May 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for Cecelia by Grandma
Sunday, May 19, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish

The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor and memory of all mothers, May 5 - May 18, 2024.

## **Prayer List**

Those who are sick: John Butcher, (Ruby), Hernan Ayala, Jill Balser, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Dorothy Butcher, Margaret Carr, Courtney Clevenger, Brad Curtis, Rose Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Amy Dillon, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Greg Garton, Holly Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Danielle (Mick) Jamison, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Lisa Marlow, Dan Mick, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Catherine Ratliff, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Bob Thompson, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Dorothy Valdez, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

**Those who have died:** Bill Pratt, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

All Veterans, and Military Personnel: Bobby Summers

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

All seminarians: Especially Joe Derico.

All studying for the deaconate program: Especially Mike Brumley.

Former priests and religious of and from our parish

Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.

All struggling with infertility.

**All who recently First Communion:** Especially, Claire Cid, Grayson Clevenger, Ezekiel Deaton, Brody Donaldson, Baylee Farnsworth, Jagger Gibson, Christian Greathouse, Mason Karp, Isaiah Messer, Marcileen Queen, Kaedalynne Riley, and Ricky Walsh

Attendance & Collections			
Saturday			
Sunday			
Total			
Saturday	\$1577		
Sunday (8:30)	\$685		
Sunday (10:30)	\$1497		
Mail/Drop Box	\$2075		
Total	\$5834		
School	\$480		
Votives	\$31		
Maintenance	\$255		
Loan	\$		
Organ	\$80		
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# SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 2

Join us on Sunday, June 2 for our Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus! Help us BEAR WITNESS in our Catholic faith of the REAL presence of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist!

## Pre-K Graduation!

Join us on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. for our Pre-K graduation.



Pre-School Moving-Up Ceremony!

Join us on Friday, May 17 at 12:15 p.m. for our Pre-School Moving-Up Ceremony.



Our next Donut Sunday will be on May 19, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Wear red to Mass and join us for coffee, donuts and fruit to celebrate the birthday of the Church!



# Angotti Family Scholarship Application 2024

Applicants must be members of St. Patrick Parish and enrolled in college for the 2024 -2025 school year. Application deadline is May 12, 2024.

Completed applications can be returned in the church collection basket or can be mailed to: St. Patrick Church, ATTN: Angotti Family Scholarship, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

# Mother's Day 7ea & Concert

Please Join us Sunday May 12th, 1pm to 2pm at St. Patrick's gym.



Enjoy the children's singing while having a treat!

## **ON DECK**

Sunday, May 19

**Donut Sunday** 

Monday, May 20

6:00 p.m., Catholic Daughters of the Americas meeting, cafeteria

Thursday, May 16

Pre-K graduation

Friday, May 17

Pre-School Moving Up Ceremony

Thursday, May 23

Final All School Mass for this school year

Friday, May 24

School picnic

Sunday, June 2 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

Eucharist Procession Donut Sunday

Sunday, June 9
Donut Sunday

## **Our Neighbor Collection**

**April:** Bath Sop, Deodorant and feminine products

May: Shampoo and Conditioner

Items can be placed in the cabinet on the back porch of the parish office.

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## **Knights of Columbus** Council 1415

First Tuesday of each month. 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria