

St. Patrick's Church

August 25th, 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When was the last time you had the opportunity to give public witness to Christian faith? Perhaps it was in the presence of co-workers or neighbors, or maybe among friends and family. Whenever we witness to faith, we realize the task is not easy. Yet through baptism Christians are given the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to offer witness to faith in small or profound ways. And we are grateful for those Christians who are called to the ultimate witness of martyrdom.

We live in an age of Christian martyrdom. It is claimed that more Christians have been martyred in the 20th century than in the first four centuries of Christianity. Christians around the world face violent persecution today as they are forced to choose between renouncing their faith in Jesus Christ or violence and death. The threat of martyrdom calls forth a decisive test of courage and witness to Christ who walks with the martyrs in their suffering.

"Decide today whom you will serve," Joshua says to the tribes of Israel at Shechem in today's first reading. Throughout the Old Testament, the Israelites were faced with a choice – to live in covenant relationship with Yahweh or to fall into idolatry of pagan gods.

Whenever the Israelites wrestled with this choice, they recalled the good works of God. "For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ... He performed those great miracles before our very eyes," prayed the Israelites. This gratitude to God is echoed by the psalmist who sings with confident trust, "Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him."

In the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus face the same life changing decision. They can respond to Jesus' invitation and follow the Lord or choose a life apart from God. Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, that following him will not be easy. Yet when we persevere in friendship with Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, our life opens to the love, joy and peace of God that surpasses understanding.

When we hear God's word, we face a similar decision. We can choose to hear God's voice and live in the wisdom of the divine word. On this path we choose life, love and genuine happiness. For only God who created us in love can meet the deepest desires of our heart beyond our expectations. God alone satisfies our longing for unconditional forgiving love. It is this knowledge that strengthens the martyrs who choose courageously to persevere in faith as disciples of Jesus. Their witness strengthens us to persevere in faith each day.

Jesus shows his disciples that faith is a gift of God. "... No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Faith is a human act in response to God who reveals his loving mercy. As a gift of God, faith is freely and generously poured out on those who believe that Jesus has the words of eternal life.

We can be confident in Jesus' assurance that "It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life."

We are told that some who heard Jesus' words turned away and returned to their former way of life. And then the disciples had to decide whether or not they would continue to follow Jesus. In the face of this fundamental choice, Peter answers Jesus with his confession of faith saying, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

God's word invites us today to choose discipleship and to renew our faith in Jesus with the courage of the martyrs. May our faith, like that of Peter, be strengthened in the face of trials and difficulties both within and outside the church, as we pray in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Question: Who do I choose to serve today – God or self?

by Jem Sullivan/ OSV News



WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING OUR CHURCH BULLETIN EACH WEEK THROUGH EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ADDED TO OUR FILES.

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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.

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, August 24, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Marie McIsaac
Sunday, August 25, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, August 26, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †J. Francis Lydon by family
Tuesday, August 27, 2024	5:50 PM	All Catholics who have fallen away from the faith.
Wednesday, August 28, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Paul Derico by family
Thursday, August 29, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Larry Dodson by family
Friday, August 30, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Raymond and Agnes McDonald by the CDA
Saturday, August 31, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 1, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Aunt Julie by Cole Watson

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Larry Dodson, August 25 - September 7, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Heman Ayala, Jill Balsler, Allison Barker, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Brad Curtis, George Determan, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Holly Garton, Janie Garton, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketrone, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, Lisa Marlow, Patty Moody, Steve Murray, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Diane Walker, Kathy Watson, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

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 Bryan Tedeschi

Former priests and religious of and from our parish

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

All struggling with infertility.

Assumption of Mary

8:15 a.m.	60
6:00 p.m.	105
Total	165
Collection	\$588

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	110
Sunday	195
Total	305
Saturday	\$1158
Sunday	\$1540
Mail/Drop Box	\$612
Total	\$3310
School	\$100
Votives	\$114
Maintenance	\$195
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$46,265.65
Organ Loan Bal.	\$65,912.10
Education of Seminarians	\$486

June myEoffering Donations, Utilities and Other Expenses

Income
 General Fund: \$3230.9
 School: \$851.00
 Maintenance: \$60.60
 Loan: 60.60

Expenses
 Utilities \$6522.29 (All buildings)
 Copier Lease and copies \$644.57
 Pest Control \$142



2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

Goal \$22,465 Raised \$10,840 48%
Need \$392.50 (to reach 50%)

Once we reach the 50% mark or \$11,232.50, all donations made to this appeal are returned in full to the parish! You may give online at dwc.org or by putting your donation in the collection basket. Please make sure it is CLEARLY marked for CSA or the Catholic Sharing Appeal.



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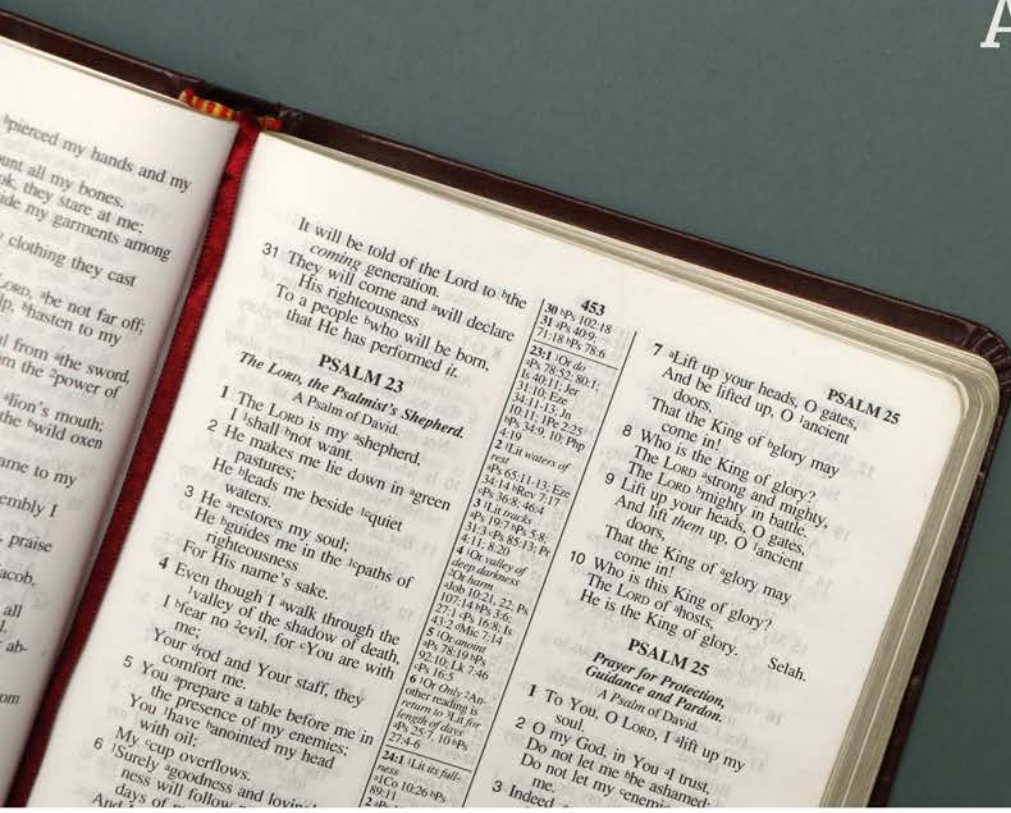


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Adult Catechesis

Thank you for participating in the Adult Catechesis Survey. In response to the survey we will host an Adult Discussion series on Holy Scripture and the interdependence between Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and Authority of the Church.

Our first session will be **Sunday, September 15th at 9:15 AM** in the school cafeteria. Bring your bible and a notepad.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OICIA

Registration is open for:

- people who wish to come into the Church
- those who are curious about Catholic teachings
- adults who need formation for the sacrament of confirmation
- Catholics who simply need a "refresher" course on the basics of the faith.



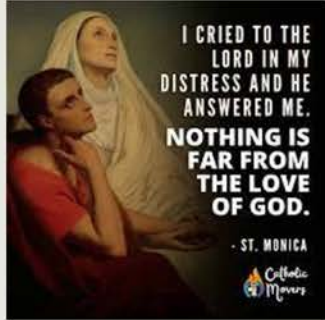
REGISTER USING THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The Year of Mission Walk with One

Through this initiative, we encourage you to think about a person you know whom you might invite back to the Church. Perhaps this person has fallen away from regular Mass attendance in the past few years, or has suffered greatly in the past, or perhaps does not fully realize the meaning of the Eucharist. Christ has shown us that he is ready to help and sustain us: all we must do is answer the call!



Please place your intentions in the baskets in the vestibule and at the side doors. This Tuesday, these intentions will be offered on the Memorial of St. Monica who prayed for persistently for her son Augustine, as well as her husband and mother-in-law. All became Christians and St. Augustine of Hippo is a doctor of the church.

Saint Monica, pray for us!



Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 29, 2024

3:00 p.m.

Lewis County Park, Large Pavilion

The parish will provide the meat bring a covered dish and enjoy the afternoon with your parish family.

Anyone interested in helping should contact the parish office.

You're Invited to Join our Women's Book Club

Women of all ages and in all states of life are welcomed to join our book club, discussing monthly a variety of genres and their application to our Catholic faith.

Contact mwhite@saintpatricks.school for more details



Save the Date

Sunday, October 20, 2024

**Mass and Homecoming at St. Bernard Church,
Loveberry.**

Mass will be at 1:00 p.m.

**Mike Riffle will provide all the food - no need to
bring a covered dish.**

ON DECK

Sunday, August 25

First Communion Parent Meeting

September 7 & 8

Special collection for the diocese of Imphal.

Sunday, September 8

Confirmation back in Session

Wednesday, September 11

OCIA Orientation

Sunday, September 15

Adult Catechesis Kickoff, Cafeteria 9:15
First Communion Formation Kickoff
Donut Sunday

Sunday September 22

Confirmation

Sunday, September 29

3:00 p.m., Parish Picnic
Lewis County Park, large pavilion

Our Neighbor Collection

August: Soap (bath, laundry, and dish)

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



Donut Sunday September 15

Sponsored by Steven Anisko and the choir.

Special Collection for the Archdiocese of Imphal September 7 & 8

You do not have envelopes for this collection. Please use an envelope from the pew and mark it for the Archdiocese of Imphal.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
OPENING MASS

Welcome Home

AUGUST 19, 2024

CHRIST WITH ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME, CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST IN ME



BACK TO SCHOOL



Pre-K



Kindergarten



First Grade

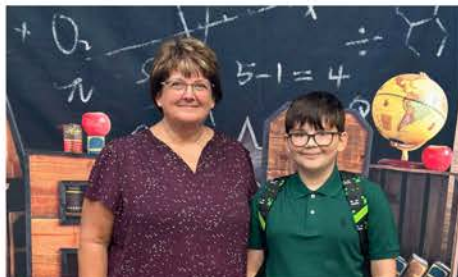


Fifth Grade



A first day is not complete without "Back to School" pictures!

Students are excited to be back with their friends on the playground.



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