

St. Patrick's Church

December 8, 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Reflection: Dare to Step Forward toward God's Mysterious Presence

From early times the Church's liturgy has set words from one of the psalms at the beginning of Advent, words in which Israel's Advent, the boundless waiting of that people, has found concentrated expression: "To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in thee I trust . . ." (Ps 24:1). Such words may seem hackneyed to us, for we no longer attempt the adventures which lead man to his own inner self. While our maps of the earth have become more and more complete, man's inner self has become increasingly a terra incognita, an alien region, in spite of the fact that there are greater discoveries to be made there than in the visible universe.

To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul: recently I came to a new awareness of the dramatic meaning behind this verse when reading an account which the French writer Julien Green recently published concerning his path to conversion to the Catholic Church. He tells how, in his youth, he was in bondage to "the pleasures of the flesh". He had no religious conviction to restrain him. And yet, the strange thing is that, now and again, he goes into a church with the unadmitted longing for some miracle to happen that would instantly set him free. "There was no miracle", he goes on, "but, from afar off, the sense of a presence." This presence warms him and seems to offer hope, but he is still repelled by the idea of salvation being connected with belonging to the Church. He desires this new

presence but is unwilling to undertake renunciation; he wants to effect his own salvation, as it were, and without any serious effort. Thus he encounters Indian spirituality and hopes to find in it a better way. But he suffers the inevitable disappointment and begins to examine the Bible. He is so in earnest about this that he starts taking Hebrew lessons from a rabbi. One day the latter says to him: "Next Thursday I won't be coming since it's a holy day." "Holy day?" asks Green in surprise. "The Ascension—do I have to tell you that?" answers the rabbi. The young man in his earnest search is suddenly struck as by a thunderbolt: it is as if the words of the prophets were raining down upon him. "I was Israel", he says, "whom God was entreating to come home." I felt the application to myself of the words, "The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know..." (Is 1:3).

This kind of experience of the truth of Scripture in our lives is what Advent is. This is what is meant by that verse, "I lift up my soul"; from being a hackneyed phrase it can become something new, adventurous and great if we begin to explore its truth.

Julien Green's account of his turbulent youth provides an amazingly accurate description of the struggles which our own age has to face. First of all there is the universal acceptance of the modern lifestyle, which on the one hand seems to us to be the inalienable form of our freedom yet is felt to be a slavery which it would take a miracle to abolish.

(And there is no question of the Church's old-fashioned ways being of any use here; the Church is not even regarded as an alternative. Exotic religions, by contrast, present a novel attraction.) And yet it is of great significance that the longing for liberation is not extinguished, that occasionally it asserts its influence in moments of quiet in a church. And it is this readiness to expose oneself to a mysterious presence, to accept it slowly and gradually, to allow it to penetrate, that enables Advent to take place, the first glimmer of light in however dark a night.

Sooner or later it becomes alarmingly clear: Yes, I am Israel. I am the ox that does not know its owner. And when, appalled, we get down from the pedestal of our pride, we find, as the Psalmist says, that our soul lifts itself up; it rises, and God's hidden presence penetrates ever deeper into our tangled lives. Advent is not a miracle out of the blue such as is offered by the preachers of revolution and the heralds of new ways of salvation. God acts in an entirely human way with us, leading us step by step and waiting for us. The days of Advent are like a quiet knocking at the door of our smothered souls, inviting us to undertake the risk of stepping forward toward God's mysterious presence, which alone can make us free.

—Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Seek That Which is Above*

WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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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, December 7, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 8, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Pete Pentasuglia by Brennon and Sherry O'Sullivan
Monday, December 9, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Kathleen Geiss
	6:00 P.M.	Mass for the People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred and Deborah Garton Butler
Wednesday, December 11, 2024	5:50 PM	Communion Service
Thursday, December 12, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Lecia White
Friday, December 13, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Karen Renzelli
Saturday, December 14, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, December 15, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Kathy Colcombe by Domnic Milinovich

The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Danny Clark, December 1 - 14, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Catherine Lipps (UHC), Hernan Ayala, Jill Balsler, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Kelsea Butcher, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Robert McClain, Lisa Marlow, Jennifer Hubbs Morris, Susan Murray, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tiemey, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Tia Tucci, Diane Walker

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.

Attendance & Collections

Saturday	97
Sunday	213
Total	310
Saturday	\$1282
Sunday	\$2167
Mail/Drop Box	\$
Total	\$3449
School	\$190
Votives	\$
Maintenance	\$80
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$45,761.38
Organ Loan Balance	\$65,912.10
Christmas Flowers	\$155

Please help us Reach and Exceed Our Goal!

\$10,280 needed to reach our parish goal!

We have reached 54% of our CSA goal of \$22465.00! That means all donations made before the end of the year are returned in full to our parish, free from Cathedraticum and PHRA.

Special Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Religious Retirement Fund.



Christmas Flower Donations Needed

Please consider giving to the Christmas flower fund. We are blessed to have talented volunteers who always make the church look spectacular. The cost of flowers has increased along with everything else so we need to make sure they have the funds to continue to make the church look absolutely amazing.



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Protecting God's Children for Adults, Vol. 23 No. 12, December 2024

Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them, By Crispin Ketelhut Montelione

Adults have tremendous power when it comes to protecting children. Of course, we have surely heard of cases where adults have lifted vehicles to protect children or seemed to have inhuman speed to move children out of the path of a disaster. But then there are the less obvious superhero qualities... For example, when adults work together as a community, studies show that we have the superpower of being able to collectively prevent abuse from happening in the first place. But our superpowers shine more brilliantly when we recognize that we individually have great power in positively influencing a child's ability to disclose abuse. This gives us opportunities to stop abuse and influence a child's rate and pace of healing and resilience. What we do as safe adults can actually change the trajectory of a child's wellbeing over their entire lifetime. Here is how that works:

Studies show that when children know that adults are willing to believe them, and advocate for them, they're more willing to come to adults with their problems. When children are more willing to come to us with their problems, they are much more likely to disclose abuse. Here are the facts: Children do not actually talk about the abuse that happens to them right away, in the surrounding years or later—in fact, most children do not disclose at all.¹ If a child is able to disclose, there is typically a delay until adulthood,² and even then, the average age of someone who ultimately discloses is 52, (if ever).³ When there is a disclosure in childhood, most people believe that children will go to their parents about abuse or potential abuse. However, studies show that children will first go to their peers with disclosures,⁴ but they will also go to other adults more frequently than they do their parents (though sometimes they attempt with their parents and don't get far).⁵ This shows us that safe adults in the community are extremely important in giving children a conduit to talk about their problems, and to help them when they are experiencing abuse.

Certain factors influence whether or not children are more likely to disclose, which include:

- having access to an adult whom they feel they can trust,
- recognizing what is happening to them is not normal,
- having an inability to cope with the emotional distress they're experiencing,
- wanting to do something about it,
- having the knowledge that they are going to be believed by the adult, and
- being directly asked by the adult about whether or not abuse is happening.⁶

When children come to us and tell us that they are being abused or that their boundaries are being violated, this allows us to put measures into place to help stop the abuse from continuing, or to help recognize signs that abuse is imminent, and we can stop it before it can start. This is one of the ways that we can actually prevent abuse or address it quickly.

We really want to address suspicions of abuse, or knowledge that comes from a child's disclosure, quickly, because there is a robust body of research that has shown that when a person has been sexually abused in their childhood, the risk of negative associated outcomes of the trauma increases over their lifetime.⁷ Child sexual abuse has been linked to poor mental health outcomes, more attempts at suicide, more likelihood of future sexual abuse and revictimization, greater likelihood of sexual assault and partner violence even into adulthood, more cognitive deficits, lower educational attainment, more negative physiological outcomes such as earlier onset of puberty, higher rates of eating disorders and obesity, and ultimately, a reduced life expectancy, just to name a few.⁸

Moreover, the effects of abuse for even one child can have generational impact, to the extent that the abused child's future child and future grandchild will be more likely to experience sexual abuse.⁹ Child sexual abuse is a public health issue for each and every one of us,¹⁰ and all adults are involved in the safety of children in our communities, because this issue of at least one out of every 10 children being sexually abused 11 affects us in our day to day lives and it affects all of our future generations.

There is hope for healing, but this can depend on a lot of factors. Our healthy and positive interactions with child survivors, even when we don't know they're survivors, is a major factor in a child's wellness, recovery, healing and resilience. Intervention from a safe adult can reduce the risk of many or all of the negative outcomes of abuse.

Many of us might feel uncomfortable with potentially intervening or communicating with a child about abuse or online exploitation, and then reporting it. None of us are alone in these feelings. Feeling uncomfortable with this concept is actually common. One of the important things to remember when we consider our role as protectors is that we often need to consider the most vulnerable person (the child) and their potential needs. Knowing the increased risk of all those outcomes outlined above is a factor that compels us to act in the interest of children's current and future welfare. Sometimes, this needs to be prioritized over our own possible discomfort or cultural barriers that may make it more challenging for us to respond or report.

When safe adults are willing to place the welfare of children in the center of every decision regarding safety, rather than our own worries or fears, it increases opportunities for children to talk about it, reduces those negative outcomes and increases opportunities for healing and wellness. This means that we have great power in our role as employees and volunteers. We never really know when a child is going to see us as a safe person they trust. Thank you for everything that you do as a safe adult, who is willing to put those superpowers to use in protecting children, safeguarding childhoods, and promoting healthy relationships.

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Bringing People to Christ

Bishop Brennan recently published a pastoral letter, "Bringing People to Christ. The letter begins, "Dear brothers and sisters of my beloved Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, I have written quite a few pastoral letters in my five years as your Shepherd. This may be the most important one, because it touches on the very reason we are a Church; please take the time to read it and reflect on its message."

"If your faith matters to you, do your part.... This season of Advent is a season of hope.... Be the good, faithful servant Jesus call you to be, and you will be rewarded beyond measure by the Lord with a joy that will never end."

These words by Bishop Mark Brennan are part of his pastoral letter on evangelization, "Bringing People to Christ."

We Encourage each family to pick up a copy of the letter AND a card after Mass today and take it home and read it. In addition to this the letter is in the of The Catholic Spirit and on the diocesan website at www.dwc.org.

Jesus said: Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you and, behold, I am with you always to the close of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

**ARE YOU TRYING TO LEAD OTHERS TO THE LORD?
DO YOU WANT TO?
DO YOU WONDER HOW YOU COULD DO IT?**



SPIRITUAL PREPARATION	PRACTICAL APPLICATION
 <p>1. PRAY DAILY for persons you know to respond to Christ's gift of faith</p>  <p>2. FAST WEEKLY from a meal, internet, video games, or other wholesome activity to back up your prayer.</p>  <p>3. OFFER TO GOD your good works and sufferings on behalf of those for whom you are praying.</p>	<p>1. ASK GOD for opportunities to speak of your faith to persons who will listen.</p> <p>2. TELL WHY following Jesus Christ and belonging to His Church matter to you. You're an expert on your faith life.</p> <p>3. OFFER HELP if the person needs it: prayer, a Catholic website, a pamphlet or book, or a talk with a priest.</p>

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART TO LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS CHRIST!

YOUR REWARD?

*WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.
ENTER INTO YOUR MASTER'S JOY [MATTHEW 25:21].*



Knights of Columbus
**Keep Christ
in Christmas**

**Knights of Columbus
“Keep Christ in
Christmas”
Poster Contest**

It's time for the Knights of Columbus annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. The competition is for students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Rules

- Poster must **reflect** and **include** the “Keep Christ in Christmas” theme.
- Poster should be **11x17**. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered in clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
- Each post should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of the entrant.
- The name and grade of the person entering the poster **MUST** be on the **BACK** of the poster.
- Each poster **MUST** be submitted with a “Keep Christ in Christmas entry form, signed by the entrants parent or guardian.
- The **deadline** is Friday, December 20.

Registration forms are in the vestibule!

**Weston Knights of Columbus Free
Throw Competition**

January 12, 2025

St Patrick School gymnasium

Starts at 12:00 pm

**Free participation for all boys and girls
ages 9 – 14 as of Jan. 1, 2025**

**Doors open at 11 am for registration
No prior registration needed.**

**For more information, please call or
text Jim at 304-704-0865**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14



WINTERFEST

Winterfest, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America Court Victory #379 and the City of Weston was a great success! Thank you to all who worked hard to put this event on and thank you to our visitors, the Grinch, Santa Clause, and some seminarians from DC!



Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is
Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,
let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles of this
wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.



Advent Action

Send a get-well card to someone in the hospital.

Prayer

Lord, clarify my vision that I may see You in others and sense You within my own soul.

Pilgrimage

Fr. Joseph of St. Boniface Church is collecting names and contact information for a pilgrimage to Lourdes or Fatima or other destination.

If you are interested in a pilgrimage, please contact St. Boniface Church at 304-269-1767, or write your name and phone number on the "Pilgrimage" form in the vestibule.

This is not a commitment, only an inquiry to see if enough people are interested to plan a trip.

Additional Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Wednesday, December 18

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Maghsoudi will assist with the evening confessions.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24: 4:30 p.m.

December 25: Midnight

December 25: 10:30 a.m.

No Christmas Without Mary (Immaculate Conception, Dec 9th)

Advent Reflections

From ENGAGE

No Christmas Without Mary

We can't have Christmas without Mary. That's a simple fact.

Jesus absolutely could have entered into history as a fully grown man; he's God! He could have done anything. But, the Lord chose to become a baby, a baby so weak he couldn't even lift up his own head.

And he chose to be born into a family and through a woman, the most beautiful woman to have ever walked this earth, Mary.

From Our Lady of Guadalupe to Fatima, to Czestochowa, to her title as the Immaculate Conception, we honor Mary as the ark of the New Covenant, the vessel who bore the holy of holies in her very body.

She always points to Christ. The honor we give Mary is never solely hers. We honor her "Yes!" and we hope to imitate it.

May our Blessed Mother continue to lead us to her son Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death!

*"Mary is the Gate of the Lord...
Christ entered the world from the Virgin's womb."*

Rufinus of Aquileia, 4th Century

Why is the Solemnity's Gospel about the Annunciation?

Hail, full of grace;
the Lord is with you (Luke 1:28).
Blessed art thou
among women (Luke 1:41-48),
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, (Luke 1:42b)
Jesus (Luke 1:31).
Holy Mary,
Mother of God (Luke 1:43),
pray for us sinners (James 5:16),
now and at the hour
of our death (James 5:16-20).
Amen.



As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our readings include the story of the Annunciation, because it highlights Mary's role as the chosen vessel for God's plan along with her purity and readiness to become the Mother of Jesus. This emphasizes Church doctrine of her Immaculate Conception.

In the Gospel we hear Angel Gabriel announcing her (Luke 1:28-42) as "full of grace; the Lord is with you... Of all women you are the most blessed...."

Mary, unlike Eve, obeyed God with her response to Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word."

Many outside the Church mistakenly believe Catholics worship the Blessed Mother. It is true we do honor her loving awe - deservedly so. However, we don't worship Mary.

We pray for her intercession through the Hail Mary, the Rosary, novenas, and litanies among others. The Church considers her the greatest teacher and perfect example of true and loving discipleship.

Everything we believe about Mary is in the bible, just as the Hail Mary prayer is contained in the bible.



Thank you to those who helped in preparing our float for the Christmas parade!

Holiday festivities are in full swing at St. Patrick's School with Santa Shop and a visit from the Grinch.



Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(A holy day of obligation.)

Monday, December 9

8:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

If you are attending the 8:15 Mass, please do not park in the fourteen spots closest to the preschool building. Those spots are reserved.



Donut Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, December 8** for our final Donut Sunday of the year. This donut social is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

New Email Address

Our Director of Religious Education, Megan, has a new email address. If you have any questions about our religious education programs or sacramental preparation, please reach her at mwhite.stpats@gmail.com

Names for Christmas Food Baskets

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the St. Patrick Church parish office at 304-269-3048 or email secretary@spchurchweston.net. Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

We need the following information when you add someone to the list.

Family name

Family size (broken down by the number of adults and number of children)

A contact number for the family.

Your name and phone number.

Please Update Your Address

We know it is just the beginning of Advent, but January will be before you know. This is your yearly reminder that if your address has changed in the past year, please let the parish office know.

Thank you!



On Wednesday, December 11 we will have adoration followed by a communion service. We will not have confessions on this date.

Calendar Cash Tickets make GREAT Christmas Presents!

Calendar Cash tickets are on sale now. They make great Christmas gifts. Tickets are \$10 each and are available in the school and parish offices and from students.

ON DECK

December 7 & 8

Drive through food drive for our Christmas food baskets

Monday, December 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A holy day of obligation.

Mass will be offered at 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18 Reconciliation Schedule

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - continued during & after Mass

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Deadline for the "Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

St. Patrick School's Christmas pageant

1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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• 10:30 a.m.

Our Neighbor Collection

December: Dental Supplies

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

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