

St. Patrick's Church

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January 5th, 2025

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



2024 Christmas Pageant

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The Gospel is Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles, refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were the men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent Leaders of God's Chosen People.

We too know the true facts concerning Christ, his mission, and his present and future kingdom. Like the leaders of the Jews of his day, we also could become absorbed in the affairs of this life and the quest for wealth, pleasure and power. We could become so totally absorbed in such things as to have neither the interest nor the time to pay our respects to Christ or to welcome him into our homes and our hearts, as our true Lord. God forbid it should ever be thus with us. Rather let us resolve this morning to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer him all that we have and are. He will accept our offering and we will return by another way, wiser and better men.

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

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.

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

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Wednesday, 12 - 5

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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.

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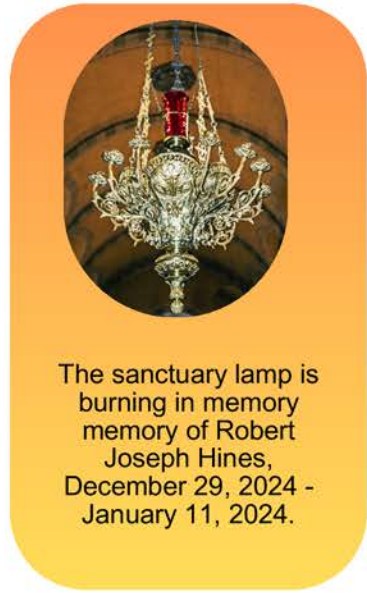
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"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity."

Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Robert Joseph Hines by Helen Tomaro
Sunday, January 5, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, January 6, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Rosamund Ryan
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	5:50 PM	Mass for †Lisa Ann Thoms by David Curtis
Thursday, January 9, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for the conversion of North America
Friday, January 10, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton by family
Saturday, January 11, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, January 12, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Robert Joseph Hines, December 29, 2024 - January 11, 2024.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Beulah Ruppert, Micki Snyder (Encompass), Herman Ayala, Jill Balsler, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Kyle Hayhurst Sr., Mary Hall, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Robert McClain, Lisa Marlow, Jennifer Hubbs Morris, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Brenda Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Rob Snuffer, Terry Sprouse, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Tia Tucci, Diane Walker, Barbara White, Jane White

Those who have died: Susan Murray, Don True, 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	98
Sunday	223
Total	321
Saturday	\$60
Sunday	\$1321
Mail/Drop Box	\$100
Total	\$2021
School	\$
Votives	\$166
Maintenance	\$2000
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$40,214.93
Organ Loan Balance	\$65,912.10
Catholic Charities	2281

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Magi Facts ✨

The meaning of the word “Magi”

In Greek, the original language of the Gospel, the word *magos* (*magoi*, plural) has four meanings:

1. a member of the priestly class of ancient Persia, where astrology and astronomy were prominent in Biblical times;
2. one who had occult knowledge and power, and was adept at dream interpretation, astrology, fortune-telling, divination and spiritual mediation;
3. a magician;
4. a charlatan, who preyed upon people using the before-mentioned practices. Example in Acts, a magus named Bar-Jesus (13:10)

From these possible definitions and the description provided in the gospel, the Magi were probably Persian priest-astrologers who could interpret the stars, particularly the significance of the star that proclaimed the birth of the Messiah. (Even the ancient historian Herodotus (d. 5th century B.C.) would attest to the astrological prowess of the priestly class of Persia.)

Old Testament Prophecy with the Magi

The visit of the Magi fulfilled 3 prophecies of the Old Testament:

- Balaam prophesied about the coming Messiah marked by a star:
 - “I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near: A star shall advance from Jacob and a staff shall rise from Israel...” (Nm 24:17).
- Psalm 72 speaks of how the Gentiles will come to worship the Messiah:
 - “The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts, the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him” (Ps 72:10-11).
- Isaiah also prophesied the gifts:
 - “Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord” (Is 60:6).

The Magi’s 3 Gifts

St. Matthew recorded that the Magi brought three gifts, each also having a prophetic meaning:

- gold, the gift for a king;
- frankincense, the gift for a priest;
- and myrrh — a burial ointment, a gift for one who would die.

St. Irenaeus (d. 202) in his *Adversus haereses* offered the following interpretation for the gifts:

- gold = King + virtue
- frankincense = God + prayer
- myrrh = Suffering Redeemer + suffering

The Number of the Magi

Traditionally, we think of the three Magi as the three kings. We usually have the three kings in our nativity sets. We even sing, “We three kings of orient are....”

Here the three gifts, Psalm 72 and the rising star in the East converge to render the Magi as three kings traveling from the East.

Actually, the earliest tradition is inconsistent as to the number of the Magi. The Eastern tradition favored twelve Magi. In the West, several of the early Church fathers — including Origen, St. Leo the Great and St. Maximus of Turin — accepted three Magi. Early Christian painting in Rome found at the cemetery of Sts. Peter and Marcellinus depicts two magi and at the cemetery of St. Domitilla, four.

Since the seventh century in the Western Church, the Magi have been identified as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

3 Magi represent:

- All 3 known continents: Africa, Asia, Europe
- The 3 phases of human life: youth, maturity, old age.

Overall Message about the Magi

Even though some mystery remains to the identity of the Magi, the Church respects their act of worship: The Council of Trent, when underscoring the reverence that must be given to the Holy Eucharist, decreed, “The faithful of Christ venerate this most holy sacrament with the worship of latria which is due to the true God.... For in this sacrament we believe that the same God is present whom the eternal Father brought into the world, saying of Him, ‘Let all God’s angels worship Him.’ It is the same God whom the Magi fell down and worshiped, and finally, the same God whom the apostles adored in Galilee as Scripture says” (Decree on the Most Holy Eucharist, 5).

As we celebrate Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany, we too must be mindful of our duty to adore our Lord through prayer, worship and self-sacrificing good works. St. Gregory Nazianzen (d. 389) preached, “Let us remain on in adoration; and to Him, who, in order to save us, humbled Himself to such a degree of poverty as to receive our body, let us offer not only incense, gold and myrrh..., but also spiritual gifts, more sublime than those which can be seen with the eyes” (Oratio, 19).

Source: Father Richard Conlin | 2016 | ProdigalCatholic.com



Epiphany House Blessing (chalking the door)

The family gathers to ask God for the blessing of their home and that of those who inhabit or visit it. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, in our chores, comings and goings, our conversations, our work and games, our sorrows and joys.

A traditional way to do this is to use chalk to write on the home's entry

20 + C + M + B + 25

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Gaspar (Caspar in Latin), Melchor and Balthasar.

They are also short for the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat**, meaning "May Christ bless this house." The symbol "+" represents the cross and 2024 is the year.

Instructions for each family to bless their home

Using the blessed chalk, write on the lintel of your front door the following:

20 + C + M + B + 25

...as you recite:

The three Wise Men, Gaspar, Melchor and Balthasar followed the star of the Son of God who became a man two thousand and fifteen years ago. May the Lord bless this home and be with us during this new year. Amen.

Family Leader then offers the following prayer:

We ask you, Lord, to bless this house and all those who live in it: may there always be love, peace and forgiveness in this home; grants its inhabitants sufficiency of material goods and abundance of virtues; who are welcoming and sensitive to the needs of others; that in joy they praise you, Lord, and in sadness they seek you; at work they find the joy of your help, and in need they feel close to your comfort; when they go out, enjoy your company, and when they return, experience the joy of having you as a guest; May this house truly be a domestic church where the Word of God is light and food, and may the peace of Christ reign in his hearts until one day he arrives in your heavenly home.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Indelible Blessing: Chalking the door of the home is a way of celebrating and literally leaving a mark on the occasion of Epiphany and God's blessing on our lives and homes.

Over time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we will let the meaning of the Latin words sink deep into our hearts and manifest itself in our words and actions: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

St. Patrick's School
**CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

Written & Directed by Mrs. Fiona Ayala



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Forty Hours

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT

Join us in the adoration of the Eucharist for 40
hours January 17th - January 19th.

**Please sign up for a time to sit with our Lord
in the vestibule**



Schedule for 40 Hours Devotion 1/17-1/19

Friday, Jan. 17th

6:00 PM—Exposition and Vespers with Preached Sermon

9:30 PM— Compline

Saturday, Jan. 18th

8:00 AM—Office of Readings and Lauds

8:30 AM—Votive Mass of The Most Holy Eucharist

12:00 PM—Recitation of the Angelus and the Most Holy Rosary

5:00 PM—Vespers followed by Simple Reposition

5:30 PM—Saturday Vigil Mass

9:30 PM—Chanted Compline

Sunday, Jan 19th

9:30 AM—Office of Readings and Lauds followed by Simple Reposition

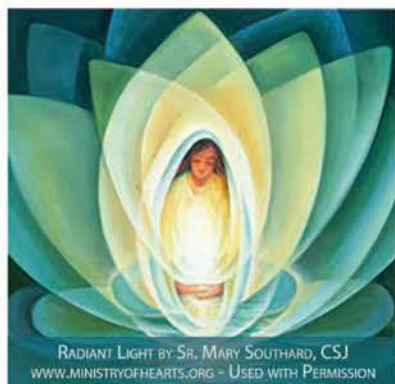
10:30 AM—Solemn Mass

6:00 PM—Solemn Vespers and Benediction with Preached Sermon

WOMEN'S RETREAT
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Presented by Janet Schaeffler, OP

March 28-30, 2025 • St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston



The Scripture story of Jesus coming to the home of Mary and Martha (and Lazarus) is well-known to us.

What is the message for us, women living in 2025? Through this Scripture passage, what is God saying to us about our lives? Is it what we often hear - or might there be several messages?

- Do I feel too busy, to rushed?
- How - really - do I balance everything today?

What really are the answers to which Jesus challenges us - and comfort us.

For more information and to register visit:
www.dwc.org/2025-Womens-Retreat



Catechesis & Fellowship Opportunities

OCIA | Every Sunday @ 9:15 AM | 7th/8th Grade Classroom Upstairs in School

OCIA is open to all who would like to review the basics of the Catholic faith. Please feel free to join us for topics that you find interesting.

Upcoming topics:

January 5th: Church Tour (Meet in the vestibule @ 9:00 AM) | Tour will help participants understand what is in a Catholic Church

January 12th: The Mass | Focus on Opening Rites & Liturgy of the Word

January 19th: The Mass | Focus on Liturgy of the Eucharist & Concluding Rites

Questions? Contact mwhite.stpats@gmail.com

Adult Catechesis | Beginning Again January 12th @ 9:15 AM | School Cafeteria

Join Deacon Brumley for Catechesis for Catholic adults. Topics to be announced.

Questions? Contact Deacon Brumley at brumlema@dow.com

Teen Catechesis | Every Sunday @ 9:15 AM | Upstairs in the Parish Office

Join Steven White for teen Catechesis. All teens who wish to grow in their faith are encouraged to join.

Questions? Contact sawwhite215@gmail.com

Children's Catechesis | Every Sunday @ 9:10 AM | Pre-k & 2nd Grade Classrooms Downstairs in School

We have room for multiple children ages 2-7 to join us for children's catechesis on Sunday mornings! Children enjoy lessons, crafts, and playtime before Sunday Mass.

Questions? Contact mwhite.stpats@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Group | Bi-Weekly | Contact for Location

Our men's fellowship group meets approximately twice a month and focuses on connecting Catholic men & strengthening each other in the faith. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, January 7th. Usually, men gather after Tuesday Mass and share a meal together.

Contact Deacon Brumley at brumlema@dow.com

Women's Fellowship Group | Bi-Weekly | Contact for Location

Our women's fellowship group meets approximately twice a month and focuses on connecting Catholic women & strengthening each other in the faith. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, January 14th. Usually, women gather after Tuesday Mass and share a meal together.

Contact Beth Brumley at brumleybeth@gmail.com



Calling all men!
Exodus 90 begins Jan 20th!

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men that includes prayer, asceticism, and fraternity for 90 days beginning January 20th & ending Easter.

Men who wish to join should attend the pre-Exodus meeting on **January 19th** in the school cafeteria after Mass.

Questions? Contact Steven White at:
540-498-3287
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Donuts TODAY!



Join us in celebrating the Epiphany with donuts after Mass!

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ON DECK

Sunday, January 5

- **Donuts for Epiphany Sunday**

Sponsored by Josh and Marsha Garton

Sunday, January 12

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

January 17th-19th

40 Hours Devotion

Sunday, January 19th

Pre-Exodus 90 Meeting, Cafeteria after Mass

Sunday, January 26,

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Our Neighbor Collection

January: Tissues & Toilet Paper

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

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025 BUS CHARTER

Make the trip to D.C. in comfort. The WVFL-Mon County Chapter is sponsoring a charter to the 52nd Annual March for Life.

\$20 per individual or \$35 for a family of three or more.



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January 12, 2025

St Patrick School gymnasium

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No prior registration needed.

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

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