

St. Patrick's Church

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February 2nd, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



Today's Gospel from Luke 2:22-40 introduces us to different people and events that in themselves provide numerous lessons and themes for further reflection. First of all, Mary and Joseph respect the Mosaic Law by offering the sacrifice prescribed for the poor: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Simeon and Anna were two venerable elderly people dedicated to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah. In this sense we can see in the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple an extension of the 'Pro Orantibus Day' (For those who pray) that is celebrated on the feast of the Presentation of Mary (21 November). On this day, the Church demonstrates its gratitude to all those in the community that dedicate themselves in a privileged way to prayer, to those who have a particular religious vocation to the contemplative life. In the figure of the venerable Simeon, Jesus' presentation in the temple, also reminds us that prayer and contemplation are not just a waste of time or an obstacle to charity. On the contrary, time could not be better spent than in prayer as true Christian charity is a consequence of a solid interior life. Only those who pray and offer penance, like Simeon and Anna, are open to the breath of the Spirit. They know how to recognize the Lord in the circumstances in which He manifests Himself because they possess an ample interior vision, and they have learned how to love with the heart of the One whose very name is Charity.

At the end of the Gospel Simeon's prophecy of Mary's sufferings is emphasized. Pope John Paul II taught that, 'Simeon's words seem like a second Annunciation to Mary, for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow.' (Redemptoris Mater, n16) The archangel's announcement was a fount of incredible joy because it pertained to Jesus' messianic royalty and the supernatural character of His virginal conception. The announcement of the elderly in the temple instead spoke of the Lord's work of redemption that He would complete associating Himself through suffering to His Mother. Therefore, there is a strong Marian dimension to this feast and so in the previous Liturgical Calendar it is called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This refers to the other aspect of the presentation that consists of the ritual purification of Jewish women after they had given birth. In Mary's case this purification was not necessary, but it indicates the renewal of her total offering of herself to God for the accomplishment of His Divine Plan.

Simeon's prophecy also announces that Christ will be 'a sign of contradiction'. St Cyril of Alexandria, in one of his homilies, interpreted the words 'sign of contradiction' like a noble cross, as St Paul wrote to the Corinthians 'a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles' (1 Cor 1:23) [...] It is a sign of contradiction in the sense that those who loose appear as foolish while in those who recognize its power [the cross] reveals salvation and life' (cf. PG 77, 1044-1049).

—Excerpted from Congregation for the Clergy.

WEEKLY BULLETINS VIA E-MAIL

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Parish Office Hours

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Wednesday, 12 - 5

Thursday and Friday, 9 - 1



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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, February 1, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, February 2, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for †Dorothy Durham by family
Monday, February 3, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	5:50 PM	Mass for †Gretchen Cleavenger
Thursday, February 6, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Betty Heavner by Nicholas and April Cutright
Friday, February 7, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for Pam Campbell
Saturday, February 8, 2025	5:30 PM	Mass for †Alexandra Moody Hamrick by Mike and Anna Lee Determan
Sunday, February 9, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Nell Fealy Moore, January 26 - Feb 8, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Heman 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, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Kyle Hayhurst Sr., Mary Hall, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Becky 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, Beulah Ruppert, Cody and Lindsey Skinner, Mary Smith, Rob Snuffer, Micki Snyder, Terry Sprouse, Tammy Stalnaker, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Tia Tucci, Diane Walker, Jane White, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Barbara White, 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	89
Sunday	319
Total	408
Saturday	\$1776
Sunday	\$1031
Mail/Drop Box	\$
Total	\$2807
School	\$225
Votives	\$
Maintenance	\$109
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
Wesbanco Balance	\$39,921.27
Organ Loan Balance	\$63,964.22

Would you like to receive contribution envelopes?

If you would like to receive contribution envelopes, please contact the parish office before February 14, 2025. You will be included in the April envelope mailing. You may also put a check, cash or use a pew envelope. If you use a pew envelope, please make sure it is for the fund you wish to donate to!

Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Lamp

Having the Holy Sacrifice of Mass offered is more effective than flowers or memorial gifts for your deceased loved ones or as a special intention for a living person or special occasion. Mass Intentions can be placed in a "Mass Intention" envelope and placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please indicate if the person is living or deceased and the date you would like the Mass to be said. Mass dates are filled on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. If you would like to sponsor the sanctuary lamp in honor/memory of someone for a two-week period, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$20.

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MARCH 8

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SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

6:00 P.M.

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Games of Chance

Live Music

Steak tips, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, and bread

King Cake and other delicious desserts.

Drinks

Mardi Gras Mania 50/50

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\$10 EACH

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Virtus Training Update

As you may recall, last summer Bishop Brennan changed the training requirements for Virtus. Instead of a “one and done” model which we were, he requested that all volunteers, employees, religious, clergy, members of groups affiliated with the church or school, etc. complete a yearly training. We had until January 6 to get everyone trained on Version 4.0. As that dead line has come and gone, we are now, as a Diocese in the yearly training mode. This means anyone who has not yet had Version 4.0 and anyone who has Version 4.0 but completed it more than a year ago will now show as non-compliant in the VIRTUS system. But don’t worry, all you need to do is login to your Virtus account and complete the refresher training. The online refresher will take about forty minutes to complete.

To know if you are up to date, login to your account and look at the current training box. If you need to complete the latest training, it will be in this box. These tabs are also where you can see if your bulletins are up to date and see if your documents and background check are current.

<p>Training Bulletins</p>  <p>You are current on your training bulletins</p>	<p>Current Training</p>  <p>You have no modules assigned</p>	<p>Training History</p>  <p>You have attended 1 session You have completed 3 modules</p>	<p>Background Checks</p>  <p>Your background check is current</p>
<p>Required Documents</p>  <p>Your documents are current</p>	<p>Contacts</p>  <p>Your primary contact Click here for contacts</p>	<p>My Info</p>  <p>Your primary location St. Patrick Parish (Weston) Your primary role Employee</p>	<p>Reporting Abuse</p>  <p>Click here for reporting options</p>

If you have questions please contact Sandy at the parish office either via email at secretary@spchurchweston.net or telephone 304-269-3048.



Mullady Scholarship Application for College Students Available

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students of Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applicants must be Catholic, currently enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students), and residents of Lewis County.

Applications can be picked up in the vestibule of St. Patrick's Church, the parish office or you can request an application be emailed to you.

The application deadline is February 28, 2025.

Completed applications should be returned to St. Patrick Church, 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV 26452. Funds will be distributed in late February or March.



Brody Donaldson and Mrs. Clevenger enjoyed celebrating their birthdays during Catholic Schools Week.

The Museum of American Glass
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Chocolate LOVERS FEAST

Saturday
February 8th 2025
1 pm - 3 pm

Tickets: \$10 a person at the door



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So You Think You Can Dance?

All the students enjoyed a dance party on Friday before the annual students vs staff and parents basketball game.



Calendar Cash Winners

Day	Amount	Winner	Sold By
1	\$ 300.00	Donna Watson	A. McVay
2	\$ 200.00	Amanda Farnsworth	B. Farnsworth

Madlyn Butcher and Hudson Carson draw the first two winners for the calendar cash fundraiser.

Catholic Schools Week



Celebrating Our Parish

We kicked off Catholic Schools Week with the celebration of our parish, the heart of the St. Patrick's community! The student body, with their families, joined the parish for Sunday Mass. Students participated in the liturgy through greeting at the door, singing in the choir, participating as lectors, and serving at the altar.



Celebrating Our Community



We celebrated our community with a pep-rally and service projects.

Celebrating Our Students



We celebrated our students with a school-wide bingo game, ice cream, kickball, and a rosary rally.



Celebrating Our Nation



We celebrated our nation by writing thank you letters to veterans and wearing red, white, and blue. We were also visited by Superintendent Jennifer Hornyak, giving her a chance to see the operations of our great school in action!

Celebrating Vocations



We celebrated vocations by welcoming speakers from many professions: Marketing, Law Enforcement, Journalism, Photography, Construction, Catholic Schooling, Religious Vocations, Scientific Research, and Cinematography.

Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Parents



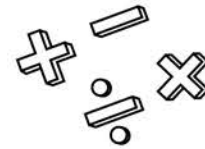
What better way to end this exciting week than a basketball game between students & parents?

Math Field Day

St. Patrick's School Math Field Day participants: Valerie Long and Ethan Abel (4th grade), Wyatt Furby (5th grade), and Mason Thorne (6th grade).

Classmates celebrated these "mathletes" with a special send off featuring signs cheering their friends on as they ventured to represent our school.

Valerie won 1st place in the entire county for 4th grade. Mason placed 3rd in the entire county for 6th grade. Both Valerie and Mason will now represent St. Patrick School in the regional competition!



Appreciation for Father Ondeck



Father Ondeck plays an integral role in not only the operation of the school but the religious well-being of students & teachers. In order to show their appreciation, students put together a small gift basket for him and opted to have a Mass said for Father's parents, Andy and Mary Ondeck- a gift with infinite spiritual value.

8th Grade Students Visit Notre Dame



8th grade students from St. Patrick's School spent some time at Notre Dame in Clarksburg to see if the school would be a good fit for the furthering of their education.

While Catholic schools have higher graduation rates & test scores than public schools, a Christ-centered education that nurtures the soul is our greatest boast!



Like a Good Neighbor!

**Donut Sunday
February 9**



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Throat Blessing

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, martyr, we will have a throat blessing at the 8:15 Mass on Monday, February 3rd.

Because of a miracle attributed to St. Blaise where he healed a boy who was choking on a fish bone, he is considered the patron of throat ailments



PARISH DINNER

**OUR ANNUAL PARISH DINNER
WILL BE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23.
ANYONE WISHING TO HELP
WITH THE DINNER SHOULD
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

Donut Sunday Sponsors Needed

We are in need of sponsors for Donut Sunday throughout the year. We have at least one Donut Sunday a month. If you would like to sponsor a Donut Sunday, please contact the parish office. The cost for sponsoring one is \$250. You can sponsor anonymously or in memory of a loved one.

March for Life 2025

St. Patrick's parishioners joined with Mountaineer Catholic in attendance at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Among them were Delaney & Raleigh Byrnes, Autumn Fitzsimmons, as well as Steve, Anna, Luke, Benjamin, & Samuel Milinovich.

Marchers were addressed by Catholic Vice President J.D. Vance who stated, "We need a culture that celebrates life at all stages, one that recognizes and truly believes that the benchmark of national success is not our GDP number or our stock market, but whether people feel that they can raise thriving and healthy families in our country."



ON DECK

Monday, February 3
Throat Blessing at Mass

Sunday, February 9
Donut Sunday

Friday, February 28
Mullady Scholarship deadline

Saturday, March 1
6:00 p.m., Mardi Gras Party
(Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. on this day!)

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday Mass
8:15 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

March 15 - 16
Gifts from the Holy Land will be here.

Sunday, March 23
Parish Dinner
Time to be determined!

Our Neighbor Collection

February: Bath, Laundry, & Dish Soap

Anything you can give is greatly appreciated as this is the time of year when all supplies run low.

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

Mardi Gras Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning, Saturday, February 1!
Tickets will also be available at Donut Sunday.

Dinner Tickets - \$25
50/50 - \$10

The Mardi Gras Party is replacing the Spring Bash. Please support us in this new endeavor.

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