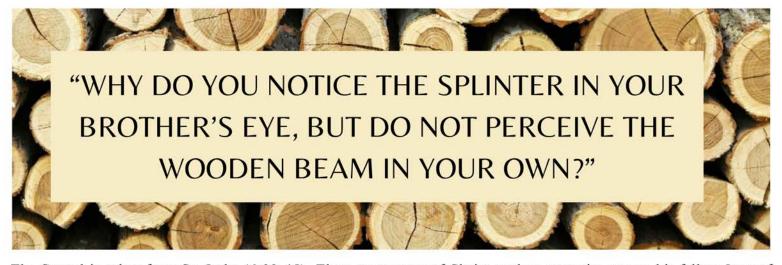
St. Patrick's Church

210 Center Ave. Weston, West Virginia 26452 304-269-3048

March 2nd, 2025

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel is taken from St. Luke (6:39-45). These statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbor's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own.

While we ourselves are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, yet we can spot this lack in our brother Christian and have the audacity to offer to lead him on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand faults in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbor's Christian behavior whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

In other words, most if not all of us, are to some degree hypocrites. We pretend to be what we are not, but should be. We pretend to be producing good fruit: figs and grapes, whereas we are only thornbushes and brambles which produce nothing but harmful thorns which sting and poison ourselves and our neighbors. And while I am making these comments I shouldn't be at all surprised if some of my listeners are saying in their hearts: "Mrs. X or John Y is getting it today, I hope they are taking it in," when what we should all be saying is: "How truly our Lord read my heart. How many times in the past week have I criticized my fellow men without knowing all, or any perhaps, of the true facts. How seldom have I honestly examined my own conscience to see my own more serious defects and tried to correct them?"

When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his hearers, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with their neighbor's faults, and do all in their power to correct their own.

It is for the very same purpose the Church has selected this particular lesson for us today. We are all guilty of rash judgment and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn this criticism on ourselves rather, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct. We shall not become saints in a week or a month but little by little, imperceptibly at first perhaps, we shall find ourselves becoming more Christian and therefore more charitable towards our neighbor and less critical of the faults of others.

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

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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, March 1, 2025	5:00 PM	Mass for †Tom Blake by Pat Kiddy and prayer line friends	
Sunday, March 2, 2025	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	
Monday, March 3, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Charles and Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton	
Tuesday, March 4, 2025		No Adoration, Confession or Mass	
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish	
	6:00 PM	Mass for †Kathleen McAndrews	
Thursday, March 6, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Jean D. Droppleman by Ed & Anita Droppleman	
Friday, March 7, 2025	8:15 AM	Mass for †Mildred Ruppert Droppleman by family	
Saturday, March 8, 2025	March 8, 2025 5:30 PM Mass for the People of the Parish		
Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:30 AM		Mass for †Sylvia Mallion	



The sanctuary lamp is burning in memory of Tom Blake, Feb 23 - March 8, 2025.

Prayer List

Those who are sick: John Determan (UHC), Hernan Ayala, Jill Balser, Cyndee Becker, Bill Bennett, Tim Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Autumn Fitzsimmon, Katie Frazer, Jeff Garton, Marsha Garton, Dave Gissy, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Becky King, Shawn Keyser, David Lewis, Catherine Lipps, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Robert McClain, Lisa Marlow, Jennifer Hubbs Morris, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Amy Price, 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, Diane Walker, Jane White, Kyle Wilkinson

Those who have died: Kathleen McAndrews, Robert Dunning, 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.

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Sunday	207			
Total	295			
Saturday	\$1147			
Sunday	\$1403			
Mail/Drop Box	\$270			
Total	\$2820			
School	\$115			
Votives	\$			
Maintenance	\$160			
Loan	\$			
Organ	\$			
Wesbanco Balance	\$39,633.76			
Organ Loan Balance	\$63,964.22			
Flood Relief	240			

Special Collection this Weekend for WV Flood Victims (March 1-2)

Please use the envelopes in the pews and write flood relief on the outside of the envelope. If writing a check, please write it in the memo line.

Calendar Cash Winners						
Day	Amount		Winner	Sold By		
1	\$ 300.00		Donna Watson	A. McVay		
2	\$	200.00	Amanda Farnsworth	B. Farnsworth		
3	\$	100.00	Spring Franklin	K. Hefner		
4	\$	100.00	Shaun Smith	M. Smith		
5	\$	100.00	Arnetta Reese	S. Palmer		
6	\$	100.00	Billy Jo Hardisty	A. McVay		
7	\$	100.00	Susan Moody	L. Westfall		
8	\$	100.00	Alex Moran	L. Suttle		
9	\$	200.00	Carey Swisher	L. Suttle		
10	\$	100.00	Chuck Davis	A. Sinnett		
11	\$	100.00	Judith Brown	B. Pratt		
12	\$	100.00	Sherry Boyer	A. McVay		
13	\$	100.00	Melanie Luzader	J. Luzader		
14	\$	500.00	Martin Burkhammer	E. Burkhammer		
15	\$	100.00	Miah Moss	E. Stewart		
16	\$	200.00	Timothy Corley	A. McVay		
17	\$	200.00	Dave King	M. Karp		
18	\$	100.00	Larry & Carol Haddix	A. Nicholas		
19	\$	100.00	Thomas Newbrough	A. McVay		
20	\$	100.00	Anita Quinn	S. Palmer		
21	\$	100.00	Catherine Sedosky	K. Sedosky		
22	\$	100.00	Arnetta Reese	G. Tenney		
23	\$	200.00	Chad Herron	J. Ball		
24	\$	100.00	Tiffany Ludwig	A. McVay		
25	\$	100.00	Mary Davis	E. Abel		
26	\$	100.00	Tina Cunningham	E.Lough		
27	\$	100.00	Elyse Moneypenny	F. Sumpter		
28	\$	500.00	Frances Morgan	W. Cunningham		

Camp Carlo Dates 2025

June 29th- July 5th - High School Week
July 6th - July 12th - Catch-All Week #1
July 13th - July 19th - Catch-All Week #2
July 20th - July 26th - Catch-All Week #3

High school week is for rising 9th through 12th graders and Catch-All Weeks are for any campers entering 3rd12th grade

Registration will be open later this week!

Registration is now open!



We are so excited to have everyone back for Camp Carlo 2025....122 days and counting!

Olive wood Carving for Sale March 15 & 16

Gifts from the Holy Land will be here on March 15 and 16 selling their beautiful handmade olive wood carvings that were made in Bethlehem and the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in hard economical situations. Many Christians have left the Holy Land and their population has decreased from 37% to 5%. These families carve and sell these religious items which is a major source to their income to help them work and live in dignity in the Holy Land.





Pilgrimage to France

Join Father Casey Mahone on a 14 day pilgrimage to France departing from Dulles Airport on Monday, September 29, 2025, and returning Sunday, October 12, 2025. The total cost of the trip is \$5,695.00 per person for a double occupancy room. Price includes: round trip airfare, hotels, breakfast daily, five dinners, taxes, baggage handling, motorcoach transportation in France, tips, and all entrance fees. Sites visiting include: Paris, Versailles, Rouen, Lisieux, Normandy, Mont St. Michel, Bordeaux, Saint-Emilion, Lourdes, Toulouse, Carcassone, Avignon, Arles, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers and Chartres. Brochures are available at the Church entrances. We had a tremendous response at our first meeting and have 25 travelers already signed up and will cap the number of available seats at 40. Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Any questions or to make a reservation, contact Anita Petrella at ampetrella@yahoo.com or 304-481-3222.

20 Out-of-the-Box Things to Do for Lent

January 17, 2025 | Colin MacIver | Ascension

1. Daily Mass ... with a Twist

Whether you are already a daily Mass goer or not, resolve to go during Lent. To add an element of specific intercession and self-gift, pick someone in your life to offer your Mass up for each time you go. Afterwards send them a simple, but personalized note or text letting them know about it.

2. Pray Like a Monk

Pray the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u>, which is the official prayer of the Church and is actually not just for monks and nuns at all. Perhaps you can start with either morning, evening, or night prayer. Maybe you want to go big and dive into all three. Don't have a breviary? No problem. There's an <u>app</u> for that.

3. Pray It Forward

Pray the <u>Rosary</u> every day (or on specific set days) for the intentions of someone in your life and give the person you prayed for the Rosary that you used. Invite them to do the same.

4. Get on Your Knees

If you don't already, consider praying by your bedside on your knees before you go to bed and when you wake up. St. John Paul II reported that it was very impactful to observe that his father carried out this practice.

5. A Chaplet a Day

Incorporate the chaplet of <u>Divine Mercy</u> into your daily prayer. The chaplet is a powerful prayer that can take place in the span of ten minutes or so on a commute, during a lunch break, or whenever the opportunity arises. (You could also offer chaplets for specific people and give them the beads as in number three).

6. Staycation Pilgrimage

Maybe you can't get to the Holy Land or to a major shrine during Lent, but consider taking a trip to your diocesan cathedral, or setting aside a day to visit a series of churches, chapels, and holy places in your community.

7. Do Your Own Stations of the Cross

Take the season of Lent to compose your own personal meditations on each of the Stations of the Cross. You could write them from the perspectives of those who were with Christ during his passion, from Christ's perspective, as a prayer from you to the suffering Christ. There are lots of ways to do this. Once you've written them, pray with them often.

8. Desert Journal

Keep a Lenten journal to catalogue your journey with Christ into the desert.

9. Secret Intercessor

Pick one person for whom you feel called to offer prayer and sacrifice during the Lenten season. Take note of prayers and sacrifices offered and send them a card on Holy Saturday letting them know that you have offered your Lenten observance as an act of love with Christ for them.

10. Tithe Time

We are all busy and time is at a premium. What about making a specific weekly service commitment for the season of Lent. It could be in your parish, at a nursing home, or a local outreach. Make the commitment specific and, if possible, actually sign up so you will be accountable.

11. Good Samaritan Bags

Get twenty to thirty reusable bags and pack them with healthy snacks, toiletries, socks, and other helpful items. Keep them in your car and make it a goal to hand them out to people in your community who could use them.

12. Saturday Service Road Trip

Plan a day of service with your family and/or friends that might even involve a bit of travel. Where? Consider contacting a religious order who has an apostolate that could use volunteers. Get up early, get some coffee, pray a Rosary on the way, roll up your sleeves and get involved.

13. Rice Bowl Done Right

CRS Operation Rice Bowl is fairly ubiquitous and is the real deal in terms of effective well run charities. Do Rice Bowl well and with a spirit of real almsgiving. Maybe you don't keep so much cash around anymore, but you can give digitally on their site as well. Consider checking out their resources and make Lent a season of real substantial giving that can make a difference to our brothers and sisters in need.

14. Secret Santa (but Lent)

St. Nicholas wasn't only generous during Advent and Christmas. From what we know of him, it would seem that he had a year round penchant for identifying the concrete needs of specific people and responded with magnanimity. Take the season of Lent to save up and shower someone in your community with great and anonymous gifts. Thanks to the miracle of online shopping and delivery, they need never know it was you. This is a chance to be a stealthy superhero of generosity known only to your heavenly Father.

15. Stay Awake and Keep Watch

Want to get hardcore about your Holy Hour? Consider signing up for a slot at midnight or beyond at your local Adoration chapel for a night a week during Lent, if you haven't already.

16. Lenten Baby Shower

Collect diapers, wipes, bottles, baby clothes and other items that you would buy for a standard baby shower. During Holy Week, bring it all over to a local crisis pregnancy center.

17. Lectio Divina

One of the newest features in the Ascension App is our Lectio Divina option. When you select any passage in the Bible, this feature walks you through the steps of Lectio Divina. It's a simple way to read the Bible daily and purposefully during Lent.

- 1.) Pick a short passage to read
- 2.) Meditate on it
- 3.) Pray about it
- 4.) Listen to what God speaks to your heart
- 5.) Enact God's Word in your life.

18. I Was in Prison ...

Ministry to those in prison is directly prescribed by Christ. Find a way to get involved. It might begin with a call to your parish and might lead to having a pen pal, prayer partner, or even to taking some time for actual visits to a local prison.

19. Take a Hike

Jesus' time in the desert was a journey of silence and solitude. Take a day by yourself to pray in the wilderness. Depending on where you live this might entail more of a beach or a forest than a desert, but the point is to spend time alone with God in silence. Turn your phone off, put it on silent, or even leave it behind.

20. Make a List

Every Sunday pray about three concrete and actionable things that you are called to do during the upcoming week of Lent. Write them down and accomplish them throughout the week. Take time the following Sunday to reflect and choose things to do during the following week. Then repeat the process each week during Lent.



2025-2026

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Students Enjoy Special Guest Readers











Spring is on the Way!

Students were grateful for enough sunshine to get outside and play last week. The first day of Spring this year is March 20th!















All Mutts Matter









During Catholic schools week, kindergarten and first grade collected dog and cat food, bedding, toys, collars, and various other items to donate to All Mutts Matter. Renee Moodispaw came by to speak to the children about what she does to help animals in various states to find safe and loving homes. She also brought one of her newer pets who is up for adoption. Matilda was a hit.



PARISH DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 23

OUR ANNUAL PARISH DINNER WILL BE ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 23.

ANYONE WISHING TO HELP WITH THE DINNER SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.



Donut Sunday March 9

Join us in the cafeteria after Mass for our next Donut Sunday. For those who can't have sweets, we also have meat, cheese, and fruit.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 5 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confessions and Adoration 5:00 p.m. Please enter the church quietly!

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Scripture and Prayer Group Starting Up Soon!

If you might be interested in joining a group to discuss scripture and to prav together, please stop by the first few pews in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue after Mass on Saturday March 8th or after Mass Sunday on March 9th (on your way to Donut Sunday). At those times we will get an idea of what day/time would be good for everyone and a contact list. We hope to meet for the Lenten Season and beyond if there is interest.

Everyone is welcome!

Free Workshop and Luncheon

Empowering Women through Self-Defense and Education



March 29, 2025 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

St. Patrick School Gym Weston, WV

Self-Defense Class: Instructor-6th degree black belt, Crystal Wagner

Guest Speaker: Jodie Whaley, Prevention Educator
Hope, Inc.

Luncheon provided by Catholic Daughter's Court Victory #379

LIMITED TO 45 WOMEN

To register call or text
Donna Lake @304-476-3426
Provide name and phone number
Deadline: March 21, 2025

ON DECK

Tuesday, March 4
No Adoration, Confession or Mass

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday Mass

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

Friday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Sunday March 9

Donut Sunday

Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

March 15 - 16

Gifts from the Holy Land will be here.

Sunday, March 23

Parish Dinner
Time to be determined!

Saturday, March 29

10:00 a.m., gym Self Defense Class, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters

Wednesday, May 28 5:30 p.m., Confirmation Mass

Our Neighbor Collection

March: Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies

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

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Applications will soon be accepted for the Angotti family scholarship. Please check future bulletins for updates!



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