



Parish Picnic

What do you get when many members of a parish family gather together on a balmy Sunday afternoon to enjoy wonderful friendships, great food and games? A perfect parish picnic!

Thanks to everyone for sharing their afternoon with our parish family. We had a great turn-out, lots of delicious food and fun watching Fr. Tom and others compet-

ing in the cornhole game. We also had the opportunity to meet some of the "new additions" to our parish family and reconnect with homebound members.



Grandpa Wes proudly shows off his granddaughter, Lauren



Donna Scott and Fr. Tom compete in a game of cornhole

What is ... Church? The Church is a kind of sacrament or sign and instrument of intimate union with God, and of the unity of the whole human race . . . (Constitution on the Church #1)

Christ is the Light of the world, His radiance brightens the face of the Church!

Church ... is God's Family

Hugs for the Homebound

- Waja Cobb
- Faye Gwinn
- Virginia Gwinn
- Margaret O'Farrell
- Sarah Smith
- Alice Ward

Please keep these wonderful ladies in your daily thoughts and prayers. Though they are unable to be with us during our Eucharistic Celebrations, they are still with us in our hearts. Call them or send a note to them to let them know how blessed we are to have them in our parish family.

A list of current addresses for our homebound members can be found in the rear of the church.

New Arrivals



Ava Roslyn Morris was born on July 9, 2011 and weighed 7 lbs. 3.6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length. She has blue eyes (right

now) and strawberry blonde hair.

Lindsay and Greg are very proud parents.....

Kit and Nancy Durnan are very proud grandparents.



Proud grandparents Patty and Bill Jeffries welcomed little Samuel William Farley into their family on July 5, 2011.



Proud grandfather Wes Bennett says, "My little sweet-pea, Lauren Lou Bennett, was born on June 13th and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. Lauren is already one of WVU's biggest fans!

Women of St. Patrick By Janet Lambert



Patty and Tom Stacklin recently stopped by for a visit with Faye Gwinn. Here's how they found Faye when they entered her room - quietly reading her Bible.

The Women of St. Patrick continue to keep the parish flower garden and church interior looking beautiful. Many thanks to our generous volunteers! A special thanks also to the Friars for all the prep work and for sharing their outdoor grilling talent with us at the parish picnic. And finally, thanks to the Women who made Fr. Anthony's farewell breakfast such a suc-

cess. Our next meeting is scheduled on Sunday, September 11th immediately following Mass, when we will make plans for upcoming Railroad Days Potato Sale. We need many volunteers for this important fundraiser. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts and ideas with us.



The St. Patrick parish family gathered after Mass to say their good-byes and wish Fr. Anthony well as he leaves the Hinton area to return to his Carmelite home in Massachusetts.

Remember to bring canned food items for the needy of our community. Your donations can be placed in the box located at the rear of the church before Mass, or placed on the porch of the rectory anytime during the week. The supply of food items at Loaves and Fishes is running low. Your *charity* is greatly appreciated!



The Friars Club

The Friars Club, we will be meeting September 17, 9 a.m. breakfast at the Church Hall to begin planning for the Italian Dinner to be held in mid-November. A follow-up coor-

dinating meeting of the Friars Club Italian Dinner Committee and the Women of St. Patrick will be held after Sunday Mass September 25.

All men of the Parish are encouraged to join with the Friars at breakfast and to be involved in the planning

and putting on of the dinner. The Friars Club is open to all men of the Parish, including our extended families. For more information, contact Chairman Kit Durnan or Secretary-Treasurer Art Sanda, or any Friar Club member.

Pastoral Council

The parish quarterly Faith-Sharing Breakfast will resume on Sunday, October 2, 2011 in the parish hall immediately following Mass. We have a special treat planned for the parish, so please plan to attend.

Speaking of attendance, the monthly Eucharistic Adoration has been very lightly attended. It seems that holiday weekends usually fall during the first week of the month, and sporting events are scheduled on Friday evenings, so the first Friday evening of each month might not be the best time for the parish Eucharistic Adoration. Please let Fr. Tom or any

member of the pastoral council know if you would like to attend Adoration, but are unable to due to current scheduled time and we will attempt to plan a time when more parishioners can participate in this devotion.

Students and teachers have returned to the classrooms for the year, which means that C.C.D. will soon begin at St. Patrick. Please keep our kids and teachers in your daily prayers and remember to especially thank the St. Patrick C.C.D. teachers for sharing their time with our parish as they help our children to grow in their faith.

An upcoming opportunity for adults to grow in faith is the parish retreat on September 24, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which will take place in a very relaxed setting with plenty of time for quiet personal reflection. The day will offer opening prayers with Fr. Tom, teachings with Fr. Bonaventure, opportunities to journal or to just "Be Still" (and Know That I Am God Ps. 46:10) as we focus on our ever changing yet steadfast faith, which Flows Like a River - Stands Like a Mountain. For additional information regarding the retreat, please contact Patty Stacklin or Karen Eagle.



Alice Ward enjoying the picnic.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

By Loretta Sanda

The beautiful, little, gold box is right here with us every day of the week except Good Friday. We cannot see the beautiful container but it is what dwells in the box that has saved us all through His Love and Sorrowful Passion. Inside the box is a glass case that holds The Holy Eucharist, The Body of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The gold box is called "The Custodian" which holds the "Luna". The Luna is a glass case and holds the Holy Eucharist. He is with us always as the flame on the candle by the tabernacle lets all who enters Churches around the world knows of His presence and that of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to us in a symbol of a dove, a blowing wind or breeze and flames of tongues and laughter.

When the church has Adoration of the Holy Eucharist the priest or deacon takes the "Luna" out of the

"Custodian" and places the Luna in the "Monstrance". The center back of the Monstrance has a little door that the priest opens and places the luna which contains the Holy Eucharist. The Monstrance is gold with beamlike rays that extent outwards. It is beautiful. Now all can see Him and adore and praise and worship Him.

If you enter the church and the Monstrance is on the altar, before entering your chosen pew, ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE, a full genuflection is required which is down on both knees and bowing to The Lord. If you leave while the Monstrance is still on the altar, again, down on both knees, ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE.

This is a wonderful time spent with God. The amount of time spent is your choice. A quiet time spent with God. The silence is indescribable.

Your prayer book may

have prayers for Adoration or a favorite prayer you can say. Have a favorite saint or saints and ask that they accompany you in prayer. Ask our Blessed Mother to recite the rosary with you. Ask for forgiveness and thanks. These are some suggestions found when looking for Adoration prayers.

After the allotted time, the priest will have Benediction; prayers and incense to God. The priest will hold up the Monstrance and make the sign of the cross. Then the luna is taken out and placed back into the Custodian which dwells in the Tabernacle.

One other important thing is the sign-up sheet. It is a must that two or more people are always there for the entire time of Adoration. Sign-ups can be for half an hour or more and depending on what our pastor decides

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In his encyclical letter, *Mysterium Fidei* (Sept. 3, 1965), Pope Paul VI describes the graces and blessings which await those who manage to find time to visit our divine Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament:

"Christ is truly Emmanuel, that is, 'God with us.' Day and night, He is in our midst; He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak. He proposes His own example to those who come to Him that they may learn to be like

Himself, meek and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest, but the things of God. Anyone, therefore, who approaches this August sacrament with special devotion and endeavors to return generous love for Christ's infinite love, experiences and fully understands, not without great spiritual joy and profit, how precious is the life hidden with Christ in God, and how great is the value of converse with Christ, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road to holiness."

Many willing souls have a desire to dwell in prayer with our Eucharistic Lord, but not infrequently they are at a loss as to how to spend their time. A suggestion is to just first be with Him and quietly open your heart to Him.

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1 Feed the Hungry
- 2 Give drink to the thirsty
- 3 Clothe the naked
- 4 Shelter the homeless
- 5 Comfort the imprisoned
- 6 Visit the sick
- 7 Bury the dead

Plenary Indulgence

Full remission of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven.

1. Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist for at least 1/2 hour
2. Pious exercise of Stations of the Cross
3. Recitation of The Rosary
4. Piously reading or listening to Sacred Scripture for at least 1/2 hour

Mark your Calendar!!

St. Patrick Italian Dinner
November 12, 2011

Who Am I?

answers from last newsletter.

Patty Stacklin and
Loretta Sanda's Confirmation Day

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what we should do. But you can always drop by the church during Adoration and spend just a few minutes with Our Lord in this very special way.

-Thank-you to the parishioner who submitted this article for the newsletter.

Happy 100th Birthday!

Mary Assumpta Drury Lyttle, mother of Fr. Greg Lyttle and Jeanne Schmauss, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 15th.

School News

Alicia Petrarca - WVU Dean's List

Tony Petrarca - WVU Dean's List

Melanie Butt - Marshall University Dean's List

Carla Gunnoe - named Asst. Principal SCHS

Hanna Gunnoe - Maid of Honor 2011 WV Water Festival

Hallie Gunnoe - Maid of Honor 2001 WV Water Festival

Congratulations to Robin Turner, Grand Prize Winner who had the fastest rubber ducky in the WV Water Festival Rubber Ducky Race.

Girl Scout News

Girl Scouts celebrate their 100th year! St. Patrick Girl Scouts, Kelly Eagle, Pearl Knott and Katie Peplowski will begin taking orders for the Girl Scout Fall Product Sales in mid-September. Please see the girls to place an order for assorted nuts, candies and to renew magazine subscriptions.

Parish Retreat

Faith:
Flowing Like a River
Standing Like a Mountain



When: September 24, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: 2389 New River Road, Hinton WV

Enjoy afternoon of reflection, prayer, fellowship, and journaling with Fr. Tom and Fr. Bonaventure.

Contact Patty Stacklin (466-1417) - Karen Eagle (466-5294)

The Way of True Peace and Perfect Liberty

1. Do the will of another rather than your own.
2. Always choose to have fewer riches rather than more.
3. Always seek the lowest place and desire to be subject to all.
4. Always wish for and pray that the will of God be accomplished in you.

Such a person enters into the abode of true peace and inward rest.

Excerpt from *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A Kempis.

“Check it out” in our Parish Lending Library.



October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary
October 7 - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Remember in Your Prayers:

Joe Hurley

Joseph Hurley was born June 16, 1931 on Irish Mountain and passed away on June 27, 2011 following a long illness. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hinton and was particularly proud of his Irish heritage.

Bishop Emeritus Bernard W. Schmitt

Bishop Emeritus Bernard W. Schmitt, the seventh bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, died Aug. 16, 2011, at the age of 82

at Wheeling Hospital.

He served as bishop for more than 15 years from 1989 to 2004.

Sister Sandra Peraldo, CSJ

Sister Sandra, was born in Beckley on May 17, 1940. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Francis de Sales Church in Beckley and was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School there. Sister Sandra died at Mount St. Joseph on Friday, August 5, 2011. As a teacher in parochial schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Sis-

ter Sandra ministered at: St. Francis de Sales in Beckley and St. John in Benwood. As a counselor she ministered for fourteen years to women imprisoned at the Federal Correctional Institution at Alderson, as an employee of its Religious Department. As a pastoral minister, she served the people of St. Patrick's Parish in Hinton. All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Elizabeth, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg from which she retired in 2010.