

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 13, 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish office for arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 - 8:25 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

Pastor's Perusings—Consecration

We now turn our attention to the most august moment of the Mass—the Consecration of the Sacred Species. The rubrics for this section of the Mass require that the priest comport himself in a specific way, namely: “In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires”. This rubric is the reason that I do not rush through this part of the Mass, but rather focus intently upon this sacred action.

The phrase “**On the day before he was to suffer**” was added by Pope Alexander I, the sixth successor of St. Peter. He did this to more clearly recall the Passion of Our Lord, for the Sacrifice of the Mass is one and the same as the Sacrifice of the Cross. The same Lord, who first offered Himself in the Cenacle on the eve of His Passion, would offer Himself again the following day on Calvary.

He took bread in his holy and venerable hands At these words, the Priest imitates what he proclaims Christ did: he takes the host (bread) into his hands. According to the rubrics:

“He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:”

And with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father

The Priest lifts his eyes toward heaven. While the Gospels do not explicitly say that Jesus raised His eyes during the Last Supper, tradition has long held it, and Holy Church, in her liturgical formula, attests to this certainty.

Giving you thanks, he said the blessing

This is the Eucharist, the thanksgiving. The Church draws special attention to this moment, for we are ever in debt to God for His infinite blessings, and thanksgiving should ever be on our lips and in our hearts.

Broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: The Priest then holds the Host to be consecrated reverently in both hands—between the thumb and index fingers:

“He bows slightly. Holding the host slightly raised above the altar, he says:”

**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”**

These words are pronounced **clearly and attentively**, not in a whisper as was customary in the older form of the Mass, but with reverent solemnity. Throughout, the Priest keeps his eyes fixed on the Host he intends to consecrate, fully aware of the sacred Mystery he is now effecting.

The moment these words of Consecration are spoken, the change is accomplished: the substance of bread is no more. Only the appearances—what the Church calls the “**sacred species**”—remain. It is now Christ Himself, truly, really, and substantially present. The Priest, after showing the consecrated Host to the people so that they can adore the Lord, immediately genuflects in adoration: *“He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.”*

In this profound gesture, the Priest acknowledges not a symbol or memorial alone, but the **living presence of the Son of God**, who is now on the altar under the appearance of bread.

The Elevation, now a familiar and beloved moment of silent adoration, was not always part of the Roman Rite at this point in the Mass. In fact, prior to the 11th century, the Host was only elevated before the **Pater Noster (Our Father)**.

This solemn showing of the Host was introduced in response to the Eucharistic controversies of the 11th century, especially the denial of the **Real Presence** by Berengarius of Tours. The Elevation was intended to strengthen the faith of the people and encourage immediate and profound adoration. The faithful, seeing the Body of Christ before them, are invited to respond not only with their eyes, but with their hearts. After the showing of the Host, the Priest carefully places It back on the **paten**, the sacred vessel upon which our Lord rests, and genuflects in adoration.

Furthermore, in continuity with traditional custom, the Priest will not separate his **thumb and index fingers**, the fingers that have touched the Sacred Host, until the Purification of the vessels. This gesture of devotion, though not strictly mandated in the current rubrics, is preserved here at our beloved parish, and reminds us of the awe and mystery that surrounds the Eucharist.

At the Priest's ordination, these very fingers were specially anointed with sacred chrism. In centuries past, if a Priest lost one of his consecrated fingers, papal permission was required to handle the Eucharist with a different digit. Such was the Church's care in handling the Body of the Lord.

After the consecration of the Host, the Priest uncovers the Chalice and proceeds with the consecration of the Precious Blood: *“In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and, once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:”*

Here the liturgy expresses not only what Christ did, but how He did it—with thanksgiving. Just as He gave thanks before consecrating the Host, so now again He gives thanks before blessing the Chalice.

At this point in the Mass, the Priest takes the Chalice in both hands and, holding it slightly elevated above the altar, he bows slightly and pronounces the **words of consecration**:

**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”**

Like with the consecration of the Host, the priest shows the chalice to the people so that they can adore the Lord, then places it upon the corporal and genuflects in his own adoration of the Lord.

The phrase “**the Blood of the new and eternal covenant**” distinguishes this covenant from the Old Covenant, which was temporary and preparatory. The “**new and eternal**” covenant signifies the everlasting nature of Christ's redemptive act, offered once for all and perpetuated through the Mass.

With the Consecration of both species, the **Sacrificial Act** is complete. Christ is now truly and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The **separate consecration** of the bread and wine signifies the **mystical separation of Christ's Body and Blood**—a true re-presentation of Calvary. Thus, the Mass is not merely a symbol or a recollection—it is the **renewal of the one and eternal sacrifice** of Christ. Though accomplished once in time on Calvary, it is made **present again in mystery** at each Mass.

The question arises: *Who is offering this Sacrifice? Is it the Priest? Is it Christ?*

The answer: it is **Christ Himself**, offering the Sacrifice **through** the hands of the Priest. The Priest acts **in persona Christi capitis**—in the person of Christ the Head. The Priest lends his voice and hands, but it is the Son of God who offers Himself anew to the Father.

However, Christ has willed that His coming to the altar be dependent upon the Priest's action. Unless the Priest pronounces the words of consecration with the proper intention, the Sacrifice does not occur. But whenever a validly ordained Priest, using bread and wine, says these words with the intention of doing what the Church intends, **the Lord comes**.

After consecrating the Chalice, the Priest says the words: **“Do this in memory of me.”** With this command, Our Lord entrusts His Apostles—and through them, all Priests—with the power to renew the very Sacrifice of Calvary. This is no mere narrative. It is the **command of Christ**, enacted in obedience at each Mass. Hence, it is not the voice of man that speaks here, but **the voice of Christ**, making use of the Priest to perpetuate His saving Sacrifice.

This is the Christian Sacrifice—**tremendous and awe-inspiring**. It is the very Sacrifice that satisfied divine justice. One single Mass, one single moment of the Lord's suffering and death, could have redeemed not only this world, but **a thousand worlds**. Yet Christ, in His mercy, willed that this Sacrifice be **perpetuated until the end of time**. He knew our frailty. He foresaw how easily we might forget Calvary, reduce it to a historical event, consign it to the pages of the Church's annals. And so, in His Love, He instituted the Mass, whereby the Sacrifice is **renewed daily** and offered in every nation under heaven. In every Mass, **Christ immolates Himself anew**, and God looks down with mercy. This is the act which **moves the Heart of the Father**, calling forth compassion and pardon upon mankind.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Cook +
 Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Harold & Diane Crabtree +
 Tue 8:30 am Anthony Cipriani Jr. +
 Wed 5:30 pm Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr. +
 Thur 7:00 pm William Traubert and Family+
 Sat 9:00 pm Rockey / Sperlazza Families+
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13, Ezekiel 18:31, John 11:45-56
Sunday: Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24., Philippians 2:6-11, Philippians 2:8-9, Luke 22:14—23:56
Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7, Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14, John 12:1-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17, John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34, Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18., 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:34, John 13:1-15
Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12, Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Philippians 2:8-9, John 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Genesis 1:1—2:2, Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35, Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Exodus 14:15—15:1, Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18, Isaiah 54:5-14, Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 , Isaiah 55:1-11, Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6, Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 , Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28, Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4, Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Luke 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, Colossians 3:1-4, cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, John 20:1-9



April 19, 9:00 PM
Gre: Pam Boyd
Ser: Stothard
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

April 20, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will
Lec: Pam Ferguson

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

The Altar and Rosary Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary at 8 a.m. every Monday before the morning Mass.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs ever Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at page 898C.

On Fridays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. before Mass which is at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

On Friday's during Lent we will be offering Meager Meals in the parish hall. If you would be willing to help please call the parish office.

Elevator accessible entrance to church is available on the north side of the building.

For the convenience of our new and nursing moms, during Mass please feel free to use the confessional for your feeding needs.

April 6, 2025 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	146	\$4852.00
Easter Flowers (This years cost is \$1,258 and we have collected \$867.00)		\$265.00
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund		\$50.00
Elevator		\$335.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$5000



Sat: Daniell Diserio

Sun: Cassidy Bland, Meile Morris and Dena Scott

Mon:

Tues:

Wed: Carey Scott, Nancy Mitchell, Joan Lazear and Michael McFadden

Thur:

Fri: Pat Ferry and Liam Morris

Sat: Chase Beall

Sun:

ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 and 3 p.m. Adorer spot for our WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or let Julie Elkinton know.
10 A.M.		We are currently looking for LECTORS at all Masses and also for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		
1 P.M.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	
3 P.M.	Need 2 Adorers	
4 P.M.		



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Kenneth and Ann Taylor
From April 11, 2025 to
April 24, 2025.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, GARY ANTIGO, MARY FLUHARTY, BARB MASON, JOE BIBBO AND THE SUMMERS FAMILY, MARY ROSE, CHRISTINE ROSE.

Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.



With the sympathy of

*The
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will be offered
for the repose of
the soul of*

Date _____ Time _____

Rev. _____

We have these beautiful mass cards available. Call or stop by the office if you would like one with any Mass you schedule.

April 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	2 Altar and Rosary Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 Penance Service 6 p.m.	4 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	5
6	7	8 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	9 Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.	10	11 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	12
13	14	15 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m. Chrism Mass 4 p.m.—Cathedral	16 Tenebrae—7:30 p.m.	17 Mass of the Lord's Supper—7 p.m. Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.	18 Veneration of the Cross—3 p.m. Stations—5:30 p.m.	19 Easter Vigil—9 p.m.
20 Easter Sunday— 10:30 a.m.	21	22 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	30 Men's Group 7 p.m.			

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

SPY WEDNESDAY~
April 16th, 5:30 p.m. Mass
6 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

HOLY THURSDAY ~
April 17th, 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 18th ~ NO MASS
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 5:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER VIGIL MASS ~
April 19th, 9:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY ~
April 20th, 10:30 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Mondays: Rosary at 8 a.m. before morning
Mass**

**Tuesdays: Coffee and Catechesis following
Mass**

**Wednesdays: Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Today Jesus tell us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Why do Catholics go to Confessions? Disobeying God damages our friendship with him, so we need his forgiveness to heal it. That is why Jesus initiated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called "Confession"). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"* (Matthew 16:19). This brings us back to God. In Confessions, we admit what we did, say that we are sorry, and resolve never to do it again. Penance helps us make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, our friendship is restored.

Why is Mass Offered for Specific People?

The greatest prayer that we have as Christians is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At each Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary is re-presented and renewed. In the Mass, the graces achieved on the Cross are applied to souls for their salvation. This is why we have Masses offered for particular intentions. To have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact Steph. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with Steph. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for (2) weeks. The memorial will also be published in the Bulletin.

Mass Etiquette

Remember to silence, turn off, and put away your cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices prior to the start of Mass. Also, please remember that the Communion line is the place to engage in final preparation to receive our Lord. The Communion line is not a place for socializing.

Communion Fast

Keep in mind the Communion fast—we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This includes chewing gum. Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Pope Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he Presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

May the Lord preserve him, give him life, make him blest upon the earth, and deliver him not unto the will of his enemies. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Lenten News

With the beginning of Lent, it is important to keep in mind our obligations during this privileged season.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that you are permitted to have one full meal and two snacks which, if combined, are smaller than a full meal.

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

On Fridays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. which will be followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. Confessions are heard from 6—6:30 p.m. every Friday (6-7 p.m. on First Fridays).

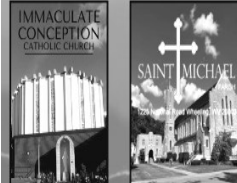
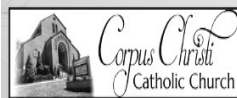
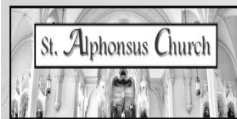
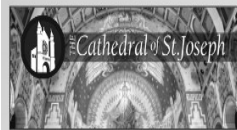
Meager Meals will follow Mass at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide the meal!



Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$3,355 of our \$18,200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty faithful from our Diocese were able to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer, funds are provided to children who cannot afford to pay for Camp Carlo, and parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education at the PACE Conference. Other programs consist of the Walking with Moms program, tuition assistance, faculty & staff professional development and much more. For a complete list of ministries, programs and grants supported through the CSA, please visit the website, dwc.org/csa. I invite you all to join me as you have done in the past by supporting the annual **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL** today.

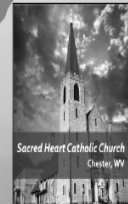
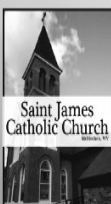
WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

Have you ever considered remembering St. John the Evangelist in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. John the Evangelist. Bequests should be made out to: “The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office,” with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used (i.e. “for the use of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg).



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This platform will enable all parishioners and parishes within the Wheeling Vicariate to share our best practices, events, discussions, and faith-related content. It encourages engagement in online Bible studies, discussions about faith, and sharing of uplifting content. The goal is to celebrate achievements, share positive narratives, and support each other on our spiritual journeys. Let's unite together in faith!



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The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising with us, please have them call the office for more information.

We have also started to run a monthly memorial inside, if you would like to honor anyone this is a great way to do that!

