

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 21, 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
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Finance Council.....Bill Garvey

## 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 – Feedback and Updates

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help with the pictures this past Sunday! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our very own Steph for all of her hard work in coordinating, organizing, and her involvement in all of the different celebrations we have going on this summer! We were able to make significant progress on the Historical Display that we will be exhibiting and to enjoy some very good times reminiscing over the different people that we saw in the photos! I would also like to let you know that we are still soliciting feedback for the proposed changes to increase the collections for our Charity Account as a means to help more people in our community.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear those familiar words of our Lord, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." These words are filled with promise and life and we know that our Lord did, in fact, lay down his life for our sake and He did, in fact, take His life up again. However, there is an important line sandwiched in the middle of our Lord's statement and it is "I know mine and mine know me". In this statement, we come to the reason for our Lord's Incarnation: so that all of humanity can come to know and love the infinitely good God. The reason that we are able to have hope in eternal salvation is because the Incarnation of the Son gave access to God to both Jew and Gentile alike. But, there is a reciprocal dynamic to the relationship that our Lord offers. Our God, who is all-knowing, already knows us better than we know ourselves. From this, we come to see how our Lord wants *us* to come to know Him, how He wants to be in a relationship with us, how He continues to yearn to be with us most especially in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Each day, we are invited to go deeper in our relationship with the Lord. Each day, we are invited to spend time with him in prayer pouring out our hopes and needs, our fears and anxieties, and giving Him the space and silence to speak to us. When I was in seminary, our professor of spiritual theology once pointed out that we would never expect to be able to call the President of the United States, but any time we want to use it we have a direct line to the Creator. That is the power of prayer and the invitation the Lord offers to us each day.

Speaking of invitations, Pope Francis has made Good Shepherd Sunday also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While we pray for all vocations in the Church, we pray in a particular way for those men and women who God is calling to lay down their lives in service of Him and His Church. But this Day of Prayer for Vocations also places a responsibility upon us to create a culture that fosters vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Oftentimes, we can overlook the impact that single word or invitation can have on someone. Something as simple as asking a young man, "Have you ever thought about becoming a priest?" can be the catalyst that sets God's plan in motion to send more laborers into the fields to bring to him a holy and dedicated people. As we seek to build up the Kingdom of God on earth, we know that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, never leaves his Church unattended. He uses the voices of the People of God to be His voice today, to share the great promise that makes all the difference in our lives: "I give my sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

As we gather together for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are united in that one Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep in the Most Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist we meet the Risen Lord who laid down His life for us and who invites us into a relationship with Him so that we can enter into the Heavenly Banquet He has prepared for us.



Sat	4:00 pm	Sperlazza/ Rockey Families+
Sun	8:00 am	Guy & Mary Mazzaufo+
Sun	10:30 am	People of the Parish
Mon	8:30 am	Mary Margaret Cipoletti+
Tue	8:30 am	Anthony J. "Butch" Cipriani+
Wed	5:30 pm	Harry Staffileno+
Thur	8:30 am	Wanda Jane Weisend Miller, John F. & Kelly Rae Miller+
Fri	5:30 pm	George Underwood+
Sat	4:00 pm	Mario Ficca+
Sun	8:00 am	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30 am	Miranda Grampa Bronchik+

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18  
**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:1-10,  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26, 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a, 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14, 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17, Mk 16:15-20  
**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33, 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8



**April 27, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec AJ Mitchell

**April 28, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Ser Judith Aracich  
 Lec Maryanne Capp

**April 28, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Will, Stothard, & Philip  
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey



April 14, 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	154	\$4125
Votive Candles		\$ 46
Building & Maintenance		\$833
Mother's Day		\$15
Elevator		\$20
Easter Flower's		\$50
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice".

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 908.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday, April 21st will be for Disaster Relief. Next Sunday, April 28th will be Mother's Day Flowers.

The **FOOD PANTRY** will be open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents. A valid ID & proof of address required. If you would like to donate any non perishable items please leave them in the red bin located in the vestibule.

We have placed sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. We are having a catered meal this year so we only ask you to bring yourselves, no covered dish needed!

On Wednesday, April 24th at the 5:30 p.m. Mass the Vicar Forane, Father Ledford will be joining us for the Mass to **INSTALL** Father Golna as the Pastor of our wonderful Parish! We will have a small reception in the parish hall after Mass. We hope to see everyone there!

If you would be interested in making a **DESSERT** for the reception after the Mass of Installation for Father Golna or for making cookies for our **CONFIRMATION RECEPTION** please call the office.

# BIRTHDAY Blessings

**Sat:**

**Sun:**

**Mon:** Eugene Capp, Frances Cunningham

**Tue:**

**Wed:** Daniel Diserio, Julia Takach

**Thur:** Sam White

**Fri:**

**Sat:** Avery Morris

**Sun:** Hannah Ferguson



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
*Louis Staffileno*  
from April 12th to April 25th.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, BOB STUCKEY, ELLIE EVANS, PAULA HENDERSON, LAUREN PEARSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, GARY ANTIGO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, JOE BOSICK, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.

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



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

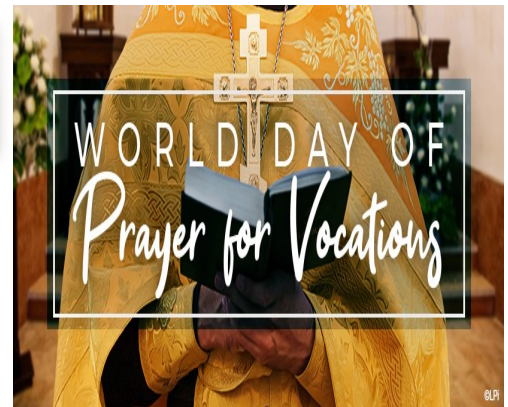
“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”  
- Jn 10:14-15

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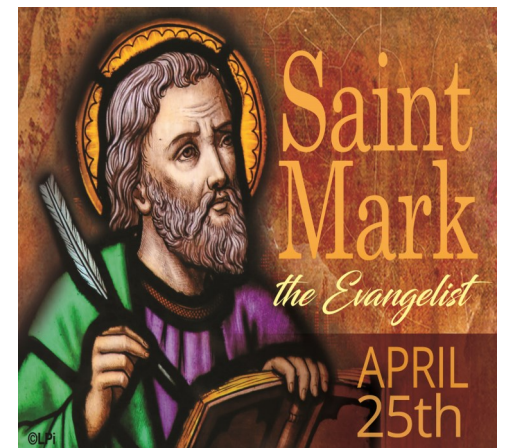
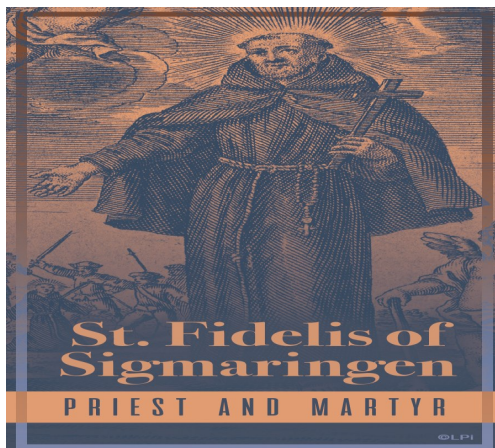
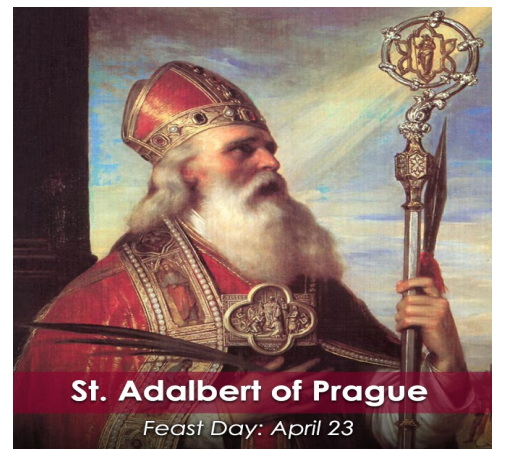
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Our **DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** go to the families of:  
Tammy McClure for her passing on April 12th, 2024, and  
Doris Hornick for her passing on April 16th, 2024.  
**May they rest in peace.**



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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## 100th YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATES

**Photographs:** We are still looking for photos taken inside the church for Baptisms, 1st Communions, Confirmations, and Weddings. Specifically the years would be the 1920's through the 1960's. If you may have any please call the office, we would love to display them!

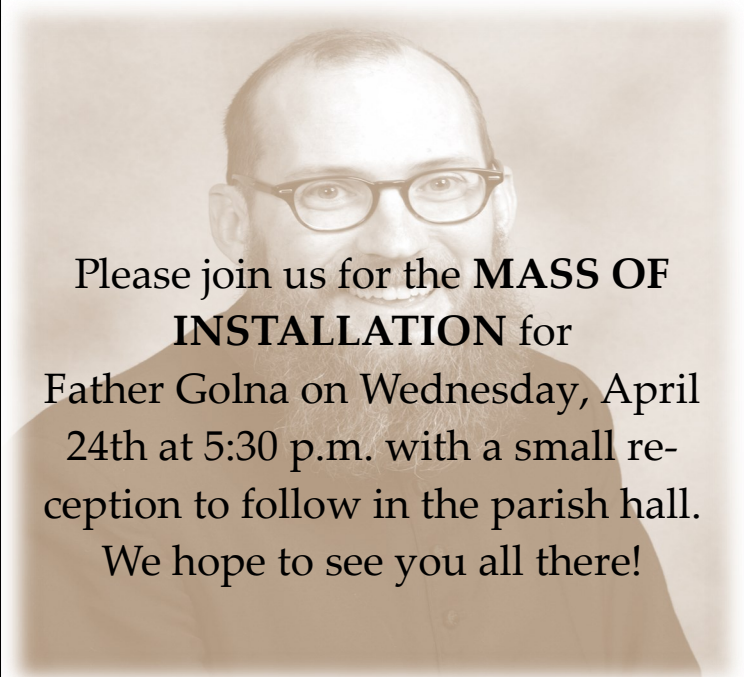
**Baskets:** We are currently looking for gifts cards to fill baskets with. Any denomination is greatly appreciated, restaurant, gas, and shopping are all good ideas! We also have some themed baskets that are not complete. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.

**Monday APRIL 29th:** We will be putting some of the raffle baskets together, if you would like to help we will be meeting in the parish hall at 5:30.

We have placed sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. We are having a catered meal this year so we only ask you to bring yourselves, no covered dish needed!

If you happened to miss the photo appointments for the **COMMEMORATIVE CENTENIAL PHOTO DIRECTORY** you can still be included by submitting a photo of your choice with payment of \$15 to the office.

We are looking to fill the 2 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.



Please join us for the **MASS OF INSTALLATION** for Father Golna on Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m. with a small reception to follow in the parish hall. We hope to see you all there!

# Upcoming Events

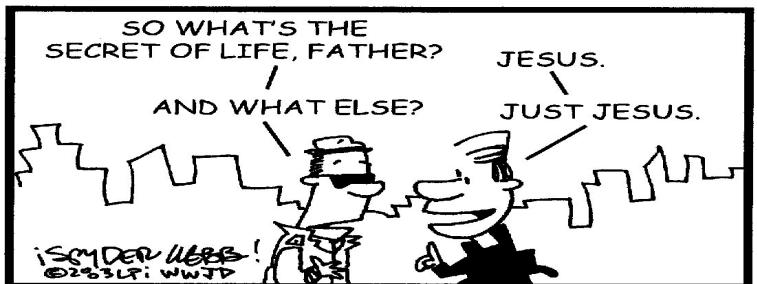
## APRIL PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL :

- Wednesday, April 3rd: Altar & Rosary Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 4th: Dolores Antigo Funeral 11 a.m.
- Friday, April 5th: Wedding Rehearsal 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6th: Streisselberger/ Brewer Wedding
- Sunday, April 7th: Confirmation Retreat
- Tuesday, April 9th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 10th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.
- Sunday, April 14th: Celebration Meeting  
— And Picture Sorting 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 19th: Sister of Saint Elisabeth Convent  
— before and after Mass
- Saturday, April 20th: Doris Hornick Funeral 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 24th: Mass of Installation 5:30 p.m.,  
reception to follow in the parish hall.
- Wednesday, April 24th: Men's Group 7 p.m.  
(Canceled due to reception)
- Monday, April 29th: Raffle Basket Meeting 5:30 p.m.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, May 5th: Hospitality Sunday after 8 a.m. Mass
- Saturday, May 11th: Confirmation 11 a.m.
- Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day Breakfast
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year  
Celebration 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/  
Holiday Luncheon

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## What's going on in Paradise?

### NJHS PROJECT - BMS BROOKE CO. ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Accepting donations of food items, toys, towels, blankets etc.

THANK YOU!



Gabby Mazeika, Braya Mazeika & Bryn Adler

Any items can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the vestibule.

The Brooke County Salvation Army Feeding Program offers **FREE TAKEOUT LUNCHES** on Thursday's from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The **MEMORIAL MASS** for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).

On May 21st Ohio Valley Business Alliance Corporation will be hosting the **PITCH CONTEST** at Brooke High School starting at 6 p.m.

**ST. ANTHONY ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** will be on Saturday, June 22, 2024 in Follansbee, WV. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis, Hooverson Heights.

### WE ARE HIRING

**PART TIME MAINTENANCE :**

- FOR THE CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH/SCHOOL
- SEND RESUMES TO [CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG](mailto:CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG)

**BY MONDAY, APRIL 22ND**

**CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION !**  
304-277-2911



You're invited to join in the celebration of the first Mass of Rev. John David Soplinski  
St. John the Evangelist Church  
1300 Charles St. Wellsburg, WV 26070  
9 AM on Saturday, June 1st 2024  
Treats and coffee to follow in the parish hall.

*He reached down from on high and seized me; drew me out of the deep waters. He rescued me from my mighty enemy, from foes too powerful for me. They attacked me on my day of distress, but the Lord was my support. he set me free in the open; He rescued me because He loves me.'*  
Psalm 18:17-20

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**EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE EVENTS**

**Thursday, June 20**, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

St. Joseph the Worker Church: Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow— begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

**Friday, June 21**

Morning Mass with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m. Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 23** “Put Out into the Deep” on the Ohio River!”

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boater-cade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio. Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

**Monday, June 24**

Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.

**Commemorating 100th Anniversary of Benwood Mine Disaster in Prayer**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invites the public to a special prayer service at 4pm, Sunday, April 28, at Mt Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 119 lives lost in the two explosions for the Steel Coal Benwood mine disaster.

Notably many were also Catholic, belonging to St. John Parish in Benwood and St. Ladislaus in South Wheeling. The memorial on April 28th this year will take place at the site at Mt. Calvary, where the largest mass burial in Wheeling ever took place. On May 5, 1924, 22 miners were buried during a service that was conducted in three languages.

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is looking for a **HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST** who will work as part of the HR team with a focus on supporting the Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The generalist will also serve to drive the onboarding process within the Diocese. Qualified candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to: Debbie Turziano, Director of Human Resources at dturzi-ano@dwc.org.

**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.

**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.

**Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the VOCATIONS OFFICE, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298**

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 by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 304-233-0880 or 888-434-6237: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under “Accountability” for more information.

