

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 27, 2025

## PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
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Dir. Of Music/ Organist.....Zac Gordon  
Dir. of Religious Education.....Monica Biery  
Parish Council.....John Alvarez  
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— Canon Continued

Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit! Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! I pray that each and every one of you had a holy and blessed Sacred Triduum and Easter! It was the greatest joy to baptize our two newest members at the Easter Vigil and to celebrate the sacred and solemn mysteries of the Sacred Triduum for your behalf.

Immediately after the Priest consecrates the Chalice and elevates the Precious Blood, he genuflects in adoration and then says, in a clear voice: **"The mystery of faith."** This declaration—so brief, yet so rich—is not merely an announcement. It is a summons to adoration, a proclamation of presence, and an invitation to the faithful to enter into the heart of the Paschal Mystery. Christ has now become truly, really, and substantially present upon the altar under the Eucharistic species. In this moment, he who died is alive, he who ascended has come down, he who is in glory is here.

The faithful respond with one of the approved acclamations:

**"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."**

**"When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again."**

**"Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free."**

This acclamation, spoken not by the Priest but by the entire assembly, gives voice to the faith of the Church. It is a response to the divine reality now made present—Christ who died, who rose, and who will come again in glory. It is the Amen of the heart, an act of worship, a declaration of our hope. Having thus entered into the mystery through faith, the Church now recalls the saving acts of Christ with renewed fervor.

After the *Mysterium Fidei*, the priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer with what the Missal calls the **Anamnesis**—the memorial of Christ's saving work:

*"Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord..."*

The Church, through the voice of the Priest, remembers—but not as we remember a mere past event. This is a sacred anamnesis, a remembrance that makes present. The Priest says *"we"*—not he alone, but he and the entire holy people of God, *servants and your holy people*, as the Latin puts it: *nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta*. The whole Church remembers and participates.

Here, once more, the three great Mysteries of our redemption are brought forth: The Passion of Christ, His Resurrection from the dead, And His glorious Ascension into heaven.

Though these Mysteries were referenced earlier in the Eucharistic Prayer, Holy Church returns to them again with deliberate joy and reverence, insisting that none of God's benefits be forgotten or taken for granted.

The Priest continues:

*"we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation."*

What audacity—and yet what truth! We offer. But what do we possess to offer that is worthy of God? Nothing of our own. And so the Church, humbly and boldly, declares: *"Offerimus de tuis donis ac datis"*—"We offer from what You Yourself have given us." The bread and wine were your gifts, O Lord; and now they have become the very Body and Blood of your Son, the greatest gift of all.

Here we see the four ends of the Holy Sacrifice—adoration, thanksgiving, atonement, and impetration—fully realized, not through any human merit, but in Christ Himself, the Victim and the Priest, offered now under sacramental veils.

What are the qualities of this offering? A **pure victim** (*hostiam puram*), a **holy victim** (*hostiam sanctam*), a **spotless victim** (*hostiam immaculatam*).

On earth, all else is stained and incomplete—but here the Church offers Christ Himself, the One in whom all these perfections abide. And so the Bride, rich with her Bridegroom's graces, dares to stand before the Most Holy Trinity and say, "Behold! I possess Him who suffered, rose, and ascended. He is mine, and I offer Him to You."

So powerful is this Sacrifice that God must look upon it—He cannot turn away. It is His own Son that is offered; how could the Father reject Him? Here, truly, is the satisfaction of divine justice, a Victim so pleasing that no other offering is needed.

In the Old Covenant, sacrifices of animals could never accomplish this. What did God want with bulls or goats? But now, upon the altar, under the humble forms of bread and wine, Christ is truly present—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Here we begin to understand why Satan rages against the Holy Eucharist—why he works to destroy faith in the Real Presence, to desecrate altars, to silence Priests, to reduce the offering of the Mass. Because here is his defeat. Here is the weapon that binds him. Here is the Sacrifice that redeems the world.

And what a marvel it is that it is a man—a weak, sinful man—who is chosen to offer this Sacrifice. God did not entrust this to the angels, though they are pure and sinless. He entrusted it to men, whom He calls, forgives, anoints, and consecrates.

This man, the Priest, may tremble—and rightly so—yet he stands at the altar with a power not his own. He holds in his hands the very Son of God. With reverence and fear, with love and boldness, he performs a mystery greater than creation, because through this act, the Redeemer of the world becomes present again on earth.

The offering, this Victim pure and holy, is also described in the Missal as: "the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation." Here, the Sacramental dimension of the Eucharist is emphasized. Not only is this a Sacrifice offered to the Father, it is also the Sacrament of our nourishment, given to feed us with eternal life, to be the medicine of immortality, as the Fathers called it.

We continue the Roman Canon next week. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +  
 Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish  
 Mon 8:30 am Dorothy Sacripanti +  
 Tue 8:30 am Harold DeGarmo +  
 Wed 5:30 pm Charles Olszeski +  
 Thur 8:30 am Virginia Diserio +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Joe Elswick Sr. +  
 Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish  
 Sun 8:00 am Guy and Mary Mazzafo +  
 Sun 10:30 am Gerry Beall +

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21, Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21, Psalm 118:24, Mark 16:9-15  
**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, John 20:29, John 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31, Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9, Colossians 3:1, John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37, Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, John 3:14-15, John 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, John 3:16, John 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33, Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, John 20:29, John 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42, Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14, Matthew 4:4b, John 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5, John 14:6b, 9c, John 14:6-14  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19



**May 3, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre: Rob and Marcie Morris**  
**Ser: Avery and Liam**  
**Lec: Marcie Morris**

**May 4, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre: Anna and JeJe**  
**Ser: Judith Aracich**  
**Lec: Maryanne Capp**

**May 4, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre: Susie Mullenbach**  
**Ser: Will and Stothard**  
**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 every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at page 903.

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

Join us on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 27th, for a special hour of prayer from **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, the Hour of Mercy.

We will pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** together, spend time in silent prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament**, and **Confessions will be heard during this time.**

Divine Mercy Sunday offers a powerful grace: **complete forgiveness of sins and all punishment due to sin** for those who go to **Confession** and receive **Holy Communion** on that day. This grace is like a **renewal of baptismal grace**, a fresh start in the spiritual life. Come and receive the mercy Christ longs to give.

<u>April 20, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	249	\$4678.00
Easter Flowers		\$100.00
Candles		\$404.00
Good Friday	48	\$625.00
Holy Thursday	45	\$652.00
Elevator		\$75.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



**Sat:**  
Sun: Avery Morris & Stothard Daraman  
Mon: Hannah Ferguson  
Tues: Marco Marino, Steve Mitchell, Anna DeGarmo & Marge Grammer  
Wed:  
Thur: Jeanette Buffington  
Fri:  
Sat: Kim Byers, John Hoffman, Rise Katnik, Roy McLaughlin & Tina Postlethwait  
Sun:



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of  
**Bonnie Camiletti**  
 (Gene and Marion Lamon)  
 From April 25, 2025 to  
 May 8, 2025.

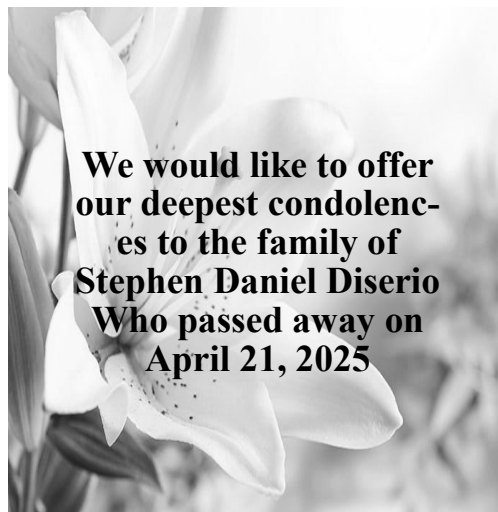
**Prayer List**

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, MATTHEW DILLARD, LLOYD VANHORN, JAMES BAKER.

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

**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

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



**We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Stephen Daniel Diserio Who passed away on April 21, 2025**



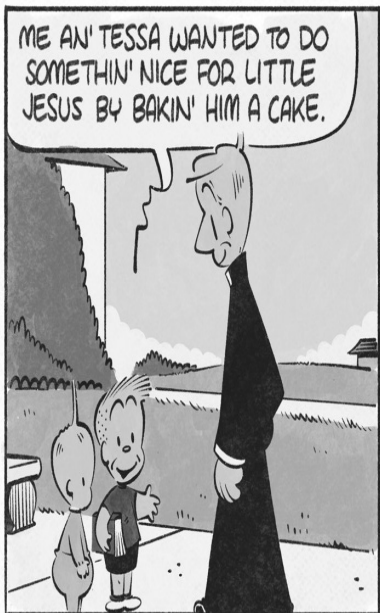
**We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Larry Thomas Main Who passed away on April 22, 2025**

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Coffee & Catechesis	2 Altar and Rosary	3 Penance Service	4 Stations of the Cross	5
6	7	8 Coffee & Catechesis	9 Soup & Sandwich	10	11 Stations of the Cross	12
13	14	15 Coffee & Catechesis	16 Tenebrae—7:30 p.m.	17 Mass of the Lord's	18 Veneration of the	19 Easter Vigil—9 p.m.
20 Easter Sunday— 10:30	21	22 Coffee & Catechesis	23	24	25	26
27 Divine Mercy Chaplet	28	29 Coffee & Catechesis	30 Men's Group			

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Coffee & Catechesis	7 Altar and Rosary	8	9	10
11	12	13 Coffee & Catechesis	14 Soup & Sandwich	15	16	17
18	19	20 Coffee & Catechesis	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Coffee & Catechesis	28 Men's Group	29	30	31



**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  
 Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVNESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

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.



*God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Francis ... should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.  
Amen.*

*Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.  
And let the perpetual light shine upon him.  
And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



**Together We Can Beat Cancer**  
**Relay For Life of Brooke Hancock Counties**

**When: June 7, 2025**

**Where: Central Park**

**17<sup>th</sup> Street Wellsburg, WV 26070**

**Time: 6 PM till 11 PM**

**For more information contact Tammy: 304-919-9058**

**<https://www.relayforlife.org/brookehancockwv>**

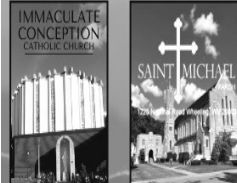
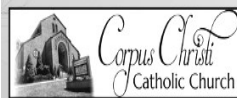
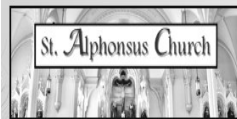
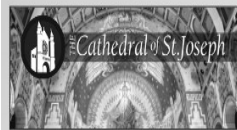
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Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$3,355 of our \$18,200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty 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](http://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.

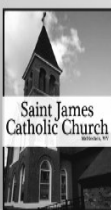
**WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?**

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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**Wheeling Vicariate**

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!**

