

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 28, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.
Office Manager.....Steph Russell
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Maintenance.....Liam Flickinger
Housekeeper.....Chasity McConaughy
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 - Installation Edition

What a momentous week we had in the life of our parish! Once again, we offer Bishop Brennan thanks for his appointment of me as your pastor. While the differences in the change of status for me won't be noticeable, it does mean that we can trust I am not going anywhere anytime soon.

I want to offer my thanks to everyone who came our for the Mass of Installation on Wednesday evening! We were blessed to have Father John Ledford, V.F., join us to perform my installation as your pastor with about 60 of our people in attendance! I would like to thank Liam Morris for his excellent work as our altar server for this special Mass! I also would like to thank our organist and cantors for the beautiful music that we had for this fantastic Mass! Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Jimmy DeMundo and his team for the amazing food that they prepared and I want to thank **each and every one of you** who made those delicious desserts! I am still eating all the amazing cake for breakfast and will for the next week or two! A special thanks goes out to Steph Russell for organizing an amazing reception on such short notice!

The Mass of Installation is not a common Mass that we encounter. During it, the Bishop's delegate presents the pastor-elect to the people and conveys to the People of God the bishop's trust in the person he has put forward as the pastor. The people who assist the pastor in the running of the parish then were invited to stand and to receive my pledge to work with them and seek their counsel. Finally, we professed our Faith together before I more clearly gave my assent to all that the Church teaches.

The Mass of Installation was a public event that gave me to you this time with the added element of stability. It was a means to solidify the relationships that we have forged over the past nearly 2 years and to give us that certitude that I will be able to continue to serve you for years to come.



Thank you to all who came out to celebrate this momentous day for us. It is an honor to be here with you each day, to serve you, and to share the Gospel message with you. Thank you for having me as your pastor and thank you for all that you do to keep our amazing parish going.

Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mario Ficca+
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Miranda Grampa
 Bronchik+
 Mon 8:30 am Harold DeGarmo+
 Tue 8:30 am Miranda Grampa
 Bronchik+
 Wed 5:30 pm Jeremiah & Victoria
 Emau+
 Thur 8:30 am Mike Mullenbach+
 Fri 5:30 pm Philip E. Russell+
 Sat 4:00 pm Larry Nichols+
 Sun 8:00 am Deceased members of
 the Benny Bucy
 Family+
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/ Ps 22:26-27,
 28, 30, 31-32/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/
 Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3
 -4, 15 -16/ Jn 14:21-26/
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-
 11, 12- 13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-
 31a/
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ PS 122:1-
 2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/ Jn 15:1-8/
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ PS 96:1-2a,
 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/
 Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-
 48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/ 1 Jn 4:7-
 10/ Jn 15:9- 17
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,
 44- 48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/ 1 Jn
 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17



May 4, 4:00 PM
 Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec AJ Mitchell

May 5, 8:00 AM
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear
 Ser Judith Aracich
 Lec Pat Ferry

May 5, 10:30 AM
 Gre Mary Beth Harvey
 Ser Will, Stothard, & Philip
 Lec Pam Ferguson



April 21st 2024 Collection Attendance Amount		
Weekly Envelopes	130	\$3965
Votive Candles		\$ 10
Building & Maintenance		\$140
Mother's Day		\$332
Disaster Relief		\$196
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit".

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 911.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, April 28th will be Mother's Day Flowers. Next Sunday, May 5th will be Building & Maintenance.

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 removed the sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. They will return after Mother's Day. Reservations for the Celebration can also be made by calling the office.

The Annual **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** will be held in the parish hall on May 12th. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Sign-Up sheets have been placed in the church entrances.

If you would be interested in making cookies for our **CONFIRMATION RECEPTION** please call the office.

BIRTHDAY Blessings

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



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
The DiNardo & Mitchell Families
 from April 26th to May 9th.

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.

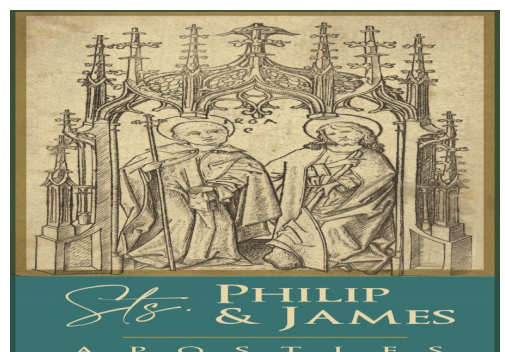
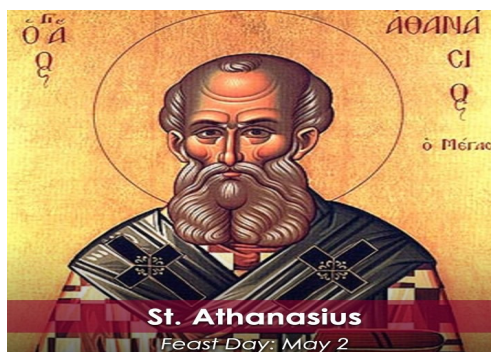
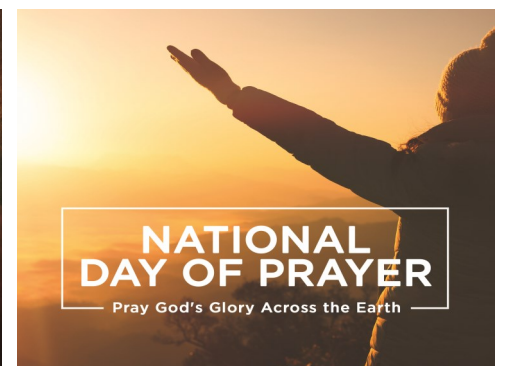
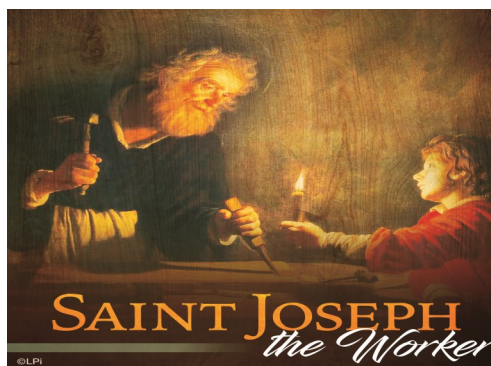
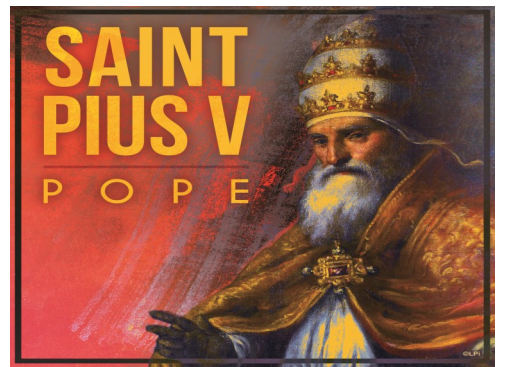


5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."
 - Jn 15:1-2

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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.

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.



Our **DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** go to the family of: James Ferguson who passed away on April 14th, 2024
May he rest in peace.

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, May 13th: Finance Council Meeting
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year
 Celebration 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/
 Holiday Luncheon

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS, YOU'LL FIND WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY PARISH COMMUNITY.

*Snyder & White
 Bishop LPi*



AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR FAVORITE PARKING PLACE.



What's going on in Paradise?



THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the National Honor Society project for Brooke County Animal Shelter. It was a huge success!
Thanks again,
Brynleigh Adler



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

BY MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

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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 under “Accountability” for more information.

