

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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APRIL 6, 2025

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
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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— Canon Continued

Continuing our journey through the Roman Canon, we now turn our attention to the part of the Canon known as the *Hanc igitur* and the *Quam oblationem* which immediately precede the consecration of the Sacred Species. After finishing the previous prayer, the priest extends his hands and prays once more.

In the same way, the Church, having already during the Offertory separated the bread and wine from all common use and presented them to God, now does so again—more intensely—because the moment of Consecration is near. With holy eagerness, as the fulfillment of her hope draws close, the priest stretches out his hands in prayer, asking God to graciously accept this offering. He says:

“Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.”

At this moment, while presenting the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and directing attention to the offering itself, the priest prays for himself, for all those present, and for all united with them spiritually. He asks God to grant us peace in this life, to save us from eternal damnation, and to count us among His elect, so that we may share in the glory of heaven.

There's a noteworthy historical addition in this prayer. The words "*diesque nostros in tua pace disponas*" ("that You may order our days in Your peace") were not part of the original text. They were added by Pope Saint Gregory the Great during the time when Rome was under siege by the Lombards and in grave danger. Since then, the Church has chosen to keep this heartfelt plea for peace—words believed to be inspired by the Holy Spirit Himself. According to John the Deacon, the Holy Spirit often appeared to Saint Gregory in the form of a dove, whispering divine counsel into his ear during times of great responsibility.

During the next prayer, the *Quam oblationem*, the priest extends his hands over the offerings. This gesture is deeply significant and deserves special attention. It comes to us from the Old Covenant. In ancient times, when a Victim was brought to the Temple for sacrifice, the laying on of hands had a twofold purpose: it marked the Victim as set apart from all ordinary use and dedicated entirely to God, and it symbolized that the Lord was now claiming the offering as His own.

This prayer begins what is traditionally called the Great Prayer, continuing up to the remembrance of the dead. Within this sacred moment, the miraculous transformation of the bread and wine—Transubstantiation—takes place. The priest says: "*Quam oblationem tu, Deus, in omnibus, quaesumus, adscriptam, ratam, rationabilem, acceptabilemque facere digneris.*" (Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable...).

The Church, entirely absorbed in the offering, begs God to bless it. Each word in this prayer is deeply meaningful:

*Adscriptam* – May this offering be officially recorded or written in God's register.

*Ratam* – May it be confirmed, approved, and ratified by Heaven.

*Rationabilem* – May it be a spiritual and reasonable offering, as opposed to the purely symbolic sacrifices of the Old Law.

*Acceptabilem* – May it be pleasing and acceptable to God.

To understand *rationabilem*, we must recall that the sacrifices of the Old Testament were mere shadows—figures pointing to something greater. They had no value in themselves except in how they prefigured Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross.

But now, in anticipation of the Consecration, the Church already speaks of the bread and wine as the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Unlike the old sacrifices, this is the true and living Sacrifice, the perfect spiritual offering that renders all others obsolete. This is what Saint Paul means when he exhorts the Romans: "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

As Christians, we are called to offer even our physical selves to God—bringing our bodies into prayer through fasting, penance, and discipline, so that our material nature doesn't drag us down, but instead is lifted up to unite with our higher spiritual calling.

Returning to the altar: if the bread and wine were to remain unchanged, they would be no better than the sacrifices of the Old Covenant. But because they are about to become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, this is truly a spiritual and reasonable sacrifice—ininitely pleasing to God.

The priest then continues: "so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ."

The priest is asking that this offering may be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Though Christ is eternally present in Heaven, we pray that He may be made present here, in this very offering.

And this is not for God's sake—it's for us. The Church includes the words *fiat nobis*—"may it become for us"—because we are asking that the Body and Blood of Christ be made present for our nourishment, our sanctification, and our salvation. It is meant to be received, to be our very Food.

Next week, we will move on to the high point of every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: the Consecration.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Priests of the DWC  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am James Kunzler +  
 Mon 8:30 am David Wolfe Sr. & David Wolfe Jr. +  
 Tue 8:30 am Kathy Veverka +  
 Wed 5:30 pm Charles Cook +  
 Thur 8:30 am Mildred Bayless +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Dora McDermott +  
 Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Cook +  
 Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, See Luke 8:15, John 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:25a, 26, John 11:1-45  
**Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Ezekiel 33:11, John 8:12-20  
**Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21, John 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, See Luke 8:15, John 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Genesis 17:3-9, Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Psalm 95:8, John 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7, See John 6:63c, 68c, John 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ezekiel 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13, Ezekiel 18:31, John 11:45-56  
**Next 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



**April 12, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre:** Pam and Jeanette  
**Ser:** Avery and Liam  
**Lec:** Marcie Morris

**April 13, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre:** Toot and Joanie  
**Ser:** Theresa Kowcheck  
**Lec:** Judith Aracich

**April 13, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre:** Mary Beth Harvey  
**Ser:** Will and Stothard  
**Lec:** Mary Beth Harvey

**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 897.

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

<u>March 2, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	155	\$3862.00
Candles		\$70.00
Easter Flowers (This year cost is \$1,258)		\$547.00
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund		\$75.00
Elevator		\$75.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$5000



# BIRTHDAY Blessings

**Sat:** Elizabeth McLaughlin and Linda

Bolen

**Sun:** Nicole Miller

**Mon:**

**Tues:** John Radvansky

**Wed:**

**Thur:** Patty Royal

**Fri:**

**Sat:** Daniell Diserio

**Sun:** Cassidy Bland, Meile Morris and

Dena Scott



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
**Kristian White**  
From March 28, 2025 to  
April 10, 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.

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

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.

10 A.M.

11 A.M.

12 P.M.

1 P.M.

2 P.M.

3 P.M.

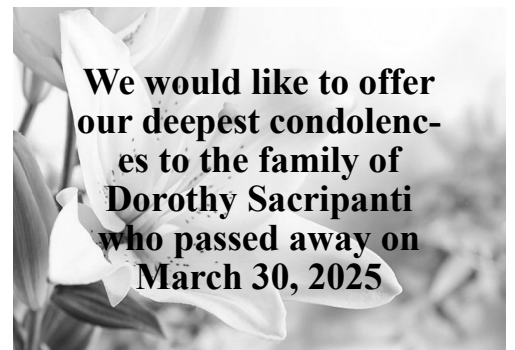
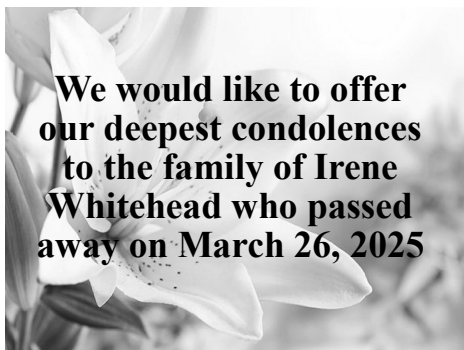
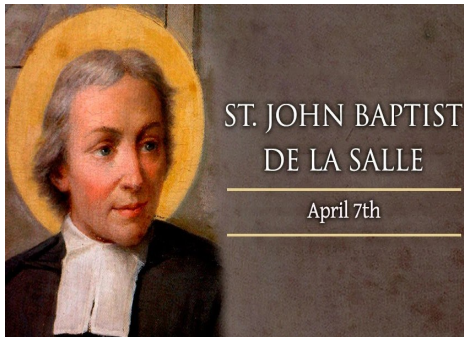
4 P.M.

Need 1 Adorer

Need 2 Adorers

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.

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.



# April 2025

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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

**Soup & Sandwich April 9th @ 11 a.m.**

## **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**By Bud Ozar**

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name calling and put downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

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 \$3,255 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.

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**  
**11:00a.m-6:00p.m**  
**Take Out Only!! No Dine-In**  
**Sacred Heart of Mary Church Cafeteria**  
 Baked or Fried Fish & Shrimp  
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Windsor Heights Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual **FISH FRY** every Friday during Lent from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Station Five!

**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)."

## St Anthony's Parish FISH FRY



**Fish Dinner Meal \$13.00**  
**Sandwich and Chips \$11.00**  
**Side orders of Haluski & Pierogies**  
**Ash Wednesday & every Friday during Lent**  
**11 am – 6 pm**  
**St Anthony's Church Cafeteria**  
**1017 Jefferson St, Follansbee**  
**Meal Includes**  
**Fish with bun, Slaw, Mac N Cheese**  
**Desserts and Drinks available for purchase**  
 Call 304-527-7801 to order  
 Please Do Not call the Parish Office

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.

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and all patients  
at St. Jude's  
Hospital**

**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!**

