

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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AUGUST 18, 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
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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 – True Food and True Drink

This Sunday we hear in the Gospel the concluding section of the Bread of Life discourse. Christ's proclamation that the new bread from heaven is his own flesh results in a dispute among his hearers. "They quarreled among themselves," the Gospel says. The Greek verb that is used in this case, implying to battle, to fight, reminds us of the dispute and fight of the people in the desert against Moses and the Lord (see the Book of Exodus 17:2 and the Book of Numbers 20:3-13).

The question, "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" shows that the people have only understood Christ's words in their face-value meaning, and not in the deeper and mystical sense. As a result, Jesus' words occasion a misunderstanding. We might ask, how can that be if Jesus is speaking? The reply could be in part that God's word is freely given and is capable of being accepted or rejected by the nature of human free will.

Since some of his original hearers understood Jesus as meaning a physical eating of his flesh, they would have found the statement and idea of Jesus as simply absurd, while others sought to find in it some spiritual or deeper meaning for their lives.

Jesus does not answer the questions about his words directly, but goes on to say, with even more emphasis than before, the earlier statement that was offensive to some of his hearers. He adds to this the place of drinking his blood as well, as a condition for entering into eternal life. "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you," Jesus says.

There are various layers of meaning here. To eat and drink can be understood as participating in the sacrificial suffering and death of the Lord. It can also mean partaking of the food of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, with Christ instituted as a sacrament at the Last Supper. This is food which gives life, but spiritual life, not merely physical life.

"Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," Jesus goes on to say, repeating what he said earlier in a positive way, but with the same meaning. Furthermore, Jesus says, "The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Here we find a sense of the permanence of the bond between God and people. It is a covenant that cannot be broken by God, only by humans choosing for that which is not God. The desire of God, of course, is for a lasting and intimate communion with every person and forever.

This is a mutual union which only enhances the human person and gives glory to God. No one is diminished or annihilated, but rather, brought to fullness by partaking of divine life. For this we were created and this is our glory! As Christ is united fully and for eternity with the Father, so we are to be partakers in some way in this great mystery and wonder. It begins on earth and is completed in heaven after this life.

Christ longs to abide, to dwell, to remain, within us. Christ is the source of divine life being poured out freely as true life, ever increasing the possibility of fullness, vitality and perfection, what we traditionally call in our Catholic Tradition, Christian holiness.

Jesus tells his hearers to seek after the food which remains, which the Son of Man will give. This is the bread of God because it comes from heaven and gives life to the world, to every human being. This bread of life is Christ himself, because he has given life to those who come to him through faith, and through the sacramental eating of his Body and Blood.

This consuming of the bread of life is a true eating, not a metaphor or a symbol, and in fact the means of really living the true life, "in Christ," in communion with the One sent by God and in communion with one another on the same path to life on high.

Saint Paul today speaks in the second lesson this Sunday about our Christian life. He says, "Keep careful watch over your conduct." The phrase, originally in Greek, could more accurately be translated as, "watch how you walk." Christians must "walk" lives worthy of their high calling and not behave like fools or the ignorant, unaware of God and the salvation being offered in Jesus Christ. What does this mean? Most especially it means living in love, forgiving one another from the heart, just as God has forgiven us and as Christ has sacrificed himself on our behalf. In a word, we are to walk each day as children of the light.

Having received the light of Christ in baptism, followers of Christ must make a constant effort to live in the light of the faith and of Christ. We are to be careful, then, though not fearful, but conscious of what we do and say, so as to abide in Christ and he is us. "Be filled with the Holy Spirit," says Saint Paul.

### **Question:**

As a means of dipping our toes into a religious pilgrimage, is there any interest in organizing a pilgrimage to Montreal and visiting the religious sites there in August of 2025? Our pilgrimage would include a visit to St. Joseph's Oratory where St. André Bessette worked his many miracles. Or would we want to go to a different location for a religious pilgrimage? We can do fundraisers to offset costs and help make it more affordable for people. We would be going through a pilgrimage company to arrange all the details for us.

Lastly, we are looking to start up our RCIA program once again. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please have them call the parish office or talk to me. Meeting times are flexible.



Sat 4:00 pm Don Mitchell+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno & their deceased descendants+

Mon 8:30 am Juan Pablo Ambriz+

Tue 8:30 am Matt & Eleanor Evans+

Wed 5:30 pm David Cook Sr. & David Cook Jr.+

Thur 8:30 am Charlotte Pollock+

Fri 5:30 pm Father Soplinski

Sat 4:00 pm Rockey/ Sperlazza Families+

Sun 8:00 am Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr. & Rose Defede+

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Prv 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

**Monday:** EZ 24:15-23/  
DEUTERONOMY 32:18-19, 20, 21/ MT 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/ Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB/ Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/ Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/ PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69



**AUGUST 24, 4:00 PM**

Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza

Ser Avery & Liam

Lec Jim Sperlazza

**AUGUST 25, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff

Ser Theresa Kowcheck

Lec Maryanne Capp

**AUGUST 25, 10:30 AM**

Gre Mary Beth Harvey

Ser Will & Stothard

Lec Mary Beth Harvey

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 986.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday, August 18th is for the Education of DWC Seminarians.

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.

For just \$5 you can purchase a ticket for a chance to win the **OHIO LOTTERY EVENING PICK 3**. Winners receive anywhere from \$50 to \$1000. A portion of the proceeds not paid out goes to the Food Pantry and assisting them with all they do for our community! For more information or to purchase a ticket please call the office.

**ALTAR & SOCIETY** will continue to meet on Monday mornings to say the Rosary before Mass. All are invited to come and join in this beautiful devotion before the daily Mass every Monday.

**CATECHESIS**

We will be starting CCD classes in September. If you need to sign your child up please call Monica Biery (304)650-5622

As you all know we have been working on a **CENTENNIAL DIRECTORY** to be handed out at the Mass and dinner in December. In previous years all of our volunteers were pictured by group. We have scheduled picture days for Altar & Rosary Society, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Funeral Luncheon Teams, Men's Group and all Mass volunteers. These dates and times can be found inside the bulletin. If you are involved in any of these teams and cannot make the date but would like to still be listed as "not pictured" please call the office and let us know.

**AUGUST 11, 2024 Col-**

<u>lection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	144	\$ 3871
Votive Candles		\$ 42
Building & Maintenance		\$ 739
Elevator		\$ 175
Assumption		\$ 15
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



**Sat:** Joanne Dremark

**Sun:**

**Mon:** Mary Beth Harvey

**Tue:** Joshua Caswell, Kathy Diserio

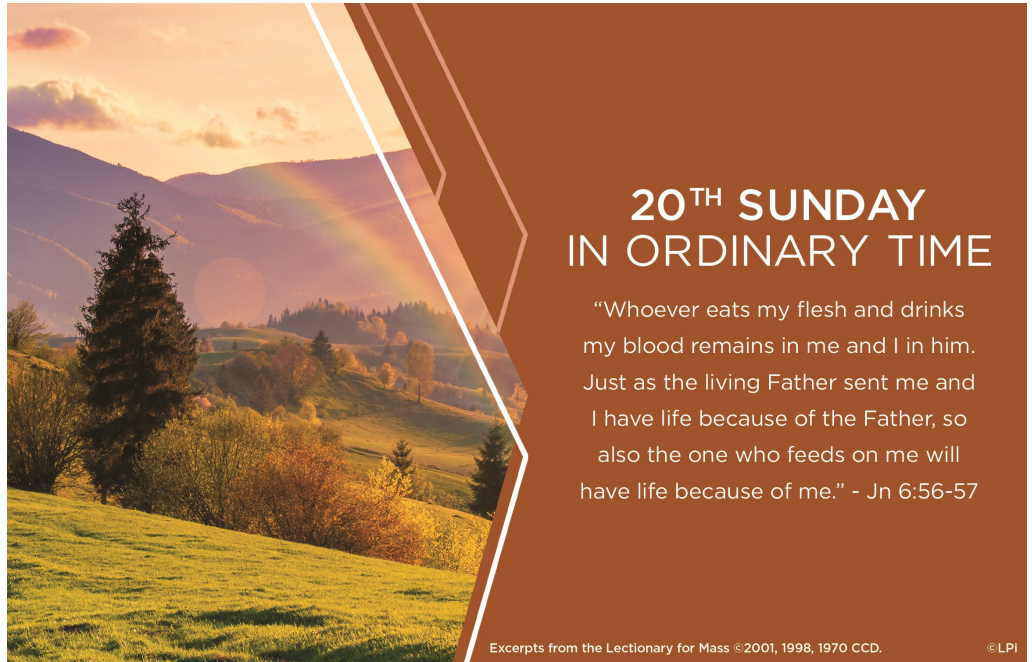
**Wed:** Aloysius Reis

**Thur:** Lee Cecchini

**Fri:** Kim Stewart, Joan Baird, Philip Russell, Father Soplinski

**Sat:**

**Sun:**



# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.” - Jn 6:56-57

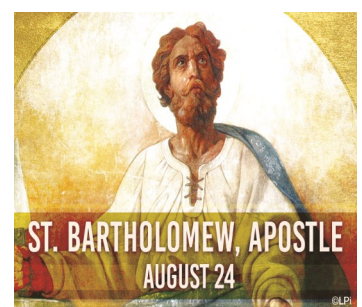
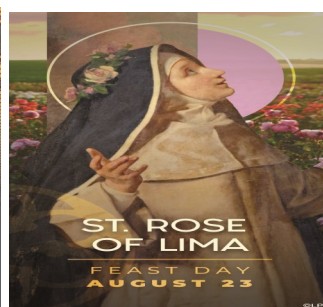
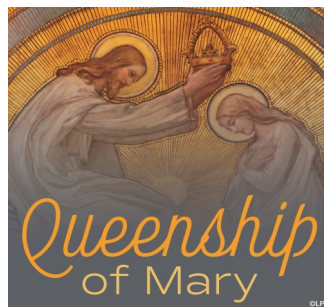
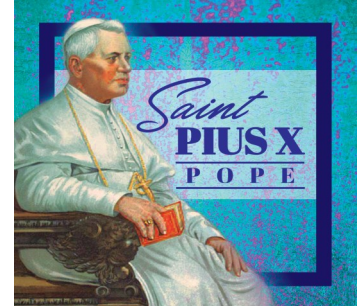
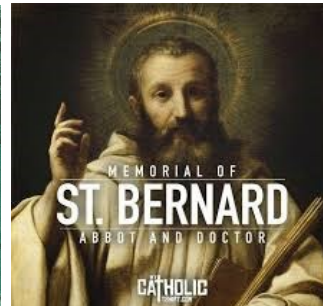
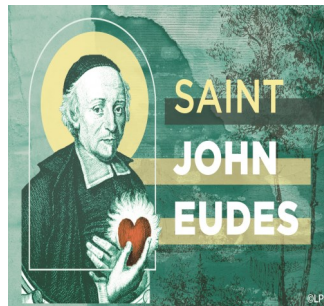
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## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
*Danny Cipoletti*  
(Ron & Mary Lynn Michaux)  
From August 16th to August 29th.



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

- DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY,
- BOB STUCKEY, PAULA HENDERSON,
- DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER,
- CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, LLOYD “PEANUT” VAN HORN, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, DEBBIE, AND RICK MERCER

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

### 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

# August 2024 Parish Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Due to Mass at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the Assumption of Mary Thursday, August 15th we will not be having 8:30 a.m. Mass.				1	2	3
4	5	6 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m. Coffee Klatch	14 Assumption of BVM Vigil 5:30 p.m.	15 Assumption of BVM 12 p.m. And 6 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Doris Sperlazza Funeral 11 a.m.	20 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Coffee and Catechesis 9 a.m.	28 Men's Group & Picture 7 p.m.	29	30	31 Community Yard Sale 9 a.m.



Our **DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** go to the family of Doris Sperlazza for her passing on August 15th, 2024. May she rest in peace.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Wednesday, September 4th: Altar & Rosary Meeting & group pictures
- Monday, September 9th: Finance Council Meeting & group pictures
- Thursday, September 12th: Pastoral Council Meeting & group picture
- \*UPDATED Sunday, September 15th: Mass Volunteer group picture**
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/ Holiday Gathering

We would like to apologize to our **Money Counters** for not including you in picture day. We would like to invite you to the parish hall on September 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for group pictures for our directory. We will be having a light reception afterwards for a thank you for all you do!

**A FAMILY PE RSPECTIVE  
By Bud Ozar**

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

**ATTENTION:**

**Finance Council/ Pastoral Council/ Altar & Rosary Society/ Men's Group/ All Mass Volunteers:**

Over the next several weeks we will be scheduling times to take group pictures for our Centennial Parish Directory. For the groups who have scheduled meetings we will take the group photo then, these meetings are scheduled for:

- Men's Group 8/28/24
- Altar & Rosary Society 9/04/24
- Finance Council 9/09/24
- Pastoral Council 9/12/24

**Updated:**

We would like to invite all of our Mass volunteers, Greeters, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Money Counters and Funeral Luncheon teams to picture day on Sunday, September 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for each groups picture followed by light refreshments as a Thank You for your continued help.

If you cannot make any of these schedules times and would like to be listed as unpictured please call the office and let us know.



St. John the Evangelist Parish would like to invite everyone to prepare for Consecration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at our parish in Wellsburg. Anyone who is interested in staying for Consecration to follow will be welcome. We will have light refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. For more information please call our office at (304) 737-0429 or go to [MINational@MissionImmaculata.com](mailto:MINational@MissionImmaculata.com)



**Celebrate Five with 5**  
for Bishop Brennan's Fifth Anniversary

Commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with five gifts of prayer and works of mercy.

Add yours at:

[dwc.org/celebrate-five](https://dwc.org/celebrate-five)

As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Bishop Mark Brennan as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to Celebrate Five with 5! This is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with gifts Christ taught us we were the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> and gift their five.

**Gift of Prayer:** Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include praying the rosary during a road trip for pregnant women as well as the husband/father; for engaged/newly married couples; for the intentions of the faithful of the diocese; and for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

**Gift of Works/Deed:** inspired by his example, Catholic Charities WV compiled five acts of service - volunteer in your community; listen and encounter with others; serve the vulnerable; provide spiritual and emotional support; and advocate for justice.

Add your gift online: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>

For more information see this week's FaithInWV e-bulletin available with archived editions at: <https://faithinwv.org>

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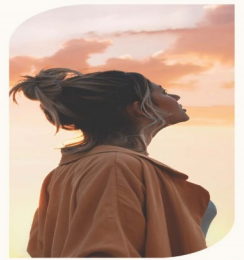
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**HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT**

Rachel's Vineyard and Aim Executive Director Rebekah Cohen Morris would like to invite you to a retreat focused on renewing, rebuilding, and redeeming hearts broken by abortion.

- ✓ Start date: Friday, September 20, 2024
- ✓ End date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
- ✓ Call 770-715-7200 to RSVP or for more info
- ✓ Supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where men and women can express, release, and reconcile post-abortion emotions.



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If anyone would like to donate items to the Church for the Community Yard Sale please call the office.

For anyone who wishes to not have their address and phone number listed in the new directory please call the office and let us know.



St. John the Evangelist Parish and the Altar and Rosary Society will be hosting a COMMUNITY YARD SALE in the parish hall on Saturday, August 31st from 9a.m. to 3p.m. A community yard sale striving to promote fun and fellowship for all.

Rules:

- 1. A \$10 fee for an 8ft. table is required.
2. We also ask a 10% donation to the church at the conclusion of the sale.
3. Each participant is responsible to manage their tables/ items.
4. At the end of the yard sale any remaining items must removed by the participants.

We will have sandwiches, snacks, desserts, and drinks for sale throughout the day. Friday set up available.

Please complete and Return with the \$10 table fee.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the rules above and agree to them. I release St. John Church from any responsibility of loss or injury during the yard sale hours.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

