

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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AUGUST 25, 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
**Office Manager**.....Steph Russell  
**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—Decisions, Decisions

The word of God asks us to make a choice. Today, Jesus concludes his teaching on the most important reality in the universe, his real substantial presence in the Holy Eucharist, and after weeks of exploring this profound mystery of his love we come to its culmination in a choice whether or not to believe him and to be defined by the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

In the first and second readings, the Church prepares us for that choice. After the tribes of Israel had finally arrived in the promised land, Joshua presented them with a choice. Choose today whom you will serve: the gods your father served beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling, as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Here we learn three crucial aspects about the choice that we need to make:

First, on a moral level no one is an atheist or agnostic. Through our actions we show that we serve a god, we absolutely serve something, we either serve the true God or we end up serving another god of something else. The god of our own egos, the god of money, the god of control, or power, the god of pleasure, the god of an ideology or a cause. Joshua demands that we be upfront and explicit about whom we're serving.

The second thing that this reveals is that our past choices, while good, are not enough. The Israelites chose the Lord when he worked mighty deeds to free them from slavery in Egypt or parted the Red Sea or fed them miraculously with heavenly manna or water from the rock. But now they need to choose again. They had just crossed into the promised land and God was going to have them fight local tribes against great odds to obtain it. They couldn't live on their past choices; a follower of God needs always to be faithful in the present to choose the Lord today.

And the third aspect is that the choice for God is the choice against the other gods. Joshua helped the Israelites to see that they couldn't serve both the true God and the gods their ancestors worshipped. To choose God means to reject Satan and his works and empty promises. That's the first reading. The second reading gets us ready for the choice in that the Lord reveals through Saint Paul that this choice is a total spousal commitment. You know the commitment of Christian marriage is a total commitment on the part of a man and woman to leave father and mother and cling to each other in one flesh. To be subordinate to each other out of reverence for Christ. To imitate Christ's spousal love and laying down their lives to make each other holy and we're living in a culture that doesn't like to make definitive commitments. It seeks to squirm out of lifelong choices and it's a terrible plague because one can find true love only through lifelong commitments.

In this supreme gift, he's asking us to make him the source and the summit of our existence. He's asking us to choose him who has already chosen us. To commit to him who has already made the ultimate commitment to us. He's asking us to be as faithful to him as he is already faithful to us in the new and eternal covenant sealed in his body and blood. Now that's not easy and it's certainly not a given.

His own disciples said this teaching is difficult, who can accept it. They were not strangers to Jesus; they were his disciples. They had been amazed and astonished by his teaching. They had heard him preach like no one had ever preached before. They had witnessed him heal the blind, the deaf, the crippled, the leper, and driven out demons. These were the very people who had just personally witnessed him feed five more than five thousand people and now they were saying what Jesus was asking was just a bridge too far.

And so, the choice comes to us today to respond to his daily gift of himself. Jesus wants us to draw our life from him, to live a eucharistic life, to experience a spousal union with him, consummated in the one flesh and loving communion that happens on the altar when we as the bride of Christ take within us the body of the bridegroom. What will your response be?

- Fr. Golna



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

Mon 8:30 am Patricia Muoka+

Tue 8:30 am Rosemary Kyanko+

Wed 5:30 pm Thomas Kanzelberger+

Thur 8:30 am Terry Cross+

Fri 5:30 pm Rinaldo & Mary Anitori & Rose Defede+

Sat 4:00 pm Mario Ficca+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am The Barsi Family+

*Readings*

**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

**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

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/ Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17/ PS 96:10, 11-12, 13/ MT 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18/ PS 128:1-2, 4-5/ MT 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/ PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 6:17-29

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/ Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**AUGUST 31, 4:00 PM**

Gre Pam Boyd & Jeanette Buffington

Ser Avery & Liam

Lec AJ Mitchell

**SEPTEMBER 1, 8:00 AM**

Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear

Ser Theresa Kowcheck

Lec Maryanne Capp

**SEPTEMBER 1, 10:30 AM**

Gre Steph Russell

Ser Will & Stothard

Lec Cheryl Bland

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 989.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday, September 1st is for 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.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we are **starting our RCIA program** up again. Please contact the parish office or Father Golna to begin this process to become Catholic! Classes are scheduled around your convenience.

**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

The parish is in search of a **PARISH SECRETARY** because Steph will now be handling the Bookkeeping for both St. John the Evangelist and Corpus Christi. Steph is excited to be close to Philip during his last 2 years at Corpus Christi and is going to help us get our new secretary ready to take over. If you or anyone you know may be interested please email us a copy of their resume at [office@stjohnwellsburgwv.com](mailto:office@stjohnwellsburgwv.com)

**AUGUST 18, 2024 Col-**

<u>lection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	134	\$ 2780.15
Votive Candles		\$10
Building & Maintenance		\$20
Elevator		\$50
Assumption	69	\$390
Education of Seminarians		\$374
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



**Sat:**  
**Sun:**  
**Mon:**  
**Tue:**  
**Wed:** Celia Ptasek  
**Thur:** Jack Pavlic  
**Fri:**  
**Sat:** John Niven Jr.  
**Sun:** Nancy Trubiano



21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."  
 - Jn 6:67-69

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ST. MONICA & ST. AUGUSTINE

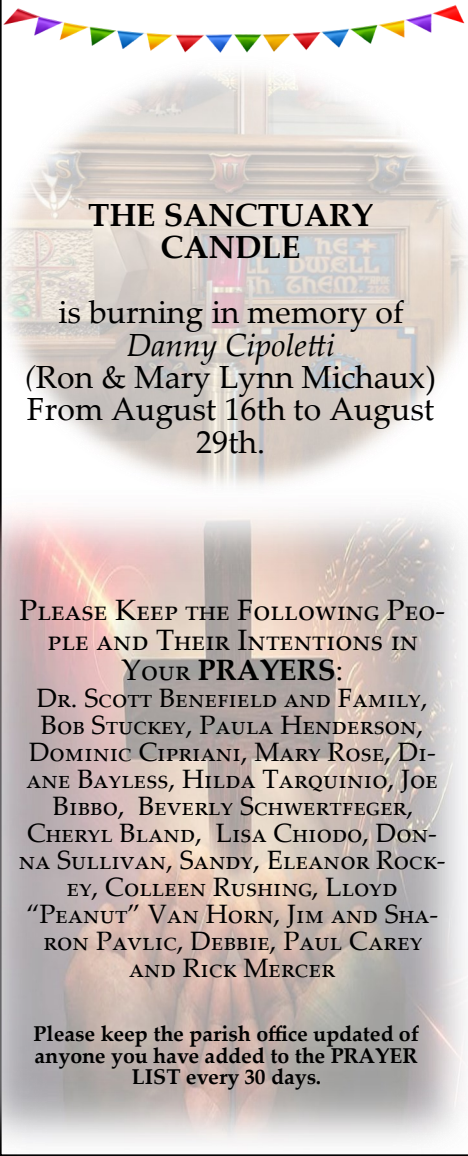
Two Saints with feast days in August who were mother and son:



Passion of St. John the Baptist

Feast Day: August 29

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



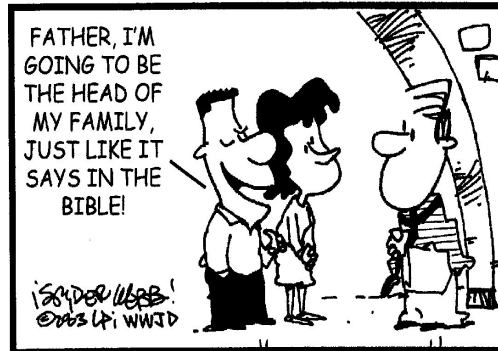
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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, PAUL CAREY AND RICK MERCER

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



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.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW RECEIVES A TEXT MESSAGE FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FATHER GOLNA ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH GIFT CARDS, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE, CALL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW.

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.

**DIRECTORY:**

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.

**Finance Council/ Pastoral Council/ Altar & Rosary Society/ Men's Group/ Money Counters/ 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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

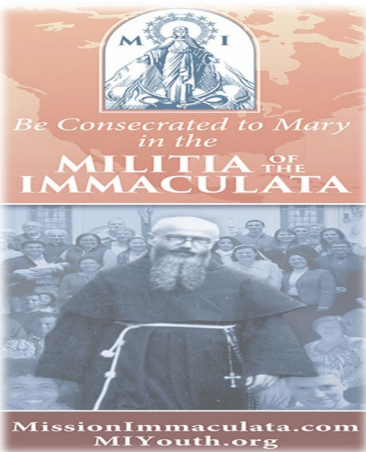
- Wednesday, September 4th: Altar & Rosary Meeting & group pictures
- Sunday, September 8th: Consecration Preparation
- Monday, September 9th: Finance Council Meeting & group pictures
- Thursday, September 12th: Pastoral Council Meeting & group picture
- \*UPDATED Sunday, September 15th: Mass Volunteer group picture**
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication  
Mass/ Holiday Gathering

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



# Downtown Wellsburg BLOCK PARTY

Sept. 5  
Town Square • 5:30-8:30 pm



St. John the Evangelist Parish would like to invite everyone to prepare for Consecration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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)

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# 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](http://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 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.

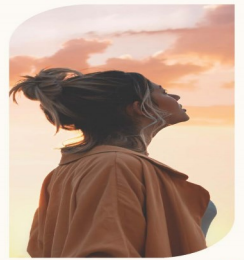
Add your gift online: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>

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

## 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-abortive emotions.



Rachel's VINEYARD | Aim WOMEN'S CENTER

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- ♦ If anyone would be willing to donate a baked good for our Community Yard Sale please call Susie Mullenbach at 304-281-1239
- ♦ If anyone would like to donate items to the Church for the Community Yard Sale please call the office.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

