



Merry Christmas!
Saint John the Evangelist Parish

Pastor's Perusings – Christmas Greetings!

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Merry Christmas!

On this most sacred day, we gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The story of His humble arrival in a manger reminds us of God's immense love for humanity—a love so profound that He sent His only Son to dwell among us, bringing light into our darkness and hope into our hearts. Today, we rejoice in the Good News: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).

Christmas is a time of celebration, reflection, and renewal. As we look around at the twinkling lights, hear the joyous carols, and see the faces of loved ones, we are reminded of the many ways God blesses our lives. Yet, amidst the beauty and joy of the season, let us never lose sight of the true reason we celebrate: the incredible gift of Jesus, who comes to us as Emmanuel, "God with us."

To our parish family, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude. Your faith, generosity, and dedication are what make our parish a vibrant, welcoming, and loving community. Each of you plays a unique role in building the Kingdom of God here in our midst. Whether you serve in a ministry, contribute to outreach efforts, or simply pray for our parish, your presence and participation are gifts for which I am deeply thankful.

For those who may be visiting today or returning to the Church after some time away, I want to extend a special welcome to you. Christmas is a time for open hearts and open doors, and I hope you feel the warmth of Christ's love here among us. Our parish is not just a place of worship; it is a home, and we are eager to journey with you in faith, no matter where you are in your relationship with God.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am filled with hope and excitement. There are so many opportunities to grow together as a parish community, and I invite you to be part of the journey. Whether through the sacraments, prayer groups, service projects, or Coffee and Catechesis, there are countless ways to connect, contribute, and experience the joy of faith. Together, we can continue to build a community that reflects the love and mercy of Christ.

Christmas is also a time to pray for those who are in need—the sick, the lonely, the grieving, and the struggling. Let us remember them in our prayers and, wherever possible, extend a hand of love and support. As Christ calls us to be His hands and feet in the world, may we reach out to those in need and bring His light to their lives.

Finally, let this Christmas be a moment of renewal for us all. May we open our hearts to the transformative power of Christ's love and commit ourselves to living as His disciples. Let us carry the joy of Christmas into the new year, sharing God's love with everyone we meet.

On behalf of myself, our staff, and all who serve our parish, I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings, peace, and joy. May the Christ child guide and bless you today and always, and may our parish continue to grow as a community of faith, hope, and love.

With Christmas joy and gratitude,
Father Justin Golna
Pastor

Mass of St. Francis

Gloria

Horst Buchholz

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
 peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
 dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
 your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
 God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world,
 re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Choir/Cantor:

All:



Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 8:00 am William & Lucille Bayless +

Sun 10:30 am Mario, Greg, & Helen Lamone +

Mon 8:30 am Dan Zimsen +

Tue 4:00 pm Ron Ujcich, Jr. +

Tue 9:00 pm Jeff Ferda +

Wed 10:30 am People of the Parish

Thur 8:30 am Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr. +

Fri 5:30 pm Robert Stuckey Jr. +

Sat 4:00 pm Robert Stuckey Jr. +

Sun 8:00 am Benny & Richard Buoy +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14, Zep 3:14-18a, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19., Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:38, Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14, Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29., Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17, Ps 118:26a, 27a, Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5., Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52



DECEMBER 28, 4:00 PM
Gre: Pam and Jeanette
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

DECEMBER 29, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser:
Lec: Maryanne Capp

DECEMBER 29, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Gavin Scott

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

At the Creed during Christmas Masses, all kneel for "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

THE READINGS for Christmas are in the Hymnal at 871.

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.

December 22nd, 2024

Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	113	\$4064
Elevator		
Candles		\$268.75
Building and Maintenance		\$40
Christmas Flowers		\$25
Christmas		\$100
Centennial		
Mary Mother of God		\$5
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900



Sat:

Sun:

Mon: James Sperlazza & Susan Reed

Tues: Judith Aracich

Wed: Victoria Staffileno

Thur: James Lazear

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Brittany Staffileno



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Jeff Ferda
(Cindy Ferda)

From December 20, 2024 to
January 02, 2025.

Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE AND FAMILY, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIODO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, ELEANOR SACRIPANTI, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, AND PATTY WATERS.

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



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:14

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A Concert for Christmas & Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 AT 3PM

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Deborah Podolski Breiding, piano • Amanda Sable, vocalist
Christie Greenwood, vocalist • Braden Mills, vocalist

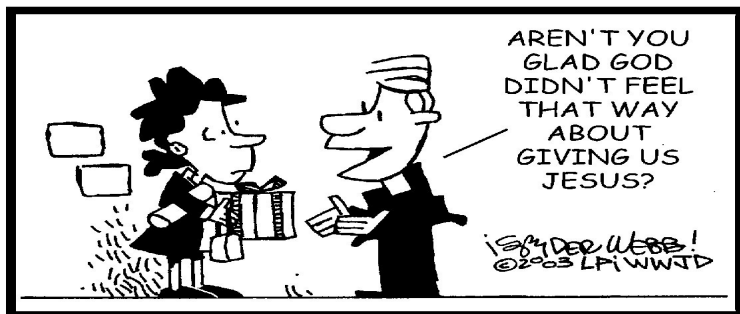
Free Admission
Donations will be accepted for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

DECEMBER 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis	4 6:30 P.M. Altar & Rosary Meeting	5 6:30 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting	6	7
8	9 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception 12 P.M. / 6 P.M. Mass	10 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis	11 11 A.M. Altar & Rosary Soup and Sandwich	12	13	14 4 P.M. 100th Year Anniversary Mass and Gathering
15	16	17 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis 6 p.m. Advent Penance Service	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Vigil Mass—6:00 p.m.				

CHRISTMAS



Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Mark Kowcheck who passed away on December 19, 2024. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Saint John the Evangelist Parish on December 27, 2024 at 11 a.m. Please keep Mark's family in your prayers.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfilled expectations get in way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

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.



Christmas Flowers In Memory Of

The Alvarez Family

Rinaldo and Mary Anitori

George and Mildred Bayless

Joe and Pearl Bibbo

Charles "Jock" Birkhimer

Clara Branch

Lou Branch

Mark Branch

Danny Cipoletti

Rose Defede

Harold DeGarmo

The DiNardo Family

Jack and Beverly Donini

Jeff Ferda

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John Jackfert

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Andy and Stella Matusic

Tom and Claribel McLaughlin

The Mitchell Family

The Pavlic Family

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The Stokes Family

Leonard and Gerry Stolirchick

Robert Stuckey Jr.

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Christmas Flower cost: \$1300

Flower collection: \$770

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As many of you know, we are going to be printing our bulletin in-house completely as of February 2025. This will have some added paper and ink costs, so we are looking to offset costs of our bulletin with Advertisers. We have several different size options and time frames to suit your advertising needs. If you own a business, please consider supporting your parish directly by advertising in our bulletin and let anyone you know who owns a business that we are accepting new advertisers to help support our beloved parish!

We are also going to offer Memorials in the bulletin as well. The memorials will be \$20 and will look similar to the photo to the left and below. These will run the entire month of your choosing and can say whatever you would like them to say.

If you or anyone you may know would be interested in advertising or our new Memorials, please call the office anytime!

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