

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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DECEMBER 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
**Bookkeeper**.....Steph Russell  
**Parish Secretary**.....Amanda Manner  
**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 — *Credo in unum Deum*

Having (hopefully) just had the Sacred Scriptures broken open for us in the homily, we sit in sacred silence for a few moments to allow the Word of God just proclaimed to us to take root in our hearts. Then we move on to the great profession of faith known as the Creed.

The word "Creed" comes to us from the Latin *credo* which means 'I believe'. At Mass, there is the option of reciting the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (also known as the Nicene Creed). The Apostles' Creed is a rightful summary of the faith of the Apostles (cf. CCC 194) and the Nicene Creed comes to us from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381) and remains common to all of the great Churches of the East and the West to this very day (cf. CCC 195).

The Creed is also known as the 'symbol of faith' because it also referred to as the *symbolum* in Latin. The Creed that we profess at Mass each week is the symbol which identifies us as Christians and cannot be professed by non-Christians without a lie on their part. As the symbol of our faith, the Creed unites us by allowing us to publicly profess a summary of the core doctrines that we believe. Having heard the truths of the Faith in the Liturgy of the Word, now we profess them in the Creed.

We stand for the Creed because of its importance in our Church and in our lives. Of important note is another gesture the Church asks of us as we profess the Creed. **As we say 'and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man,' we are to bow in adoration of the Incarnation and birth of our Lord. At the Annunciation on March 25th and at the upcoming Christmas Masses on December 25th (and the vigils on Dec. 24), we retain the ancient custom of genuflecting during these lines.**

Bowing while we recall the Incarnation acknowledges in a humble way how much we honor that significant moment in world history. Genuflecting on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Christmas adds even more solemn praise to the joy of that moment,

reflecting our adoration of our Lord who took on a human nature, becoming man for our sake.

The Nicene Creed can be broken down into distinct sections which orient us in professing our faith in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and finally key Catholic beliefs.

The opening line of the Creed is "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty". We believe in one God in three divine Persons. We do not believe in three gods. This reveals to us that there is not a pantheon of gods of which ours is one among many, but that there exists only one God. There are no competing gods who can come and take away the throne from God. There are no other gods who can compete for our love and affection. The one God that we worship is not only our king and Lord, He is also our Heavenly Father. We are His adopted son or daughter through Baptism and are invited into a personal and intimate relationship with Him and are able to receive His loving care and grace.

The Creed continues with "maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible". Not only did He create the universe in which we currently live, He created the Heavenly Paradise to which we are invited to live with Him for all eternity. This statement of faith also makes clear that God created the visible and material world which we see and with which we interact on a daily basis, but He also created everything that we can't see with our eyes: our souls, the angels, and even the demons who rebelled against God.

This statement makes it clear that everything God has created does not meet the criteria of "matter" to be seen or felt. There is a spiritual world where "real things happen" even though they are unseen. Even though we cannot see this spiritual world with our eyes, we have nothing to fear because God is tremendously powerful and draws us into a loving relationship with Him and invites us to share eternal blessedness with Him in another invisible reality known as Heaven. Next week we move on to the next section.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Rockey/ Sperlazza

Families +

Sun 8:00 am The Barsi Family +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 12:00 pm Ann Uhlar +

Mon 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Tue 8:30 am Olga Messner +

Wed 5:30 pm Rosemary Kyanko +

Thur 8:30 am Jim Sperlazza +

Fri 5:30 pm Madalyn Sperlazza +

Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Robert Newton Sr. +

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Is 33:22, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9, Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6., Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:4, 6, Lk 3:1-6

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20, PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, See Lk 1:28, Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11, Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13, Mt 18:12-14,

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31, Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10, Mt 11:28-30,

**Thursday:** ZEC 2:14-17, JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19, LK 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19, Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19, Lk 3:4, 6, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6., Phil 4:4-7, Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18), Lk 3:10-18



**DECEMBER 14, 4:00 PM**

**Gre:** Rob & Marcie Morris

**Ser:** Avery and Liam

**Lec:** Marcie Morris

**DECEMBER 15, 8:00 AM**

**Gre:** Anna and JeJe

**Ser:** Judith Aracich

**Lec:** Maryanne Capp

**DECEMBER 15, 10:30 AM**

**Gre:** Susie Mullenbach

**Ser:** Will and Stothard

**Lec:** Pam Ferguson

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

Our **Advent Penance Service** will be on **Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m.** Fr. John Soplinski will be our guest confessor!

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at **861**

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.

It is that time of year again when the **FOOD PANTRY** could use our help with their holiday assistance. Gift cards in \$10 increments are always appreciated. You can turn them into the office or send them in the collection basket.

**December 1st, 2024**

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	142	\$3815
Building & Maintenance		\$40
Mary Mother of God		\$20
Candles		\$44
Christmas		\$50
Retirement for the Religious		\$30
Catholic Charities		\$10
Thanksgiving for the poor		\$470
Christmas Flowers		\$576
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900

# BIRTHDAY Blessings

**Sat:**

**Sun:** Julianna Petruccioli

**Mon:** Jackson Roush

**Tues:** Susie Mullenbach and  
W. Cipoletti

**Wed:**

**Thurs::**

**Fri:** Sally Cassandra and Michael  
Staffileno

**Sat:** Jentzen Kowcheck

**Sun:**



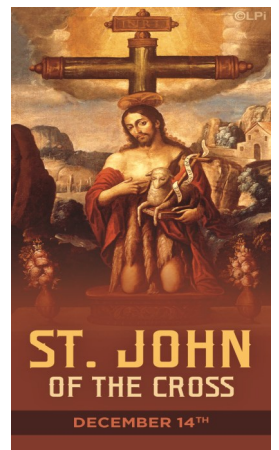
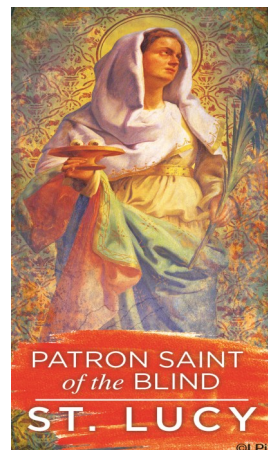
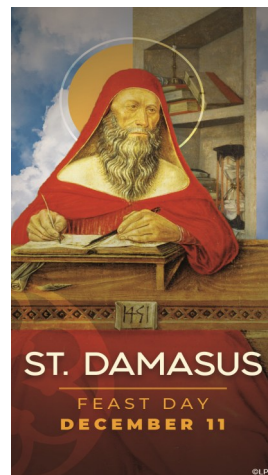
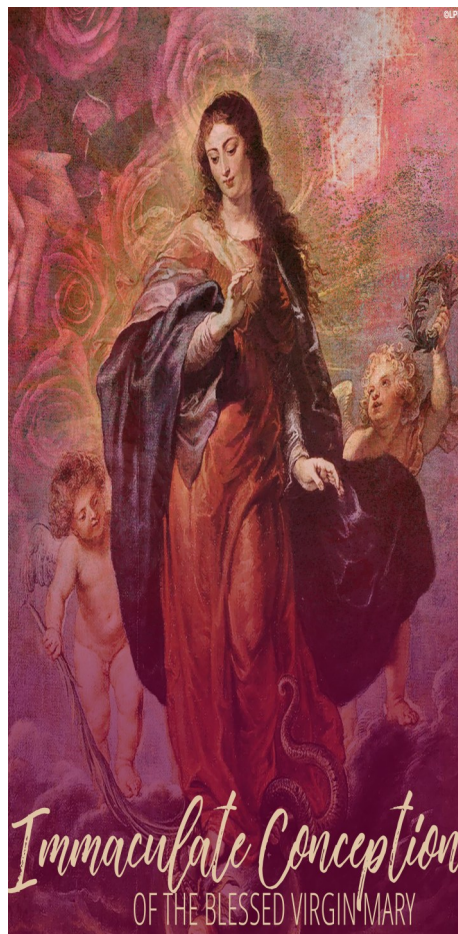
## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
**Virginia Diserio**  
(Celia Ptaszek)  
From December 6, 2024 to  
December 19, 2024.

## 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 CHIDO, 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.

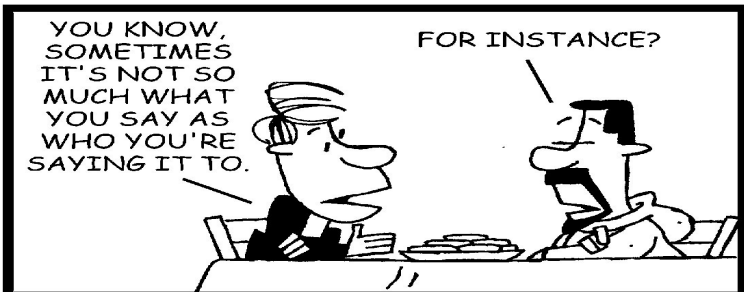


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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	18	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



DATES TO REMEMBER:

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHEDULE**

**December 9th (Holy Day of Obligation)**

11:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. — Confession

12 P.M. — Mass

5:15 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. — Confession

6:00 P.M. — Mass

**Saturday, December 14th:** 100th Year Dedication Mass/ Holiday Gathering

**Tuesday, December 17th:** 6 P.M. Advent Penance Service

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**By Bud Ozar**

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feeling which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

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.

**THE LADIES OF THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY WILL BE SELLING THEIR COOKIE TRAYS AGAIN THIS YEAR AT THEIR SOUP & SANDWICH SALE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH. ALL COOKIES NEED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PARISH BY 12 P.M. ON DECEMBER 10TH. WE WILL ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST PUTTING TRAY TOGETHER THAT DAY AS WELL AT 3 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL . WE ARE ALSO NEEDING VOLUNTEERS ON DECEMBER 11TH FOR OUR MONTHLY SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE. PLEASE CONTACT SUSIE MULLENBACH AT (304)281-1239 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.**



## Sacred Heart of Mary Christmas Kielbasa Sale

This Christmas Sacred Heart of Mary Church will once again be taking orders for Jacob & Sons Kielbasa from Martins Ferry, OH.

Kielbasa choices are smoked \$6/lb. or fresh unsmoked \$6/lb., **weights will vary**. Orders are due by **Monday, December 16** and will be available for pick up on **Saturday, December 21 from 12:00 to 4:00** in the cafeteria. **Payment due at time of pick up**. To order call the church office at 304-723-7175 from 8am-1:30pm M-F or by dropping the order form off at the church office at **200 Preston Ave Weirton**. Thank you for your support.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Smoked Kielbasa \_\_\_\_\_ # Lbs. Fresh (unsmoked) Kielbasa \_\_\_\_\_ # Lbs. Home-

**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

9 A.M.		Every week on Wednesdays, from 9 until 5 p.m., adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in our parish church.  If you would like to sign up to be an adorer for an hour, please call the parish office.	
10 A.M.			
11 A.M.			
12 P.M.			
1 P.M.			
2 P.M.			Need 1 Adorer
3 P.M.			
4 P.M.			



It has been brought to our attention that the Sarris Candy Bars are a little hard to sell at \$3 each so we are going to make them 2 for \$5. From what we were told this was the first time that Sarris has raised their prices in several years, they also worked with us to help us get the maximum donation amount. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the situation.

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Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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