

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
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**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— Universal Prayer

Having concluded our study of the Nicene Creed, we turn our attention to the conclusion of the first part of the Mass known as the Liturgy of the Word.

The Universal Prayer, also known as the Prayer of the Faithful, is a significant part of the Liturgy of the Word in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This moment of intercession allows the gathered assembly to actively participate in the priestly mission of Christ by praying for the needs of the Church, the world, and individuals in particular need.

This prayer is an expression of the Church's universal concern for salvation, as well as the active involvement of the faithful in lifting up their voices to God in supplication. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states that the Universal Prayer is where "the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all" (GIRM, 69).

The practice of intercessory prayer is deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture, particularly in both the Old and New Testaments. The priestly role of intercession is evident in figures such as Moses, who interceded for the Israelites (Exodus 32:11-14) after their sin with the golden calf. The Psalms are filled with prayers of supplication for the people and the world, demonstrating the importance of communal petition in worship (cf. Psalm 28:9, Psalm 122:6).

Jesus Christ himself is the supreme intercessor, continually praying for his people (cf. John 17:9-26) and offering his life for their redemption. The early Church practiced intercessory prayer, as seen in Acts 12:5, where the Christian community prays fervently for Peter's release from prison. St. Paul exhorts believers to offer prayers for all, including those in authority: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1-2) Through these passages, the Church recognizes intercessory prayer as an essential duty of the baptized faithful, and the Universal Prayer within the Mass serves as a continuation of this biblical tradition.

One of the most profound aspects of the Universal Prayer is its connection to the common priesthood of the faithful. According to *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church from the Second Vatican Council,

all baptized Christians share in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission (*Lumen Gentium*, 10).

While the ministerial priesthood (bishops and priests) offers the Eucharistic sacrifice *in persona Christi capitis*, the common priesthood of all believers is exercised in part through prayer, sacrifice, and intercession. Thus, in the Universal Prayer, the congregation unites its petitions with Christ's eternal intercession before the Father (Hebrews 7:25), fulfilling their call to be a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9).

The Universal Prayer also highlights the Catholicity of the Church, emphasizing that the Church's mission is not isolated to one group, nation, or people, but embraces all humanity. As members of the Body of Christ, the faithful recognize that they are bound together in charity, and that prayer is one of the most powerful ways to express this unity. The Church, following Christ's example, prays not only for her own needs but for the entire world, including non-Christians, civil authorities, and even enemies (cf. Matthew 5:44).

The Universal Prayer is not an isolated element but is organically connected to the broader structure of the Mass, particularly as a transition between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Universal Prayer follows the Homily, which explains and applies the readings of the day. Having heard and reflected on God's Word, the faithful are moved to respond in faith through intercessory prayer, embodying the message they have just received. This prayer allows the assembly to internalize the Word of God and express their faith in action.

The Universal Prayer is one of the last elements of the Liturgy of the Word before the preparation of the gifts. By praying for the needs of the Church and the world, the faithful prepare their hearts to offer themselves along with the bread and wine in the upcoming Eucharistic Sacrifice. This highlights the connection between prayer and sacrifice, as the prayers of the people are gathered into the one sacrifice of Christ on the altar.

By lifting up prayers for the needs of the Church and the world, the faithful fulfill their baptismal calling to be intercessors, echoing Christ's own prayer for humanity. Thus, the Universal Prayer is not merely a ritual but a profound act of faith, love, and participation in the divine mission of the Church.—Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 8:00 am Eva Lucas +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish  
 Mon 8:30 am Msgr. Joe Peterson +  
 Tue 8:30 am Sick & Homebound  
 Wed 5:30 pm Sister Salvinette, M.C.  
 Thur 8:30 am Virginia Diserio +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Bishop Mark Brennan  
 Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, John 3:16, Mark 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:32, Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Monday:** Hebrews 11:32-40, Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Luke 7:16, Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** Hebrews 12:1-4, Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32, Matthew 8:17, Mark 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15, Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a, John 10:27, Mark 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24, Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11, Mark 1:15, Mark 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Hebrews 13:1-8, Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc, Luke 8:15, Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21, Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, John 10:27, Mark 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Matthew 4:19, Luke 5:1-11



**February 8, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre:** Rob and Marcie  
**Ser:** Avery and Liam  
**Lec:** Jim Sperlazza

**February 9, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre:** Anna and JeJe  
**Ser:** Theresa Kowcheck  
**Lec:** Judith Aracich

**February 9, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre:** Susie Mullenbach  
**Ser:** Will and Stothard  
**Lec:** Pam Ferguson

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

Paper copies of the DMI can be dropped off at the parish office by February 6th for us to mail them to CLI.

The Altar and Rosary Society invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary at 8 a.m. every Monday before the morning Mass.

Coffee and Catechesis occurs every Tuesday following 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 939

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.

Join us this upcoming First Friday for Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration. Confessions will be heard from 6—7 p.m. and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur at 7 p.m.

<u>January 26, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	136	\$3668.00
Candles		\$136.00
Church in the Developing World		\$30.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900

# BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat: Bonnie Camilletti & Tom Zurbach

Sun: Judy Cipoletti & Diane Rasz

Mon: Jeff Dorrance & John Alvarez

Tues:

Wed: Cassidy Brink

Thur: James Rosso

Fri: Estelle Shaffer

Sat: Parker McMahon, Barb Almasy,  
& John Bober

Sun:



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
**Beall Families**  
(Fleming and Postlethwaite Families)

From February 31, 2025 to  
February 13, 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 CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, ELEANOR SACRIPANTI, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, PATTY WATERS, AND SARAH MESSAR.

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

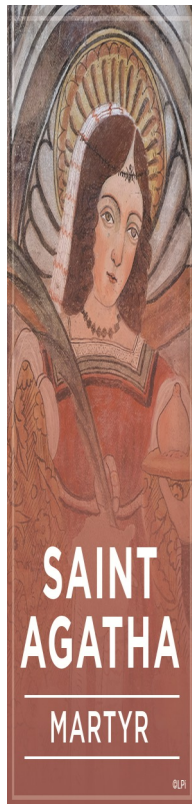


## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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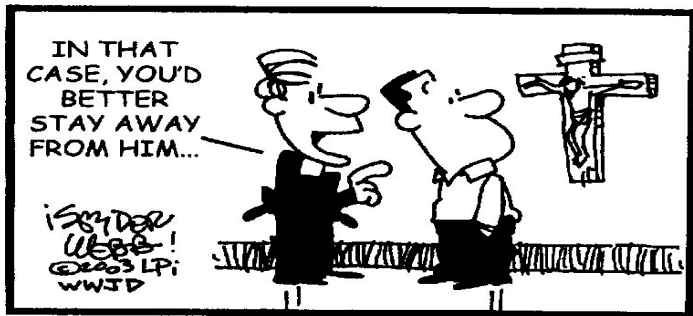
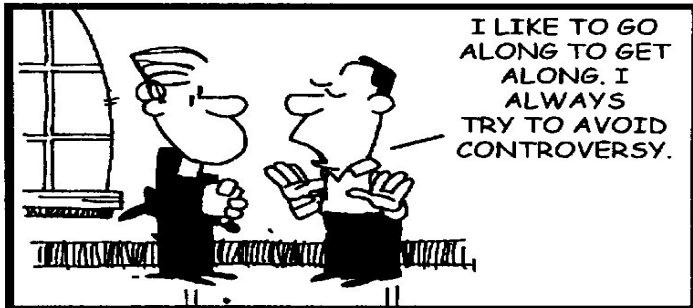


# February 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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2	3	4 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	12	13	14	15 Holy Land Gifts
16 Holy Land Gifts	17	18 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	26 Men's Group 7 p.m.	27	28	

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**



**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.
- Holy Land Gifts—Olive Wood Carvings: February 15 and 16
- Mardi Gras Dinner & Game Night: March 4th
- Altar & Rosary Meeting: **THURSDAY, March 6th**

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE  
By Bud Ozar**

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

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.duc.org](http://www.duc.org) under "Accountability" for more information.

# Jerusalem Carvings

On February 15th and 16th the group from Holy Land Gifts will have a display of beautiful handmade olive-wood carvings from Bethlehem for sale. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue living in hard economical situations. Their mission is to help support these families by selling their religious carvings. Your support through purchasing these items will help 200 families. Olivewood carvings are part of a tradition handed down generations. Please stop at their table and purchase a nice little gift from the little town in Bethlehem.

Thank you and God Bless.



On Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, Altar & Rosary will be hosting a Mardi Gras Dinner and Game Night.

Dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the parish hall with Bingo to begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring any games of your choice.

We will have baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert all for \$10. Tickets are required and will be available after the Masses on weekends or in the office starting on February 1st.

For any questions or to provide a dessert please call Susie Mullenbach 304-281-1239.

We hope to see everyone for some food, friends and fellowship!



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**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 p.m. Adorer spot for our <b>WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or let Julie Elkinton know.
10 A.M.		
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		We are currently looking for <b>LECTORS</b> at all Masses and also for <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b> for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.
1 P.M.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	
3 P.M.		
4 P.M.		

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Take the DMI survey today at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x184b6>

Or pick up a paper survey in the vestibule!



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