

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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FEBRUARY 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

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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— Pray, brethren

The *Orate, fratres* ("Pray, brethren") is a significant moment in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, serving as a transition from the Preparation of the Gifts to the Eucharistic Prayer. Though often recited briefly, this dialogue is deeply rich in theological meaning, emphasizing the priesthood of Christ, the role of the faithful, and the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist.

The *Orate, fratres* occurs immediately after the offertory prayers and the priest's washing of hands (Lavabo). At this moment, the priest invites the faithful to join in prayer for the Eucharistic sacrifice:

Priest: "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

People: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church."

This dialogue highlights the communal nature of the Mass and emphasizes the priest's role as the celebrant who offers the sacrifice in the name of the Church.

The *Orate, fratres* explicitly names the Eucharist as a sacrifice, affirming the Catholic doctrine that the Mass is not merely a communal meal or symbolic act, but the re-presentation of Christ's one eternal sacrifice (Hebrews 9:26-28). The offertory gifts, which will be consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ, are presented not simply as human offerings but as part of the divine action of the Eucharistic mystery.

The priest, acting *in persona Christi capitis* (in the person of Christ the Head), offers the Eucharistic sacrifice to the Father. However, the phrase "my sacrifice and yours" emphasizes that the offering is not the priest's alone, but one in which the entire Church participates. This reflects the understanding of the ministerial priesthood and the common priesthood of the baptized. The faithful, by virtue of their baptism, are called to offer themselves along with Christ, fulfilling their role as "a royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9).

The phrase "my sacrifice and yours" reminds the faithful that they are not mere spectators but active participants in the Mass. The Second Vatican Council, in *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (no. 48), reaffirmed that "the Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations."

The response of the people, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands," acknowledges the priest's unique role while also expressing the communal nature of worship.

The response of the faithful highlights three key purposes of the Mass:

"For the praise and glory of His name" – Worship of God.

"For our good" – The Eucharist sanctifies the faithful.

"And the good of all His holy Church" – The sacrifice is offered for the whole Church, including the living and the dead.

Thus, the *Orate, fratres* reinforces that the Mass is an act of thanksgiving and intercession for the universal Church. The idea of praying for the acceptance of sacrifice dates back to Jewish temple worship and early Christian liturgical traditions. The *Didache* (1st century Christian text) emphasizes the Eucharistic offering as an act of thanksgiving and intercession, linking it to Jewish sacrificial worship.

By the 9th century, the phrase *Orate, Fratres* was standardized in the Roman Missal. In the Tridentine Mass (16th century), the priest would say this prayer quietly, emphasizing his role as the one who offers the sacrifice on behalf of the people. The response was often recited by the altar servers rather than the congregation.

The Second Vatican Council emphasized the active participation of the faithful. In the post-conciliar liturgy (Novus Ordo), the *Orate, fratres* is spoken aloud, with the congregation responding together, reinforcing the communal aspect of the liturgy.

The Eucharist calls each person to offer their very lives as a "living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). The *Orate, fratres* serves as a moment of spiritual preparation, inviting the faithful to examine their interior disposition before entering the Eucharistic mystery.

Every Mass is an opportunity for the faithful to unite their personal joys, struggles, and sacrifices with Christ. This moment reminds the congregation that they are co-offerers in the one sacrifice of Christ, making their entire lives an oblation to God.

The Eucharist is not an individualistic act but the prayer of the whole Church. The *Orate fratres* reminds us that we are part of a universal liturgical action that includes: The Church on earth (militant), the souls in purgatory (suffering), the saints in heaven (triumphant).

By praying this prayer with intention and understanding, both priest and people enter more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharistic sacrifice. By restoring awareness and reverence to this brief but powerful moment in the Mass, we can deepen our understanding of the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.

Next week, we will look at the Prayer over the Offerings and the Preface dialogue.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Harold DeGarmo +

Sun 8:00 am Helen Lamone +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am William and Lola Bell +

Tue 8:30 am Don Huff Sr. and Don Huff Jr. +

Wed 5:30 pm Jerry Cassandra +

Thur 8:30 am Jerry Cassandra +

Fri 5:30 pm Kristian White +

Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Mark Kowcheck +

Readings

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:1-4, Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6, Matthew 16:18, Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, John 13:34, Luke 6:27-38

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10, Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5, 2 Timothy 1:10, Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11, Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40, Galatians 6:14, Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sirach 4:11-19, Psalm 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175, John 14:6, Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8, Psalm 1:1-4, 6, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Mark 9:41-50

Friday: Sirach 6:5-17, Psalm 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35, John 17:17b, 17a, Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15, Psalm 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18, Matthew 11:25, Mark 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7, Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Philippians 2:15d, 16a, Luke 6:39-45



March 1, 4:00 PM

Gre: Mark and Shari

Ser: Avery and Liam

Lec: A.J. Mitchell

March 2, 8:00 AM

Gre: Toot and Joanie

Ser: Judith Aracich

Lec: Fred Casale

March 2, 10:30 AM

Gre: Mary Beth Harvey

Ser: Will and Stothard

Lec: Cheryl Bland

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

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

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at **948**.

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.

Some of you may have noticed the new **CHARITY** envelope in your mailer. This collection is intended for direct support to Wellsburg residents throughout the year. This is the same collection as "Thanksgiving for the Poor" but we do not collect enough help to assist all of the calls so we have added 3 more collections this year.

February 9, 2025 Collection Attendance Amount

Weekly Envelopes 131 \$2391.00

Candles \$22.00

Charity \$574.00

Church Missions \$5.00

Registered Parishioners/Budget 249 \$2900

BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat:

Sun: Patty Waters

Mon:

Tues: Pam Boyd

Wed: Cheryl Bland

Thur: David Cross

Fri: Doris Sperlazza, Don Kostival,
and Frank Canistraro Jr.

Sat:

Sun:



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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From February 14, 2025 to
February 27, 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, PATTY WATERS, MADELINE BROZTEK, JAMES BAKER AND SARAH MESSAR.

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



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”

- Lk 6:38

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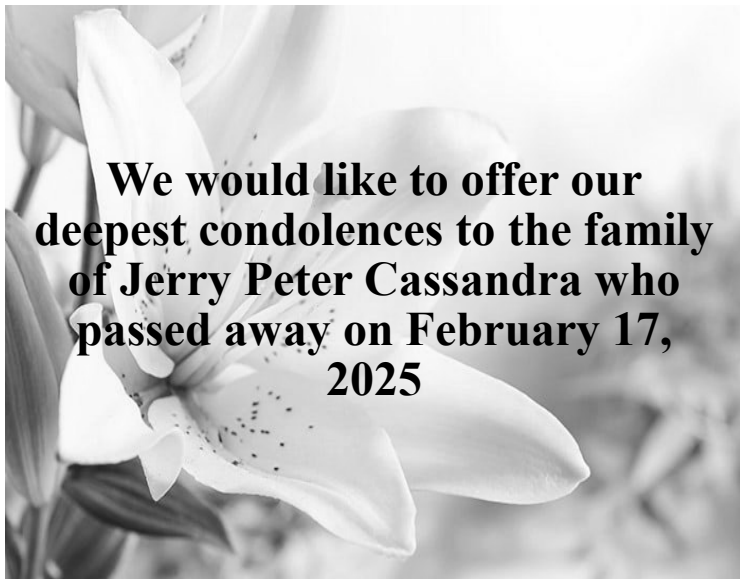
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February 2025

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	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 Pastoral Council Meeting 3:30 p.m.	28	



We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Jerry Peter Cassandra who passed away on February 17, 2025

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.

Pastoral Council Meeting February 27th at 3:30 P.M.

Mardi Gras Dinner & Game Night: March 4th

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

The friends in today's gospel climbed onto the roof, took it apart and lowered the paralyzed man. If friends would do this, how much more should we expect from family? Everyone is "paralyzed" in some way. In families we are called to carry one another and make up for each others deficiencies.

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



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.



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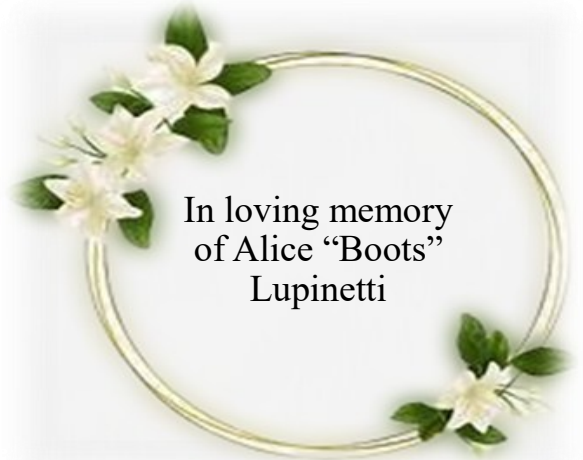
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ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 p.m. Adorer spot for our WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 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 LECTORS at all Masses and also for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for our sick and home-bound 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.		



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