

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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FEBRUARY 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

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Parish Council.....John Alvarez
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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 — Offertory

After the Universal Prayer, the Mass transitions into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, beginning with the Preparation of the Gifts.

The altar holds a central place in Catholic worship because it represents Christ himself, who is both the High Priest and the sacrificial victim. The preparation of the altar signifies the Church's readiness to enter into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 296-308) emphasizes that the altar is "the center of thanksgiving" around which the liturgical action revolves. St. Ambrose described the altar as a symbol of Christ's Body, saying, "The altar represents the body of Christ, and the offerings upon it represent His Body and Blood" (*De Sacramentis* 4, 7). In Revelation 8:3-4, we see the heavenly altar where prayers rise before God like incense, prefiguring the Eucharistic sacrifice. Thus, preparing the altar is not just a functional task but a sacred act of setting apart this space for divine worship.

Several key actions take place during this part of the Mass: A corporal (a square white cloth) is laid upon the altar, representing the burial cloth of Christ. It is placed carefully, as it will hold the sacred Body and Blood of Christ. The chalice, which will hold the Precious Blood, is positioned alongside the paten, which holds the bread that will become the Body of Christ. Other vessels, such as ciboria (for additional hosts), are also placed reverently. The Roman Missal, containing the Eucharistic prayers, is positioned so the priest can easily read from it. All of these actions reflect order and reverence, reminding us that we are entering into the most sacred part of the Mass.

After the altar is prepared, the Offertory Procession takes place. This is one of the most visibly communal moments of the Mass, as members of the congregation bring forward the gifts of bread and wine to be offered on the altar.

The practice of bringing forward offerings dates back to the early Church and even to the Old Testament. In ancient Israel, people brought first fruits, animals, and bread offerings to the Temple as a sign of thanksgiving and atonement (cf. Exodus 23:19, Leviticus 2:4). In the early Church, the faithful would bring gifts of bread, wine, oil, and other necessities for the Eucharistic celebration and for the support of the clergy and the poor (cf. Acts 4:32-35). By the 4th century, the custom of an Offertory Procession became formalized, symbolizing both the faithful's participa-

tion and the offering of creation to God.

The Offertory Procession is more than just a practical way to get bread and wine to the altar—it carries profound theological meaning. The gifts of bread and wine represent the fruit of God's creation and the work of human hands.

The prayer accompanying the offering echoes Jewish blessing formulas, emphasizing that these gifts ultimately come from God:

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you..." (cf. GIRM 139)

The offertory also symbolizes the self-offering of the people—their prayers, struggles, and joys—uniting them to Christ's sacrifice. Pope Benedict XVI emphasized this in *Sacramentum Caritatis*: "In the bread and wine, we place on the altar all creation, transformed by human hands, in order to be transformed anew into Christ's Body and Blood."

In many parishes, along with the bread and wine, the collection is also presented, signifying the faithful's responsibility to care for the Church and the poor. This reflects St. Paul's encouragement to be generous: "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Once the gifts have been brought forward, the priest prays over the offerings, lifting them slightly as a sign of their presentation to God. The priest adds a small amount of water to the chalice of wine, praying: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This symbolizes the divine and human natures of Christ and also the faithful's participation in Christ's sacrifice.

The priest then washes his hands, quietly praying: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin". This act represents both ritual purification and spiritual preparation before handling the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Preparation of the Altar and the Offertory Procession are much more than preliminary steps before the Eucharistic Prayer. They symbolize the offering of creation, the self-offering of the faithful, and the Church's unity in worship. These rites help the congregation transition from hearing the Word of God to actively participating in the Eucharistic sacrifice, uniting their prayers and gifts with Christ's perfect offering.—Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +
 Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Msgr. Joe Peterson +
 Tue 8:30 am William Bayless Sr. +
 Wed 5:30 pm Mary, Anna and
 Bernetta Traubert +
 Thur 8:30 am William and Lola Bell +
 Fri 5:30 pm Evelyn Sicheri +
 Sat 4:00 pm Rockey/ Sperlazza Families +
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia Staffileno
 and their Deceased Decedents +

Readings

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21, Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, John 10:27, Mark 6:30-34
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
Monday: Genesis 1:1-19, Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c, Matthew 4:23, Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday: Genesis 1:20—2:4a, Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Psalms 119:36, 29b, Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30, John 17:17b, 17a, Mark 7:14-23
Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25, Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, James 1:21bc, Mark 7:24-30
Friday: Genesis 3:1-8, Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7, Acts 16:14b, Mark 7:31-37
Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24, Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13, Matthew 4:4b, Mark 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:23ab, Luke 6:17, 20-26



February 15, 4:00 PM
Gre: Pam and Jeanette
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Jim Sperlazza

February 16, 8:00 AM
Gre: Toot and Joanie
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Judith Aracich

February 16, 10:30 AM
Gre: Mary-Beth Harvey
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Monica Biery

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.

There will be no Coffee and Catechesis this week since Fr. Golna will be in Charleston.

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 942

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.

<u>February 2, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	132	\$4893.00
Candles		\$10
Building and Maintenance		\$790.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900



Sat: Rita Bucy, Parker McMahon,
Barb Almasy & John Bober

Sun:

Mon: Dominic Re

Tues: Mary Salatino

Wed: Will Harvey

Thur:

Fri: Jay Schwertfeger & Anthony
Bachinski

Sat:

Sun:



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(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.

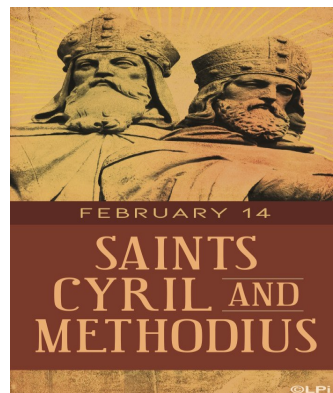
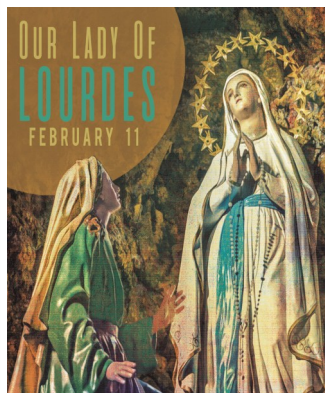
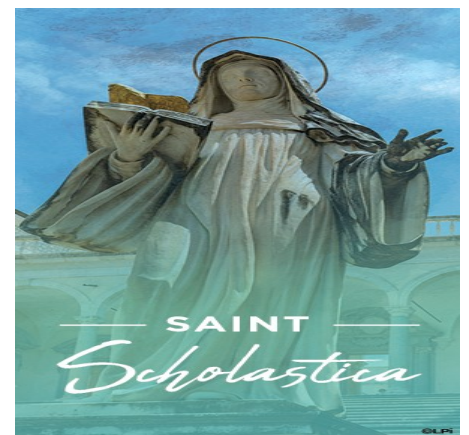


5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything
and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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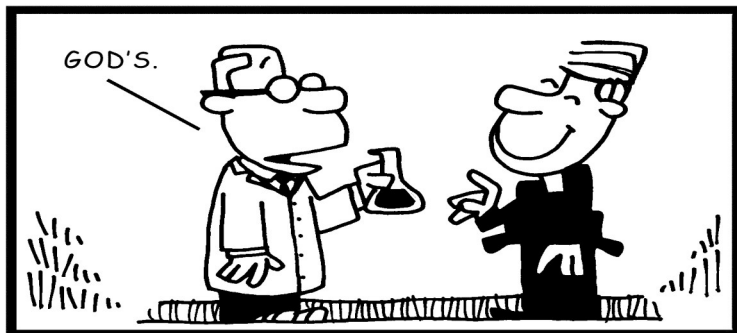
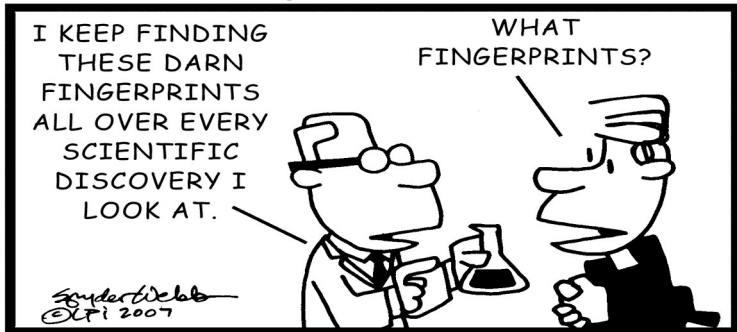


February 2025

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	

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that Simon's mother in law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who told Jesus about it at once.

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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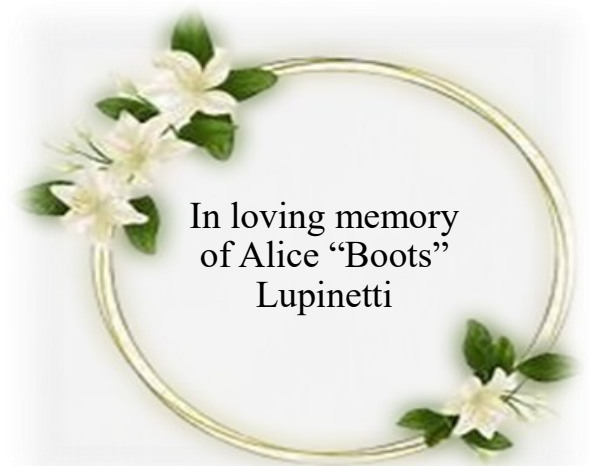
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ADORATION SCHEDULE

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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