

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JANUARY 2025

## 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— Holy Spirit

As we continue our journey through the Creed, we turn our attention to the Holy Spirit.

"I believe in the Holy Spirit". This phrase is a declaration of faith in the third Person of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract force or an impersonal power but a divine Person who fully participates in the life and essence of God. This belief underscores that the Holy Spirit is actively present in the Church and the world, guiding, sanctifying, and empowering believers. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 683) teaches that the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate the life of the Trinity. To believe in the Holy Spirit is to acknowledge His role in creation, redemption, and sanctification.

"The Lord, the giver of life". The title Lord affirms the Holy Spirit's divinity and equality with the Father and the Son. In Scripture, the Holy Spirit is frequently referred to as the breath or Spirit of God (Genesis 1:2, John 20:22), the source of both physical and spiritual life.

The Holy Spirit is the giver of physical life: The Spirit is present at creation, where He brings order out of chaos and life into being (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30).

The Holy Spirit is also the giver of spiritual life: The Spirit renews and sanctifies the faithful through baptism, the sacraments, and the ongoing life of the Church. In Ezekiel 37, the Spirit breathes life into dry bones, symbolizing the renewal of Israel and, by extension, all humanity. This phrase reminds us that without the Spirit, there is no life—neither the life of the body nor the life of the soul.

"Who proceeds from the Father and the Son" (*Filioque*). This phrase reflects the doctrine of the procession of the Holy Spirit within the Trinity. The term proceeds refers to the Spirit's eternal origin. The Holy Spirit flows from the love and unity of the Father and the Son, as a mutual expression of their divine communion.

This teaching is supported by Scripture. Jesus says, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will testify about me" (John 15:26). The Spirit is sent by the Son but proceeds from the Father, showing a harmonious relationship within the Trinity.

The *Filioque* clause is not an unnecessary addition. This clause emphasizes that the Spirit is not separate or subordinate but arises from the perfect and eternal love of the Father and the Son. It reflects the unity and equality of the three Persons of the Trinity.

"Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified". This phrase affirms the Holy Spirit's equal dignity and

status within the Trinity. The Spirit is co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and the Son, deserving the same worship and glory.

This unity in worship is manifested in the Church's liturgy which always invokes the Holy Spirit alongside the Father and the Son, such as in the doxology: "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit."

There still remains the Trinitarian mystery. This unity of adoration reminds us of the inseparable nature of the Trinity—each Person distinct but united in essence.

"Who has spoken through the prophets". This statement highlights the Holy Spirit's role in divine revelation. Throughout salvation history, the Spirit inspired the prophets to proclaim God's word and will. The prophets, from Moses to Isaiah to John the Baptist, were vessels through whom the Spirit worked to prepare humanity for the coming of Christ.

There is Scriptural support for this. 2 Peter 1:21 states, "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

This phrase reminds us that the Holy Spirit is the divine author of Scripture and the guarantor of its truth, making the Bible not merely a human book but the living Word of God.

There are many implications to the Holy Spirit continuing to act in the life of believers.

The Holy Spirit continues to act in the Church. The Holy Spirit sustains and animates the Church. At Pentecost, the Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to spread the Gospel (Acts 2:1-4). This same Spirit continues to dwell in the Church, ensuring her unity, sanctity, and mission.

The Holy Spirit continues to act in the Sacraments. The Holy Spirit works in the sacraments, especially in baptism and confirmation. In the Eucharist, the Spirit is invoked to transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Spirit also empowers us to live out the grace we receive in the sacraments.

The Holy Spirit is active in Prayer and Daily Life. The Spirit intercedes for us and teaches us how to pray (Romans 8:26-27). He guides us in our decisions, strengthens us in our struggles, and fills us with the gifts and fruits necessary to live holy lives (Galatians 5:22-23).

The Spirit has an essential role in unity and mission. The Holy Spirit fosters unity among believers, breaking down barriers of language, culture, and division, as seen at Pentecost. He also inspires the Church's mission to evangelize and bring the light of Christ to the world. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno and  
 their Deceased Descendants +  
 Mon 8:30 am Frank & Ellen Traubert +  
 Tue 8:30 am Shirley Dorrance +  
 Wed 5:30 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Thur 8:30 am Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr. +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Mark Kowcheck +

*Readings*

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21, Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Matthew 4:16, John 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Cf. Mark 9:7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22  
 Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6, Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9, Mark 1:15, Mark 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12, Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Mark 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18, Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, John 10:27, Mark 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14, Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11, Matthew 4:23, Mark 1:40-45  
 Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11, Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8, Luke 7:16, Mark 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Luke 4:18, Mark 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 2 Thessalonians 2:14, John 2:1-11



**JANUARY 18, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre:** Pam and Jeanette  
**Ser:** Avery and Liam  
**Lec:** A.J. Mitchell

**JANUARY 19, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre:** Toot and Joanie  
**Ser:** Judith Aracich  
**Lec:** Maryanne Capp

**JANUARY 19, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre:** Mary Beth Harvey  
**Ser:** Will and Stothard  
**Lec:** Cherly 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.

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 881

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>January 6, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	111	\$3234
Building and Maintenance		\$10
Candles		\$56
Mary Mother of God		\$738
Christmas		\$10
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900



Sat:

Sun:

Mon:

Tues: Michael Bachinski & Linda Hone

Wed: Janice Stucin

Thur:

Fri:

Sat:

Sun:



**THE SANCTUARY  
CANDLE**

is burning in memory of  
**Doris Sperlazza  
(Eleanor Sacripanti)**

From January 03, 2025 to Jan-  
uary 16, 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,  
AND PATTY WATERS.

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

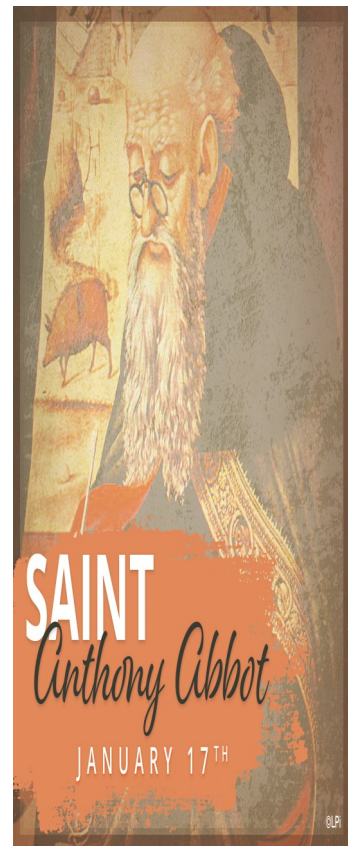
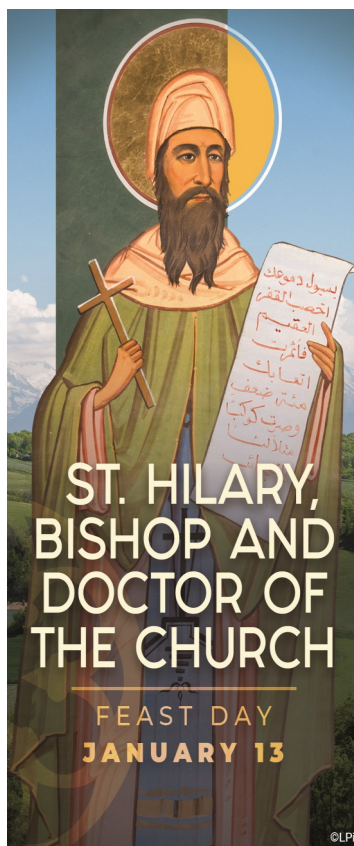


**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and  
was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in  
bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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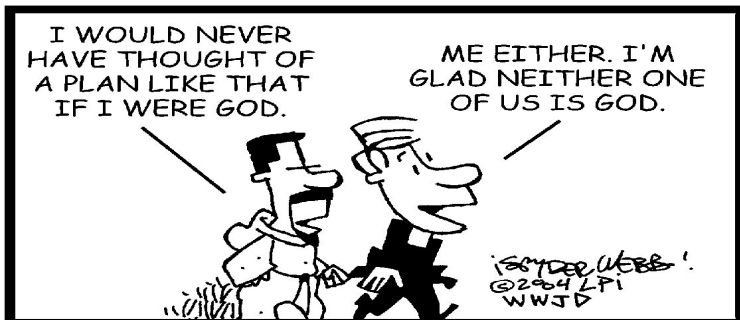
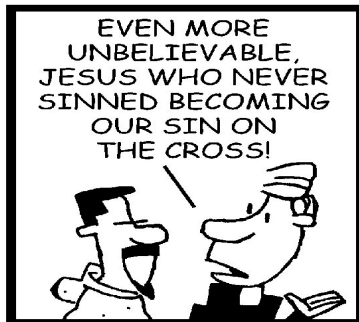
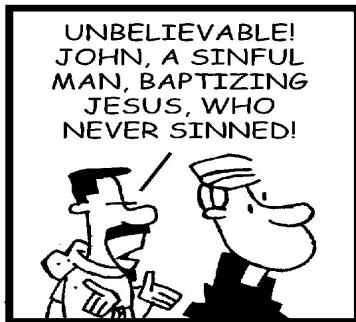


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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	29 Men's Group 7 p.m.	30	31	

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



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)

**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  
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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE  
By Bud Ozar**

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son"), and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am pleased"). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

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!**



**Message from the Pastor**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

As we journey together in faith, I am deeply grateful for the many ways you, as parishioners, live out your love for God and His Church. Each of us has been richly blessed by the Lord, and stewardship is our response to His generosity—a way of offering back our time, talents, and treasures for His glory and the good of our community.

Stewardship is not only about supporting the financial needs of the parish but also about sharing our God-given gifts in service to others. Today, I want to speak to two specific needs within our parish: the call to faithful tithing and the urgent need for volunteers to bring Communion to the homebound.

Tithing—offering a portion of our financial resources, commonly understood as 10%, to the Church—is an ancient and biblical practice that reflects our trust in God's providence. It allows our parish to sustain its ministries, support our outreach programs, and maintain our beautiful church. I invite you to prayerfully consider your contribution to the parish. If you are not already tithing, could you take a step toward offering a consistent portion of your income as an act of faith and gratitude? For those already tithing, I thank you for your generosity, which makes our mission to serve the People of God possible.

We are also in great need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot join us for Mass due to illness or age. This ministry is a beautiful way to share Christ's presence and strengthen the bond of our parish family. By volunteering your time, you become a tangible expression of God's love to those who may feel isolated or forgotten. No special skills are required and training will be offered to those interested—only a willing heart and a desire to serve.

Stewardship is not merely about what we give but how we live as disciples of Christ. I encourage you to reflect on these questions:

1. **Time:** Can I spend more time in prayer or service, deepening my relationship with God and His Church?
2. **Talent:** What gifts has God given me that I can use to bless others, particularly those in need or at the parish?
3. **Treasure:** Am I sharing my financial resources in a way that reflects my trust in God's generosity?

Our parish is a family, and like any family, we rely on one another to thrive. Your financial contributions, your time in prayer and service, and your talents are all essential to keeping our parish vibrant and fulfilling its mission to bring Christ to the world.

We are preparing to publish to you the 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 Budget based upon the 2024 Financial Report. This is the next step to have financial transparency and to ensure you are aware of the financial position of the parish. I thank the Parish Finance Council and Steph, our bookkeeper, for their work in preparing these reports for you.

Thank you for all you do for our parish community. Please join me in praying for the success of our ministries and for the grace to live as faithful stewards of God's abundant blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Golna

**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 p.m. Adorer spot for our <b>WEEKLY EUCCHARISTIC 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.		



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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