

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JANUARY 2025

## 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— Culmination of the Creed

In the Nicene Creed, we profess: "I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." These words capture profound truths of our Catholic faith, reminding us of God's boundless mercy and the hope of eternal life. They invite us to deepen our understanding of these core beliefs and live them out with renewed devotion.

One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins - The declaration of "one Baptism" underscores the unity of the Christian faith. Baptism is the foundational sacrament of initiation into the Church. It cleanses us from original sin and all personal sins, making us children of God and heirs of heaven. Through Baptism, we are united with Christ in His death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). This sacrament is a profound expression of God's grace, bestowed freely upon us.

While we can only be baptized once, its effects are lifelong. It is the gateway to the other sacraments and a continual call to live out our baptismal promises: rejecting sin, professing faith, and striving to grow in holiness. Baptism reminds us of our identity as members of Christ's Body and calls us to a life of discipleship.

This unity in "one Baptism" also reflects the universal nature of the Church. Regardless of our backgrounds, Baptism unites all Christians as brothers and sisters in Christ. It challenges us to foster unity and reconciliation in a divided world, living as witnesses to the Gospel.

The Resurrection of the Dead - Our faith teaches that life does not end with death. At the end of time, all the dead will rise bodily, as Christ Himself rose from the dead. The resurrection is not merely a spiritual reality; it involves our whole being. This belief affirms the dignity of the human person and the goodness of God's creation. It also provides a profound sense of hope amid life's trials and losses.

Saint Paul reminds us that "if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Corinthians 15:16-17). Our hope in the resurrection is anchored in Christ's victory over death, which assures us that we, too, will share in eternal life. This promise transforms how we view death—not as an end, but as a passage to eternal communion with God.

The resurrection of the body also speaks to our vocation to care for ourselves and others as temples of the Holy Spirit. Our physical bodies are not disposable but destined for glorification. This belief reinforces our call to respect the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.

The Life of the World to Come - The Creed concludes with a forward-looking hope: "the life of the world to come." This life is the fullness of communion with God, where "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" and "death will be no more" (Revelation 21:4). It is a life of perfect joy, peace, and love, free from the effects of sin and suffering.

This eternal life is not merely an abstract concept but the culmination of God's plan of salvation. It is a life of unending happiness in the presence of God and all the saints. The "life of the world to come" also includes the transformation of all creation, as God will "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). This promise invites us to live with hope and to work for justice and peace, knowing that our efforts contribute to God's ultimate design.

The hope of eternal life inspires us to persevere through challenges. It encourages us to trust in God's promises and to align our lives with His will. By contemplating the life to come, we find strength to live each day with gratitude, purpose, and joy.

As we profess these words in the Creed, we are invited to reflect on their significance in our daily lives. Do we live as people transformed by our Baptism? Do we anchor our hope in the resurrection, even amidst challenges? Are we striving to prepare our hearts for the life of the world to come?

Living out these truths means embracing a life of faith, hope, and love. It calls us to grow in our relationship with God through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of charity. It also challenges us to be witnesses of the Gospel in the world, proclaiming the Good News through our words and actions.

Having finished our tour de force of the Nicene Creed, next week we will continue our journey by moving on to the next portion of the Mass.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Rockey / Sperlazza Families +

Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am Fr. John Ledford +

Tue 8:30 am Joe & Rose Mascolino +

Wed 5:30 pm Mark Kowcheck +

Thur 8:30 am Alumni of the PNAC

Fri 5:30 pm Mark Kowcheck +

Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +

Sun 8:00 am Eva Lucas +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16, Psalm 117:1bc, 2, John 15:16, Mark 16:15-18

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Cf. Luke 4:18, Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6, 2 Timothy 1:10, Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10, Psalm 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11, Matthew 11:25, Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Hebrews 10:11-18, Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4, Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25, Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Psalm 119:105, Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39, Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40, Matthew 11:25, Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75, John 3:16, Mark 4:35-41

Next 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



**February 1, 4:00 PM**

**Gre:** Pam and Jeanette

**Ser:** Avery and Liam

**Lec:** Marcie Morris

**February 2, 8:00 AM**

**Gre:** Toot and Joanie

**Ser:** Judith Aracich

**Lec:** Maryanne Capp

**February 2, 10:30 AM**

**Gre:** Mary-Beth Harvey

**Ser:** Will and Stothard

**Lec:** Mary-Beth Harvey

**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 936

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.

Photos that were dropped off for the 100 year celebration are available for pick up in the parish office.

To all of our lovely parishioners that donated gift cards to the food pantry this Holiday season, thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

**January 19, 2025 Collection      Attendance      Amount**

<b><u>January 19, 2025 Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Weekly Envelopes	116	\$2477.00
Building and Maintenance		\$5.00
Candles		\$390.51
Church in the Developing World		\$298.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900

**BIRTHDAY Blessings**

Sat:

Sun: Toot Lazear, Joe Pettini, & Alina Shaffer

Mon: Bill Elcesser & Margie Mercer

Tues: Sophia Rosso

Wed: Anette Best & Josh Miller

Thur:

Fri:

Sat: Bonnie Camilletti & Tom Zurbach

Sun: Judy Cipoletti & Diane Rasz



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of **Fred and Rose Napa (Richard and Pam Nester)** From January 17, 2025 to January 30, 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, AND SARAH MESSAR.

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

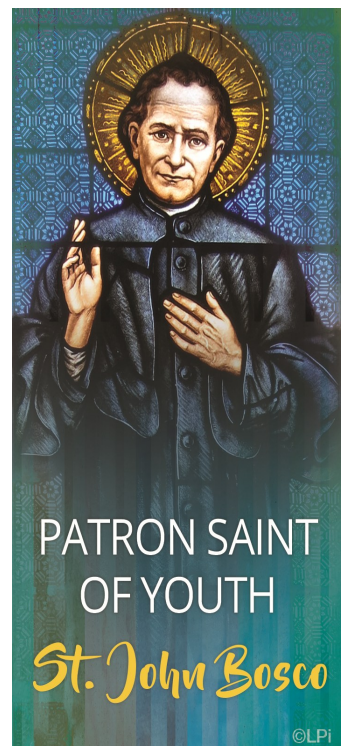
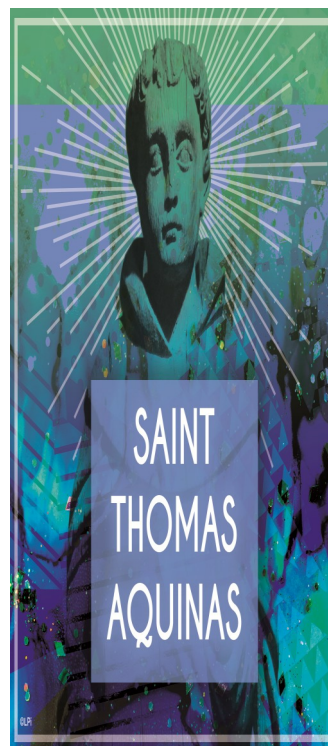
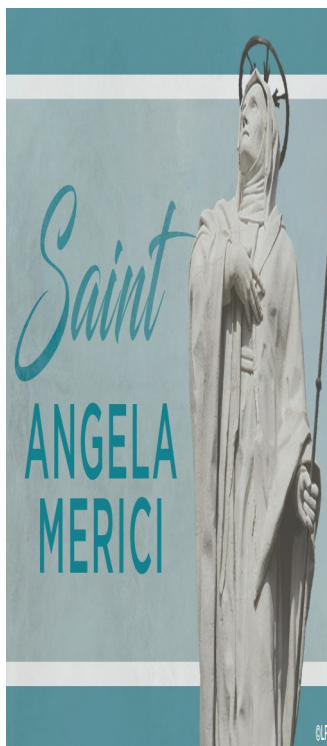


**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18*

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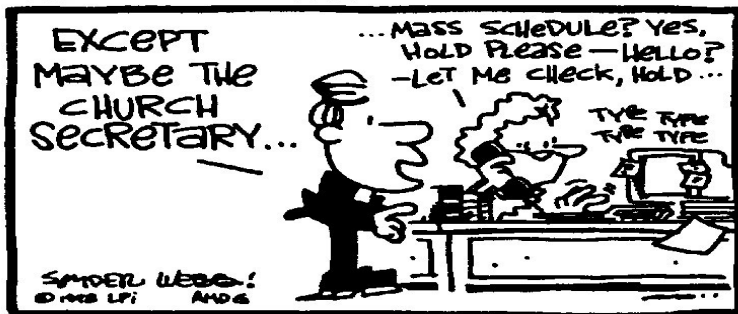
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# January 2025

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	

**3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE  
By Bud Ozar**

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

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.

**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



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, corn, 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 to some food, friends and fellowship!

**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 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.		

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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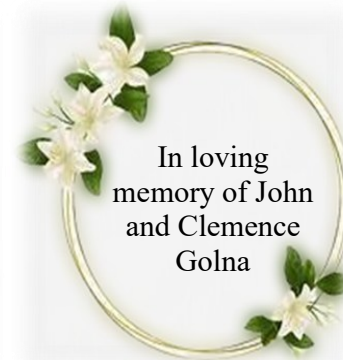
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