

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
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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— Creed Part 4

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Having professed our belief in how and why our Lord died for us, we next profess our belief in His Resurrection from the dead by saying "On the third day He rose again". The Resurrection of our Lord from the dead is central to our belief as Christians. St. Paul beautifully and succinctly explains the centrality of our Lord's Resurrection, and our future one, when he wrote "If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (1 Cor. 15:32). More than that, however, the words that are used are important. We profess our belief that 'he rose' because we are stating that He rose from the dead under His own power. You and I, however, at the end of time *will rise* by the power of God and not under our own power.

Our Lord rose from the dead "in fulfillment of the Scriptures". This words comes from 1 Cor. 15:4 and teaches us that everything our Lord underwent, even His death and Resurrection, was done to bring to fulfillment all of the Old Testament Scriptures and prophecies which pointed to Him.

Following His Resurrection, "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father". This phrase come directly from Mark 16:19 and John 20:17 and fulfills the Old Testament prophecy of Exodus 13:22 and Psalm 110:1. The difference between the Ascension and the Assumption is the same difference between how our Lord rose from the dead, but we will rise. Our Lord ascended into Heaven by His own power whereas Mary was assumed into heaven, not by her own power, but by the power of God.

Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end."

Our Lord will "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead". Before Christ's Second Coming, the

Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers (Luke 18:8 and Matthew 24:12). The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final trial. God's victory over the final unleashing of evil will be total and complete and will culminate in the Last Judgement.

Speaking of Christ's second coming, should Catholics believe in the "rapture"? In a single word, No. The rapture" is an interpretation of Holy Scripture which is only about 130 years old. It is the idea that some believers will be snatched (raptured) up to Heaven at the second coming of Christ. Although Revelation 20:1-7 makes reference to a thousand year period when Satan will be bound (we will go over what this means during our study of the Book of Revelation at Coffee and Catechesis on Tuesday mornings!), the concept of the "rapture" is based on a misinterpretation of Scripture.

The second coming of Christ is what we Catholics refer to as the parousia; which is the Greek word for "presence" or "arrival." Parousia is a royal official state visit. So Caesar or his dignitaries would make a Parousia to important political places, such as the capital city of the province of Macedonia (which was Thessalonica) and what you do in a Parousia is you go out of the city to meet that dignitary or that king or that Caesar, and you process back to the city with them shortly after. So in the context of 1 Thess. 4:16-17, which some Protestants misinterpret as pointing to a "rapture", what Paul is actually saying is 'King Jesus is coming back and I want you to be ready for that moment so that when he comes on the clouds, you will be caught up to meet him. We will go out to meet him so we can process back with him to reign as king forever and ever and ever, just like Jeremiah said he would.'

The judgment that we will face and which we just professed belief in at this point in the Creed should not be a cause of panic, but of preparation. We must concern ourselves with living as if every day and hour may be our last on earth; so that we may be prepared to meet the divine Judge and be deemed worthy of enjoying eternity with Him.

The Creed continues next time.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Matthew and Eleanor Evans +
 Sun 8:00 am Mark Kowcheck +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Charles Cook +
 Tue 8:30 am Seminarians of the DWC
 Wed 5:30 pm Mark Kowcheck +
 Thur 8:30 am Deacons of the DWC
 Fri 5:30 pm Fr. Mlakar and Fr. Bertrand
 Sat 4:00 pm Mark Kowcheck +
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno and
 their Deceased Decedents +

Readings

Saturday: 1 John 3:7-10, Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9, Hebrews 1:1-2, John 1:35-42
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13., Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:2, Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6, Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a, See Matthew 4:23, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10, Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, Luke 4:18, Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18, Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, 1 Timothy 3:16, Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4, Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Luke 4:18, Luke 4:14-22
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13, Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Matthew 4:23, Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21, Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Matthew 4:16, John 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Cf. Mark 9:7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



JANUARY 11, 4:00 PM
Gre: Mark and Shari
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Jim Sperlazza

JANUARY 12, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Judith Aracich
Lec: Maryanne Capp

JANUARY 12, 10:30 AM
Gre: Mary Beth Harvey
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Mary Beth Harvey

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 returns this upcoming Tuesday following the morning Mass.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament returns this Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 878

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.

December 29nd, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	119	\$1948.25
Building and Maintenance		\$5.00
Candles		\$76.00
Elevator		\$100.00
Mary Mother of God		\$15.00
Retirement Fund		\$5.00
Catholic Charities		\$882.00
Christmas Eve/ Christmas Day Collection		\$6276.00
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900



Sat:

Sun:

Mon: Lisa Diserio & Aleksey Rasz

Tues:

Wed: Linda Leary

Thur:

Fri: Brad Shaffer & Carole Evans-Hartzer

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.

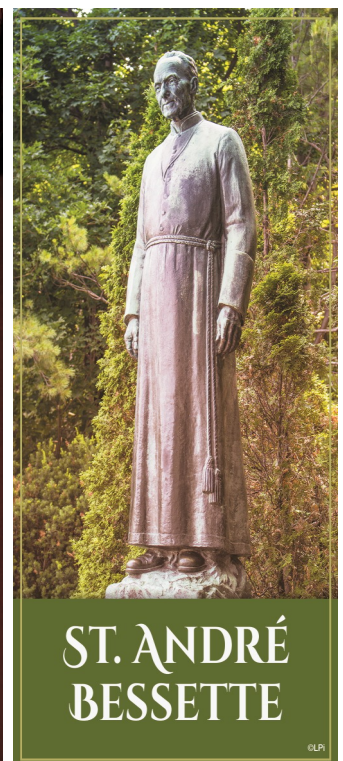
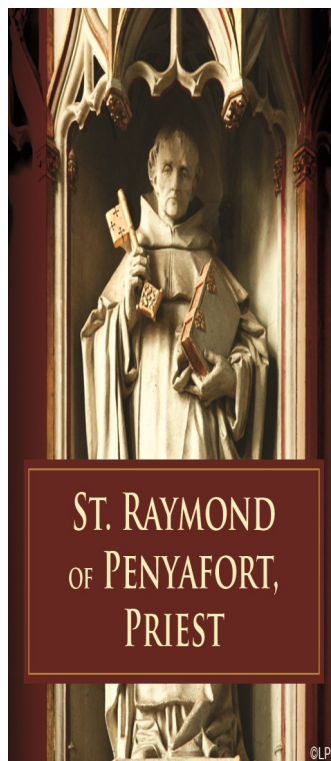


THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the
child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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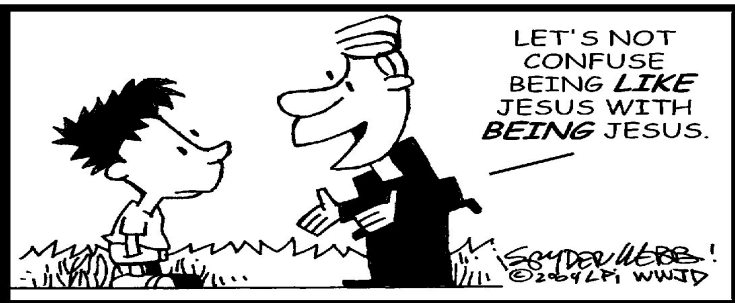


January 2025

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	

EPIPHANY



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.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar**

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this new year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

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 "Accountability" for more information.

As many of you know we are going to be printing our bulletin in-house completely as of February 2025. This will have some added paper and ink costs, so we are looking to offset costs of our bulletin with Advertisers. We have several different size options and time frames to suit your advertising needs. If you own a business, please consider supporting your parish directly by advertising in our bulletin and let anyone you know who owns a business that we are accepting new advertisers to help support our beloved parish!

We are also going to offer Memorials in the bulletin as well. The memorials will be \$20 and will look similar to the photo on the next page. These will run the entire month of your choosing and can say whatever you would like them to.

If you or anyone you may know would be interested in advertising or our new Memorials but please call the office anytime!

Why do Catholics go to Confessions? Disobeying God damages our friendship with him, so we need his forgiveness to heal it. That is why Jesus initiated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called "Confession"). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"* (Matthew 16:19). This brings us back to God. In Confessions, we admit what we did, say that we are sorry, and resolve never to do it again. Penance helps us make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, our friendship is restored.

Why is Mass Offered for Specific People?

The greatest prayer that we have as Christians is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At each Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary is re-presented and renewed. In the Mass, the graces achieved on the Cross are applied to souls for their salvation. This is why we have Masses offered for particular intentions. To have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact Steph. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

Sanctuary Candle Intentions

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with Steph. The cost of the candle is \$20.00. It will burn for (2) weeks. The memorial will also be published in the Bulletin.

Mass Etiquette

Remember to silence, turn off, and put away your cell phones, tablets, and gaming devices prior to the start of Mass. Also, please remember that the Communion line is the place to engage in final preparation to receive our Lord. The Communion line is not a place for socializing.

Communion Fast

Keep in mind the Communion fast—we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. **This includes chewing gum.** Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

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