

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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**JULY 7, 2024**

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
**Office Manager**.....Steph Russell  
**Dir. Of Music/ Organist**.....Zac Gordon  
**Dir. of Religious Education**.....Monica Biery  
**Housekeeper**.....Chasity McConaughy  
**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 - A Homily from 77 Years Ago

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help with our Centennial Celebrations this past week! Even with the threat of a tornado the day before, we were blessed with a picture perfect day (albeit a bit muggy!) and blessed with a huge crowd of people passing through our doors to join in the celebration with us! Our party on Sunday was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers, people who donated baskets, and the different businesses and people who donated to make our dream a reality!

In light of all the festivities, this week's column will be a reprint of Father Hermann's homily on the 23rd anniversary of our parish church's dedication:

"This is no other but the house of God and the gate of heaven." (Gen. 28:17).

It is exactly 23 years today that this Church was dedicated to the glory of God, and the salvation of your souls, and in honor of Christ's beloved disciple, St. John the Evangelist. All that man holds best in the way of art, skill or wealth has been lavishly poured out on the Divine worship in general and our church in particular. The skyline, the silhouette of most cities, shows church steeples standing apart in the picture, reminding us that besides the trade and business world, there is another world, another order of facts besides that which we see.

The book of nature, the book of the heart have been open to men ever since the world began. But the Church Building is the lighthouse, in a moral and intellectual order. An outward sign telling us that in the Church everything speaks of God. We must admit that our hearts speak more plainly within these walls of the house of God. They are getting venerable because they have admonished us for 23 years.

When the bells of the Church peal forth for Mass, Devotion, when they toll for a funeral, they bear testimony that in all our relations of life God ought to be supreme. This church to whose construction has been devoted the cooperation of many is a sign post pointing whither lays the way to true contentment. It is a small part of the Church Universal, but it means much to us, because it is our church.

This Church is a substantial proof of the truth of Christ's promise: "Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world". It is another center from which shines the light of Christ's doctrine, and the grace of His sacraments. The Gospel which you hear in this Church every Sunday you must remember was read to the Christians worshipping in the Catacombs. It will be read to you and your children to remote generations. Yet the Gospel will be ever new, because it is the living word of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Here in your Parish Church everything reminds you of religion. The Altars are suggestive of that clean oblation of the New Law, which is offered daily according to the prophecy from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.

The Communion rail reminds you that the same Blessed bread which Christ Himself broke and gave to His apostles the night before He died, saying: "Take ye and eat for this is my body. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day." The confessional calls to mind the word of the Savior: "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven and whose sins you shall retain they are retained." It is the means of victory over sin. The pulpit proclaims the Divine Mercy and Justice telling you "Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." Here many of you were made children of God in the sacrament of Baptism. Many received the Holy Communion for the first time. Many were made strong and perfect soldiers of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of Confirmation. Many had the bond of marriage blessed and promised until death do us part.

Once and only once was the Savior so moved to anger that He raised His sacred hands to strike and that was when He beheld His Temple profaned. You must keep your church as a House of Prayer and the House of God. There must be no thoughts but thoughts of God. Behold the tabernacle of God with men. The day will come when no human help can be of further avail in this life. Pray to Him. When your body shall rest for the last time in this Maternal House of God and the Requiem is said over your body, pray now that it may win you speedy admission to the beauty of His House that is above the place where His glory dwelleth for all eternity. Amen.

- Homily on the 23rd Anniversary of the Dedication of St. John the Evangelist Parish by Rev. Leopold Hermanns.



Sat 4:00 pm Emma Grant+  
 Sun 8:00 am Karen Kunzler+  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish  
 Mon 8:30 am Martha Lallone+  
 Tue 8:30 am Valerie Lipinski+  
 Wed 5:30 pm Danette DeRego+  
 Thur 8:30 am Jeff Tarr+  
 Fri 5:30 pm Mary Margaret Cipoletti+  
 Sat 4:00 pm Shirley Dorrance+  
 Sun 8:00 am Mary Mazzafo+  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Ez 2:2-5/ Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6  
**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/ Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4/ 2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6  
**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/ PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/ PS 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/ Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/ Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/ PS 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/ Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** HOS 14:2-10/ PS 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 AND 17/ MT 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Am 7:12-15/ Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13  
**Next Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/ Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13



**JULY 13, 4:00 PM**

Gre Pam & Jeanette  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec Jim Sperlazza

**JULY 14, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna & JeJe  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Maryanne Capp

**JULY 14, 10:30 AM**

Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Will & Stothard & Phil  
 Lec Pam Ferguson

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 968.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Sunday, July 14th will be Building & Maintenance.

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.

**ALTAR & SOCIETY** will continue to meet on Monday mornings to say the Rosary before Mass. All are invited to come and join in this beautiful devotion before the daily Mass every Monday!

On **Monday, July 8th** Father Golna and Dominic will be in Huttonsville at Camp Carlo. Father Soplinski will be saying Mass for us!

This Tuesday, July 9th there will be no **Coffee Klatch**.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
 By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched Him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

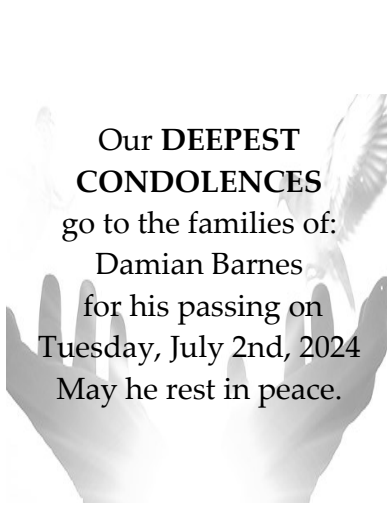
June 30th, 2024 Collection

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	205	\$ 4980
Votive Candles		\$ 62
Building & Maintenance		
Elevator		
Budget		\$2,900.00
Registered Parishioners		249




# BIRTHDAY Blessings

- Sat:** Aubrey Hileman
- Sun:**
- Mon:** Bill Garvey, Norma Provenzano
- Tue:** Rusty Staffileno
- Wed:**
- Thur:**
- Fri:** Tom DeGarmo Sr.
- Sat:** Heidi Farrell, Mary Prunty
- Sun:** Jimmy DeMundo



Our **DEEPEST**  
**CONDOLENCES**  
go to the families of:  
Damian Barnes  
for his passing on  
Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024  
May he rest in peace.



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

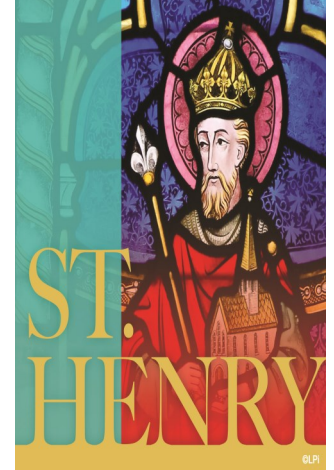
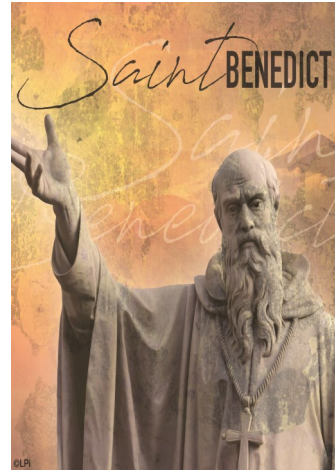
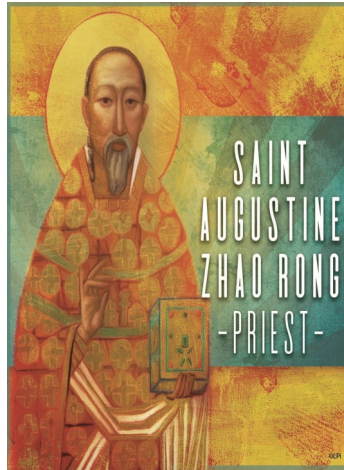
When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"  
- Mk 6:2

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### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
*Anthony & Caroline Mazzella*  
(Jim & Marietta Hartline)  
From July 5th to August 1st.



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, BOB STUCKEY, ELLIE EVANS, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, GARY ANTIGO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, GENO CAPP, LISA CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, LLOYD "PEANUT" VAN HORN, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.

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

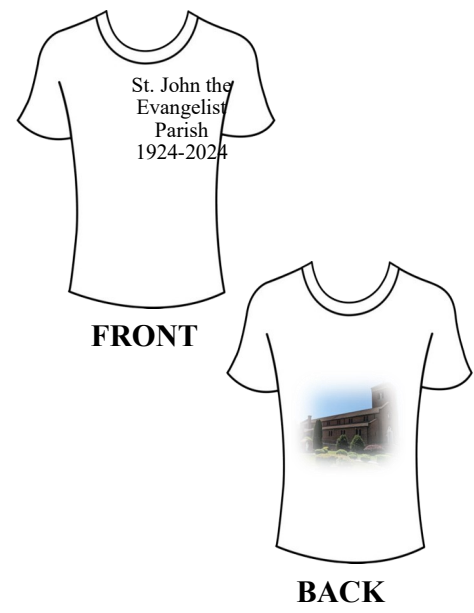


## Young Adult COOKOUT Party

**12 JUL** **FRIDAY**  
**@6:30PM**  
**AGES 18-40**

Free Burgers, Dogs,  
Drinks, Music,  
Cornhole, and  
Spikeball

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Wellsburg, WV



**We will be putting in another order for T-Shirts. We will give more details next week!**

# July 2024 Parish Events

**Sun            Mon            Tue            Wed            Thu            Fri            Sat**

<b>30</b> Centennial Celebration 12 p.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Catechesis and Coffee after Mass	<b>3</b> Eleanor Evans Funeral 10 a.m./ Drinks with Dominic @ Wellsburg Park after Mass	<b>4</b> Parade 7 p.m.	<b>5</b> Matilda Play House 8 p.m.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.	<b>10</b> Drinks with Dominic After Mass	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Young Adult Cookout 6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> Verity Shane Baptism	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Catechesis and Coffee after Mass	<b>24</b> Drinks with Dominic After Mass	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Men's Group 7 p.m.			

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/  
Holiday Gathering

**Dominic's Delineations from 06/16/2024:**

Starting Tuesday, June 25th, Dominic will be hosting Catechesis and Coffee in the parish hall following the morning Mass. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee (and maybe baked goods!) on a weekly basis while Dominic talks about a particular aspect of the Faith. Feel free to come with questions!

During the Wednesdays of July, join us at the Station Grille for Drinks with Dominic where we will have an informal gathering to get to know Dominic a little better. This will take place following the evening Mass and Confessions on July 3rd (@ Wellsburg Central Park), 10th, and 24th.

These events are open to everyone, and we encourage you to reach out to the community to promote these events to those who are not part of the Parish. If you have nephews, nieces, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, we want them as well as you!

Lastly, Dominic is planning an evening cookout open to young adults throughout the community at our Parish. This will be an evening of food, drinks, sports, and music! The date for the cookout is Friday, July 12th @6:30pm. Please help spread the word to all young adults falling between the ages of 18-45.

**MADONNA H.S. STAFF VACANCIES**

Madonna High School in Weirton is looking for qualified persons to fill the following positions:

1. Vice-Principal
2. Athletic Director
3. Middle School Science Teacher (part-time)
4. Substitute Teachers (all disciplines)

Please send a resume with three references to Madonna H.S., 150 Michael Way, Weirton WV 26062-3753 or contact Interim Principal Jason Heckathorn, [jheckathorn@weirtonmadonna.org](mailto:jheckathorn@weirtonmadonna.org). Thank you.

The St. Joseph the Worker Christian Mothers Garage Sale will be held this year on August 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Please bring your gently used donations to the grade school gym on Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th from 8 am—5:00 pm ONLY. We will be accepting gently used donations and are unable to accept electronic (TV's, Computers, etc) or Clothing Items. The sale will be held on Thursday and Friday from 8 am—5:00 pm and Saturday 8 am—12 noon. The proceeds benefit our church and school. Call Sheila at 797-1640 with any questions.

## What's going on in Paradise?



We cannot thank everyone enough for all the help for our Centennial Celebration and parade float! We will keep the exhibit up for another week so if you haven't gotten a chance to check it out, come on in!



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## Invite One Back Initiative

It's a familiar story: the family you used to see at Mass every week slowly stopped showing up when "life got busy." Or maybe there's an elderly parishioner you haven't seen since the COVID-19 pandemic a few years ago. Noticeable or not, we all have holes in our pews. A 2014 PEW study found that 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics—and that was ten years ago! That means for every convert to the faith, there are at least 6.5 fallen-away Catholics. COVID-19 amplified this problem. A 2022 CARA study showed a 7% decline in Sunday Mass attendance compared with pre-COVID data. This significant portion of Catholics lost connection with their local parish during the shut-downs, and just never came back.

IT'S TIME TO BRING THEM HOME! In this Year of Parish Revival, the USCCB National Eucharistic Revival recently

**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.

### 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.

**Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the VOCATIONS OFFICE, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298**

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) under "Accountability" for more information.

