

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JUNE 16, 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
**Office Manager**.....Steph Russell  
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**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 - Dominic's Delineations Edition

From Dominic -

It has been a great joy starting my summer at St. John's here in Wellsburg! It is hard to believe two weeks have already gone by, and that I already feel so at home with many of you whom I have been blessed to get to know. With that being said, I still do not know many of you and would like to, so here is a little bit about me...

I was born and raised in the great state of West Virginia, and I am from a small town in the southern part of our state called Fayetteville. It is home to immense natural beauty and the newest national park in the country. I grew up there with 2 brothers (I am the middle child and have major middle child syndrome), lots of aunts and uncles, and even more cousins! We are an Italian family who love food and friendship. If you find me an Italian who doesn't I'd be very surprised!

Growing up, I fell in love with sports and played anything that a young boy could figure out how to turn into a game. My favorite sports are soccer, football, and tennis, but now that I am a "has-been" I try to hold my own in things like spikeball, pickleball, and volleyball. I am also a huge fan of board games and really anything that rallies a group of people together for good, healthy recreation.

Now a bit about me in my current life as a seminarian. Seminary is a fascinating place. We have a chapel and a bar and a barbershop all under the same roof. See! Fascinating, I told you! Seminary life looks similar to that of a college kid, yet with many more requirements and much more intentional studies. We attend daily Mass, strive to pray a holy hour every day, pray the Liturgy of the Hours as a community, pray a daily Rosary, have meetings with our spiritual director and formation advisor on a biweekly basis, all while studying full time in a Master's program. In our other time, many of us play intramural sports against University students, and the seminary rarely loses. After all, we are pulling from a group of 150 adult men. Seminary is a time of intense focus on growing in the spiritual, intellectual, and human life of the person which often has times of great joy mixed in with some great difficulties.

This is just grazing the surface of who I am and what seminary life is like! I would love to chat more with you about it, so stop me any time after Mass, in the Sacristy, in the Parish office, grab my number, or any way you can reach me! I would love to get to know you all as well! I look forward to a great rest of the summer and serving you all in this Parish.

For the King,  
Dominic Re

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The arrival of our new seminarian, Dominic, perfectly coincides with our Centennial Celebration. We are already grateful for his help in our final stages of preparation and helping us in these final weeks of preparation is the perfect way to meet our new seminarian and get to know him better. With the arrival of our new seminarian, there are also going to be a number of new events that he will be hosting during his time here which will last until July 25th:

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, 10th, 17th, and 24th.

This upcoming Friday, June 21st, there will be Theater and Theology at the Brooke Hills Playhouse. Come catch "Don't Dress for Dinner" as a group and discuss the prevalent (or not so prevalent!) theological undertones of the play, led by Dominic. We will be hosting this event a second time on Friday, July 5th, to see "Matilda". See Dominic for tickets.

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.



Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish  
 Sun 8:00 am John & Roberta Alvarez  
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno and their deceased descendants+  
 Mon 8:30 am Anthony Lee Morris+  
 Tue 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Frank Traubert+  
 Wed 5:30 pm Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr.+  
 Thur 8:30 am Anthony Lee Morris+  
 Fri 5:30 pm Michael Kenneth Snyder & Brandi Lynn+  
 Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish  
 Sun 8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Golna and Grant Families  
 Sun 10:30 am Ron Ujcich Jr.+

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Ez 17:22-24/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34  
**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34  
**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/ Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/ Mt 5:38-42/  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/ Mt 5:43-48  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/ Ps 31:20, 21, 24/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** SIR 48:1-14/PS 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/ MT 6:7-15  
**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/ Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/ Mt 6:19-23  
**Saturday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41  
**Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/ 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41



**JUNE 22, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Pam & Jeanette  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec AJ Mitchell

**JUNE 23, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear  
 Ser Judith Aracich  
 Lec Maryanne Capp

**JUNE 23, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Steph  
 Ser Will & Stothard & Phil  
 Lec Cheryl Bland

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**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 959.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday, June 16th 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.

The sign up sheets for the **100th YEAR CELEBRATION** are in the vestibule. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**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!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
 By Bud Ozar

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

<u>June 9th, 2024 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes		\$ 2357
Votive Candles		\$ 25
Peter's Pence		\$ 361.20
Father's Day		\$ 60
Budget		\$2,900.00
Mass Attendance	139	



- Sat:** Joseph Pettini, Linda Pfabe
- Sun:** Alex Weld
- Mon:**
- Tue:** Bill Black, Cole Sperlazza
- Wed:** Charles Beall, Lisa Ferguson, Alicia Kusic
- Thur:** Cathy Main
- Fri:** Linda Cox, Alex Mitchell
- Sat:**
- Sun:** Barb Giglio, Father Golna



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of *Isabella Jones & JC Sperlazza* (Mary Schwertfeger) From June 7th to June 20th.

**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.

*thank you*

On behalf of Blanche Babela Traubert and the St. John the Evangelist Elevator Fund we would like to thank the following people for donating in honor of Thomas A. Traubert:

- Mary Ellen Traubert Madden
- Margaret Ann Traubert Kellogg
- Betty Traubert Lane
- Dr. John & Nancy Traubert

**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."  
- Mk 4:30-32b

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**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

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of Nola  
**BISHOP**

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**Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,**  
and **Thomas More**  
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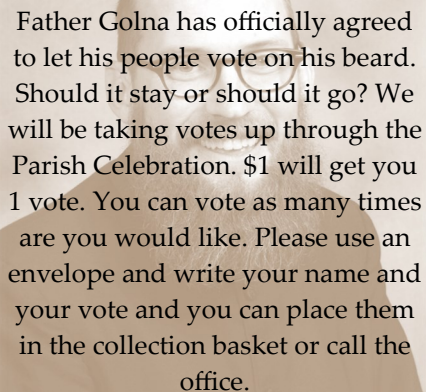
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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## 100th YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATES

The countdown is on!

### FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING



Father Golna has officially agreed to let his people vote on his beard. Should it stay or should it go? We will be taking votes up through the Parish Celebration. \$1 will get you 1 vote. You can vote as many times are you would like. Please use an envelope and write your name and your vote and you can place them in the collection basket or call the office.

*We would like to Congratulate  
Matthew and Valerie Schwertfeger  
(Jay & Mary Schwertfeger)  
on the birth of their baby boy  
Leo Timothy on  
May 20th, 2024*



Pepperoni Roller orders will be delivered next week! We will be in contact with you to schedule a time to pick up your orders from the parish!

## Upcoming Events

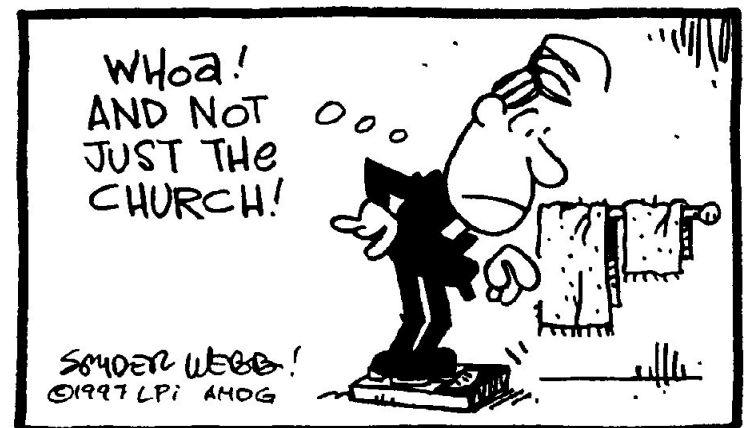
### JUNE PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL :

- Saturday, June 1st: Father Soplinski's first Mass 9 a.m.  
Reception to follow in the parish hall.
- Wednesday, June 5th: Altar & Rosary Meeting
- Sunday, June 9th: Mass for Graduates 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 11th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 12th: Soup & Sandwich Sale 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 26th: Men's Group 7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year Celebration 10:30 a.m.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, July 4th: Check out our float in the parade!
- Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/  
Holiday Gathering

### 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# What's going on in Paradise?



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

This years NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE will be stopping at the Wellsburg Wharf on Sunday June 23rd. We will plan to meet at the Wharf as a Parish at 12 p.m. if anyone is interested in

The Brooke County Salvation Army Feeding Program offers **FREE TAKEOUT LUNCHES** on Thursday's from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**ST. ANTHONY ALL-SCHOOL REUNION** will be on Saturday, June 22, 2024 in Follansbee, WV. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis, Hooverson Heights.



This year, St. John the Evangelist was a Duckling Sponsorship with the **KIWANIS CLUB DUCK DERBY** this year. As part of our sponsorship, we received Duck #632. We are happy to announce that our Duck #632 took 3rd place and the parish won \$500! We look forward to putting the winnings towards our Centennial Celebrations!



**POLISH HERITAGE DAY**  
Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

### POLISH MASS AT

Our Lady of Grace Grotto  
\*Polish Was Memorial\*  
Noon-1pm

**AFTERWARDS! 1:00PM - 6:00PM**

All are invited to join us at the:  
**Polish American Patriot Club**  
4410 Jacob Street ~ Wheeling, WV 26003  
for an afternoon of:

**POLISH FOOD ~ POLKA MUSIC ~ BEER ~ FUN**  
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**EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE EVENTS**

**Thursday, June 20**, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

St. Joseph the Worker Church: Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow— begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

**Friday, June 21**

Morning Mass with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m. Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 23** “Put Out into the Deep” on the Ohio River!”

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boater-cade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio. Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

**Monday, June 24**

Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.

**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 launched a initiative called Invite One Back." It is a renewed effort to personally reach out to parishioners that we haven't seen in a while for whatever reason and to invite them back to Sunday Mass. The goal of this initiative is to fill the pews again. To do that, we all need to invite back everyone who has left in a way that makes sure they feel seen and desired as an individual

**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.

