

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JUNE 8, 2025 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.
Seminarian.....Joe Derico
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— Agnus Dei

At every Mass, after the Lord's Prayer, we encounter two short but deeply meaningful prayers: the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") and the *Ecce Agnus Dei* ("Behold the Lamb of God"). These prayers invite us to enter more fully into the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and prepare us to receive Him in Holy Communion. Their words, drawn from Scripture and centuries of tradition, guide us to contemplate who we are about to receive: Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Both prayers are placed at a moment of high spiritual significance in the liturgy. The faithful have just prayed the Our Father, a prayer of trust and supplication, and they are about to approach the altar to receive the Lord. The *Agnus Dei* and *Ecce Agnus Dei* thus serve as a bridge, leading the assembly from a communal prayer of petition into a deeply personal encounter with the living Christ.

The *Agnus Dei* was added to the Roman Mass in the 7th century. As the priest breaks the consecrated Host, symbolizing Christ's Body broken for us on the Cross, we sing or say:

"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace."

Why "Lamb of God"? The title comes from John the Baptist's words when he first saw Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). This image recalls the Passover lamb, whose blood saved the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 12). Jesus is the true Lamb, who by His sacrifice on the Cross, delivers us from sin and death.

The repetition of the phrase "have mercy on us" twice, followed by "grant us peace," teaches us something profound. Before approaching the altar, we ask for mercy. We know we are not worthy to receive such a gift. Then, we ask for peace. Not just worldly peace, but the deep peace of communion with God and with one another.

This invocation also resonates with the heavenly liturgy described in Revelation, where the Lamb is worshiped by all the angels and saints. Each time we sing "Lamb of God," we join in this eternal song of adoration, acknowledging the central mystery of our faith: Christ crucified and risen for us.

After the *Agnus Dei*, the priest lifts the Host and proclaims:

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

This is a powerful moment. The priest echoes both John the Baptist and the Book of Revelation, which describes the heavenly wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). The Eucharist is not just a remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection. It is a participation in the heavenly banquet to which all of us are invited.

This proclamation serves as an invitation, but also as a call to awareness. The priest holds up the consecrated Host, no longer mere bread, but the very Body of Christ. We are called to "behold," to see with the eyes of faith the great mystery made present before us.

At this point, the faithful are asked to recognize not only the sacramental presence of Christ, but also their own place in the divine plan. To be "called to the supper of the Lamb" is to be called to eternal communion with God. In the Eucharist, that eternal reality begins here and now.

The faithful respond: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

These words, taken from the Roman centurion in the Gospel (Matthew 8:8), are filled with humility and trust. Like the centurion, we recognize that we are not worthy on our own to receive Jesus. Yet we trust that His word alone can heal and transform us. It is a moment of deep personal prayer, inviting us to open our hearts fully to the grace of

Holy Communion.

This response is both personal and communal. Each individual acknowledges his or her own unworthiness, but does so in union with the entire assembly. It reminds us that all of us approach the altar in need of healing and mercy.

It is also an expression of profound Eucharistic faith. We do not rely on our own merits or accomplishments. Rather, we trust entirely in the power of Christ's word and the efficacy of the sacrament. This humble posture opens our hearts to receive the full fruit of the Eucharist.

At this point in the Mass, we are very close to receiving Christ. The *Agnus Dei*, *Ecce Agnus Dei*, and our response are not incidental. They help prepare our hearts:

- We recall who Jesus is: the Lamb of God, the One who takes away sin.

- We ask for mercy and peace, recognizing our need for God.

- We behold Christ present on the altar, with reverence and awe.

- We express humility and trust as we prepare to receive Him.

These moments also reinforce key theological truths:

- The Eucharist is the sacrificial memorial of Christ's death and resurrection.

- The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

- The Eucharist is the source of our communion with God and with one another.

By entering deeply into these prayers, we are drawn more fully into the mystery of the Mass and prepared to receive its graces more fruitfully. After receiving Communion, we carry this encounter with Christ into our daily lives. The peace we asked for is not just for the moment, but meant to shape our relationships, our work, and our witness to others. The humility we expressed should guide how we live in gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist.

We are also called to become what we receive. As the Body of Christ, we are sent forth to be His presence in the world. The mercy and peace we asked for at Mass should animate all our actions.

To help deepen our participation in these moments of the Mass, here are some questions for reflection:

- When I say "Lamb of God," do I truly reflect on Christ's sacrifice for me?

- When I hear "Behold the Lamb of God," do I approach the altar with reverence and awe?

- When I say "Lord, I am not worthy," do I open my heart to Christ's healing word?

- How can I carry the peace of Christ into my daily life?

Every time we say "Lamb of God," and "Lord, I am not worthy," we are reminded of the depth of God's love and our need for His grace. Let us approach these prayers not as routine words, but as invitations to deeper faith and communion with Christ, so that we may live as people transformed by the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

This week we welcome our seminarian Joe Derico who will be with us until the end of July. Say hello to Joe when you see him!

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Rocky/Sperlazza +
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alex Selip +
 Mon 8:30 am Delores Cimino +
 Tue 8:30 am Al Cipoletti +
 Wed 5:30 pm Wanda Miller +
 Thur 8:30 am Delores Cimino +
 Fri 5:30 pm Ellen & Frank Traubert +
 Sat 4:00 pm Vincenzo Castiglione
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia
 Staffileno and their deceased
 descendants +

Readings

Saturday (June 7): Vigil Mass of Pentecost
 Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15,
 Romans 8:22-27, Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus,
 John 7:37-39

Sunday (June 8): Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
 Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, 1
 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, Sequence: Veni, Sancte
 Spiritus, John 20:19-23

**Monday (June 9): Monday of the Tenth Week in
 Ordinary Time** 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-
 5, 6-7, 8-9, Matthew 5:1-12

**Tuesday (June 10): Tuesday of the Tenth Week in
 Ordinary Time** 2 Corinthians 1:18-22, Psalm
 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday (June 11): Memorial of Saint Barnabas,
 Apostle** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab,
 3cd-4, 5-6, Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday (June 12): Thursday of the Tenth Week in
 Ordinary Time** 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6, Psalm
 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14, Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday (June 13): Memorial of Saint Anthony of
 Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church** 2 Corinthians
 4:7-15, Psalm 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, Matthew
 5:27-32

**Saturday (June 14): Saturday of the Tenth Week in
 Ordinary Time** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Psalm 103:1-
 2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Matthew 5:33-37

**Sunday (June 15): Solemnity of the Most Holy
 Trinity** Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9,
 Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15



June 14, 4:00 PM
Gre: Mark and Shari
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

June 15, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Fred Casale

June 15, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Gavin Scott

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

On Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a training for new and continuing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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 page 920/921.

For the convenience of our new and nursing moms, during Mass please feel free to use the confessional for your feeding needs.

Mass Intention for the remainder of the 2025 year are now open. Please call the parish office to schedule any Masses you may like.

May 18, 2025 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	138	\$5386.00
Candles		\$10.00
Building and Maintenance		\$50.00
Father's Day		\$638 .00
Elevator		\$15.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$100.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000

Catechism Corner

A Plan to Hand On the Faith

“God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth—that is, of Christ Jesus.” (CCC 4)

God’s revelation was not meant for one time or one people only. From the beginning, He intended to make Himself known to all, in every age. The Church exists to make that happen. Christ entrusted His message to the apostles, and through them, to the Church, so that every generation might come to know the truth and be saved.

The Catechism explains that this transmission of the faith is structured and purposeful. It’s not random or individualistic. What we believe, how we worship, how we live, and how we pray—these four pillars shape both the Catechism and the Christian life. They form a coherent whole, showing how everything in the Church flows from and leads back to Christ.

This week, reflect on how you personally pass on the faith—to children, friends, coworkers, or those who are searching. **We are all part of God’s plan to make Christ known.**

Reading the Catechism with the Mind of the Church

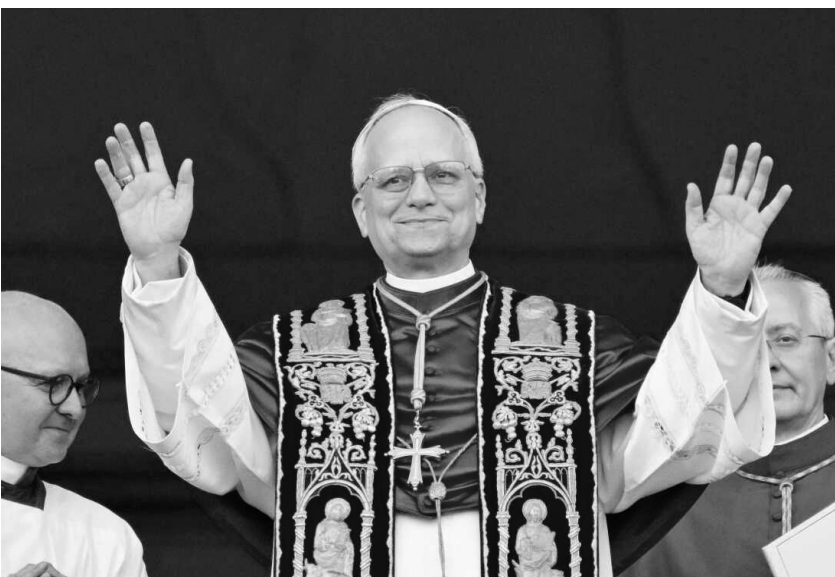
“The Catechism is a faithful echo of the ancient and ever-new faith of the Church.” (cf. CCC 7)

The Catechism isn’t a theological textbook—it’s the Church’s *sure and authentic reference* for teaching the faith. But to truly benefit from it, we must read it with reverence and trust, not as critics or skeptics, but as sons and daughters of the Church.

Paragraphs 8–10 show us how deeply the Catechism is rooted in the Word of God. Every teaching is grounded in Sacred Scripture, developed through the Church Fathers, lived in the liturgy, and guarded by the Magisterium. It reflects not just ideas, but a living faith handed down and experienced.

Reading the Catechism prayerfully allows the voice of the Church—and ultimately the voice of Christ—to echo in our hearts.

This week, open your heart to that voice. Choose a paragraph from the Catechism and ask, **“Lord, what are You teaching me through Your Church?”**



Habemus Papam!

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

TODAY'S THE DAY!! CALL NOW.

Enroll your child in our PK3, PK4, or Kindergarten classes. Only a few seats remain. Join today and become a part of a 100-year family tradition. Seats are still available in our elementary and middle school classes



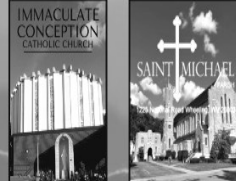
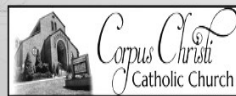
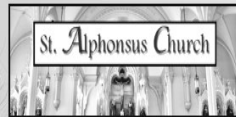
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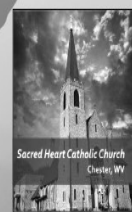
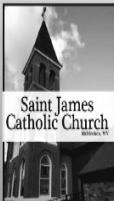
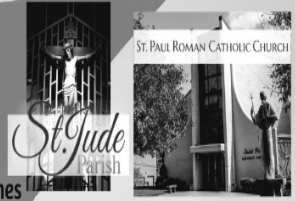
WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

Have you ever considered remembering St. John the Evangelist in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. John the Evangelist. Bequests should be made out to: "The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used (i.e. "for the use of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg).



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This platform will enable all parishioners and parishes within the Wheeling Vicariate to share our best practices, events, discussions, and faith-related content. It encourages engagement in online Bible studies, discussions about faith, and sharing of uplifting content. The goal is to celebrate achievements, share positive narratives, and support each other on our spiritual journeys. Let's unite together in faith!



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- Sat:** Susan Mullenbach
- Sun:** Joshua Ferguson
- Mon:**
- Tues:** Tammy Provenzano
- Wed:**
- Thur:**
- Fri:** Stanley Newton
- Sat:** Marcie Morris

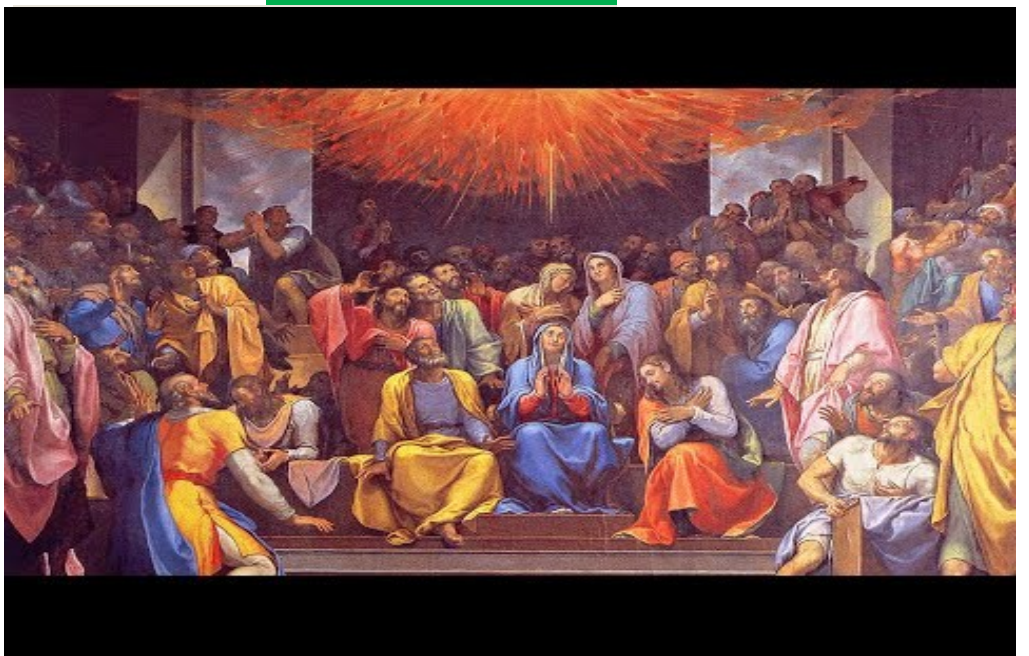
ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 and 3 p.m. Adorer spot for our WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or call the office.
10 A.M.		
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		
1 P.M.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	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.
3 P.M.	Need 2 Adorers	
4 P.M.		



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

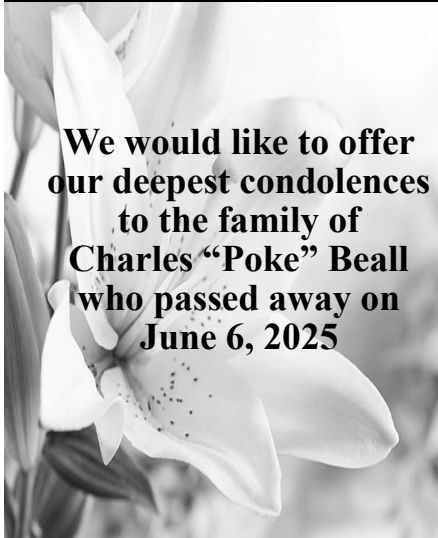
is burning in memory of
Bill Harvey
 (Mary Beth Harvey)
 From June 6, 2025 to
 June 19, 2025.



Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS: DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, GARY ANTIGO, MARY FLUHARTY, BARB MASON, JOE BIBBO AND THE SUMMERS FAMILY, MARY ROSE, CHRISTINE ROSE, MATTHEW DILLARD, LLOYD VANHORN, JAMES BAKER.

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



**We would like to offer
 our deepest condolences
 to the family of
 Charles "Poke" Beall
 who passed away on
 June 6, 2025**



The
 Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
 will be offered
 for the repose of
 the soul of

With the sympathy of _____ Date _____

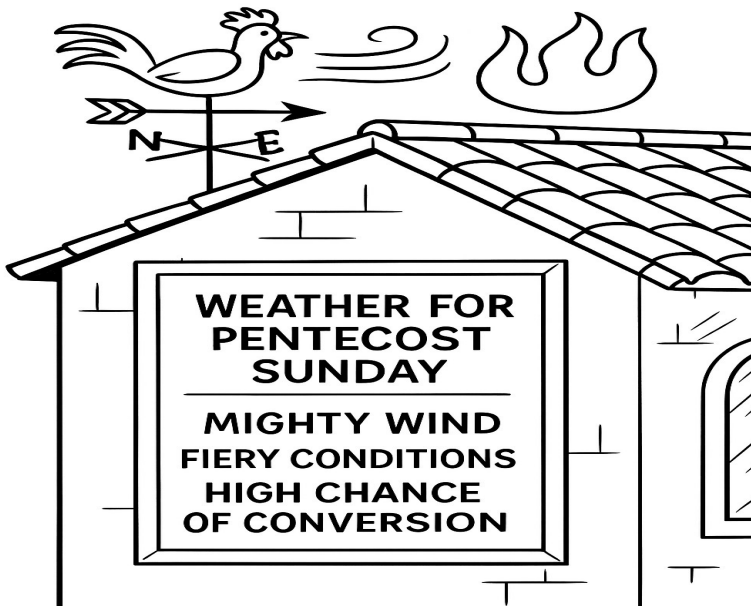
We have these beautiful mass cards available. Call or stop by the office if you would like one

June 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Rosary before Mass Father Golna away	3 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	4 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	5 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	6 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	7 Seminarian Joe Derico Arrives
8	9 Rosary before Mass	10 Coffee and Catechesis 9 am	11 EMHC Training—6:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 Rosary before Mass	17 Coffee and Catechesis 9 am	18	19	20	21
22	23 Rosary before Mass	24 Coffee and Catechesis 9 am	25 Men's Group—7 p.m.	26	27 Father Golna's Ordination Anniversary—5 Years	28
29 Parish Picnic after @ Noon	30 Rosary before Mass					

THE UPPER ROOM



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesdays: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Seminarian Joe Derico Arrival—June 7

EMHC to Sick and Homebound Training—June 11 @ 6:30 PM

Parish Picnic—June 29 @ Noon

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

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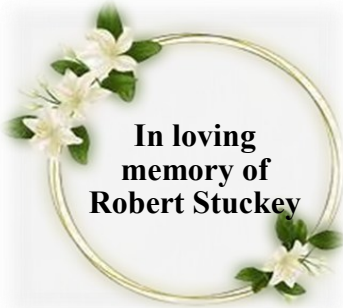
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In loving
memory of
Jeff Ferda



In Loving
memory of
George &
Mildred Bayless

The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising with us, please have them call the office for more information.

We have also started to run a monthly memo-



In Loving
memory of **Don**
Huff Sr. and Don
Huff Jr.