

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MARCH 16, 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 — Overview of the Canon

Following the Preface, we join the choirs of angels in adoring the thrice Holy God by chanting or singing the Sanctus, or "Holy, Holy, Holy." This acclamation is drawn from both Isaiah 6:3, where the prophet hears the seraphim proclaiming God's holiness, and Revelation 4:8, where the heavenly host continually sings praise before the throne of God.

The Sanctus is a hymn of adoration that unites the Church on earth with the heavenly worship of the angels and saints. The text of the Sanctus is as follows:

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Or, in Latin, "*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis*".

This moment in the liturgy signifies the participation of the faithful in the eternal worship of heaven and prepares them for the sacred mystery of the consecration that follows. The Sanctus acknowledges God's supreme majesty and anticipates Christ's coming in the Eucharist, echoing the acclamation of the crowds at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9).

Old Testament priests ceremonially place their hands on the animals to be sacrificed. St. Thomas the Apostle witnesses to the Divinity of the risen Christ by exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" The early Christian martyr St. Lawrence is roasted alive on a gridiron. The Manichean heresy threatens Catholic orthodoxy. The Ostrogoths overrun Italy. The Protestant Reformers deny that the Mass is a true sacrifice.

What do these apparently unconnected historical events have in common? Every time a priest prays the Roman Canon of the Mass, the prayer of the Church directs attention to these and many other events that helped shape the Church as we know it.

The origins of the Roman Canon trace back to the early Church, with its structure largely in place by the 4th century. St. Ambrose (4th century) references key elements of the Canon in his writings, and by the time of Pope St. Gregory the Great (6th century), the text had been solidified in a form that remained unchanged for over a millennium.

The Canon's development reflects the organic growth of Roman liturgy, incorporating influences from apostolic tradition while remaining distinct from Eastern anaphoras. Unlike the more extemporaneous prayers of early Christian worship, the Roman Canon was carefully formulated to ensure doctrinal integrity and liturgical reverence. Its solemn and unchanging nature provided a sense of continuity within the Church's liturgical tradition.

Following the Council of Trent (16th century), the Roman Canon was reaffirmed as the definitive Eucharistic Prayer of the Latin Rite, emphasizing its sacrificial theology in response to

Protestant challenges. The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) introduced additional Eucharistic Prayers, but the Roman Canon retained its place as the most venerable and theologically rich anaphora of the Church.

The supreme act of worship is the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the Roman Canon (or Eucharistic Prayer I) forms the heart of the Mass. The word "canon" comes from a Greek word and means a rule, measure, or standard. So, the Canon of the Mass is the standard of thanksgiving and blessing in the celebration of the Mass. The Canon is made up of the words of Our Lord, of the tradition of the Apostles, and the legislated prayers of the Church over the centuries.

The traditional body of the Roman Canon begins after the preface of the Eucharistic prayer and the intervening Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy Lord"). It concludes with the great "Amen" following the *Per ipsum* ("Through him, with him, in him"). Still, the preface and the Sanctus are integral to the Canon. The preface is not just a narrative preamble to the Canon. It is part of the action of the Mass. Recounting the mighty deeds of God, the prayer identifies the special motives of thanksgiving (the meaning of *eucharistia*) according to the liturgical feast or season. The Sanctus expresses the joy of the angels who beckon the Church to enter into the "cosmic liturgy" of the Mass. The Sanctus signals that the Church militant is about to join the Church triumphant as well as the Church suffering in worship of the Father: "heaven and earth are full of your glory."

After the Sanctus, the body of the Roman Canon may be considered in three sections: (1) the five petitions or intercessions before the Consecration; (2) the Consecration, and (3) the five intercessions after the Consecration with a final prayer. The Canon is recited alone by the priest, signifying his unique position among the people in the exercise of his priestly office. In this regard he is like the high priest of the Old Testament who once a year entered the Holy of Holies with the blood of the sacrificial animal (Hebrews 9:7). In due course, the priest would recite the Canon (after the Sanctus) in a low voice while the people engaged in silent prayer. This further dramatized the sacrificial character of the Mass because the silence highlighted the unique role of the ministerial priest. This was the standard practice until the Second Vatican Council. Reforms subsequent to the Council introduced the vernacular translation of the Roman Canon along with several other Eucharistic prayers. The translations were intended to be heard by the congregation and are now usually read aloud by the priest.

Next week, we will explore the Roman Canon in greater detail.

I hope that your Lent is off to a fruitful start and continues to be a time of deep interior conversion as we seek to follow the Lord more closely in our lives. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Jerry Cassandra +  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia Staffileno  
 and their Deceased Decedents +  
 Mon 8:30 am William and Lola Bell +  
 Tue 8:30 am Bob Sult +  
 Wed 5:30 pm John Golna +  
 Thur 8:30 am George Traubert and Family +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Jerry Cassandra +  
 Sat 4:00 pm Rockey and Sperlazza Families +  
 Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19, Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 2 Corinthians 6:2b, Matthew 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14., Philippians 3:17—4:1, Matthew 17:5, Luke 9:28b-36  
**Monday:** Daniel 9:4b-10, Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13, John 6:63c, 68c, Luke 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Ezekiel 18:31, Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22, Psalm 84:5, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Luke 8:15, Luke 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, John 3:16, Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Luke 15:18, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11., 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Matthew 4:17, Luke 13:1-9



**March 22, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre:** Mark and Shari  
**Ser:** Avery and Liam  
**Lec:** Jim Sperlazza

**March 23, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre:** Anna and Jeje  
**Ser:** Theresa Kowcheck  
**Lec:** Judith Aracich

**March 23, 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.

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 888.

On Fridays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. before Mass which is at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

On Friday's during Lent we will be offering Meager Meals in the parish hall. If you would be willing to help please call the parish office.

<u>March 2, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	231	\$3607.25
Candles		\$50.00
Easter Flowers		\$20.00
Building and Maintenance		\$235.000
Ash Wednesday		\$269.25
Retirement for Religious		\$45.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$2900

Lenten News



With the beginning of Lent, it is important to keep in mind our obligations during this privileged season.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that you are permitted to have one full meal and two snacks which, if combined, are smaller than a full meal.

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

On Fridays of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. which will be followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. Confessions are heard from 6 – 6:30 p.m. every Friday (6-7 p.m. on First Fridays).

Meager Meals will follow Mass at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide the meal!



Sat:

Sun:

Mon: Blanche Babela

Tues: Charles Waters and Janis Staffileno

Wed: Laura Cipoletti, Kellie Meade, and Jacob Donley

Thur:

Fri: Vittoria Staffileno and Denise Storlichick

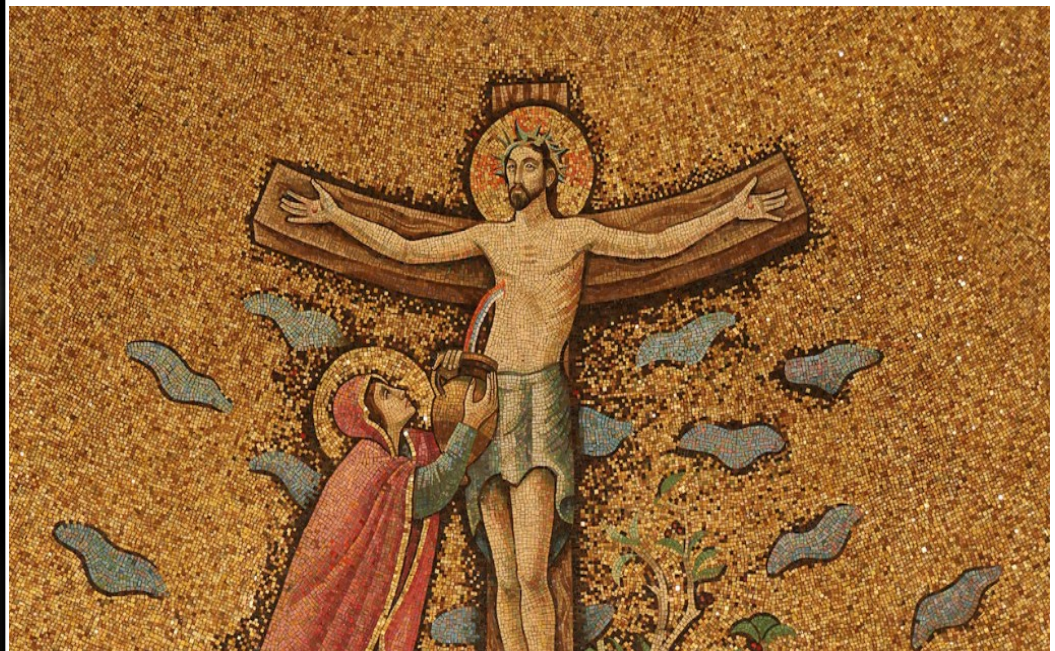
Sat: Heather Durante

Sun:



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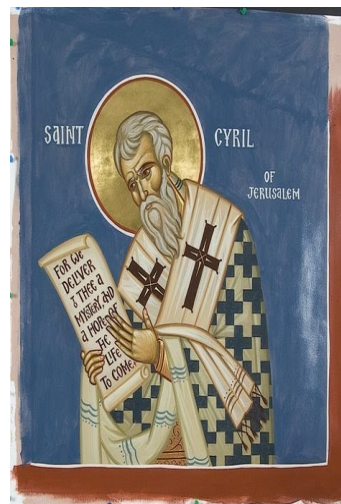
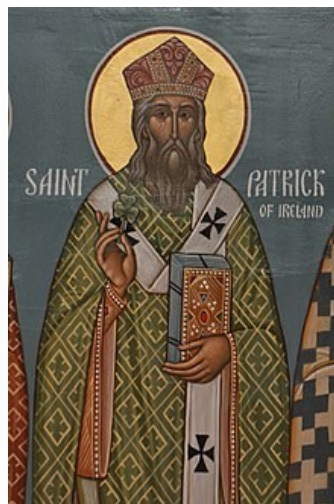
is burning in memory of **Matthew and Eleanor Evans** From March 14, 2025 to March 27, 2025.



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, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, PATTY WATERS, MADELINE BROZTEK, JAMES BAKER, GARY ANTIGO, MARY FLUHARTY, BARB MASON.

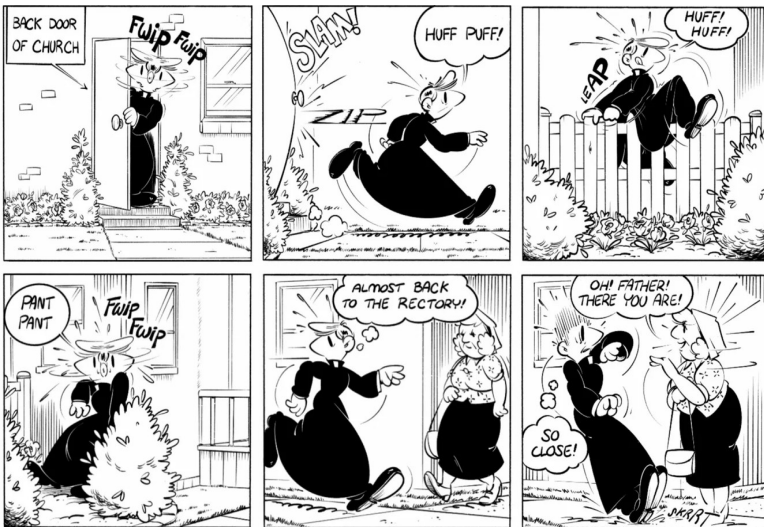
Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.



# March 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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2	3	4 Mardi Gras Dinner 6 pm	5 Ash Wednesday Mass : 12 pm and 6 pm	6 Altar & Rosary Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	8
9	10	11 Coffee & Catechesis 9 am	12 Soup & Sandwich 11 am	13	14 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	15
16	17	18 Coffee & Catechesis 9 am	19	20	21 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	22
23	24	25 Coffee & Catechesis 9 am	26 Men's Group 7 pm	27	28 Stations of the Cross 5 pm Meager Meals 6pm	29
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**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.  
**Fridays:** Stations of the Cross 5 p.m.  
 Meager Meals 6 p.m.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
 By Bud Ozar

Jesus went up the mountain to pray and it “changed” him. Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

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,



## Sacred Heart of Mary Easter Kielbasa & Homemade Bread Sale

This Easter Sacred Heart of Mary will be taking orders for Jacob & Sons Kielbasa from Martins Ferry, OH. Kielbasa choices are smoked \$6/lb. or fresh unsmoked \$6/lb., **weights will vary**. Orders are due by Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 in the cafeteria. **Payment due at time of pick up**. To order call the church office at 304-723-7175 during office hours or by dropping order form off at the church office or in the weekly collection basket.

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**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

9 A.M.	
10 A.M.	
11 A.M.	
12 P.M.	
1 P.M.	
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer
3 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer
4 P.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 let Julie Elkinton know.

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.



Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$2,260 of our \$18, 200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty faithful from our Diocese were able to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer, funds are provided to children who cannot afford to pay for Camp Carlo, and parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education at the PACE Conference. Other programs consist of the Walking with Moms program, tuition assistance, faculty & staff professional development and much more. For a complete list of ministries, programs and grants supported through the CSA, please visit the website, [dwc.org/csa](http://dwc.org/csa). I invite you all to join me as you have done in the past by supporting the annual **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL** today.

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**  
**11:00a.m-6:00p.m**  
**Take Out Only!! No Dine-In**  
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**March 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**April 4, 11, 16 (Wed)**  
**11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**St. Paul School Cafeteria**  
**Fish Fry Order Line:**  
**(304) 797-1182**  
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**St Anthony's Parish FISH FRY**  
**Fish Dinner Meal \$13.00**  
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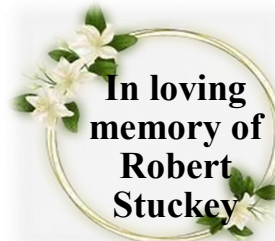
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