

Saint John the Evangelist

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MARCH 17, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

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Housekeeper.....Chasity McConaughy
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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.

CONFESION 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 – Holy Smoke

The word “incense” is derived from the Latin *incendere*, which means “to burn”. It is commonly used as a noun to describe aromatic matter that releases fragrant smoke when ignited, to describe the smoke itself, and as a verb to describe the process of distributing the smoke. This leads us to the questions: Why do we use incense?

The simplest answer is, “Because God likes it.” It was His idea, really, and when He gave the instructions for the Tabernacle to Moses on top of Mount Sinai, He spent a lot of time talking about incense in the Tabernacle, to be offered every morning and evening (Ex. 30:1-8). When King Solomon was explaining his plans to build the Temple in Jerusalem, the first thing he mentioned was that it would be for the burning of incense before God (2 Chr 2:4). The burning of incense was a beautiful part of the worship of God throughout the Old Testament.

This practice of burning incense continued into the New Testament. In the first chapter of the Gospel According to Luke, Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, is chosen to burn incense in the Temple, and the angel Gabriel appeared to him and foretold the birth of John the Baptist beside the altar of incense (Lk 1:8-11). And at the Nativity of Our Lord, one of the three gifts the Wise Men offered to the Lord was incense (Mt. 2:11). The entire life of our Lord was a fragrant offering pleasing to God the Father, and most especially the way He gave Himself up for us in love as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Eph 5:2).

In the Old Testament God commanded His people to burn incense (e.g., Exodus 30:7, 40:27, *inter alia*). Incense is a sacramental used to venerate, bless, and sanctify. Its smoke conveys a sense of mystery and awe. It is a reminder of the sweet-smelling presence of our Lord. Its use adds a feeling of solemnity to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell reinforce the transcendence of the Mass linking Heaven with Earth, allowing us to enter into the presence of God. The smoke symbolizes the burning zeal of faith that should consume all Christians, while the fragrance symbolizes Christian virtue.

The Lord's offering of Himself as a fragrant sacrifice on the cross for us was foreshadowed by the Old Testament offerings which also included incense (Lev 2:1; 24:7). The incense gave the offerings a sweet fragrance and also ascended representing the prayers of those making the offerings. In the Mass, incense can be used during the Entrance Procession, at the beginning of Mass where the priest incenses the cross and altar, at the proclamation of the Gospel, and incensing the offerings of bread and wine as well as the altar, the cross, the priest and the people at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Another time where incense is used in church in connection with Our Lord's sacrifice and the Blessed Sacrament is during Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction where the burning of incense is joined to singing of eucharistic hymns and our prayers and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ascend to God with a sweet fragrance like the incense which we offer every Wednesday and the first Fridays of the month.

If you desire to attend Mass without the use of incense, the Saturday 4 p.m. vigil and the Sunday 8 a.m. Mass are the options where incense will not be used. When it comes to the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass, we are blessed to have servers trained to do incense and we will continue to utilize their skills as we offer to God the fullest expression of worship that He desires.

- Father Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Sperlazza/Rockey Families+
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+
 Mon 8:30 am Melinda Grampa Bronchik+
 Tue 8:30 am John Golna+
 Wed 5:30 pm Billie Russell+
 Thur 8:30 am Sick & Homebound
 Fri 5:30 pm Lapsed Catholics
 Sat 8:00 pm Cheryl Rosso+
 Sun 8:00 am Virginia Diserio+
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

READINGS

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/ 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/ 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 8:51-59
Friday: No Mass
Saturday: Mk 11:1-10/ Is 50:4-7/ 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 15:1-39
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/ Is 50:4-7/ 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mk 15:1-39



March 23, 4:00 PM
 Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec AJ Mitchell

March 24, 8:00 AM
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck
 Lec Fred Casale

March 24, 10:30 AM
 Gre Steph
 Ser Will, Stothard & Phil
 Lec Mary Beth



March 3 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	142	\$1814
Votive Candles		\$26
Building & Maintenance		\$10
Easter Flowers		\$469
Holy Thursday		\$10
Priests' Retirement		\$10
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 893.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, March 17th will be Building & Maintenance.

On Friday's during Lent we will be having STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 5 p.m. offering MEAGER MEALS in the parish hall after Mass. If you would be willing to help please call the parish office.

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.

100th YEAR CELEBRATION

For the 100th Year CELEBRATION we are selling SARRIS CANDY bars in addition to a MARCH MADNESS BOARD for \$50 a block with four winners drawn. If you would like to purchase a block please call Joe Mullenbach.

We are also looking to offer DOOR PRIZES at our 100th Year Celebration. If you would like to donate anything please call the parish office. We are also having our meal catered so we ask that everyone RSVP by calling the parish office or email office@stjohnwellsburgwv.com



Sat:

Sun: Blanche Babela

Mon: Charles Waters, Janis Staffileno

Tue: Laura Cipoletti, Kellie Meade, Doris Hornick, Jacob Donley

Wed:

Thur: Vittoria Staffileno, Denise Stolirchick

Fri: Heather Durante

Sat:

Sun: Madyson Kostur



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of *Don Huff Sr. & Don Huff Jr. (JeJe Huff)* from March 15th to March 29th.

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

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, KRISTIAN WHITE, DAVID WOODS BOB STUCKEY, ELLIE EVANS, PAULA HENDERSON, LAUREN PEARSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, MARY MARGARET CIPOLETTI, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.



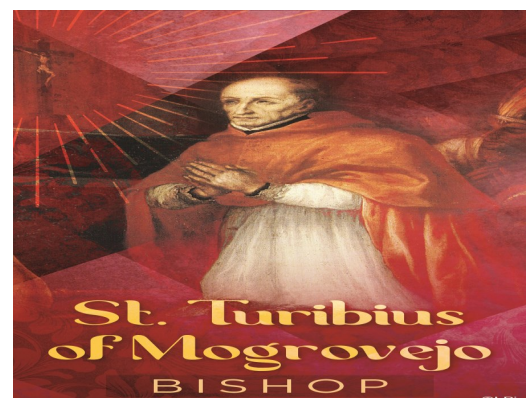
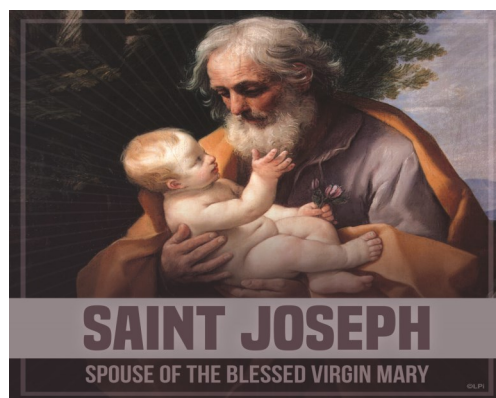
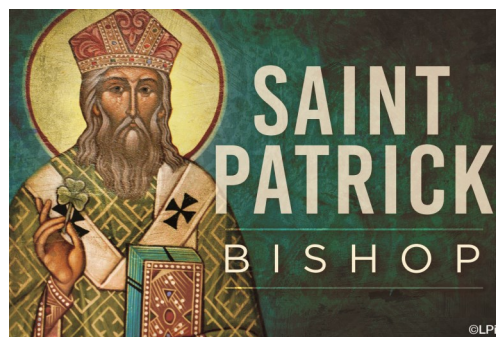
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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Our **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** will be Monday, March 18th at 6p.m. Father Gerald will be the outside confessor.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor **EASTER FLOWERS** in memory / honor of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope with your name and who it is in memory of and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church.

If you happened to miss the photo appointments for the **COMMEMORATIVE CENTENIAL PHOTO DIRECTORY** you can still be included by submitting a photo of your choice

Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the **PRAYER LIST**. We will leave the names in for 30 days, if you would like to have anyone kept on the list please let us know.

MASS REQUESTS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE DATES are now being accepted for the entire year of 2024. Some dates are very popular so we ask that if you have a specific date in mind, please call the office as soon as possible so we can try to accommodate.

We are currently in search of pictures from all of our combined parishes for our **ALL SCHOOL REUNION** historical display on June 30th. If you have any copies you would like to lend the parish please call the office or email them to office@stwellsburgwv.com Our next meeting to sort these photos will be Sunday, April 14th at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. We will also be having the next meeting for the **CELEBRATION** during that time.

At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting we discussed the **100TH CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH DEDICATION, PARISH PICNIC, ALL CLASS SCHOOL REUNION, AND FLOAT** for the parade, we will need lots of help so if that is something you are able and willing to do please call the office so we can get ready. We hope you mark your calendars for June 30th and help us celebrate.

We are looking to fill the 9 a.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.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church please call the office for more information on our **RCIA** program! Classes are offered at your convenience and we are currently welcoming any person who may be inquiring about the Catholic Faith.

St. Michael Parish is hosting **THE MAN OF THE SHROUD**, a Shroud of Turin Exhibit from March 8th to the 11th, 2024. For more information please visit sprirtcatholicradio.com/shroud or call the parish office.

Upcoming Events

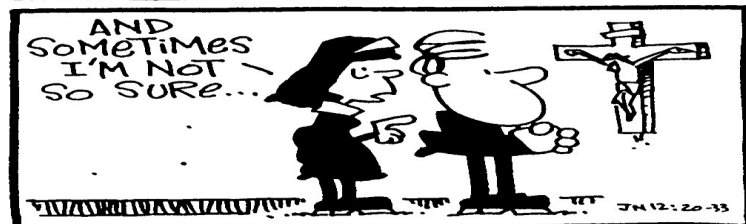
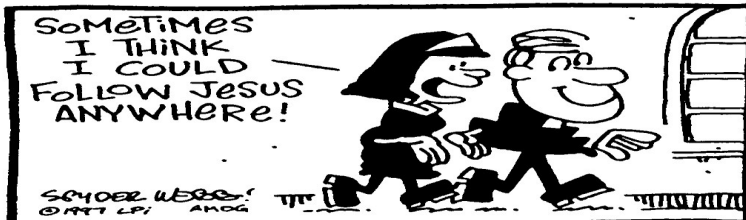
MARCH PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL :

- Friday the 1st: Stations of the Cross/ Adoration/ ————— Meager Meal
- Sunday the 3rd: Hospitality Sunday
- Wednesday, March 6th: Altar & Rosary ————— Meeting
- Friday the 8th: Stations of the Cross/ Meager Meal
- Tuesday the 12th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday the 13th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.
- Thur. — Sat. 14th 16th: Parish Directory Photos (please ————— see schedule)
- Friday the 15th: Stations of the Cross 5 p.m./ Meager Meal 6 p.m.
- Monday the 18th: Lenten Penance Service
- Friday the 22nd: Stations of the Cross 5 p.m./ Meager Meal 6 p.m.
- Wednesday the 27th: Men's Group 7 p.m.
- Thursday the 28th: Mass 6p.m./ Adoration after Mass until 11 p.m.
- Friday the 29th: Stations of the Cross 3 p.m./ Veneration of the Cross 5:30 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, April 14th: Celebration Meeting
And Picture Sorting 1 p.m.
- Saturday, May 11th: Confirmation 11 a.m.
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year
Celebration 10:30 a.m.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



What's going on in Paradise?

NJHS PROJECT - BMS BROOKE CO. ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Accepting donations of food items, toys, towels, blankets etc.

THANK YOU!



Gabby Mazeika, Braya Mazeika & Bryn Adler

Any items can be brought to the church and placed in the basket in the vestibule.

ST. ANTHONY ALL-SCHOOL RE-UNION will be an event of 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.

St. Joseph's Retreat Center will be hosting a **WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** June 21- 23, 2024. Limited registration is available. For more information you can email mgomez@dwc.org or call (304) 233-0880 ex. 264.

WINDSOR HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT will be having their annual Fish Fry on Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm.

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

BROOKE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER will have it's Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at 12 p.m.

On May 21st Ohio Valley Business Alliance Corporation will be hosting the **PITCH CONTEST** at Brooke High School starting at 6 p.m.

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LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PENANCE SERVICE~
Monday, March 18th, 6 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD~
Saturday, March 23rd, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24th, 8:00 a.m./
10:30 a.m. with Procession

HOLY THURSDAY ~
March 28th, 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Altar of Repose until 11 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29th ~ NO MASS
Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross 5:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER VIGIL MASS ~
March 30th, 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY ~
March 31st, 10:30 a.m.

In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month! Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Info at www.aoh.com, [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

The Human Resources Generalist as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ, consistent with the core purpose and Gospel values enunciated in the Diocesan Services' Mission Statement. The Human Resources Generalist will work as part of the HR team with a focus on supporting the Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The generalist will also serve to drive the onboarding process within the Diocese. Qualified candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to: Debbie Turziano, Director of Human Resources at dturziano@dwc.org.

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.

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

