

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MARCH 23, 2025

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
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**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 – Roman Canon

The Roman Canon, also known as Eucharistic Prayer I, is the most ancient and venerable Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite. Rooted in the early centuries of the Church, it has been the standard anaphora of the Roman Rite for over a millennium. The Roman Canon embodies the sacrificial nature of the Mass, linking the Church's present liturgical worship with the apostolic tradition and the sacrificial offering of Christ.

The *Te Igitur* is the solemn opening of the Roman Canon, establishing the prayerful tone and sacrificial focus of the Eucharistic Prayer. The Latin phrase "*Te igitur, clementissime Pater*" translates to "To you, therefore, most merciful Father," and marks the beginning of the priest's direct address to God the Father. This opening petition asks God to accept and bless the offering of the Church, which is being made in union with Christ and on behalf of the whole Church.

Praying this first part of the Roman Canon, the priest addresses God saying "To you, therefore, Most Merciful Father we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord." This sets the whole stance of this most sacred part of the Mass. It is the profound attitude of coming with "humble prayer and petition" and asking the Father to "accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices which we offer." It is all about sacrifice. That is the whole point. It is begging the Father's blessing upon the "gifts, offerings, holy and unblemished sacrifices" of bread and wine. The priest makes the sign of the cross over the bread and wine, indicating that he does not only ask the Father's blessing, but he is also intimately involved in blessing the bread and wine, because, as a priest, he is standing "in the Person of Christ."

The *Te Igitur* immediately places the Eucharistic Prayer within the context of intercession and sacrifice. It emphasizes the apostolic and hierarchical nature of the Church, with explicit mention of the Pope and our diocesan bishop, reminding us of the unity and universality of the Church. The priest used to bow in reverence as he prays this portion, reinforcing the humility and supplication of the Church before God.

The *Te Igitur* reflects the Church's petitionary character in the liturgy—recognizing God as the source of mercy and salvation—and acknowledges the sacrificial nature of the offering about to take place. The phrase "which we offer you firstly for your holy Catholic Church" underlines the Mass as a propitiatory sacrifice offered not only in praise but also for the sanctification and unity of the Church. We are thus reminded that every Mass is an offering for the entire Mystical Body of Christ, not just for those present. Through the *Te Igitur*, the Roman Canon sets the tone for the sacred mystery that unfolds: a solemn, humble, and universal appeal to the Father, offered through Christ by His Church in unity with her visible shepherds.

Next, we move on to the Commemoration of the Living also known as the *Memento, Domine*. If the Mass is offered for a living person, their name is said aloud here. Otherwise, the Priest, joining his hands, recalls in secret, those whom he wishes to recommend to God. Thus has the Priest first of all

prayed for the whole Church in general, for the Pope, the Bishop, and all Catholics, that is to say, all who are of the Faith of Holy Church. But this great Sacrifice, the fruits of which are infinite, operates in a more particular manner on all those, for whom special prayer is made; therefore the Priest is allowed here to mention those whom he wishes to recommend to God more especially. We learn from Tradition that in all ages, the Priest has been free thus to pray more expressly for those in whom he was interested, because the fruits of the Holy Sacrifice can be applied to them in particular, without prejudice to the principal intention. You may notice that at this portion of the Eucharistic Prayer I pause which is the moment I go through the list of people I intend to pray for and commend to God which includes each one of you.

He now prays for all those present around him—those whose faith is known to God, and whose devotion is evident. Their faith has moved them to leave everything else behind and gather at the Altar. Because of this, they deserve a special share in the fruits of the Holy Sacrifice.

See here how valuable it is to assist at Mass as often as possible. But attendance alone is not enough—it must be with faith and devotion. The Priest specifically says: whose faith and devotion are known to you.

Clearly, he could not speak thus of those who behave in church no differently than they would elsewhere—who pay no attention to what is happening at the Altar, and who seem only to be there to distract themselves in a socially acceptable way.

So, of those present, only those who assist with genuine faith and devotion can truly participate in the fruits of the Holy Mass.

As for those who are absent—they too can share in the Sacrifice, if they unite themselves spiritually to it, and desire, with faith and devotion, to be present if it were in their power. If these are their dispositions, then no matter how far they are, they truly share in the fruits of the great Sacrifice. All this shows how the Priest cannot approach the Altar with merely personal thoughts. He holds the whole Church in his hands and prays with outstretched arms, like Christ Himself, offering Sacrifice for all mankind.

Next the priest prays: For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

The Church here uses the phrase Sacrifice of praise—though more properly applied to Psalmody—because the Holy Mass is also an act of praise and honor to God. Moreover, the term is scriptural and frequently used elsewhere. Thus the Holy Sacrifice embraces and extends to all. The soul comes first: for the redemption of their souls—a petition often found in foundation charters of the Middle Ages. Next, the Church attends to the bodily needs of her children, asking God to preserve their health and protect them from danger. Finally, the Priest offers to the living and true eternal God the desires and needs of all the faithful. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Rockey and Sperlazza

Families +

Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am Bonnie Camiletti +

Tue 8:30 am Clement and Eliza Michels

Wed 5:30 pm Brother David Cooney

Thur 8:30 am George Bayless +

Fri 5:30 pm Robert "Bob" Hunnell +

Sat 4:00 pm Derek Golna

Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**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

**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

**Monday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15ab, Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Psalm 130:5, 7, Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Hebrews 10:4-10, John 1:14ab, Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9, Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, John 6:63c, 68c, Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jeremiah 7:23-28, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Joel 2:12-13, Luke 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hosea 14:2-10, Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, Matthew 4:17, Mark 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hosea 6:1-6, Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Psalm 95:8, Luke 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7., 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:18, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



**March 29, 4:00 PM**

**Gre:** Pam and Jeanette

**Ser:** Avery and Liam

**Lec:** A.J. Mitchell

**March 30, 8:00 AM**

**Gre:** Toot and Joanie

**Ser:** Judith Aracich

**Lec:** Maryanne Capp

**March 30, 10:30 AM**

**Gre:** Mary Beth Harvey

**Ser:** Will and Stothard

**Lec:** Cheryl Bland

**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.

We will be cleaning up the prayer list in the next bulletin. Please call the office if you would like to keep someone on the list. Thank you

<u>March 2, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	139	\$2759.00
Candles		\$564.25
Easter Flowers		\$15.00
Building and Maintenance		\$10.00
Disaster Relief		\$40.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$5000

## 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:** Heather Durante

**Sun:**

**Mon:** Madyson Kostur

**Tues:** Nancy Reed

**Wed:**

**Thur:**

**Fri:** Scarlett Scott, Benjamin Ferguson,

Brynleigh Adler, and Dante Rosso

**Sat:**

**Sun:** Henry Durante



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

### Prayer List

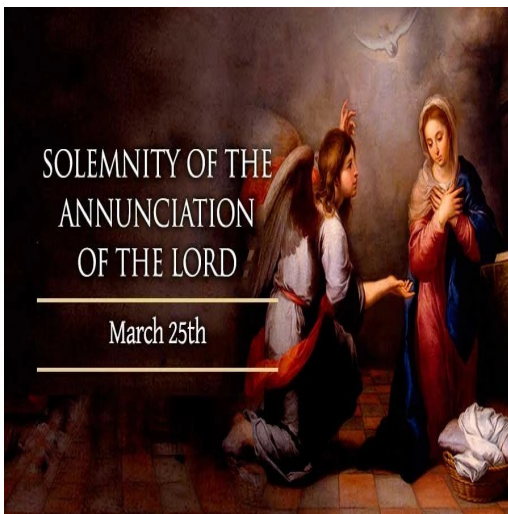
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE AND FAMILY, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIODO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN 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.

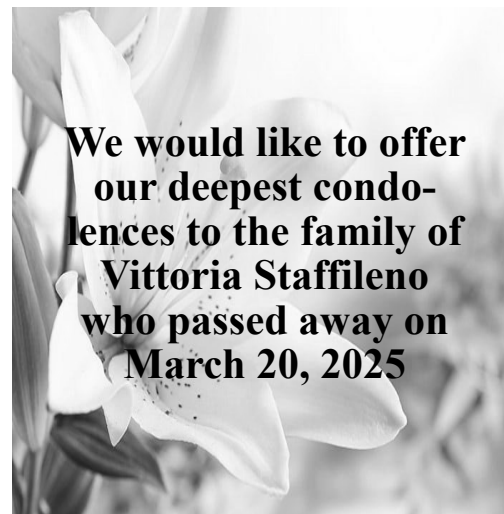


### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25th



We would like to offer  
our deepest condolences  
to the family of  
**Vittoria Staffileno**  
who passed away on  
**March 20, 2025**



# 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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THE CATHOLIC CARTOON by JESHERA MUSTERSON



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,

**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**

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks for us to be connected not productive.

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. Also, please remember that the Communion line is the place to engage in final preparation to receive our Lord. The Communion line is not a place for socializing.

#### 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.



*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Pope Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he Presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.*

*May the Lord preserve him, give him life, make him blest upon the earth, and deliver him not unto the will of his enemies. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**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 \$3,005 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.

**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).

**St Anthony's Parish FISH FRY**



**Fish Dinner Meal \$13.00**  
**Sandwich and Chips \$11.00**  
 Side orders of Haluski & Pierogies  
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 11 am – 6 pm  
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**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**  
**11:00a.m-6:00p.m**  
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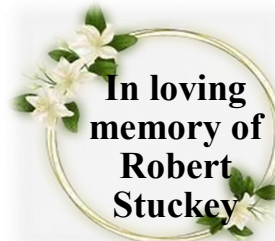
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