

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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PALM SUNDAY— MARCH 24, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.
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Dir. of Religious Education.....Monica Biery
Maintenance.....Liam Flickinger
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.

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 – Release the Crotalus!

In last week's column, we explored one aspect of the smells and bells that set us apart in our worship: the use of incense. This week, we will be traveling down the other path to understand the use, or lack thereof, of bells in the Catholic Church.

To signify celebration, bells ring out joyous sounds with crashing and pealing, reverberating harmonious beauty throughout the Christian world. This is both in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and a call to the celebration of prayer. However, in the Christian tradition bells are silent on Good Friday, in memory of the immense sadness marking the day in which we commemorate the crucifixion, death, and burial of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a substitute for bells, the tradition of the wooden clapper (or *crotalus*) developed over the centuries. This is a time-honored custom of the Latin Church to express sadness in substitute of the typical joyous harmony expressed by the sound of bells. The crotalus is brought out every year on Holy Thursday after the Gloria. The first part of the Mass is joyful, as usual. When the Gloria is intoned, the organ sounds and the bells are rung - and suddenly they cease, remaining silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The profound silence of the bells gives thought for serious reflection. The rhythmic strikes of the crotalus make for a somber mood as we are reminded that something is missing. Christ the Lord has been crucified and is in the tomb until the Easter Vigil celebration when He rises from the dead and the sound of bells return.

Similarly, the "strepitus" (Latin for "great noise") at the conclusion of Good Friday Tenebrae services is intended to jolt the soul.

The Latin word for the Lenten clapper is "crotalus," which is said to have originated from the Greek word "krotalon" which means "rattle." At a time when secular forces are working in overdrive to emancipate culture from ecclesiastical influence, it is little traditions like the use of the crotalus, the use of incense, the use of the smells and bells that the Church has to offer, that help our cause. In previous generations Christian civilization incorporated every aspect of social and liturgical life in a sacred order of sacramental symbols and liturgical observances to stir emotions and to teach the faith.

The Church is the custodian of the sacred liturgy and it is the bearer of a living tradition that unites the present and the past, the living and the dead, in one great spiritual community which transcends the world. The recovery of these little traditions help bring a spiritual dimension to the darkened modern world. But in the context of Holy Week, the crotalus serves another useful purpose. Just when spring seems hopelessly out of reach, and just when it seems like we've heard it all before, it cuts through the white noise around us. Both the crotalus and the Triduum remind us that, in the dead spots of life, there is resurrection and renewal. And they serve to remind us of one thing that Jesus continues to say to each of us: "Let those who have ears to hear, listen."

-Father Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Cheryl Rosso+
 Sun 8:00 am Virginia Diserio+
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Don Huff Sr. &
 Don Huff Jr.+
 Tue 8:30 am Peter Susberich+
 Wed 5:30 pm Derek Golna
 Thur 6:00 pm People of the Parish
 Fri 5:30 pm No Mass
 Sat 8:00 pm People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+

READINGS

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
Monday: Is 42:1-7/ Ps 27:1, 2, 3,
 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/ Ps 71:1-2, 3-
 4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/ Jn
 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/ 69:8-10,
 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Mt
 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps
 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18./ 1
 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Friday: No Mass
Saturday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps
 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23./ Col
 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/
 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23./
 Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9



March 30, 8:00 PM
 Gre Pam & Jeanette
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey

March 31, 10:30 AM
 Gre Brad & Katie Shaffer
 Ser Alina, Stothard, & Philip
 Lec Katie Shaffer



March 3 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	194	\$4113
Votive Candles		\$70
Building & Maintenance		\$644
Easter Flowers		\$210
Mother's Day		\$10
Priests' Retirement		\$70
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 898(B).

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, March 24th will be Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

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.

There will be no **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY** in April due to the Confirmation Retreat.

The parish office will be **CLOSED** Holy Thursday, March 28th through Easter Monday, April 1st for the Easter Holiday.

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 to help support the festivities please call Joe Mullenbach.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat:

Sun: Madyson Kostur

Mon: Nancy Reed

Tue:

Wed:

Thur: Scarlett Scott, Ben Ferguson, Brynleigh Adler, Dante Rosso,

Fri: John Suitlas

Sat: Henry Durante

Sun: Kim Caldwell



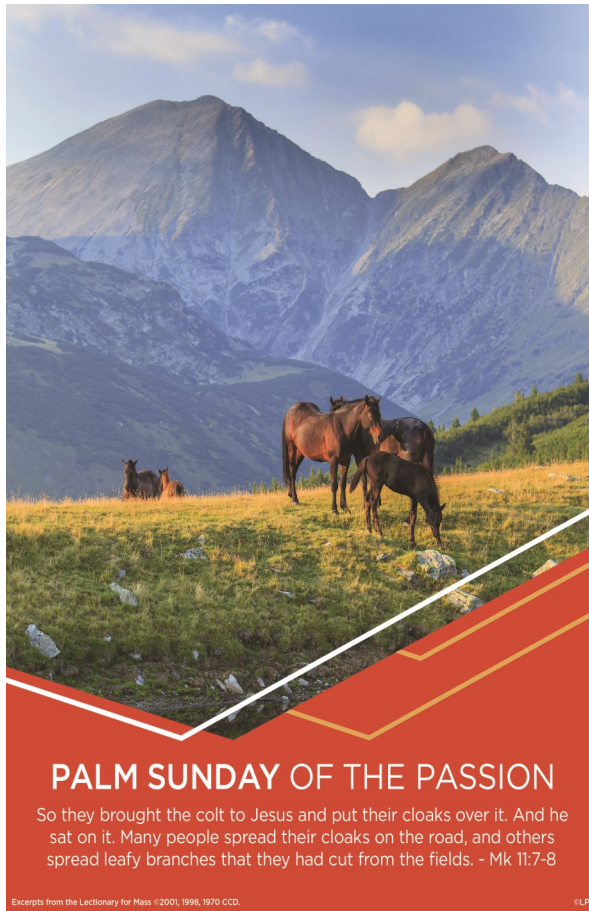
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, GARY ANTIGO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Our DEEPEST CONDOLENCES go to the families of:

Richard Jozwick for his passing on March 7th, 2024, Mary Margaret Cipoletti for her passing on March 11th, 2024,

Dolores Antigo for her passing on March 12th, 2024, and Edith Provenzano for her passing on March 14th, 2024.

May they rest in peace.



We would like to THANK the ladies who sat at the Greeter table for our Parish Directory Photos.



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.

We would like to congratulate Finn Callan McAndrew for his **BAPTISM** into the Church on March 17th, 2024.

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 with payment of \$15 to the office.

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 door prizes, basket donations, and 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@stwellzburgwv.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.

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.

The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is looking for a **HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST** who 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 dturziانو@dwc.org.

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 or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

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.

Upcoming Events

MARCH PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL :

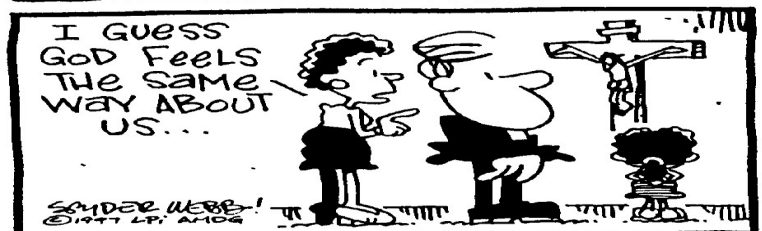
- Friday the 1st: Stations of the Cross/ Adoration/ ————— Meager Meal
- Sunday the 3rd: Hospitality Sunday
- Wednesday, March 6th: Altar & Rosary ————— Meeting
- Friday the 8th: Stations of the Cross/ Meager Meal
- Tuesday the 12th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday the 13th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.
- 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: Veneration of the Cross 3 p.m./ Stations of the Cross 5:30 p.m.

***Please see time change.**

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.

PALM SUNDAY



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.

On Friday, April 19th after Mass The SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT will be here selling religious articles to help support the work they do in psychiatric hospitals, orphanages, and with the homeless.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 304-737-0429 OR EMAIL OFFICE@STJOHNWELLSBURGWV.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH SPONSORS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR THE FAITHFUL: SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR TODAY'S TIMES

Presenter: Fr. Joe Freedy
Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 6:15 pm
Location: St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Rd, Wheeling

The evening is hosted by the St. Michael Parish's Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Christian Women

Social immediately following. All are welcome!

Plan to attend:

Holy Mass and LOUDfence Ceremony
10:30 am, April 7, 2024
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Celebrants Bishop Mark Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston & Bishop Paul Mason of England

LOUDFENCE
An international organization that started out of compassion to support faithful Christians who had been abused, as well as the faithful who care and pray for healing, hope, and change. LOUDfence is a way to bring a hushed and taboo topic into a healthy conversation and act of solidarity as a step forward.

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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 TAKE-OUT LUNCHES** 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.

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.

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.

The **MEMORIAL MASS** for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).



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UPDATED
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

Veneration of the Cross 3:00 p.m.*

Stations 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.

HOLY THURSDAY
7 CHURCH VISIT

St. John the Evangelist, Wellsburg—7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

St. Anthony, Follansbee—7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

St. Paul, Weirton—7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton JP II room—8 p.m.—11:30 p.m.

St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton—8:30 p.m.—12 a.m.

Holy Family, Steubenville—8:30 p.m.—12 a.m.

St. Peter, Steubenville—8:30 p.m.—11 p.m.

SUGGESTED ROUTE— 1.) St John the Evangelist; 2.) St. Anthony; 3.) Saint Paul; 4.) Sacred Heart; 5.) St. Joseph the Worker; 6.) Holy Family; 7.) St. Peter

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.

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 member of our parish family. Whom are you called to invite home? Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring different options to further this initiative within the Cathedral parish. We need your help! As the beautiful events of Holy Week and Easter approach, we are asking you to reach out to someone you know and invite them back to Mass this Easter! How wonderful would it be during the Easter Season to witness people renewing their life in the Risen Christ by participating in the sacraments again!

Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the VOCATIONS OFFICE, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

