

Pastor's Perusings

Welcome to our new and improved bulletin! You may have noticed that our bulletin looks a little different. We are taking steps to move the production of the bulletin in-house. For the next year, we will be utilizing a monthly cover service which will allow us to build up a base of advertisers to directly support our parish bulletin. We are moving the production of the bulletins in-house to give us greater freedom in when we are able to publish our bulletins and to give us greater freedom over how much information we are able to publish in our bulletins each week. We will be trying out different layouts and designs over the next year before we become fully independent in our bulletin publishing and we look forward to hearing your feedback as to what you like and what you don't!

Second, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your generosity in responding to the needs of the Christmas Appeal! As an update, we have been able to replace the knob-and-tube wiring in the attic of the rectory and to seal the holes and evict all of the animals from the rectory! Next, we are going to replace two windows in the parish office since they are no longer sealed properly and are the source of ongoing water damage in the parish office. Once the weather becomes more favorable, I think there is a cheap, short-term solution to the exterior office door problem which will require the assistance of some of our skilled parishioners. We will be looking for volunteers in the near future to help us fix this problem. Next on the list of priorities, we want to begin fixing the plaster in the church that has been damaged from water over the course of the years. There is a two-fold reason why we want to fix the plaster in the church: so that we can give the most beautiful space over to the worship of God and to prepare our walls for restoration once we are able to move past these maintenance issues.

Lastly, if you still have not yet signed up for an appointment for the new parish directory, I highly encourage you to do so! The more people that have their photos taken, whether they are parishioners or not, the more credits we earn to increase the quality of our directory. So please feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to have a free family photo taken at our parish!

As we continue our Lenten disciplines, I leave you with the words of one of the Church Fathers to help inspire us as we continue our Lenten fasts: "Special services, special foods, continence, not going to dances and events, all this awakes one to piety and reflection on our present purpose, on the past and on eternity. Seeing in ourselves a falling away from the commandments of God, we try to reconcile ourselves to God through repentance and communion of the most pure and life-giving Mysteries of Christ, which burn the thorns of our sins. You, when you have not fulfilled this duty during the year, of course will fulfill it during the Fast. The most merciful Lord loved us so much, that He gave us, through food and drink, His most pure Body and life-giving Blood, as a token of life eternal and the incorrupt future feast. Let us offer Him thanksgiving with pure hearts, lips and acts!" - St. Macarius of Optina (Letters...)



Sat 4:00 pm Virginia Diserio+
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am George Bayless+
 Mon 8:30 am Jackie Cawthorne+
 Tue 8:30 am Rick Harcharik+
 Wed 5:30 pm James Allen Jr.+
 Thur 8:30 am Rick Allen+
 Fri 5:30 pm John & Charlene Soplinski+
 Sat 4:00 pm Cheryl Rosso+
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/ 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ PS 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21
Next Sunday: : 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21



March 9, 4:00 PM
 Gre Rob & Marcie Morris
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec AJ Mitchell

March 10, 8:00 AM
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck
 Lec Maryanne Capp

March 10, 10:30 AM
 Gre Susie Mullenbach
 Ser Will, Alina, & Stothard
 Lec Pam Ferguson



February 25, 2024 Collection Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	147 \$3,895.05
Budget	\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 890.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, March 3rd will be Priests' Health and Retirement Association. This fund provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of DWC.

ALTAR & ROSARY: Will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024.

COFFEE KLATCH: Will be held on Tuesday, March 12th in the parish hall at 10 a.m.

SOUP & SANDWICH: Will be held on Wednesday, March 13th in 11 a.m. until sold out in the parish hall. If you are able to donate please call the office or Susie Mullenbach.

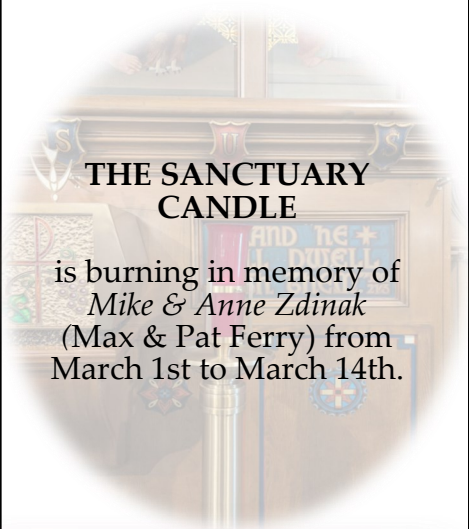
On Friday's during Lent we will be having **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 5 p.m. offering **MEAGER MEALS** in the parish hall after Mass. If you would be willing to help please call the parish office.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Will be this Sunday, March 3rd in the parish hall after the 8 a.m. Mass.

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.



- Sat:** Bill Cipriani
- Sun:** Tara Ferguson, Barb Bolden
- Mon:** Ann Reis
- Tue:** Susan Canistraro
- Wed:** Maryanne Capp
- Thur:**
- Fri:** Patty Elcesser, Marie Kostur, Krista Cox
- Sat:** James Casinelli, Raymond Shaffer



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

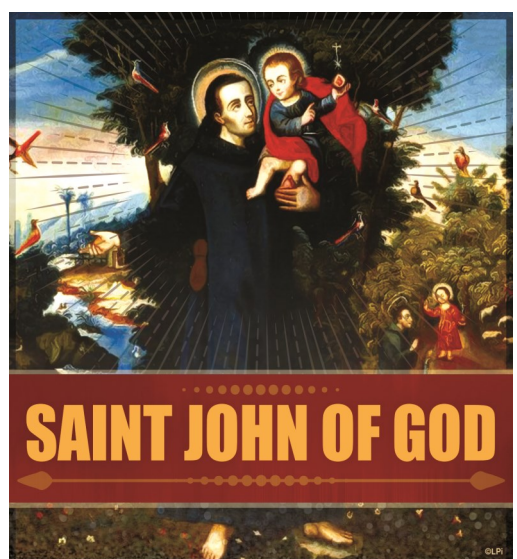
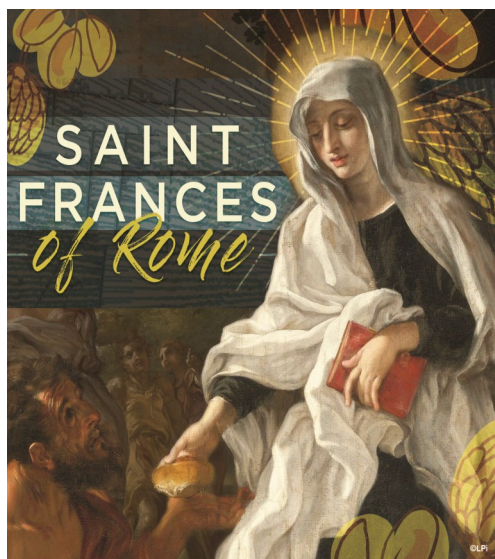
is burning in memory of *Mike & Anne Zdinak* (Max & Pat Ferry) from March 1st to March 14th.

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, WILMA STEWART AND MARY ROSE.



To our beloved official PASTOR Father Golna!

SAINT SPOTLIGHT



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.

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 now accepting appointments for the **2024 PARISH DIRECTORY** on March 14th through the 16th. Any person or family who makes an appointment will benefit the Parish. Any non-parishioners are invited to take advantage of the free 8x10 photo by making an appointment with us.

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, 2021. For more information please visit sprirtcatholicradio.com/shroud or call the parish office.

Upcoming Events

MARCH PARISH EVENTS:

- 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
- Wednesday the 13th: Soup & Sandwich
- Thur.—Sat. 14th-16th: Parish Directory Photos
- Friday the 15th: Stations of the Cross/ Meager Meal
- Friday the 22nd: Stations of the Cross/ Meager Meal
- Wednesday the 27th: Men’s Group
- Friday the 29th: Stations of the Cross/ Meager Meal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, April 14th: Celebration Meeting
And Picture Sorting
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year
Celebration



Sunday, March 10th, 2024

What's going on in Paradise?

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Catholic Men of the area to join us for a day of reflection with Reverend Justin Golna, J.C.L. from 8am to 5pm. The theme will be on the Eucharist and the day includes light breakfast and lunch. Cost: \$30 JOIN US . . . Saturday March 9th, 2024, Saint Vincent dePaul Parish's Marist Center, Wheeling, WV. Contact Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or laymensretreatleague@gmail.com.

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.

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL
SMALL SCHOOL...BIG FAMILY
OPEN HOUSE


MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
6:00-7:30 PM
150 Michael Way
Weirton, WV 26062
Questions: 304-723-0545 or email info@weirtonmadonna.org

Come learn more about:

- Our academics
- How the HOPE Scholarship can help make a Madonna education possible for your family.
- Our service program
- Extra-curricular activities

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.

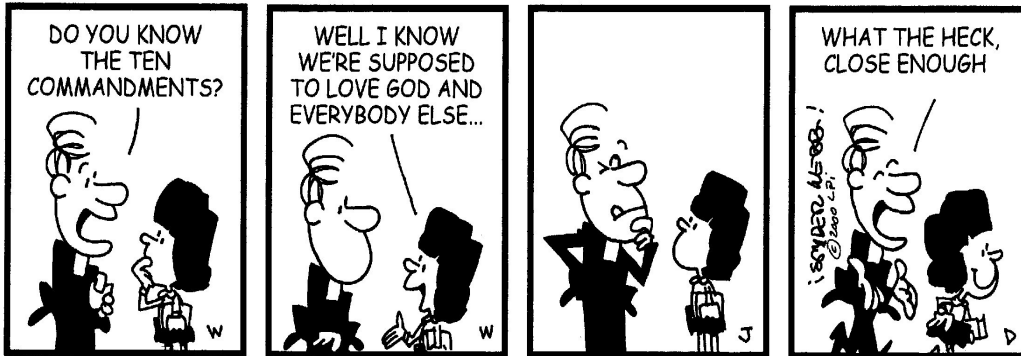
WINDSOR HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT will be having their annual Fish Fry on Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm.

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

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

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.

3D SUNDAY OF LENT



**THANK YOU TO OUR
PARISH SPONSOR**

**LENTEEN 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**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

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29th ~Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross 5:30 p.m.**HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER VIGIL MASS ~**

March 30 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY ~

March 31, 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!

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 740-283-3636

aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net

www.aimwomenscenter.com 24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

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

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.

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.

