

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MARCH 30, 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.
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Dir. of Religious Education.....Monica Biery
Parish Council.....John Alvarez
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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.

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— Communicantes

The Church Militant does not wish to approach the Holy Altar all alone. She has spoken to God, about the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, about the Bishop under whose Jurisdiction the Diocese is placed, then about all Catholics. Now, she wants to name another class of persons, belonging not to the Church Militant, but to the Church Triumphant. She is fully aware that those who are already enjoying the Glory of the Church Triumphant are not separated from her, but, on the contrary, that they are intimately united to her, forming but one and the same Church with her. It is true, the Church is divided into the Church Triumphant, the Church Suffering, and the Church Militant; nevertheless there is but one Church. We are to present ourselves, then, before God, in company not only of the Saints on earth, but of the Saints in Heaven.

For this reason, the Priest adds: *Communicantes et memoriam venerantes (In communion with those whose memory we venerate)*. Yes, we do indeed venerate those whom we are about to name, and our motive for thus honoring their memory is that they have already attained eternal glory and God for evermore; we are united with them, and have direct communication with them, forming but one with them, in the Holy Sacrifice. And who are they?

First of all: especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Blessed Lady has every right to an honor peculiar to her alone, and Holy Church never fails to pay it to her; on the present occasion she expresses this her thought by the word *in primis*: it behooves us in the first place, to speak of Mary. Yes, of Mary who always was and ever is a Virgin: Virgin before Birth-giving, Virgin in Birth-giving, Virgin after Birth-giving; She is, moreover, the true Mother of God, of Him who is at the same time, Our Lord Jesus Christ. All these her titles give her special right to particular mention apart from all others. Following the Blessed Mother, there comes the name of the universal patron of the Church, St. Joseph, which was added in 1962 by Pope St. John XXIII.

Holy Church adds next, the Apostles and Martyrs of Christ. She will give us the names of the martyrs presently, but not till she has given us those of the Apostles. St. Mathias is the only one omitted, but his name occurs later on, in another list, after the Consecration.

The priest begins with Sts. Peter and Paul, whose joint labors founded the Holy Roman Church. Their names are

always said together, a sign of their unity in mission and martyrdom. As the priest recites this part of the Canon, he holds in mind one truth: he is in communion with these saints and is honoring their memory.

Next follow the other Apostles: Andrew, James the Great, John, Thomas, James the Less, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddeus (Jude). These are the pillars of the Gospel, chosen by Christ Himself. To show that the Church is not only apostolic but eternal, the list continues with saints from later generations—beginning with three early Popes: Linus, Cletus, and Clement. All were ordained by Peter himself. According to tradition, Peter appointed Clement as his successor, but Clement initially tried to decline the burden. Eventually, he accepted the papacy.

Then comes Sixtus II (Xystus), a celebrated martyr who served with St. Laurence as his deacon. Sixtus was beheaded in the Cemetery of Pretextatus, and the crypt in the Cemetery of St. Callixtus still bears his name. Following Sixtus is Cornelius, whose epitaph was discovered in pieces in the Roman catacombs—"Cor" on one slab, "nelius" on another. Next comes St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, who is always linked with Cornelius. Together they represent the unity of the universal Church beyond Rome. St. Laurence (Laurentius), one of the Church's most beloved deacons, is also named. He was martyred during the persecution under Valerian, as was St. Chrysogonus, who follows in the list.

Then come John and Paul—martyrs under Julian the Apostate, and finally, Cosmas and Damian, physician saints who, though not Roman, had their relics brought to Rome after their martyrdom under Diocletian.

These names complete the official list preserved in the Roman Canon. No others may be added. The prayer concludes by invoking all the saints: and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Thus ends this third Prayer, which is, like the other two, a Prayer of recommendation. First of all, the Priest prayed for Holy Church, the Pope, the Bishop, all Catholics, then for those for whose intention the Holy Sacrifice is being offered; to these he joined other persons in whom he is interested, finally, he reminded God of the union which exists between the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant, and then the names of the Saints in Heaven were heard at our Altar here below. - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Derek Golna
 Sun 8:00 am Kristian White +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Sister Salvinette, M.C.
 Tue 8:30 am William Traubert and Family
 Wed 5:30 pm Virginia Diserio +
 Thur 8:30 am Charles Olszeski +
 Fri 5:30 pm NAC Class of 2020
 Sat 4:00 pm Priests of the DWC
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am James Kunzler +

Readings

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6, Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Psalm 95:8, Luke 18:9-14
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
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21, Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Amos 5:14, John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Psalm 51:12a, 14a, John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15, Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, John 11:25a, 26, John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, John 3:16, John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Matthew 4:4b, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, See Luke 8:15, John 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:25a, 26, John 11:1-45



April 5, 4:00 PM
Gre: Mark and Shari
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

April 6, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Judith Aracich
Lec: Fred Casale

April 6, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Gavin Scott

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 894.

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	142	\$3646.00
Candles		\$54.00
Easter Flowers		\$10.00
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund		\$569.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	249	\$5000



Sat:
Sun: Henry Durante
Mon: Kim Caldwell
Tues: Jackie Demark, Roberta Alvarez,
 Richard Scott, Bridget Burns, Jason Music
 and Rob Morris
Wed: Evelyn Queen
Thur: Misty Ferguson
Fri: Trinity Rouse
Sat: Elizabeth McLaughlin and Linda Bolen
Sun: Nicole Miller



**THE SANCTUARY
 CANDLE**

is burning in memory of
Kristian White
 From March 28, 2025 to
 April 10, 2025.

Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND
 THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, GARY
 ANTIGO, MARY FLUHARTY, BARB MASON,
 JOE BIBBO AND THE SUMMERS FAMILY.

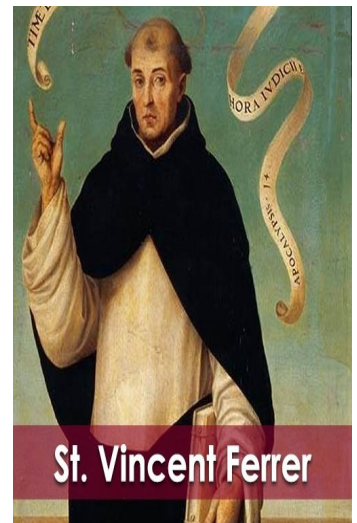
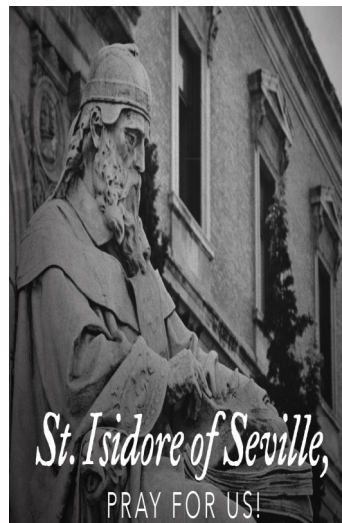
Please keep the parish office updated of
 anyone you have added to the PRAYER
 LIST every 30 days.

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 EUCHA-
 RISTIC 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 **EXTRAOR-
 DINARY MINISTERS OF
 HOLY COMMUNION** for
 our sick and homebound
 parishioners. If you would
 be interested in helping
 please call the office.

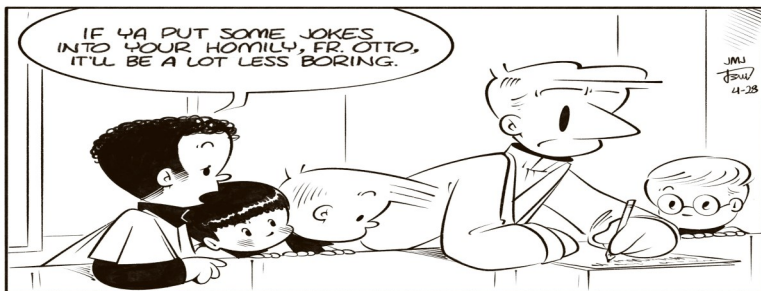


March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Mardi Gras Dinner	5 Ash Wednesday Mass :	6 Altar & Rosary	7- Stations of the Cross	8
9	10	11 Coffee & Catechesis	12 Soup & Sandwich	13	14 Stations of the Cross	15
16	17	18 Coffee & Catechesis	19	20	21 Stations of the Cross	22
23	24	25 Coffee & Catechesis	26 Men's Group	27	28 Stations of the Cross	29
30	31					

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	2 Altar and Rosary Meeting 6:30 p.m.	3 Penance Service 6 p.m.	4 Stations of the Cross 5 pm	5
6	7	8 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	9 Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.	10	11 Stations of the Cross 5 pm	12
13	14	15 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	16	17	18	19
20 Easter	21	22 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	30 Men's Group 7 p.m.			



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

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

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.



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!



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. 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
Sacred Heart of Mary Church Cafeteria
 Baked or Fried Fish & Shrimp
 Haluski, Mac & Cheese, French Fries,
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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
 Ash Wednesday & every Friday during Lent
 11 am – 6 pm
 St Anthony's Church Cafeteria
 1017 Jefferson St, Follansbee

Meal Includes
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memory of
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Cassandra



In loving
memory of
Robert
Stuckey



The Children
of St. Jude
hospital

The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising with us, please have them call the office for more information.

We have also started to run a monthly memorial inside, if you would like to honor anyone this is a great way to do that!

