

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
MARCH 31, 2024**

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
**Office Manager**.....Steph Russell  
**Dir. Of Music/ Organist**.....Zac Gordon  
**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.

## 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 – Christ is Risen!

Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! He is risen! Truly He is risen! We, who by our own actions merited the darkness of sin and death, have instead been saved by so great, so glorious a Redeemer! On this Easter Sunday, we gather together to encounter the Risen Christ in a unique and intimate way, but this is not the only time that we are able to encounter the Risen Lord.

Each time we receive Communion, no matter the time of year, we encounter the risen Christ. What other Christ is there, except the One who has risen from the dead? Because Jesus has risen from the dead, he is not bound by the laws of space and time. He is perfectly free and can be anywhere he wants to be. He wants to be with us, and he gives himself to us under the form of bread and wine each time we receive him in Holy Communion.

If Christ is risen from the dead, He can certainly transform bread and wine into His risen Body and Blood. He does so at each Mass through the ministry of the priest, who takes the offerings of the people and recites over them the words of the Lord himself when He instituted the Eucharist. The ordained priest begins the Mass speaking in the name of the Church, but at the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer he speaks in the name and person of Christ himself: "This is my body; this is my blood." It is the risen body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion, a body marked by the nails and the spear but no longer dead, a body splendid with the radiant glory of the eternal Son of God.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, we touch eternity because we are united with the risen Lord, who sits at the right hand of the Father now and forever. When Jesus promised the Eucharist to his disciples, he said: "The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:54). How could it be otherwise, since taking into our mortal bodies, doomed to death, the immortal body of the risen Christ plants in us the seeds of immortality, seeds which will blossom at our own resurrection from the dead.

Many who heard Jesus' promise 2,000 years ago separated themselves from his followers. This has been the history of the Eucharist, which is always a sign of unity in faith and therefore also a sign of division from those who believe differently or do not believe at all. Sometimes our assent in faith to the mystery of Christ's action and abiding presence in the Eucharist is weakened by our imagining Jesus as he walked on earth before his death and resurrection and wondering how that body can be "squeezed" into a host. Sometimes our imagination limits the Mass to the picture of the Holy Thursday supper, and we therefore think of Mass as if it were a regular meal. But the reality of Holy Thursday is Good Friday, and the fulfillment of Good Friday is Easter Sunday. The last supper was an anticipation of the Lord's crucifixion and death, which is why the Eucharist is called the sacrifice of the Mass. And the Lord's crucifixion and death is overcome in his rising from the dead on the third day, which is why the Eucharist is called an eschatological banquet. This is the Jesus we worship and adore in each celebration of the Eucharist: the one who offered himself in a unique sacrifice which is made available for us now in an unbloody, sacramental manner, under the forms of bread and wine which we receive here so as to live with Christ forever.

The risen Lord waits for us. He could force us, but he came to set us free; and he always respects our freedom, even the freedom to reject him or neglect him. He invites us and rejoices when we come to him. We are able to come and receive the Risen Lord every week, indeed every day, when we come to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us run to meet Him.



Sat 8:00 pm People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+  
 Mon 8:30 am Ingrid Bush+  
 Tue 8:30 am Isabel Delaney  
 Wed 5:30 pm Tepin Delaney  
 Thur 8:30 am April Burton  
 Fri 5:30 pm Mary Margaret Cipoletti+  
 Sat 4:00 pm Virginia Diserio+  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am William Reck+

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23./ Col 3:1-4/ Jn 20:1-9  
**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/ 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/ 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/ 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/ 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/ Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:32-35/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/ Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31



**April 6, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec Jim Sperlazza

**April 7, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Fred Casale

**April 7, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre CCD  
 Ser Will, Stothard, & Philip  
 Lec CCD



March 3 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	159	\$2892
Votive Candles		
Building & Maintenance		\$125
Easter Flowers		\$125
Mary, Mother of God		\$2
Holy Thursday		\$25
Good Friday		\$45
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when “we don’t know” what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 902.

**ALTAR & ROSARY** will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

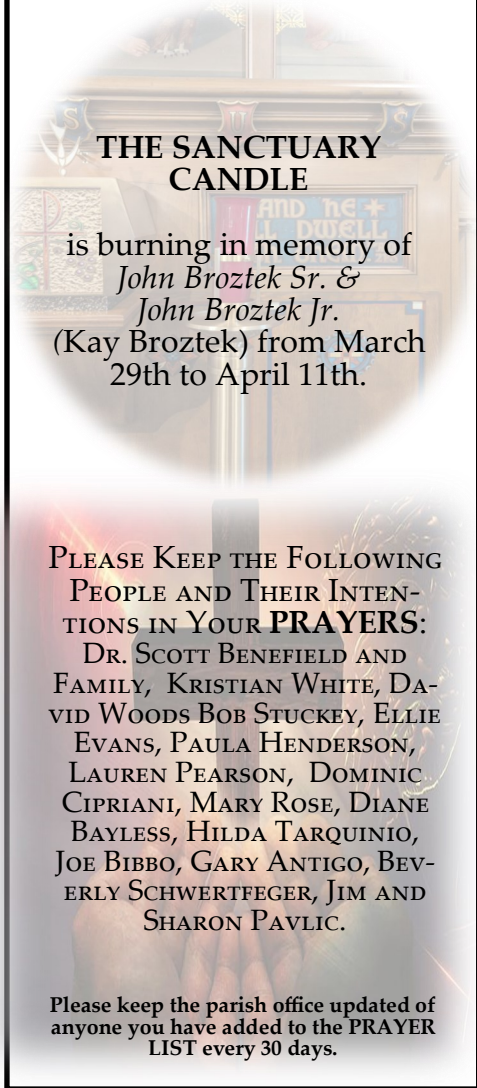
The parish office will be **CLOSED** Holy Thursday, March 28th through Easter Monday, April 1st for the Easter Holiday.

**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.



- Sat:** Henry Durante
- Sun:** Kim Caldwell
- Mon:** Jackie Demark, Roberta Alvarez, Richard Scott, Bridget Burns, Jason Kusic, Robert Morris
- Tue:** Evelyn Queen
- Wed:** Misty Ferguson
- Thur:** Trinity Rouse
- Fri:** Elizabeth McLaughlin, Linda Bolen
- Sat:** Nicole Miller
- Sun:**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of  
*John Broztek Sr. & John Broztek Jr.*  
(Kay Broztek) from March 29th to April 11th.

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.



## EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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We would like to  
**THANK**  
Pam Boyd and the ladies who always ensure our church's beauty and decorations give greater glory to God!



We would like to  
**THANK**  
Monica Biery for making us matching covers for our statues.



We would like to **THANK** everyone for your quick action with the Sarris Candy Bars. We have no unopened boxes left but we do have individual bars left. Please call the office if you would like some!

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@stwellsburgwv.com](mailto: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.

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 [dturziano@dwc.org](mailto:dturziano@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](http://www.aoh.com) , [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://facebook.com/roadbowling) or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

# Upcoming Events

## APRIL PARISH EVENTS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL :

- Wednesday, April 3rd: Altar & Rosary Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 4th: Dolores Antigo Funeral 11 a.m.
- Friday, April 5th: Wedding Rehearsal 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 6th: Streisselberger/ Brewer Wedding
- Sunday, April 7th: Confirmation Retreat
- Tuesday, April 9th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 10th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.
- Sunday, April 14th: Celebration Meeting  
And Picture Sorting 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 19th: Sister of Saint Elisabeth Convent  
before and after Mass

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Saturday, May 11th: Confirmation 11 a.m.
- Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year  
Celebration 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, December 14th: Mass in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church/ Holiday Dinner after Mass.

## EASTER



## 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.



**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!*

Father Joe Freedy is from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is nationally known as the Quarterback priest and shared the viral story of "The Power of One Hail Mary." He was also a keynote presenter and break out leader at our Diocesan Eucharistic Congresses last year in both Charles Town and Charleston.

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

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).

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.



**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.

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

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

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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.

**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!

**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**

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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for more information.

