

St. John the Evangelist Church

1300 Charles Street
Wellsburg, WV 26070
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March 8, 2026

Lent

Third Sunday



The Gospel is from St. John 4:5-42. This gospel, about the Samaritan woman, is exceptionally rich. Every time we read it we are passionately moved by that intense conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, recalling the great teaching of Saint Augustine, with regard to Christ's request to the woman, "give me something to drink", said: "Yes, God thirsts for our faith and our love. As a good and merciful father, he wants our total, possible good, and this good is he himself. The Samaritan woman, on the other hand, represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks. She had "five husbands" and now she lives with another man; her going to and from the well to draw water expresses a repetitive and resigned life. However, everything changes for her that day, thanks to the conversation with the Lord Jesus....." (Benedict XVI, Angelus 24 February 2008).

To recognize that if we entrust ourselves to God, we receive every "possible good" which, as the Pope reminds us, is God himself, means living the dynamic of conversion to God: renouncing a self-centered mentality, which deceives self-sufficient man, in order to receive the gift of God. Man without God is inevitably destined to dissatisfaction, limited in everything by his own limits as a creature, even in "giving himself" or "obtaining for himself" joy, love, happiness... Man without God cannot think to reach boundless joy, unlimited and eternal love, the living water of which, precisely, Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman.

Happiness, another word for the living water, can only be given by the One who possesses it, and man does not possess it. God alone can share it with those who place their trust in Him and follow Him.

The living water, the gift of the Holy Spirit, can only be given by the Lord Jesus whom the Father sent into the world to give to all men and women eternal life, that is, never ending happiness. As the Pope reminds us "only the water that Jesus offers, the living water of the Spirit, can quench" man's "thirst for the infinite" (Benedict XVI, homily 24 February 2008). Man is able to give his fellow humans, affection, money, power, human glory, honor, career ... but not endless happiness which, since it is an unlimited good, belongs to the divine, infinite sphere!

The living water flows only from the divine source. The Samaritan woman went to a well which was deep, but limited, whereas unlimited was her thirst for happiness and love. The woman, the Holy Father tells us, "represents the existential dissatisfaction of one who does not find what he seeks". How often man seeks the infinite, the eternal, well-being...but sadly continues to seek it in a well, in a reality, the earthly reality, which is unable to contain it. How many wells, deep but empty, how many wells of stagnant water, we have met on our way! We carry within us immense desires and easily deceive ourselves that we can meet them.

On our path of conversion, what a great grace it is to find the Lord Jesus waiting patiently for us beside our senseless wells. When, like the Samaritan woman, we are tired of the things of this world, of almost empty wells, then the Divine Master is especially close to us. He asks us to give him something to drink, he asks us to trust Him to satiate our heart and if we trust in Him we discover the joy of finding the true well, the source of crystal clear water.

Then, as if in a dream, as it was for the Samaritan woman, everything which before was important, no longer counts, true reality is something else, it becomes that Man-God who begs to give Himself! The secret of happiness is to invert the process of selfishness: to forget self in order to make room for Another Person, the Lord of life and happiness. Give up self and find God! If I renounce sin, I find grace, if I renounce myself, I find God and my brothers and sisters. "If you only knew what God is offering," happiness is what He wants to give you! How often a priest should ask himself this question, or a woman who wonders "shall I have a child or not", "am I thinking of myself, or of the child who cannot come into the world without my help?" If you knew what gift of Life, you would throw yourself into that well and there you would find the strength to renounce self.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, with wisdom typical of saints, explained why we should give ourselves to God: "Why should we give ourselves completely to God? Because God has given Himself to us. If God who owes us nothing is ready to give us nothing less than Himself, can we respond with only a small part of ourselves? Giving ourselves totally to God is a way of receiving God. I am for God and God is for me. I live for God and renounce myself, in this way I allow God to live for me. To possess God we must allow Him to possess our souls. (Blessed Teresa di Calcutta).

—Mgr Luciano Alimandi, Ave Maria, Agenzia Fides 27/2/2008

CHURCH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

St. John the Evangelist Parish

1300 Charles Street

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Parish Office: (304) 737-0429

Pastoral Team:

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.

Secretary.....Trisha Vaders

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Director of Religious Education.....Monica Biery

Parish Council Chair.....John Alvarez

Finance Council Chair.....Bill Garvey

Sacraments:

Baptism: For infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given at the Easter Vigil after completing the OCIA program. For details, please contact the 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 office for arrangements.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9-4pm



Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Friday - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:30 a.m.

(See the Weekly Schedule for changes to Mass times)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - 8-8:25 a.m.

Tuesday - 8-8:25 a.m.

Wednesday - 6-6:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8-8:25 a.m.

Friday - 6-6:30 p.m.

Saturday Vigil - 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9:15 - 10 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday : 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For Sacramental Preparation or Religious Education for children (CCD) or adults (OCIA), please contact the parish office for times of classes or check the bulletin and bulletin board in the vestibule.

Protecting God's Children

St. John the Evangelist takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to virtusonline.org.

Thank you for your continued support in making the environment at St. John the Evangelist safe for everyone.

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 of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

The confessional is available for use by new and nursing moms during Mass. Feel free to use that space for your feeding needs.

Pastor's Perusings- Thirsting for the Living Water

As Lent reaches its third week, the Church places before us one of the most beautiful and searching scenes in the Gospel: Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. The setting seems simple. A tired traveler sits beside Jacob's well at midday. A woman comes to draw water. Yet in this ordinary meeting the Lord reveals the drama of every human soul. Beneath all our routines and concerns there is a deeper thirst. Lent is the season in which the Church teaches us to recognize that thirst and bring it to Christ.

The first reading from Exodus prepares us for this theme. Israel thirsts in the desert and begins to complain against Moses. Their need for water quickly becomes a crisis of faith: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" That question remains one of the deepest temptations of the spiritual life. When we feel dry, burdened, or weary, we begin to wonder whether God is truly near. The Psalm answers with both warning and invitation: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Lent is precisely this "today" in which the Lord calls us again.

The Gospel deepens this theme of thirst. The Samaritan woman comes to draw ordinary water, and Jesus begins with a simple request: "Give me a drink." Yet from the beginning He is leading her beyond bodily thirst to the deeper thirst of the soul.

St. Augustine makes a striking observation about this moment. Although Jesus asks the woman for water, Augustine says that in truth He was thirsting for her faith. Christ is never merely a passerby in our lives. He seeks us before we seek Him. He begins the conversation. He awakens desire. The Lord sits beside the well of our daily life because He desires to draw us into communion with Himself.

Augustine also sees in the Samaritan woman a figure of the Church drawn from the nations. She is not part of the people of Israel, yet she is chosen for a profound encounter with the Savior. In her Augustine sees the Church before she is fully justified: searching, burdened, and yet already being drawn by grace toward the truth. In this sense the story is not only about one woman long ago. It is also about us. We come carrying our jars, occupied with our immediate needs, and discover that the Lord has been waiting for us all along.

Christ's words to her reveal the truth about every human heart: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."

The goods of this world are real goods. Food, rest, friendship, beauty, work, and human love all have their proper place. Yet none of them can finally satisfy the heart. They are finite, and the human soul is made for more. Every earthly well, however good, leaves us thirsty again.

Augustine explains that the water Christ promises is not visible but spiritual. The "living water" is the grace of God, the gift of the Holy Spirit poured into the heart. This is why the Church reads this Gospel so carefully during Lent. It is a baptismal Gospel. It reminds us that in Christ we are offered more than advice or consolation. We are offered participation in the very life of God.

Yet before the woman can receive this gift fully, Christ leads her into truth. He tells her, "Go call your husband." At this moment the conversation becomes deeply personal. The Lord brings her life into the light.

Here St. John Chrysostom offers a beautiful insight. He marvels at the gentleness and wisdom of Christ. The Lord does not begin by accusing the woman or harshly exposing her sins. Instead, He leads her gradually. He begins with a request, then a promise, then an invitation. Only after drawing her into trust does He reveal the truth about her life.

Chrysostom sees in this the pastoral method of Christ Himself. The Lord corrects in a way that heals rather than humiliates.

This is an important lesson for Lent. True conversion does not happen through denial, but neither does it happen through despair. Christ reveals the truth about our lives not to crush us, but to free us. The woman is not destroyed by the truth. She is awakened by it.

Her response is remarkable. She does not become defensive or flee. Instead

she says, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet." Chrysostom notes how extraordinary this is. Many who witnessed Christ's miracles resisted Him, but this woman, hearing the truth about herself, becomes more open to Him.

Here we see one of the clearest signs of grace at work in the soul: the ability to receive the truth without hardening the heart.

Lent calls us to this same honesty. In prayer, in fasting, in the examination of conscience, and especially in confession, Christ speaks to us about our real condition. He shows us where we have sought fulfillment apart from Him and reveals the emptiness of the wells to which we keep returning. Yet He does this not to condemn, but to heal.

The conversation then turns to worship. The woman asks whether God should be worshiped on this mountain or in Jerusalem. Jesus lifts the discussion far beyond the old dispute: "The hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."

True worship is not confined to one sacred place. It flows from a heart transformed by grace and drawn into communion with the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

For us this worship reaches its summit in the sacred liturgy, above all in the Most Holy Eucharist. There the living Christ who sat beside the well becomes truly present. There He gives not symbolic refreshment but Himself.

Yet worship in Spirit and truth must also shape the whole of life. The one who receives living water must become a true worshiper not only at Mass, but also in charity, purity, humility, and fidelity.

One of the most moving details of the Gospel comes near the end of the story. The woman leaves her water jar behind.

Augustine sees in this a sign of interior conversion. The jar was the reason she had come. It represented her daily concerns and, in a deeper sense, the life she had been living until that moment. But after encountering Christ something changes. The Lord has spoken the truth about her life, exposing the wounds and disordered relationships she carried. Instead of fleeing from that truth, she allows it to become the beginning of repentance.

She leaves the jar behind, a visible sign that the old life no longer holds her in the same way. Freed by the mercy of Christ, she runs back to the town to tell others about the One who revealed her life and offered her living water.

She becomes, in a sense, a missionary. Chrysostom even says she acts like an apostle. "Come see a man who told me everything I have done." The woman who came to the well in shame now becomes the instrument through which others begin to believe.

This too is a lesson for Lent. A real encounter with Christ never remains private. The soul that has received living water cannot remain closed in on itself. It begins to speak. It invites others. It bears witness.

The Gospel concludes with one of the great confessions of faith in the New Testament: "This is truly the Savior of the world." Christ is not only the answer to one woman's story. He is the answer to the thirst of the human heart itself.

As Lent continues, the Church leads us again to the well. There Christ waits for us, patient and merciful. He already knows our thirst. He knows every place where we have searched for life apart from Him.

Yet He still says, "Give me a drink," because He thirsts for our faith. And He still promises living water, because He desires not only to forgive us but to fill us with divine life.

If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart. Come to the well. Bring Him your thirst. And let Him become within you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

-Father Golna

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7	4:00 P.M.	Pro Populo
Sunday, March 8	8:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of: Josie Newton Requested by: Longhi & Antinone Family
Sunday, March 8	10:30 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of Helen Lamone † Requested by: Richard & Pam Ferguson
Monday, March 9	8:30 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of Linda Lee † Requested by: Angela Cipriani
Tuesday, March 10	8:30 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of Benjamin Bucy † Requested by: Jeje Huff
Wednesday, March 11	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Bernard Morris † Requested by: Michael & Marlene Runkel
Thursday, March 12	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Linda Lee † Requested by: Marty & Ginny Gaughan
Friday, March 13	5:30 P.M.	For the repose of the soul of Jeff Smay †
Saturday, March 14	4:00 P.M.	For the repose of the soul of Mario Ficca † Requested by: Ronnie & Jennifer Ficca
Sunday, March 15	8:00 A.M.	For the repose of the soul of: Josie Newton Requested by: Gordon Fam.
Sunday, March 15	10:30 A.M.	Pro Populo

*The sanctuary lamp is
burning in memory of
Kristian White
Feb. 27 - Mar.12
By: Sam & Margaret White*



*Contact the parish office to sponsor
the sanctuary lamp for a two week
period!*

Please write separate checks for each collection.
Collections are split between various accounts
and it is not possible to split one check into
more than one account. Thank you!

Attendance & Collections			
Saturday 4:00 PM	59	\$1046	\$352
Sunday 8:00 AM	40	\$1290	\$262
Sunday 10:30 AM	72	\$2013	\$508
Total attendance	171		
1st Collection Total	\$4349		
2 nd Collection Total	\$1122		
Online Giving	\$1100		
Weekly Needs	\$5,000		
Votive Candles	\$36		
Diocesan Debt	\$0		

Adorer Enrollment Status

9-10	
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Need 2 Adorers	
Need 1 Adorer	
Need 0 Adorers	

Prayer List

Those who are sick: Dr. Scott Benefield and Family, Gary Antigo, Mary Antigo, Joe Bibbo and the Summers Family, Mary A. Rose, Matthew Dillard, James Baker, Marissa Bandibas Jewer, Mary Fluharty, Marie Reck, Karen & Son, Tonette Alward and Colleen Rushing, Madeline Brozstek, Kristen Newton, and Clyde Gray.

Those who have died: Especially Linda Lee & Gerry Schott. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**All Veterans, and Military Personnel
Vocations to the Priesthood and
Religious Life**

All seminarians: Especially Joe Derico
**The Priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-
Charleston:** Especially Fr. Justin Golna
**Former priests and religious of
and from our parish.**

**Those who are homebound,
in assisted living or nursing
homes.**

**All married couples
struggling with infertility.**

To add or remove names to the prayer list, please call or email the parish office! You can also request prayers on our website.

I would like to once again thank and congratulate all of you on the momentous achievement of becoming completely debt-free as a parish! This is the first time in decades that this has occurred and should be a source of great pride for all of us as we guarantee the future livelihood of the parish for generations to come!

Introducing: Coffee & Connections

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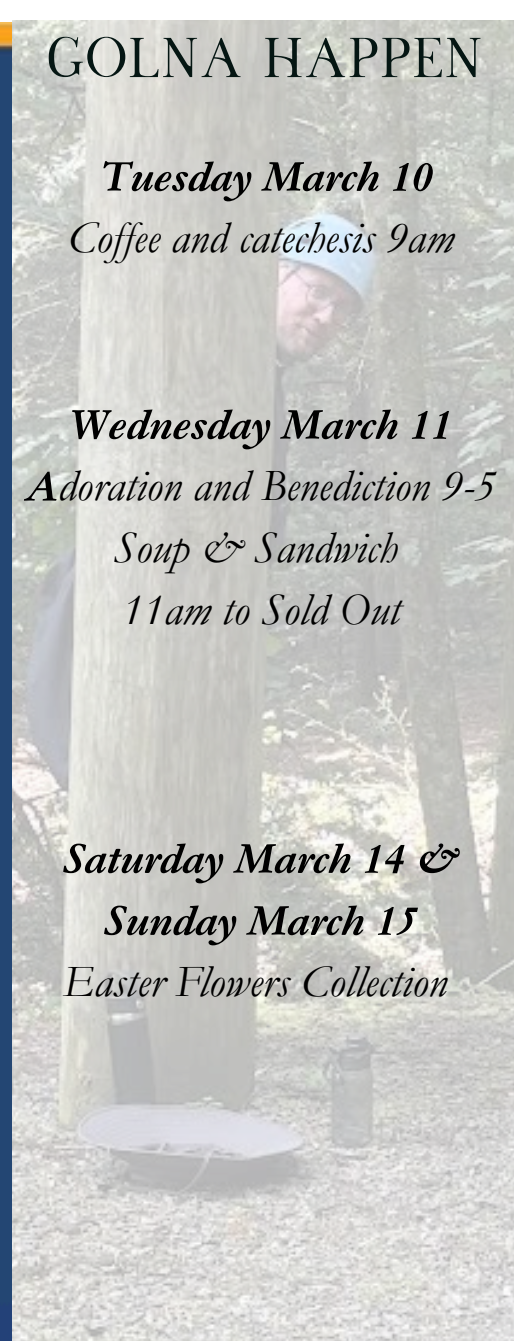
- Warm welcome and prayer
- Coffee, light snacks, and conversation
- A short highlight of Catholic Charities' programs

Why host?

Because when we gather, we grow stronger together. Coffee & Connections is an easy way to bring people closer, share hope, and live out our call to serve one another.

Invite us to your parish!

Contact our Director of Donor and Parish Relations, Bill Hagy at bhagy@ccwva.org or 304.360.4249



*Tuesday March 10
Coffee and catechesis 9am*

*Wednesday March 11
Adoration and Benediction 9-5
Soup & Sandwich
11am to Sold Out*

*Saturday March 14 &
Sunday March 15
Easter Flowers Collection*

Mass Intentions can now be booked through December 31, 2026! Please call the office or put one of the pink envelopes in the collection.

If you are divorced and civilly remarried, in a civil marriage not recognized by the Church, or have questions about a prior marriage, please know that you are not alone and that the Church desires to walk with you.

If you are unsure about your marital situation, are considering an annulment, or believe your current circumstances may affect your full participation in the sacramental life of the Church, please contact Father Golna. These conversations are always confidential and respectful.

The Church's marriage law exists not to exclude, but to serve the truth of marriage and the dignity of the persons involved. When questions arise, the Church seeks clarity so that consciences may be at peace and lives may be ordered toward full communion with Christ and His Church.

If this applies to you or to someone you love, please do not hesitate to reach out. Taking this step is not about paperwork or judgment, but about healing, truth, and the freedom to live fully the life God desires for you.

*Happy
Birthday!*

- MARIE KOSTUR 3/8
- RAYMOND SHAFFER 3/9
- SHARON SPERLAZZA 3/10
- GENE CIPOLETTI 3/13
- STEPHEN MARINO 3/14
- THERESA KOWCHECK 3/14



Profiles in Holiness



March 9—Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor.

Born of wealthy parents, Saint Frances of Rome found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband.

As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Saint Frances of Rome became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

Life on the Uncommon Saints


March 12—Born in San Gimignano to parents who had fallen into poverty, St. Fina—also known as Seraphina—was a young girl celebrated for her profound patience and religious devotion. Despite her own family's financial struggles, she was known for her immense charity, frequently donating half of her food to those hungrier than herself and dedicating her nights to prayer while spending her days sewing and spinning.

Her life took a tragic turn when she was struck by a devastating series of illnesses that affected her entire body, leading to total paralysis and the loss of her physical beauty. Seeking to emulate the suffering of Christ, she spent six years lying in a single position on a wooden plank. She refused more comfortable accommodations, famously stating that her pain was a reflection of Christ's wounds rather than her own. Her isolation increased significantly after the death of her mother, leaving her destitute and cared for primarily by one devoted friend named Beldia and a few neighbors who were often repelled by her physical condition.

In her final days, Fina developed a deep spiritual connection to St. Gregory the Great, who had also suffered significantly from illness. Tradition holds that St. Gregory appeared to her in a vision, announcing that she would die on his feast day. When she passed away on March 12, 1253, the rotting board she had occupied was reportedly transformed, found covered in fresh white violets. Further miracles were attributed to her immediately after her death, including the healing of Beldia's injured arm when Fina's body supposedly reached out to touch her. To this day, the white violets that bloom in San Gimignano around the time of her feast are called Santa Fina's flowers in her honor.



Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, March 14 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, March 15 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, March 15, 10:30a.m.
Greeters	Pam & Jeanette	Linda Stuckey	Annabel Holmes
Servers	Avery & Liam	Theresa Kowcheck	Will & Stothard
Reader	AJ Mitchell	Judith Aracich	Mary Beth Harvey

*The readings for this weekend
can be found on page 889 of
the green hymnal in your pew*

Daily Readings and Feasts

March 7, 2026 (Saturday) (Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs) Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

March 8, 2026 (Third Sunday of Lent) Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (or shorter form John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42)

March 9, 2026 (Monday) (Optional Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious) 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Luke 4:24-30

March 10, 2026 (Tuesday) Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35

March 11, 2026 (Wednesday) Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

March 12, 2026 (Thursday) Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23

March 13, 2026 (Friday) Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mark 12:28-34

March 14, 2026 (Saturday) Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Luke 18:9-14

March 15, 2026 (Fourth Sunday of Lent) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23 :1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (or shorter form John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

Easter Flowers

Help us fill our Sanctuary with the beauty of the Resurrection! We are now accepting donations for our Easter Flower Memorial List. Your contribution will be used to purchase the lilies and spring flowers that decorate the church for our Easter celebrations. For a minimum donation of \$25, the name of your loved one will be featured in our special Easter Flower Memorial tribute. Easter Flower Collection is next weekend Saturday and Sunday March 14 & 15.



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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).

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