

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 11, 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
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 – Memento Domine

Thus far, the Roman Canon has lifted up the Church Triumphant in heaven and the Church Militant on earth. Now it turns to the third part of Christ's Mystical Body: the **Church Suffering** in Purgatory. With motherly tenderness, **Holy Church never forgets her suffering children**, and she never lets the Sacrifice of the Mass be offered without pleading for them.

**“Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.”**

This prayer, *Memento etiam, Domine*, is addressed to God the Father, interceding for those who have died in Christ, marked with the sign of faith. The **sign of faith** refers above all to **Baptism**, by which one is marked with the Cross and sealed with the Holy Trinity. Confirmation strengthens this seal, completing one's incorporation into the Mystical Body.

This sign of faith, this sacramental seal, is what entitles the soul to be remembered in the Church's liturgy. That is why, as with the *Memento of the Living*, the Church does not here pray for the unbaptized or those visibly outside her communion, for they do not bear this sign.

“...and rest in the sleep of peace.”

In these words, Holy Church expresses her vision of Christian death. It is not annihilation, nor merely the end of earthly life, it is a holy sleep. *Dormiunt in somno pacis*, they sleep in the sleep of peace. The word *cemetery* itself comes from the Greek *koimeterion*, a place of sleep. The Church sees her departed children as asleep in Christ, awaiting the resurrection.

This phrase reflects the language of the early Church. In the Catacombs, Christian tombs are inscribed with the simple phrase “in pace”, “in peace.” In the Divine Office for Martyrs, we still sing:

“The bodies of the saints are buried in peace.”

Even when the soul is in Purgatory, awaiting full union with God, the Church proclaims it rests *in peace*, for it has died **in God's grace**, and salvation is assured.

According to the rubrics, the Priest at this point joins his hands as he concludes the first part of the prayer and briefly remembers those for whom he desires especially to pray.

He then extends his hands again and continues:

**“Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light, and peace.”**

These three petitions, refreshment, light, and peace (*refrigerii, lucis et pacis*), reveal the Church's vision of Purgatory. It is a place of purification, yes, but also a place that longs for heavenly consolations.

•**Refreshment:** The souls in Purgatory suffer the pain of loss, and purification by spiritual fire. How they long for relief! The Church prays that the fire may be sweetened by the dew of grace.

•**Light:** In that place of waiting, the clarity of the Beatific Vision is not yet theirs. The soul longs for the eternal light of God's glory, and so the Church begs: *“Let light eternal shine upon them, O Lord.”*

•**Peace:** The soul in Purgatory is restless, yearning for God whom it now sees clearly but cannot yet fully possess. The Church implores: **grant them peace**—that divine stillness which comes only from union with the Trinity.

These petitions do not remove Purgatory's reality—they clarify its purpose. It is not eternal, nor is it meaningless punishment; it is a place of love, where the soul is prepared for heaven. The Church's

prayer always has efficacy, though she prays *by way of suffrage*, not command. She offers Christ, the spotless Victim, and pleads His merits for those who can no longer merit for themselves.

The Priest concludes the prayer and says: **“Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

The Church's voice is heard before the throne of God, and graces are poured down upon the holy souls. At this moment, as if a window is opened from time into eternity, the dew of refreshment, light, and peace gently falls upon the imprisoned souls.

As the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** teaches:

“From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.” (CCC §1032)

Thus ends the second part of the Canon, the Offering. Three prayers surrounded the Consecration:

- The Memorial of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension,
- The Plea for acceptance through the sacrifices of old,
- And this Supplication, in which the Church prays that earth and heaven may be united, and that the suffering souls may receive relief.

Now the Church, her eyes still lifted to God, turns to her final intercessions, for us, the living, journeying toward the eternal altar of heaven.

Having implored God's mercy upon the souls in Purgatory, and witnessed in spirit the descent of the Precious Blood into their place of purification, the Church now turns inward, to **us who still journey on earth**. The Priest prepares to plead **on his own behalf**, and on behalf of all the faithful still living, still struggling, still hoping.

**“To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share and fellowship
with your holy Apostles and Martyrs...”**

Here the Priest refers to himself in the plural: *Nobis quoque peccatoribus famulis tuis*. He confesses that he, too, is a sinner, as are we. Yet he speaks with the confidence of faith, not in his merit, but in the abundant mercy of God, *de multitudine miserationum tuarum sperantibus*.

This is the only moment in the Canon where the Priest strikes his breast as a sign of humility. The faithful, in union with him, may do likewise. It is a powerful moment: the Priest, who moments before held the Lord of glory in his hands, now beats his chest and begs to be counted among the blessed. He does not ask for heaven on account of righteousness. No, he appeals solely to divine mercy, to the God who lifts the lowly and exalts the humble.

Next week, we journey through the second diptych of Saints that are found within the Roman Canon.

In the meantime, Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam! I announce to you a great joy: We have a Pope! I implore each one of you to pray for our new Roman Pontiff, the first American elected to be the Successor of St. Peter, Pope Leo XIV. May God grant him many years and may he lead all people to embrace the saving truth of Jesus Christ Risen from the dead! - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am The Barsi Family
 Mon 8:30 am Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Tue 8:30 am Vittoria Staffileno +
 Wed 5:30 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Thur 8:30 am Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Fri 5:30 pm Jeff Ferda +
 Sat 4:00 pm Rockey and Sperlazza Families +
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia Stafflieno and their Deceased Descendents +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, See John 6:63c, 68c, John 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5, Revelation 7:9, 14b-17, John 10:14, John 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, John 10:14, John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, John 10:27, John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, See John 15:16, John 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, See Revelation 1:5ab, John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33, Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, John 14:6, John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, John 8:31b-32, John 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27, Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Revelation 21:1-5a, John 13:34, John 13:31-33a, 34-35



May 17, 4:00 PM
Gre: Pam and Jeanette
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

May 18, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Judith Aracich
Lec: Maryanne Capp

May 18, 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 909.

For the convenience of our new and nursing moms, during Mass please feel free to use the confessional for your feeding needs.

Mass Intention for the remainder of the 2025 year are now open. Please call the parish office to schedule any Masses you may like.

May 4, 2025 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	159	\$3938.75
Mother's Day		\$75.00
Candles		\$80.00
Building and Maintenance		\$823.00
Elevator		\$45.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



Sat: Marie Reck

Sun: Joseph Walsh & Stephanie Russell

Mon: Michelle Evans & Linda Stuckey

Tues: William Malson

Wed: Sharon Welch, Brayden Farrell & Gabriella Cipoletti—Powell

Thur:

Fri: David Klick

Sat: Shelby Ferrell & Linda Lee

ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.		We are looking to fill the 2 and 3 p.m. Adorer spot for our WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or call the office.
10 A.M.		
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		
1 P.M.		We are currently looking for LECTORS at all Masses and also for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	
3 P.M.	Need 2 Adorers	
4 P.M.		



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of **Helen Lamone**
From May 9, 2025 to May 22, 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, MARY ROSE, CHRISTINE ROSE, MATTHEW DILLARD, LLOYD VANHORN, JAMES BAKER.

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



May 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5	6 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	7 Altar and Rosary Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	14 Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	28 Men's Group 7 p.m.	29 Pastoral Council 3:30 p.m.	30	31



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.

Soup and Sandwich: May 14th @ 11 a.m.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

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

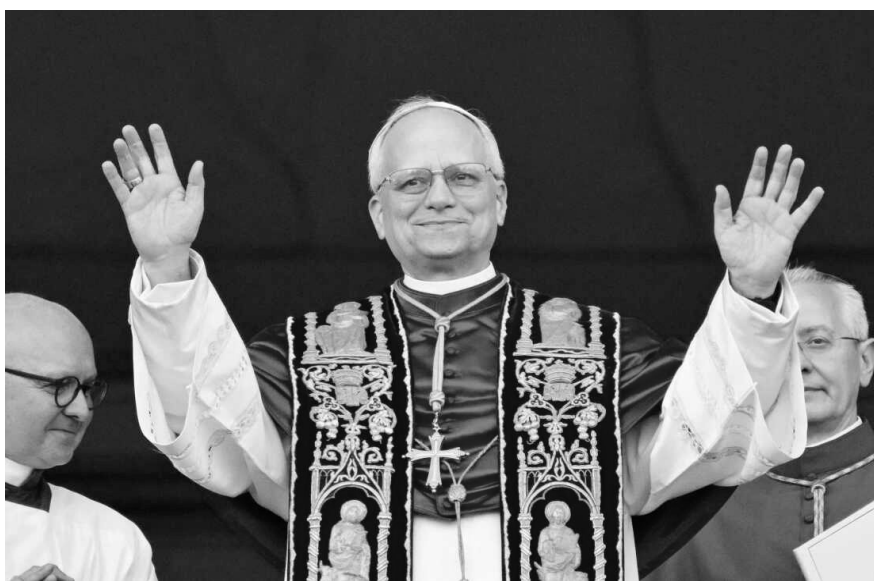
The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory 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.



Habemus Papam!

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...



Together We Can Beat Cancer
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When: June 7, 2025

Where: Central Park

17th Street Wellsburg, WV 26070

Time: 6 PM till 11 PM

For more information contact Tammy: 304-919-9058

<https://www.relayforlife.org/brookehancockwv>

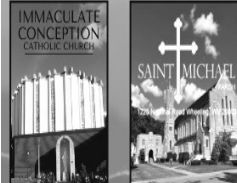
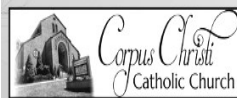
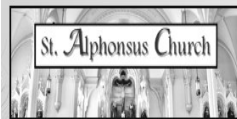
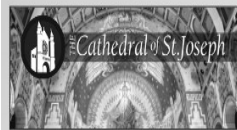
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Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$3,915 of our \$18,200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty 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.

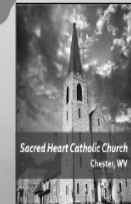
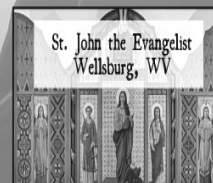
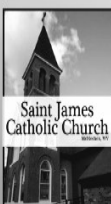
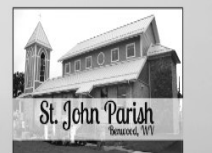
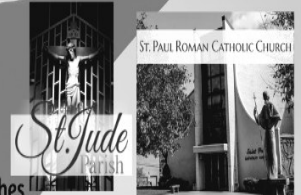
WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

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).



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Wheeling Vicariate

This platform will enable all parishioners and parishes within the Wheeling Vicariate to share our best practices, events, discussions, and faith-related content. It encourages engagement in online Bible studies, discussions about faith, and sharing of uplifting content. The goal is to celebrate achievements, share positive narratives, and support each other on our spiritual journeys. Let's unite together in faith!



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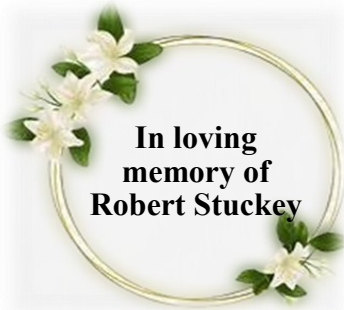
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George &
Mildred Bayless

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!

