

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 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  
**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 - Confirmation and Ministry

It is with great joy that we had 6 of our young parishioners receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Saturday morning by our bishop, Bishop Mark Brennan! I want to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Brennan for coming to confirm our students and to seal them with the Holy Spirit to confer much needed grace upon them to remain faithful in the life of Christian discipleship. I also want to thank Monica Biery for her tireless and heroic efforts in preparing our students to receive such a great sacrament. I also want to thank all of the ladies of the parish who assisted in preparing the reception that followed!

In our second reading this weekend, the Apostle Paul writes "And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, *to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry*, for building up the body of Christ". The great Jesuit Fr. John Hardon, S.J., in his work *Modern Catholic Dictionary* defines ministry as "Authorized service of God in the service of others, according to specified norms revealed by Christ and determined by the Church". It is clear from the readings and from the definition given that ministry is not something that is the sole concern of the clerics of the Church, but something that each of us is called to do in our lives. The form that this ministry takes place will look different for each of us. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to a form of ministry that we already have present or perhaps He is asking for us to be creative in how we serve the People of God.

We are currently in need of people for the following ministries. I ask that you take this list of needs we have with you to prayer, that you ask the Lord if He is calling you to cast out into the deep, and that you give him space to answer and call out to you.

Lectors (Readers at Mass) - Proclaim the First and Second Readings and the Petitions at the weekend Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound - Bring our Lord to those who can't come to Him on a regular basis.

Altar and Rosary Society - join the ladies of the parish as they serve the parish by maintaining the beauty of the sanctuary and promote devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary.

Men's Group - a group of men seeking sanctity amidst today's hectic world.

Eucharistic Adorers - men and women who are willing to spend an hour with the Lord each week.

Catechists - men and women willing to help Monica Biery and myself form the children of the parish in the practice and knowledge of the Faith.

Funeral Luncheon Teams - bring consolation to grieving families in times of need by serving food following funerals.

This is a sample of the current ministries that we have available. If you have one that you would like to start, please feel free to reach out to me. I can't wait to see where the Holy Spirit takes us on this journey of faith and love. I ask that you pray about where the Lord may be asking you to serve Him through His people in one of these ministries. When we respond generously to the Lord's invitation to serve Him, He will continue to bless us and our endeavors.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Kristian White+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am For the Living and Deceased Mother's of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am Mary Margaret Cipoletti+

Tue 8:30 am Daniel Lua+

Wed 5:30 pm C. Gervin Weisend & Wanda Kuczek+

Thur 8:30 am Justine

Fri 5:30 pm Fr. Chapin Engler

Sat 4:00 pm Rockey/ Sperlazza Families+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Helen Lamone+

## Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/ PS 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/ 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23



**May 18, 4:00 PM**

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery & Liam  
 Lec Jim Sperlazza

**May 19, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Maryanne Capp

**May 19, 10:30 AM**

Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Will, Stothard, & Philip  
 Lec Steph Russell

### USHERS PLEASE COUNT

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 918.

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.

The sign up sheets for the **100th YEAR CELEBRATION** are in the vestibule. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Our next meeting for the **100th YEAR CELEBRATION** will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. If you have signed up for a basket or donation please drop those off by June 1st.

In the Month of May the **ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY** invites everyone to participate in saying the Rosary together at 8 a.m. every Monday prior to Mass. On Monday, May 27th Mass will be in honor of all of our current and deceased Altar & Rosary Society Members.

<u>May 5th 2024 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	141	\$3358
Votive Candles		\$ 26
Building & Maintenance		\$834
Elevator		\$20
Mother's Day		\$140
Disaster Relief		\$10
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	



# BIRTHDAY Blessings

**Sat:** Joseph Walsh, Steph Russell

**Sun:** Michelle Evans, Linda Stuckey

**Mon:** William Malson

**Tue:** Gabriella Cipoletti-Powell, Brayden Farrell, Sharon Welch

**Wed:**

**Thur:**

**Fri:** Shelby Ferrell, Linda Lee

**Sat:** Victor Mascolino, Beverly Staffileno

**Sun:** Jerry Cassandra, Eleanor Rockey, Ryan Weld



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of  
*Jamie Orth Taylor*  
from May 10th to May 23rd.

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, BOB STUCKEY, ELLIE EVANS, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, GARY ANTIGO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, JOE BOSICK, GENO CAPP, LISA CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC.

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



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

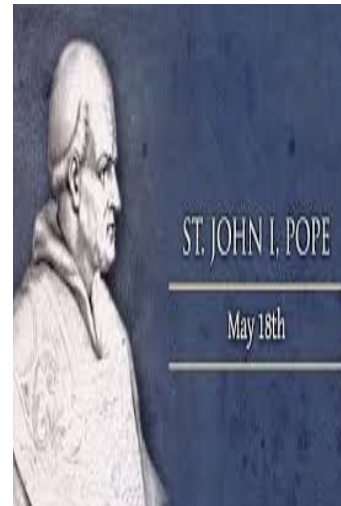
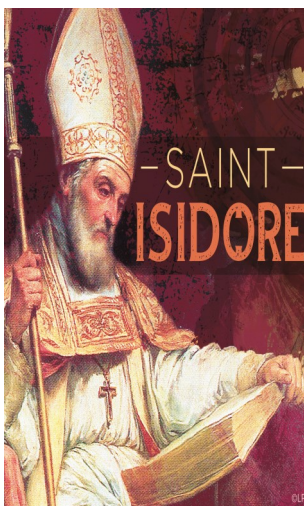
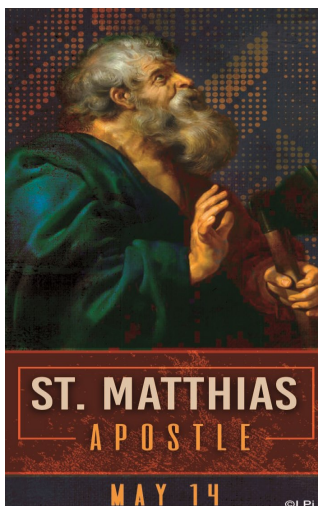
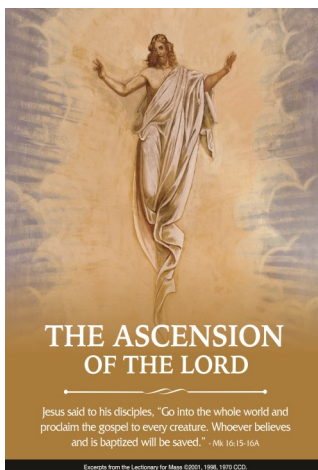
"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth."  
- Jn 17:15-17

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## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## 100th YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATES

**Baskets:** We are currently looking for gifts cards to fill baskets with. Any denomination is greatly appreciated, restaurant, gas, and shopping are all good ideas! We also have some themed baskets that are not complete. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.

Wednesday, May 22nd we will be having our next **PARISH CELEBRATION** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This is be our last meeting to finalize any last minute details so we encourage everyone to attend!

We have placed sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. We are having a catered meal this year so we only ask you to bring yourselves, no covered dish needed!

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The bus has been scheduled for **DEACON JOHN'S ORDINATION** on Friday, May 31st. We will leave St. John the Evangelist at 3:30 p.m. and head to the Cathedral in Wheeling. More information will be provided at a later date.

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.

We are looking to fill the 2 p.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.

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.

## *Upcoming Events*

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

~~Sunday, May 5th: Hospitality Sunday after 8 a.m. Mass~~

~~Monday, May 6th: Rosary 8 a.m.~~

~~Wednesday, May 8th: Soup & Sandwich 11 a.m./  
Adoration/ NO MASS~~

~~Thursday, May 9th: NO MASS~~

~~Friday, May 10th: Tammy McClure Funeral 10 a.m.~~

Saturday, May 11th: Confirmation 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day Breakfast after 8  
a.m. Mass

Monday, May 13th: Rosary 8 a.m./ Finance Council  
Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14th: Coffee Klatch 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 16th: Martha Lalone Funeral 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 18th: Mary Margaret Cipoletti Funeral  
11 a.m.

Monday, May 20th: Rosary 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22nd: 100th Year Celebration  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 26th: Daisy Parkhurst Baptism

Monday, May 27th: Rosary 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 29th: Men's Group 7 p.m.

Friday, May 31st: Deacon John's Ordination 5 p.m.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, June 1st: Father Soplinski's first Mass 9 a.m.

Sunday, June 30th: 100th Year  
Celebration 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 4th: Check out our float in the parade!

Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/  
Holiday Gathering

# What's going on in Paradise?

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This years **NATIONAL EUCHARIS-  
TIC PILGRIMAGE** will be stopping  
at the **Wellsburg Wharf** on **Sunday  
June 23rd**. We will plan to meet at the  
Wharf as a Parish at 12 p.m. if anyone  
is interested in sharing this wonder-  
ful event in our faith together.



You're invited to join in the celebration of  
the first Mass of Rev. John David Soplinski  
St. John the Evangelist Church  
1300 Charles St. Wellsburg, WV 26070  
9 AM on Saturday, June 1st 2024  
Treats and coffee to follow in the parish hall.

*He reached down from on high and seized me; drew me  
out of the deep waters. He rescued me from my mighty  
enemy, from foes too powerful for me. They attacked  
me on my day of distress, but the Lord was my  
support. he set me free in the open;  
He rescued me because He loves me.  
Psalm 18:17-20*

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.

**WE ARE HIRING**  
**PART TIME MAINTENANCE :**

- FOR THE CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH/SCHOOL
- SEND RESUMES TO [CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG](mailto:CCP1011WHG@DWC.ORG)

**BY MONDAY, APRIL 22ND**

**CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION !**  
304-277-2911 



This year St. John the Evangelist has done a Duckling Sponsorship with the **KIWANIS CLUB DUCK DASH** on Sunday, June 9th at 2 p.m. at the Wellsburg Wharf. We hope to see everyone there supporting this great event for our community!

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## EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

**Thursday, June 20**, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

St. Joseph the Worker Church: Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow— begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

### **Friday, June 21**

Morning Mass with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m. Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary —9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 23** “Put Out into the Deep” on the Ohio River!” Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boater-cade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio. Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

### **Monday, June 24**

Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 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

**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.

