

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 18, 2025

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.
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Dir. Of Music/ Organist.....Zac Gordon
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— Canon and the Saints

Continuing through the Roman Canon, we have seen how the Priest openly acknowledges his own sinfulness and how the people participate in that, as well. And yet we dare to hope. Not because of merit, but because of the overflowing mercy of God.

Our fraternal charity has just been exercised on behalf of the departed. Now we beseech the Lord that we, too, might be made partakers of that same happiness, that we may not be excluded from the communion of the blessed. It is in His goodness, not our worthiness, that we place our trust.

And with whom do we desire this fellowship? With those who have gone before us in faith and glory: the Apostles and Martyrs, who bore witness to Christ even unto death.

“...with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy,
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all your saints.”

Let us reflect on these chosen ones, whom the Church places before our eyes at the culmination of the Eucharistic Sacrifice:

John the Baptist: The Precursor of the Lord, not counted among the Apostles or Martyrs in the strict sense, yet the greatest of those born of women (cf. Mt 11:11), who gave his life for truth and chastity.

Stephen: The Protomartyr, first to shed his blood after Christ, the model of Christian forgiveness as he prayed for his persecutors.

Matthias: The Apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, a symbol of God's restoring grace.

Barnabas: Called an Apostle in Scripture, companion to Paul, known for his generosity and evangelizing zeal.

Ignatius of Antioch: Successor to St. Peter in Antioch, he journeyed to Rome as a prisoner and wrote profound letters on martyrdom and the Eucharist before being thrown to the lions under Emperor Trajan.

Alexander: One of the early Popes, possibly the fifth successor of Peter. Tradition holds he ordered the insertion of *Qui pridie quam pateretur* into the Canon to commemorate the Passion.

Marcellinus and Peter: A priest and an exorcist martyred during Diocletian's persecution. Their names are forever joined in the Martyrology and the Canon.

Felicity: A Roman matron and mother of seven sons, all martyred before her eyes. She stands in the tradition of the Maccabean mother, bearing heroic witness to Christ.

Perpetua: A noblewoman from Carthage, martyred under Septimius Severus, whose prison diary has inspired Christians for centuries. With her is remembered her companion, Felicitas of Carthage.

Agatha and Lucy: Virgin martyrs of Sicily, beloved by St. Gregory the Great. Agatha was tortured for her faith in Catania; Lucy suffered in Syracuse.

Agnes: The young Roman martyr of noble birth, whose purity and courage made her a model for virgins throughout the ages.

Cecilia: Patroness of sacred music, martyred for her unwavering faith under Marcus Aurelius.

Anastasia: A Roman widow and martyr under Diocletian, so

revered that the Pope once celebrated the second Mass of Christmas at her church. Her commemoration continues in that liturgy today.

These names are not merely pious recollections. They are witnesses of the Church, models of sanctity, and intercessors in the heavenly liturgy. To be named in the Canon is among the Church's highest honors, and to seek communion with them is to seek that which every Christian soul was created for: eternal union in the Body of Christ.

“Admit us, we beseech you, into their company,
not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,
through Christ our Lord.”

(Intra quorum nos consortium, non aestimator meriti, sed veniae, quaesumus, largitor admitte.)

This is the climactic cry of humility. The Priest, and with him the Church, begs not for justice, but for mercy. Not on account of merit, but by the free gift of God's pardon. Let us be admitted to their fellowship, not because we deserve it, but because Christ has made it possible. The Priest concludes this final intercession with the familiar ending: “Through Christ our Lord.”

With this, the long arc of intercession within the Canon draws to its close. Having prayed: for the living, for the dead, and now for ourselves, the Church prepares to lift up the entire Sacrifice in the great final doxology, giving all glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

After asking for a share in the fellowship of the saints, not through merit, but through God's merciful pardon, the Priest turns to the concluding words of the Canon, lifting his eyes and heart in gratitude for what God has wrought through Christ:

“Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O
Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.”
(Per quem haec omnia, Domine, semper bona
creas, sanctificas, vivificas, benedixis, et praestas
nobis.)

This brief but rich sentence is the Church's acknowledgment that all blessings, the gifts of creation, redemption, sanctification, and the Eucharistic Sacrifice itself, come only through Christ. He is the eternal High Priest, the one Mediator, the only channel through whom the Father acts and the Spirit descends.

The verbs used here form a fourfold chain:

- **Sanctify** (*sanctificas*): Christ sets apart and consecrates.
- **Give life** (*vivificas*): He infuses grace, making souls truly alive.
- **Bless** (*benedixis*): He speaks good, making the gifts holy and fruitful.
- **Bestow** (*praestas*): He grants them to us, lavishing the treasures of heaven.

This litany reflects not only what Christ has done with the gifts on the altar, but what He continues to do in the life of the Church.

Next week, we continue with the Final Doxology before moving on to the *Pater Noster* (Our Father). - Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm **Rockey and Sperlazza Families +**
 Sun 8:00 am **People of the Parish**
 Sun 10:30 am **Alfred and Virginia Staffileno and their Deceased Descendants +**
 Mon 8:30 am **Jerry Cassandra +**
 Tue 8:30 am **Mildred Bayless +**
 Wed 5:30 pm **Frank & Ellen Traubert**
 Thur 8:30 am **Russell Grant +**
 Fri 5:30 pm **Seminarians of the DWC**
 Sat 4:00 pm **Dorothy Sacripanti +**
 Sun 8:00 am **Theresa Kowcheck, Nancy Reed and Family**
 Sun 10:30 am **People of the Parish**

Readings

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, John 8:31b-32, John 14:7-14
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
Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, John 14:26, John 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Luke 24:46, 26, John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, John 15:4a, 5b, John 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10, John 10:27, John 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12, John 15:15b, John 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Colossians 3:1, John 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23, John 14:23-29



May 24, 4:00 PM
Gre: Rob and Marcie
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Marcie Morris

May 25, 8:00 AM
Gre: Toot and Joanie
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Fred Casale

May 25, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Monica Biery

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 **912**.

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.

<u>May 11, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	169	\$2942.00
Charity		\$700.00
Candles		\$10.00
Building and Maintenance		\$35.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



Sat: Shelby Ferrell & Linda Lee

Sun:

Mon: Eleanor Rockey

Tues:

Wed: Harry Alward & Greg Crabtree

Thur: Seth Adler & Ron DeGarmo

Fri:

Sat: Pam Ferguson, Erika Miller & Krista

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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.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	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.
3 P.M.	Need 2 Adorers	
4 P.M.		



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

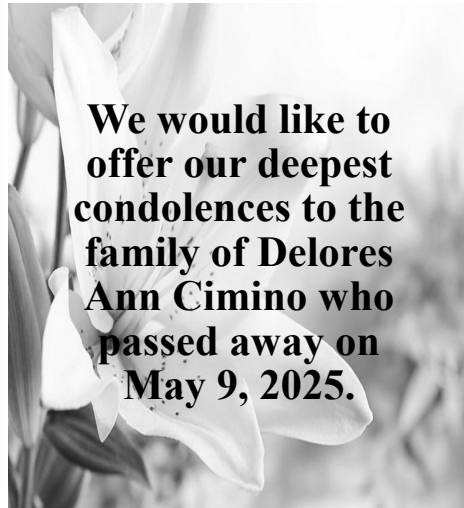
is burning in memory of **Helen Lamone**
From May 9, 2025 to
May 22, 2025.



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.



We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Delores Ann Cimino who passed away on May 9, 2025.



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of _____

With the sympathy of _____ Date _____ Time _____

At _____

We have these beautiful mass cards available. Call or stop by the office if you would like one with any Mass you schedule.

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.

Men's Group: May 28th @ 7 p.m.

Pastoral Council: May 29 @ 3:30 p.m.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us; "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family does that makes it outstanding, rather it is what it has, love for one another.

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

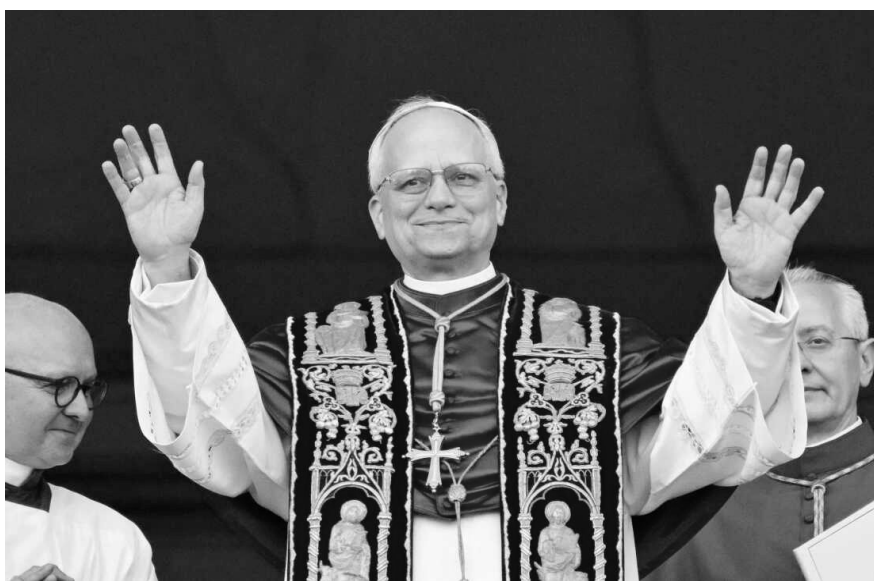
The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory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

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

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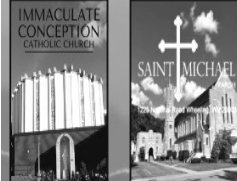
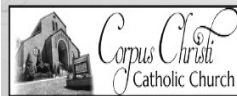
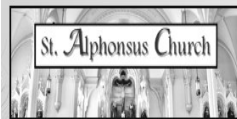
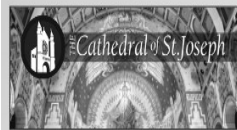
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Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$3,915 of our \$18,200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty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

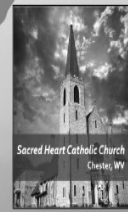
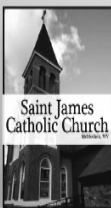
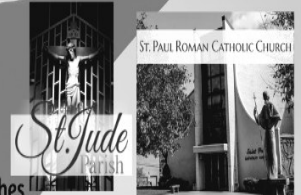
WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

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).



TOGETHER IN FAITH
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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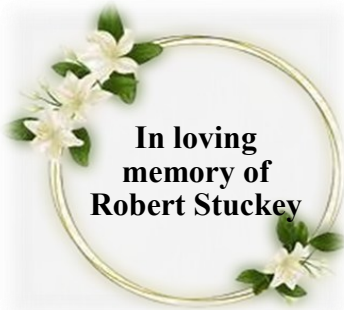
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In loving
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Jeff Ferda



In Loving
memory of
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!

