

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 19, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

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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 - Mary's Month of May

In recent times the Mother of God has appeared in various parts of the world and asked for the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer she gave to the world centuries ago. It is her favorite prayer, for it is essentially a meditation on the life of her Divine Son. The Rosary is a combination of vocal prayer (the Our Fathers & Hail Marys) and of mental prayer, namely, reflection on important events in the life of Christ and His Mother.

St. Louis de Montfort in his work "The Secrets of the Rosary" gives us many great insights into the power of this prayer. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses" and Our Lady has shown her thorough approval of the name Rosary; she had revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. When we praise and bless Our Lady by saying the Hail Mary, she always passes on these praises to Almighty God in the same way as she did when she was praised by Saint Elizabeth. The latter blessed her in her most elevated dignity as Mother of God and Our Lady immediately returned the praises to God by her beautiful Magnificat. Just as the Hail Mary gives glory to the Blessed Trinity, it is also the very highest praise that we can give Our Lady.

Never will anyone be able to understand the marvelous riches of sanctification which are contained in the prayers and mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This meditation on the meditation on the mysteries of the life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ is the source of the most wonderful fruits for those who make use of it. Today people want things that strike and move them, that leave deep impressions on the soul. Now has there ever been anything in the history of the world more moving than the wonderful story of the life, death, and glory of our Savior which is contained in the holy Rosary? In the fifteen tableaux, the principal scenes or mysteries of his life unfold before our eyes. How could there be any more prayers more wonderful and sublime than the Lord's Prayer and the Ave of the angel? All our desires and all our needs are expressed in these two prayers.

The meditation on the mysteries and prayers of the Rosary is the easiest of all prayers, because the diversity of the virtues of our Lord and the different situations of his life which we study, refresh and fortify our mind in a wonderful way and help us to avoid distractions. For the learned, these mysteries are the source of the most profound doctrine, while simple people find them a means of instruction well within their reach.

We need to learn this easy form of meditation before progressing to the highest state of contemplation. This is the view of Saint Thomas Aquinas, and the advice that he gives when he says that, first of all, one must practice on a battlefield, as it were, by acquiring all the virtues of which we have the perfect model in the mysteries of the Rosary. If you have already attained, by the grace of God, a high degree of prayer, keep up the practice of saying the holy Rosary if you wish to remain in that state and by it to grow in humility. On the other hand, if God in his infinite mercy draws you to himself as forcibly as he did some of the saints while saying the Rosary, make yourself passive in his hands and let yourself be drawn towards him. Let God work and praying you and let him say your Rosary in his way, and that will be sufficient for the day.

During the month of May, the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society are gathering at 8 a.m. before the Monday morning Mass to pray the Rosary together. This great form of prayer carries with it many spiritual fruits, including the ability to obtain indulgences for yourself or for those who have already died (indulgences cannot be earned for another living person). In the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, the Church's handbook on how to obtain indulgences, it states "A plenary indulgence is granted when the rosary is recited in a church or oratory or when it is recited in a family, a religious community, or a pious association. A partial indulgence is granted for its recitation in all other circumstances".

Through these acts of piety which carry an indulgence with them, such as the recitation of the rosary described above or adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes, we are able to aid ourselves or those who have already died by obtaining for them the fruits of our spiritual labors. All it takes is an intention to obtain whatever indulgences you can that day and to offer them up for yourself or someone who has already died and the Lord will apply them as our spiritual practices obtain them. What better way to honor our Lady and to aid those who have gone before us than praying the rosary on Mondays or adoring our Lord on Wednesdays?

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Rockey/ Sperlazza Families+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Helen Lamone+

Mon 8:30 am Tammy West McClure+

Tue 8:30 am Michael Kenneth Snyder & Brandi Lynn+

Wed 5:30 pm Russell Grant+

Thur 8:30 am Carolyn Mill

Fri 5:30 pm Kristian White+

Sat 4:00 pm Cheryl Rosso+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno and Their deceased Descendant's+

Readings

Saturday Vigil: Il 3:1-5 / 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 /Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/ 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/ Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/ Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/ Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/ Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/ Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/ Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/ PS 141:1-2, 3 and 8/ Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/ Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22/ Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20



May 25, 4:00 PM

Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza

Ser Avery & Liam

Lec AJ Mitchell

May 26, 8:00 AM

Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear

Ser Theresa Kowcheck

Lec Fred Casale

May 26, 10:30 AM

Gre Susie Mullenbach

Ser Will & Stothard

Lec Cheryl Bland

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 921.

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and He expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth".

We will be having a **MASS FOR THE GRADUATES** of the 2023 and 2024 years. Mass will take place on Sunday, June 9th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you have a graduate that would like to be recognized please call the office.

The bus cost for **DEACON JOHN'S ORDINATION** will be \$30, if you signed up please send money to the office at your convenience. We ask that you are at the church by 3:15 p.m. on Friday May 31st.



May 12th 2024 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	156	\$2852
Votive Candles		\$ 10
Building & Maintenance		\$65
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	



BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat:

Sun: Jerry Cassandra, Eleanor Rockey, Ryan Weld

Mon:

Tue: Harry Alward, Greg Crabtree

Wed: Seth Adler, Ron DeGarmo

Thur:

Fri: Pam Ferguson, Erika Miller, Kristin Newton

Sat: Maya Kusic, Monica Biery, Joseph Staffileno

Sun: Gage Cipoletti-Powell



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.

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISING



St. John the Evangelist Parish

All sales will end on Friday May 31st

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We have teamed up with Pepperoni Rollers to continue to provide you with treats while helping us raise funds for the 100th Year Celebration. We have an online link and actual orders forms placed in the vestibule. They have several different flavor options. If you would like to put in an order or for more information please call the office.

Father Golna has officially agreed to let his people vote on his beard. Should it stay or should it go? We will be taking votes up through the Parish Celebration. \$1 will get you 1 vote. You can vote as many times as you would like. Please use an envelope and write your name and your vote and you can place them in the collection basket or call the office.

We will be ordering shirts from Tri-State Custom Teez 2.0 to commemorate our 100th Year Celebration.

Each shirt will be \$20 and will arrive prior to the Celebration.

If you would like to order please call the office by June 1st.



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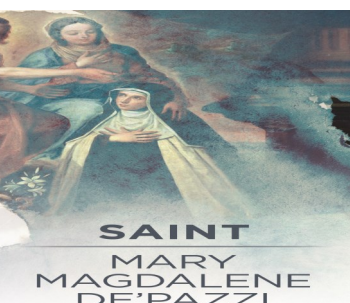
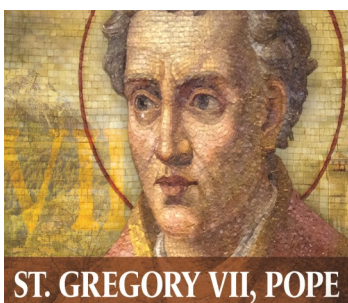
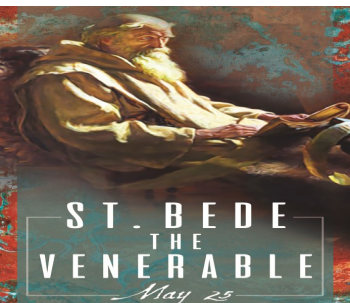
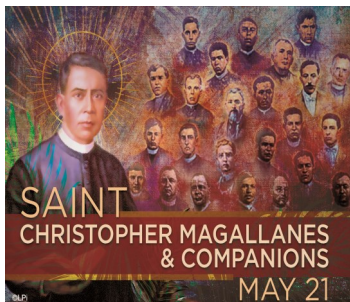
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

100th YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATES

Baskets: We are asking anyone who signed up for a basket to have them delivered to the church by June 1st.

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!



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:

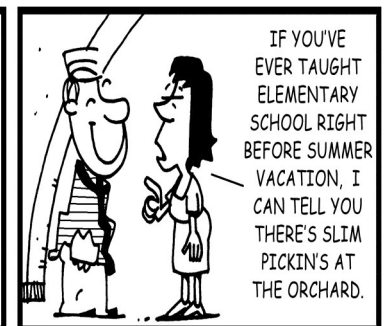
Saturday, June 1st: Father Soplinski's first Mass 9 a.m.

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

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

This years **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC 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 wonderful event in our faith together.

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.



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!



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

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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.

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.

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

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 under “Accountability” for more information.

