

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 25, 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 – Per Ipsum

The Priest then takes up the paten and chalice, and with both hands raises them high above the altar. If a deacon is present, he assists in this action. This is the final elevation, not for adoration by the people, but as a gesture of offering, lifting the entire Sacrifice to God the Father.

“Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.”

(*Per ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso,
est tibi Deo Patri omnipotenti,
in unitate Spiritus Sancti,
omnis honor et gloria
per omnia saecula saeculorum.*)

This is the climactic act of the entire Canon: the Eucharistic Sacrifice is now formally offered to the Father, through Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit. It is a pure act of worship: Trinitarian in form, total in content, eternal in scope.

•**Through Him** (*per ipsum*): because Christ is the way to the Father.

•**With Him** (*cum ipso*): because we are united to Him as members of His Body.

•**In Him** (*in ipso*): because our very life is hidden with Christ in God.

This is the Church's highest act of praise. It reflects Romans 11:36: “*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*”

To this solemn offering, the entire assembly responds: “**Amen.**”

This is called the Great Amen, and it is not a mere closing remark. It is the affirmation of the whole Eucharistic Prayer. It is the people's seal upon the Sacrifice. The ancient liturgies and the Church Fathers emphasize the importance of this Amen: St. Jerome said it should “resound like thunder” and St. Augustine taught that by this Amen, “you make the Sacrifice your own.”

The Sacrifice, once offered, now belongs not only to the priest but to the whole Church. The people, in responding with faith and conviction, enter into the priestly act and unite themselves to Christ's oblation.

This is the final movement of the Roman Canon. With the Great Amen, the Eucharistic Prayer—the Church's most solemn act of worship—comes to its conclusion.

All that remains is for us to prepare our hearts to receive the One who has been offered, to pray the Lord's Prayer, and to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of Holy Communion.

Our Lord has told us: “When you would pray, say: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, etc., etc.” What better occasion could there be than the present, of making this prayer to God? So the Priest now, is going to lead us in the *Pater noster*. Just as in our own day, so in all past ages, the Lord's Prayer has had a fixed and venerable place in the Holy Sacrifice, for we meet with it in every Holy Mass.

Moreover, the Church makes use of it on all solemn occasions. It is our anchor and support. It is the prayer our Lord Himself gave us, the pledge of His continued mediation. He has said to us: “When you would pray, say: *Pater noster*.”

Holy Church, before uttering this divine prayer, preludes it with majestic and awe-filled words:

*Praeceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione
formati, audemus dicere.*

That is to say: “At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say.” Yes, if we dare to speak, if we formulate the petitions that follow, it is only because we do so in obedience to the very precept given us for our salvation. Thus instructed by His own Divine Mouth, we now make bold to say, *Pater noster*.

The Priest now solemnly presents to the Father the seven petitions of the *Pater noster*. The first three regard God Himself, and therefore speak of the love of benevolence, for they concern what is due to God alone. Thus, the Lord begins by setting our hearts on the path of pure love.

Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum, “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,” that is to say, may thy name be acknowledged, adored, and revered everywhere, as is fitting to thy infinite holiness.

Adveniat regnum tuum, “Thy kingdom come,” that is, may thy reign be established in every heart, in every nation, and over all creation, for thou art truly King.

Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” which means, let us accomplish thy will with the same joyful and faithful readiness as the Angels and the blessed in heaven.

These first three petitions are centered not on ourselves, but on God's glory. In placing them first, Our Lord teaches us to seek His honor above all else.

Now follow the four petitions that regard ourselves, and what is necessary for our salvation.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, “Give us this day our daily bread.” We ask here for the bread that sustains both body and soul. Daily bread, because we are to live from day to day in faith and trust. But more deeply still, we ask for the supersubstantial bread, as one Evangelist says, *panem nostrum supersubstantialem* (Mt 6:11), that is, the Eucharist, Christ Himself, now present on the altar, and soon to be received.

Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris, “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” We confess that we are sinners, and we ask for pardon. But in asking it, we impose upon ourselves a condition: that we, too, will show mercy. As one ancient commentator says, “This does not mean that man's forgiveness is the measure of God's, but that the more mercy we show to others, the more will be extended to ourselves.”

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, “And lead us not into temptation,” that is, do not allow us to be overcome when trial strikes, but strengthen us, lest we fall. Though God may permit temptation for our sanctification, still we pray that He will preserve us from its snares, for we are weak and easily led astray.

Sed libera nos a malo, “But deliver us from evil.” We ask here to be delivered both from evil itself, and from the Evil One, Satan, who prowls like a roaring lion. If we have fallen into evil, we ask God to draw us out of its darkness, to rescue us by His mercy and restore us to grace.

Thus, with great reverence, the Church entrusts to the Father this divine prayer, taught by Christ, prayed at the very heart of the Eucharist, and expressing all our needs, both spiritual and temporal. The Lord's Prayer is the bridge between the Sacrifice of Christ just offered and the Communion with Him about to be received. We have offered the Lamb, and now, with the words Christ taught us, we prepare to receive Him who has made us sons and daughters of the Father.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Sun 8:00 am Theresa Kowcheck,
 Nancy Reed and Family
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
 Mon 8:30 am Sister Salvinette, MC
 Tue 8:30 am Don Huff, Sr. and Don
 Huff, Jr. +
 Wed 5:30 pm Pope Leo XIV
 Thur 8:30 am Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Fri 5:30 pm Priests of the DWC
 Sat 4:00 pm Maria Castigione
 Sun 8:00 am Violet Martino +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Colossians 3:1, John 15:18-21
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
Monday: Acts 16:11-15, Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, John 15:26b, 27a, John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, John 16:7, 13, John 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, John 14:16, John 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8, Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, John 14:18, John 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18, Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Luke 24:46, 26, John 16:20-23
Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Luke 1:45, Luke 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:19a, 20b, Luke 24:46-53



May 31, 4:00 PM
Gre: Mark and Shari
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Jim Sperlazza

June 1, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Pam Ferguson

June 1, 10:30 AM
Gre: Mary Beth Harvey
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Mary Beth Harvey

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

On Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m., we will have a training for new and continuing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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 915.

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 18, 2025 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	142	\$1919.00
Candles		\$369.00
Building and Maintenance		\$10.00
Elevator		\$10.00
Charity		\$45.00
Garden		\$20.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



- Sat:** Pam Ferguson, Erika Miller & Krista Newton
Sun: Maya Kusic, Monica Biery, Joseph Staffileno
Mon: Gage Cipoletti-Powell
Tues: Jennifer Bober
Wed: Bailee Beall
Thur: Carol Jones, Ernie Stucin Jr.
Fri:
Sat: Frank Martino



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of **Isabella Jones (Mary Schwertfeger)** From May 23, 2025 to June 05, 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.

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

With the sympathy of _____

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

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

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

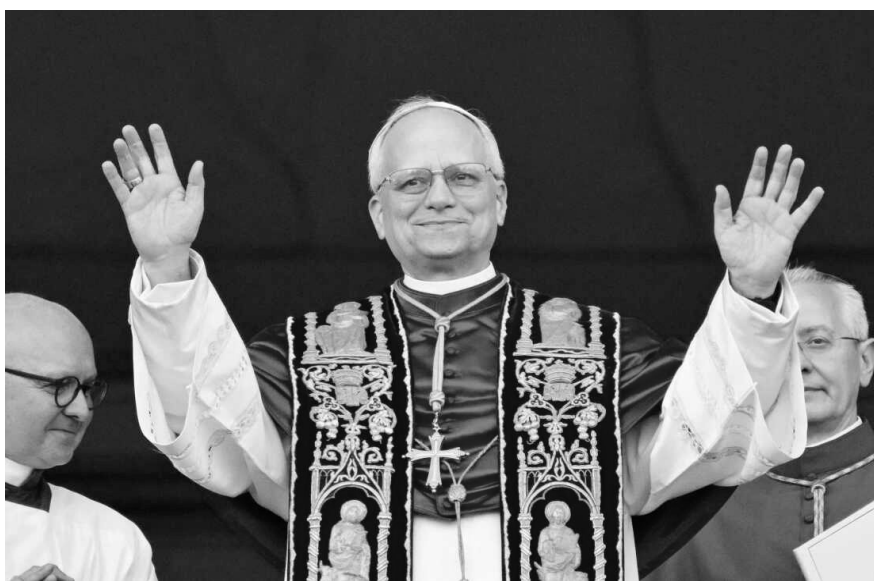
The red Sanctuary Lamp by the Tabernacle burns to remind us of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the Real Presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection for our Lord. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory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

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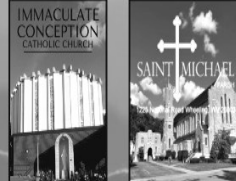
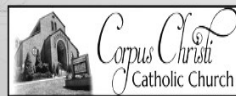
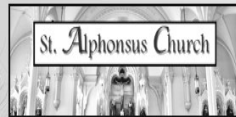
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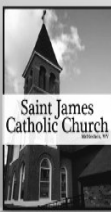
WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

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).

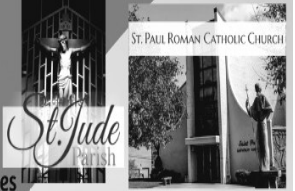


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Wheeling Vicariate**

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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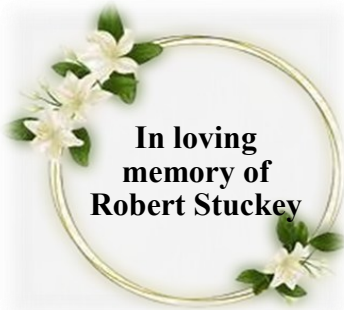
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The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising 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!

