

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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**MAY 4, 2025**

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.  
**Parish Secretary**.....Amanda Manner  
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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— Prayer of Acceptation

The Priest, once again stretching out his hands over the gifts, continues the great and solemn intercession of the Roman Canon. With profound humility, he implores:

“Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance...”

Yes, Lord—though You are infinite in holiness, majesty, and glory—deign, in your mercy, to turn your Face toward this lowly altar of ours. Though heaven is Your throne and earth but Your footstool, incline Yourself to look upon this offering made in time, which bears the weight and glory of eternity. Look down upon what we now place before You, not through our own merit, but through the Victim who is Your Son.

This ancient plea—“*supra quae propitio ac sereno vultu respicere digneris*”—is filled with theological richness. It speaks not merely of sight, but of divine acceptance. May You not only behold, but favor these gifts with the gaze that once turned Cain’s unworthy offering away and received that of his brother.

“...and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.”

Thus, the Church dares to ask that this Sacrifice—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ—be accepted as were the three archetypal offerings of the Old Covenant. These three prefigure and find their fulfillment in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

The first example is Abel, the just one, whose offering of the firstborn of his flock pleased the Lord. Scripture tells us:

“*The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering.*” (Gen 4:4)

Though Abel’s offering was pleasing, it was infinitely inferior to what lies now upon the altar. Yet, as God accepted the firstlings of a lamb from the hands of a righteous man, we dare to ask that He look kindly upon the Lamb of God, now offered in mystery through the hands of His priests.

Abel’s sacrifice, being bloody, prefigured the Sacrifice of the Cross, and therefore finds its perfection in the Eucharist, where the same Lord is now offered, though in an unbloody manner.

Next, the Canon invokes the memory of Abraham, the father of all who believe. His offering was obedience itself, when he consented to immolate Isaac, his only son. Though God intervened to spare Isaac, Abraham’s heart had already made the sacrifice. He held nothing back.

And so the Church prays: may this offering be accepted as was the sacrifice of Abraham—who did not withhold his son, and who became the forefather of the Messiah. In a profound irony of grace, the Son of Abraham now offers Himself upon the altar, fulfilling in reality what Abraham only foreshadowed.

This sacrifice of Abraham is the unbloody sacrifice of perfect obedience, a spiritual immolation, just as the Mass is today. In reward, God made Abraham the patriarch through whom the Blood of Christ would flow. And now that Blood is truly present and poured out again upon the altar.

Finally, the Priest recalls Melchizedek, that mysterious priest-king of Salem, who brought forth bread and wine and blessed Abraham. He is named in Genesis only briefly, but the Psalmist (Ps 110:4) and the Epistle to the Hebrews (Heb 5–7) speak of him as a type of Christ, eternal in his priesthood.

“*You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.*”

It is not by accident that Christ is declared to be Priest in Melchizedek’s line—not Levi’s—for Melchizedek’s offering was not of animals, but of bread and wine—the very elements now consecrated on the altar.

And so we pray: may this Sacrifice be accepted as was Melchizedek’s, for in truth, it is his offering brought to perfection—no longer shadow, but substance; no longer figure, but the true and living Body and Blood of Christ, hidden beneath the sacramental veils.

These three sacrifices—Abel’s, Abraham’s, and Melchizedek’s—come together in perfect harmony in the Holy Mass:

Abel’s: a bloody sacrifice, prefiguring Christ’s death on the Cross.

Abraham’s: a spiritual offering, prefiguring Christ’s willing obedience to the Father.

Melchizedek’s: a sacramental figure, prefiguring the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine.

The Church invokes them here not merely as poetic symbols, but to present to the Father the theological totality of this Sacrifice: it is real, obedient, and sacramental. Each of the three elements is fulfilled now, and lifted to the throne of God.

The bread and wine no longer remain, for they have become Christ. What appear to be bread and wine are now the veil covering the Holy of Holies, where the Lamb stands, as though slain.

**The Supplication** — “In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God...”

At this point in the Eucharistic Prayer, the Priest no longer stands upright with hands outstretched. Instead, in profound humility, he bows low over the altar, laying his joined hands upon it, and says:

“In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty...”

These are dread and awesome words, as Pope Innocent III once declared. The Priest calls the sacred offering “these gifts” (*haec*)—no elaboration, no embellishment—because what is on the altar needs no explanation before the gaze of God. It is the Body and Blood of His Son, veiled under sacramental signs. The Priest knows that God sees and understands their infinite worth. So he simply says: “command that these be carried.”

But where are they to be carried?

“...to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty.”

The earthly altar is not enough. The Church lifts her eyes—and her Sacrifice—to heaven. This is the very altar St. John beheld in the Apocalypse (Rev 5:6), where he saw: “a Lamb standing as though slain.”

Yes, standing—because Christ now lives and dies no more. But as though slain—because He bears forever the glorious marks of His Passion. This is the altar before the Throne of God, where Christ the Eternal High Priest intercedes and offers Himself unceasingly.

Now the Priest, bowed in supplication, asks that this Sacrifice on earth be joined with that eternal oblation in heaven. The Sacrifice is one and the same—only the mode is different. The Priest, acting in the person of Christ, petitions that the Victim may be mystically carried up, united with that heavenly Liturgy, where angels and saints adore the Lamb eternally.

The Priest continues:

“...so that all of us,  
who through this participation at the altar  
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.”

At these words, the Priest kisses the altar, showing profound veneration for the place where the Lord becomes present. For the altar is not only a table or a place of sacrifice; it is a symbol of Christ Himself, who is both Victim and Altar.

The altar is holy, anointed, consecrated, and its dignity is so great that the Church surrounds its consecration with solemn rites, unctions, and incensations. It is the place where heaven touches earth.

At the words:

“receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,”

the Priest makes the Sign of the Cross over himself, praying that all who partake of this Divine Food may be filled with grace and heavenly blessing, as if already drawing nourishment from the heavenly altar itself.

He uses the plural “may we be filled” (*repleamur*)—never speaking on behalf of himself alone, but on behalf of all who share in this Sacred Banquet. In signing himself with the Cross, he declares that every grace flows from the Cross, and that we embrace it with our whole being.

The Consecration lies at the heart, and these prayers form the setting—like precious gold surrounding the diamond of the Eucharistic Mystery. Now, having offered and adored, Holy Church returns to intercession, lifting up the needs of the living and the dead before the mercy of God.



Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 8:00 am Guy and Mary Mazzaufo +

Sun 10:30 am Gerry Beall +

Mon 8:30 am Levy and Norma Lilly +

Tue 8:30 am Micheal Mullenbach +

Wed 5:30 pm John and Clemence Golna +

Thur 8:30 am Mary, Anna & Bernetta Traubert

Fri 5:30 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +

Sat 4:00 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am The Barsi Family

*Readings*

**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5, John 14:6b, 9c, John 14:6-14

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15, Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Matthew 4:4b, John 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a, Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab, John 6:35ab, John 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8, Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, See John 6:40, John 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, John 6:51, John 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 117:1bc, 2, John 6:56, John 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42, Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, See John 6:63c, 68c, John 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52, Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5, Revelation 7:9, 14b-17, John 10:14, John 10:27-30



**May 10, 4:00 PM**  
**Gre: Mark and Shari**  
**Ser: Avery and Liam**  
**Lec: A.J. Mitchell**

**May 11, 8:00 AM**  
**Gre: Toot and Joanie**  
**Ser: Judith Aracich**  
**Lec: Fred Casale**

**May 11, 10:30 AM**  
**Gre: Mary Beth Harvey**  
**Ser: Will and Stothard**  
**Lec: Cheryl Bland**

**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 906.

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

Please welcome Father Emmanuel Nwosu as he will be covering Mass and confession on May 5th and May 6th.

<u>April 27, 2025 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	158	\$3932.25
Mother's Day		\$651.00
Candles		\$72.00
Building and Maintenance		\$140.00
Elevator		\$5.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



**Sat:** Byers, John Hoffman, Rise Katnik, Roy McLaughlin & Tina Postlethwait  
**Sun:**  
**Mon:**  
**Tues:**  
**Wed:**  
**Thur:** Eleanor Sacripanti & Dolores Wilson  
**Fri:**  
**Sat:** Marie Reck & Stephanie Russell

**ADORATION SCHEDULE**

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



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of **Bonnie Camiletti**  
 (Gene and Marion Lamon)  
 From April 25, 2025 to May 8, 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.



With the sympathy of

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

**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

				1	2	3
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.
- Altar and Rosary Meeting:** May 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

By Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each others stories, understand and support each other.

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.



*God, Who, in Thine ineffable providence, didst will that Thy servant Francis ... should be numbered among the high priests; grant, we beseech Thee, that he, who on earth held the place of Thine only-begotten Son, may be joined forevermore to the fellowship of Thy holy pontiffs. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.  
Amen.*

*Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.  
And let the perpetual light shine upon him.  
And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*



**Together We Can Beat Cancer**  
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**When: June 7, 2025**

**Where: Central Park**

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**Time: 6 PM till 11 PM**

**For more information contact Tammy: 304-919-9058**

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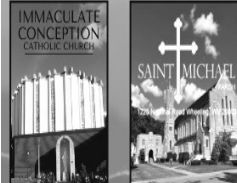
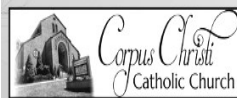
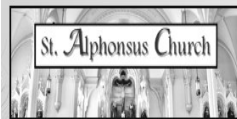
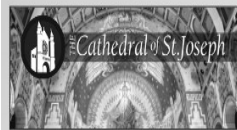
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Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$3,915 of our \$18,200 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty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

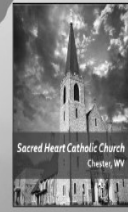
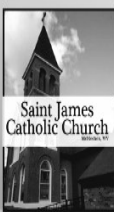
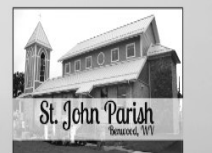
**WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?**

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**

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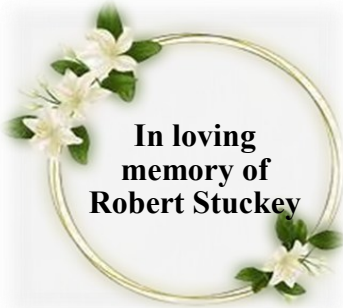
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**The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising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

