

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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MAY 5, 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 - Convocation and Recollection

This week, the priests of the Diocese are called together for our annual Priest Convocation which takes place in Charleston each year. It is a wonderful time for us to set time aside to grow in fraternity with each other, to be refreshed by talks, and this is one of the rare times I am able to see my brother priests who serve in parishes far from our own. I will be leaving for Charleston after the Tuesday morning Mass and will be returning late Thursday. For next week, the schedule is as follows:

Adoration on Wednesday **will occur** because Deacon John will be here.

Mass on Wednesday and Thursday is cancelled because I could not find a priest to fill-in since all of us in this Diocese will be in Charleston for Convocation.

Much ink has been spilt over the centuries writing on the concept of prayer. Prayer is the lifeblood of the Christian, the air that fills our spiritual lungs. One of the effects of prayer and our other spiritual disciplines is that it leaves us in a state known as "recollection". This state of recollection, when it is used in spiritual matters, refers to awareness to the presence of God dwelling in one's soul. It is that intimate connection that comes from recognizing that we are beloved sons and daughters of the Father. When we are able to persevere in this state of recollection, it is easier to do good and easier to avoid evil. However, this state of recollection is not something that we just hope happens to us. It is something that we can foster so that we become more aware of God's lasting presence with us throughout the day.

In order to arrive at this state of recollection throughout our days, three ways have been charted by those far more advanced in the spiritual life than I to arrive at this state of recollection. These three methods are: silence and solitude according to our state of life (this is where, for instance, we can wash the dishes in silent prayer instead of listening to music or the TV), the avoidance of things that distract us from God (social media, TV, bad music are all common examples), and the frequent exercise of the presence of God.

One of the ways in which we exercise this frequent acknowledgment of the presence of God is by fulfilling the command to pray without ceasing. While this may seem like an impossible task, it becomes easier if we focus on one or two simple prayers that we can pray throughout the day no matter where we find ourselves. The first was given to St. John Cassian by Abba Isaac and is prayed by all clerics and religious of the Church before we pray the psalms each day: "O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me". The other prayer is known as the Jesus prayer and has different variations. The variation that I use is: "Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner".

It is important to remember that as we progress in the spiritual life, we will not perfectly implement these spiritual tools into our lives. It takes great effort to remember to say these simple prayers throughout our day. When they come to your mind, treat it as an invitation by God to spend a moment with Him wherever you find yourselves in the world that day. The more that we place ourselves in the presence of God, the more that we remain recollected by His dwelling in us, the easier it becomes to allow Him to heal every corner of our souls and every aspect of our lives. By persisting in our pursuit of this state of recollection, we are able to make small, concrete choices to place God at the center of our lives each day and throughout our day. Those small choices, done with great love to spend just a moment with our Lord, is the way that the Lord makes us into the saints He desires us to be.

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Larry Nichols+

Sun 8:00 am Deceased members of
The Benny Bucy
Family+

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Mon 8:30 am Mary Katherine
Billiter+

Tue 8:30 am John & Clemence
Golna+

Wed 5:30 pm **NO MASS**

Thur 8:30 am **NO MASS**

Fri 5:30 pm Jeremiah & Victoria
Emau+

Sat 11:00 am Confirmandi

Sat 4:00 pm Kristian White+

Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish

Sun 10:30 am For all living and
deceased Mothers of
the Parish

Readings

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/ Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 /Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 / Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20



May 11, 4:00 PM

Gre Pam Boyd & Jeanette
Buffington

Ser Avery & Liam

Lec Wendi Mitchell

May 12, 8:00 AM

Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear

Ser Theresa Kowcheck

Lec Judith Aracich

May 12, 10:30 AM

Gre Steph

Ser Will, Stothard, & Philip

Lec Monica Biery

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 914.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday, May 5th will be Building & Maintenance.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY will take place this Sunday, May 5th in the Parish Hall after the 8 a.m. Mass. We hope to see you all there.

The Altar & Rosary **SOUP & SANDWICH SALE** will be this Wednesday, May 8th at 11 a.m. in the parish hall. If you are able to help in any way please call Susie Mullenbach 304-281-1239.

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.

We have removed the sign up sheets at both entrances for our **100th YEAR CELEBRATION**. They will return after Mother's Day. Reservations for the Celebration can also be made by calling the office.

The Annual **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** will be held in the parish hall on May 12th. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Sign-Up sheets have been placed in the church entrances.

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.

This week the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston will be hosting the annual **PRIEST CONVOCATION** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We will not have Mass on Wednesday, May 8th or Thursday, May 9th. We will still be doing **ADORATION** on Wednesday with Deacon John!

<u>April 28th 2024 Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	168	\$2622
Votive Candles		\$ 351
Building & Maintenance		
Mother's Day		\$298
Disaster Relief		\$40
Budget		\$2,900.00
Active Parishioners	259	



- Sat:**
- Sun:**
- Mon:**
- Tue:** Bob Stuckey
- Wed:** Eleanor Sacripanti, Tom Shalvis, Dolores Wilson
- Thur:**
- Fri:** Marie Reck
- Sat:** Joseph Walsh, Steph Russell
- Sun:** Michelle Evans, Linda Stuckey



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”
- Jn 15:16-17

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

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The DiNardo & Mitchell Families
from April 26th to May 9th.

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

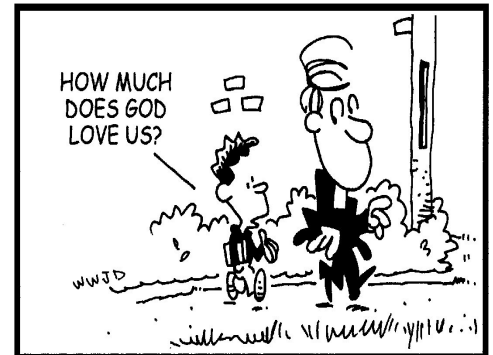
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Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.

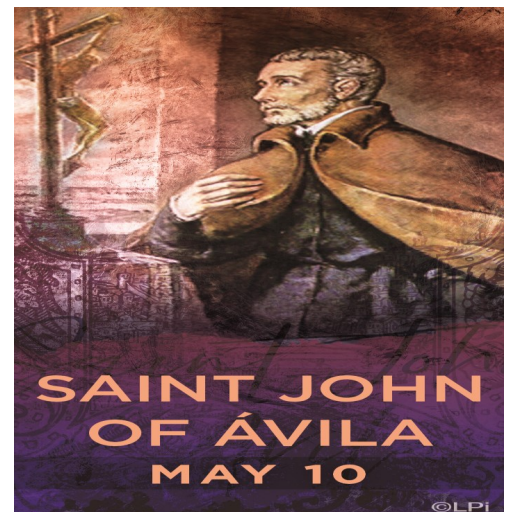
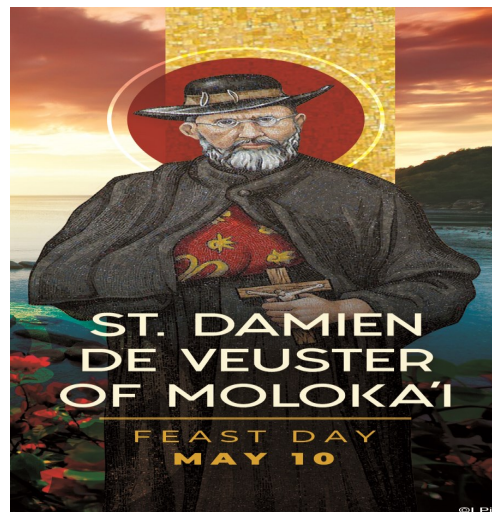
A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel challenges us to "love another as I have loved you". Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

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Sam and Margaret White would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, & sympathy for the passing of Kristian White.



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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!

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.

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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The Brooke County Salvation Army Feeding Program offers **FREE TAKEOUT LUNCHES** on Thursday's from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The **MEMORIAL MASS** for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).

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

BY MONDAY, APRIL 22ND



CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION!
304-277-2911



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



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 under “Accountability” for more information.

