

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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NOVEMBER 2024

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor**.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.  
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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— The Word of the Lord

Having gathered together all of our individual prayers and petitions and having united them in the liturgical prayer of the Church in the form of the Collect, we now sit for the first time since welcoming our King in procession and listen to the Word of the Lord in the form of the readings given for each Mass. Following the liturgical reforms which took place after the Second Vatican Council, the readings for Sundays are on a three year cycle (A, B, and C) and the readings for weekday Masses are on a two year cycle (1 and 2). Outside of Easter time, the first reading that we hear proclaimed at Mass comes to us from the Old Testament. Between Sundays and weekdays over the course of the different cycles, we hear 13.5% of the Old Testament proclaimed to us. During the Easter season, the first reading comes to us from the New Testament. Combining Sundays and weekdays, we hear 71.5% of the New Testament proclaimed to us at Mass. The second reading comes from the New Testament and is usually one of the Epistles written by Paul.

The Gospels follow the three year cycle and are arranged such that Year A focuses on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Year B focuses on the Gospel according to St. Mark, and year C focuses on the Gospel according to St. Luke. The Gospel according to our patron, St. John, is used during the special times of the liturgical season (Christmas, Lent, Easter and during the summer of Year B to focus us on his presentation of the Eucharist in the Bread of Life discourse).

The reason that we have a reading from the Old Testament, a reading from the New Testament, and a Gospel is because of the relationship that exists between them. St. Augustine states it succinctly: "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New".

During the proclamation of the readings, we are called to enter into sacred silence so that we can give our full attention to the Word of God being proclaimed to us. In between the readings, we also have a period of sacred silence so that each of us can meditate upon the marvels and mysteries which we have just heard. With all of this background, we now turn our attention to each of the readings.

As stated above, the First Reading is typically from the Old Testament. When we hear the Old Testament proclaimed to us, we hear more than a bunch of difficult to pronounce names. We hear how the Lord our God began to call and form His Chosen People. We hear how that Chosen People of God had periods of faithfulness and periods of falling away. We hear how God sent to

them many different prophets and judges to call His people to repentance and to return to Him. We hear how God remains faithful to His people even when they turn their back on Him. We hear how God has promised to send a Savior to free His people from their sins and how He is trying to prepare them for the coming of this Anointed One. The Old Testament is marked by a progressive revelation of God to His people where He draws us in and reveals Himself over a period of time so that we can truly come to know God.

After the First Reading, we have the Responsorial Psalm. In the Psalms, we encounter the full range of the human experience. There are psalms of thanksgiving and psalms of lamentation, psalms which are hymns of praise and psalms which seek the justice of God and His divine intervention. More importantly, the Psalms are the very same words that our Lord Jesus Christ would have sung and prayed which helps unite us to our Lord in an even more intimate way.

After the Responsorial Psalm, we have the Second Reading. The Second Reading, which always comes to us from the New Testament, presents to us the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhorts us to turn away from our sins so that we can put on Christ. The New Testament readings are addresses to a particular person or community and the authors of these epistles, knowing the person's or community's strengths and weaknesses, taught them what God asks of us and to live the life of Christian discipleship each day. These epistles are filled with answers to tough questions, explanations for why we do certain things, and urged people to holiness in the midst of their daily struggles and persecutions which were all too common since Christianity was illegal at the time of their writing.

After both the First and the Second Reading, the lector finishes the reading by saying "The Word of the Lord". Far from being just a conclusion to the reading, it is a statement of our belief that Sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God. It is an acknowledgment that the living God has just spoken to us as a community and to each of us as individuals. Our response, "Thanks be to God", helps us to recognize the great gift and mystery that we have just participated in, namely that God continues to care and provide for His people and that He continues to speak to us calling us to holiness.

Next week, we will look at how we welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel by the singing of the Alleluia. .

- Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Doris Sperlazza +  
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 Sun 10:30 am Deceased Descendants  
 of Alfred & Virginia Staffileno+  
 Mon 8:30 am Tony Holt  
 Tue 8:30 am Douglas & Roger  
 Traubert +  
 Wed 5:30 pm Virginia Tarquinio +  
 Thur 8:30 am William F. Traubert  
 And Family +  
 Fri 5:30 pm Benjamin Serevicz  
 Sat 4:00 pm Doris Sperlazza +  
 Sun 8:00 am Barsi Family  
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

*Readings*

**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17, 2 Chr 7:16, Jn 2:13-22

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, Heb 9:24-28, Mt 5:3, Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9, Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Phil 2:15d, 16a, Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14, 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29, Jn 14:23, Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7, 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6, 1 Thes 5:18, Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** PHMN 7-20, PS 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10, JN 15:5, LK 17:20-25

**Friday:** 2 JN 4-9, PS 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18, LK 21:28, LK 17:26-37

**Saturday:** 3 JN 5-8, PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, See 2 THES 2:14, LK 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3, Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Heb 10:11-14, 18, Lk 21:36, Mk 13:24-32



**NOVEMBER 16, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Mark and Shari  
 Ser Avery and Liam  
 Lec Wendi Mitchell

**NOVEMBER 17, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Anna and Jeje  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Fred Casale

**NOVEMBER 17, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Will and Sothard  
 Lec Gavin Scott

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 1022

PLEASE SEE SARRIS and VIRTUS UPDATES ON THE 2nd TO LAST PAGE.

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.

It is that time of year again when the FOOD PANTRY could use our help with their holiday assistance. Gift cards in \$10 increments are always appreciated. You can turn them into the office or send them in the collection basket.

We have set out the sign up sheet for our **Dedication Mass and Holiday Gathering Dinner**. We will be having the dinner catered and would like to know how many to expect so please remind your friends and family to sign up too!

To all of our faithful lecturers your 2025 lecture books are available to be picked up in the sacristy.

November 3rd, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	133	\$3238
Votive Candles		\$559.53
Building & Maintenance		\$10
Elevator Fund		\$50
All Souls/ All Souls		\$1161
Thanksgiving for the poor		\$10
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



- Sat:** Gabriella Staffileno
- Sun:** Mary Margaret Rosso & Paul Henderson
- Mon:** Richard Harvey & Margaret Zumpetta
- Tues:** Francesco Ferrise, Roxanna Mears, Jeremy Stolirchick, & Amanda Manner
- Wed:** Marie McGowan
- Thurs:**
- Fri:** Kevin Farrell, Frank Canistraro
- Sat:**
- Sun:**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

is burning in memory of  
**Gary Antigo**  
*(Flora Antigo)*  
 From November 8, 2024 to  
 November 21, 2024.

**Prayer List**

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:  
 DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIDO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, ELEANOR SACRIPANTI, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, KATHLEEN GODINA, DEBBIE, AND RICK MERCER

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

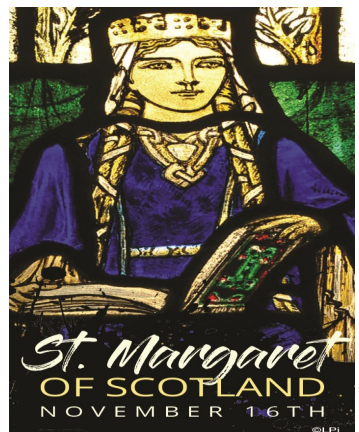
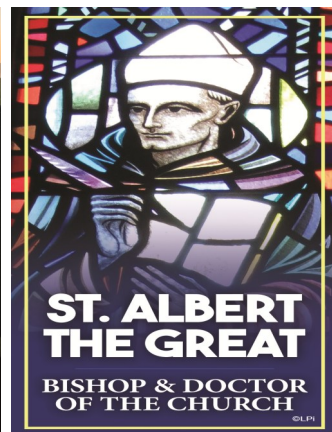
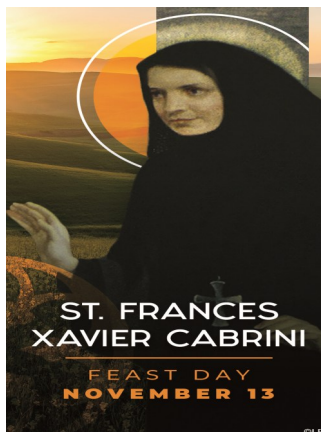
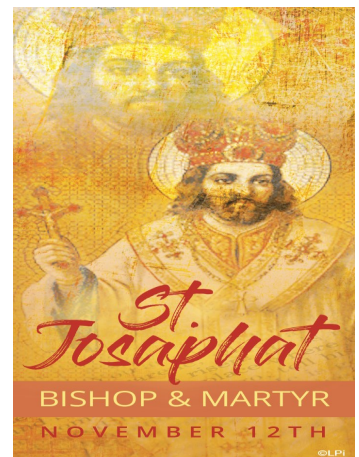
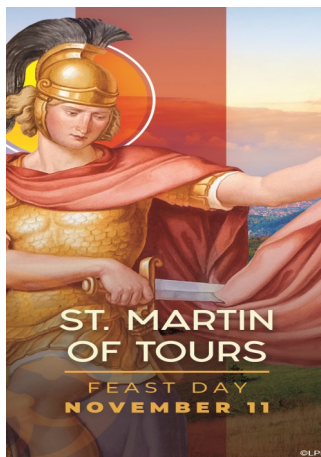


**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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3 CCD	4	5 Coffee & Catechesis 9 A.M. Coffee Klatch	6 Aim Baby Shower 6:30 P.M.	7	8	9
10 CCD	11	12 Coffee & Catechesis 9 A.M.	13 Soup & Sandwich 12 P.M.	14	15	16
17 CCD	18	19 Coffee & Catechesis 9 A.M./ VIRTUS TRAINING 11 A.M	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Coffee & Catechesis 9 A.M.	27 Men's Group 7 P.M.	28	29	30

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.		Every week on Wednesdays, from 9 until 5 p.m., adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in our parish church.
10 A.M.		
11 A.M.		
12 P.M.		
1 P.M.		
2 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	If you would like to sign up to be an adorer for an hour, please call the parish office.
3 P.M.	Need 1 Adorer	
4 P.M.		

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, December 9th: Solemnity of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) - Mass at 12 noon and 6 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication Mass/ Holiday Gathering

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together.  
 Seize the moments.

*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.duc.org](http://www.duc.org) under "Accountability" for more information.*

## In Memory Of

Charles A. "Jock" Birkhimer

Rosemary Kyanko

Samuel R. Sacripanti

Virginia C. Diserio

Thomas A. Traubert

Mary Margaret Cipoletti

Dolores Angela Antigo

Tamara Ann McClure

Doris Elrita Hornick

Jeffery Allen Tarr

Martha Girone Lallone

Carol Ann Goff

Charlotte Pollock

Eleanor Evans

Damian Barnes

Doris Jean Sperlazza

Frank Paul Pollock Jr.

Yvonne "Bonnie" Sandra Mechling

Earl Charles McLaughlin, III

Robert Wayne Stuckey Jr.

## AN EVENING WITH THE RELICS

In this Year of Prayer, discover the history of relics and explore St. Alphonsus' extensive collection.

The evening concludes with a prayer service, reflective music, and veneration of several relics.

Tuesday, November 19 | 6:30 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Church

2111 Market Street, Wheeling



It has been brought to our attention that the Sarris Candy Bars are a little hard to sell at \$3 each so we are going to make them 2 for \$5. From what we were told, this was the first time that Sarris has raised their prices in several years, they also worked with us to help us get the maximum donation amount. So we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the situation.



## ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

As many of you know the Diocese has changed the **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** requirements to a yearly review. We will be hosting a **LIVE VIDEO TRAINING** session in the parish hall on Tuesday, November 19th at 11 a.m. directly after Coffee and Catechesis to get everyone up to date. This video will take about an hour and then you will need to sign some forms, we are expecting this to take a hour and a half.

We have sent out an all call to everyone who needs to be updated, please call the office and let us know if you would like to pick the forms up and do the reading on your own or if you would like to come watch the training. We thank everyone for volunteering and helping us maintain a Safe Environment for our vulnerable parishioners!

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH  
ALWAYS  
WANTS US TO  
GIVE MORE —  
SHOW ME  
WHERE JESUS  
ONCE EVER  
GAVE MONEY  
TO THE  
TEMPLE!



Our 2024 CSA total raised so far is \$6,495 of our \$15,970 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.

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