

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 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— Alleluia!

It is the very nature of things that the grace-filled message which God proclaims to His People would be accompanied with an echo of song. The word “Alleluia” means “Praise the Lord!” (CCC 2589) and its singing is the means by which we, the gathered faithful, welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel and we profess our faith by means of this chant (cf. *GIRM* 62). Since it is the means by which we greet the Lord who comes to speak to us, we sing this ancient acclamation standing to prepare ourselves for our King. During Lent and Advent, we use different acclamations to accompany the coming of the King to speak to us which reflect the special nature of these two seasons.

As we explored in the first column of our journey through the Mass, we stand at the moment that the procession begins because at that moment we are standing to greet our King, Christ Crucified, who has come to save His People. So, too, at the Alleluia, we stand to greet that very same King who comes to speak to His People. In order to help us show reverence to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is present in the Holy Gospel, we also use the Book of the Gospels in the procession at the beginning of Mass and from the altar to the ambo to help us focus on the reality that our King has come to speak directly to us in the proclamation of the Gospel.

The immensity of proclaiming the words of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, to His People is not something that can be done without preparation. This preparation finds its culmination when the priest approaches the altar and bows in front of it before he takes up the Book of the Gospel. This bow is no mere stretch or moment of rest before he takes up the task of proclaiming the Gospel. This moment when the priest bows before the altar is accompanied by a prayer that he offers quietly (*secreto* in the Latin instructions). Throughout the Mass, there are a number of “secret” prayers, prayers which the priest says quietly. Before the Gospel, the first “secret” prayer of the Mass that the priest offers is: “Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.” If a deacon is present at the Mass, the priest offers a version of this prayer to the deacon in the form of a blessing.

It is no surprise that the content of this prayer focuses on the worthiness of the one who proclaims the holy Gospel since the priest or deacon who proclaims the Gospel is taking on the very voice of Christ Himself. The Second Vatican Council taught us that Christ “is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 7). The proclamation of the Gospel brings with it great power, the power to open hearts and to bring about repentance, conversion, and healing, and to strengthen our discipleship as we seek to follow the Lord in a more perfect way

each day of our lives.

Only after offering this prayer does the priest take up the Book of the Gospel and go in procession to the ambo which is the place where Christ comes to speak directly to His People. All of the ceremonies that accompany the proclamation of the Gospel are to help us understand that this is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. Though the readings from the Epistles or the Acts of the Apostles may have occurred historically after the Gospels, the Gospel presents to us the mysteries of Christ in the most direct way and come at the end to reflect the primacy of place the Gospel has in the liturgy and in our lives. It is the Gospels which contain the ‘glad tidings’, the fulfillment of all the past, and the point from which all future ages radiate.

The Gospel is a love story between the Divine Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, who gives His Bride His lifegiving Word before He gives her His Body and Blood. This great love story is accompanied by a familiar dialogue: The Lord be with you! And with your spirit! Then after the introduction of the Gospel to be read, the People of God respond “Glory to you, O Lord!” which is the second movement of praise offered to God before His Good News is proclaimed to us.

As the Gospel is introduced, the priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the Gospel and then on his forehead, mouth, and breast. The People of God gathered to hear Christ speaking to them are instructed to make this triple Sign of the Cross on their forehead, mouth, and breast, as well as seen in the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal* 134. While there are no words given to accompany this triple Sign of the Cross, it is common practice to utter the following prayer, or a version of it, in the silence of our hearts: May the Word of the Lord be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.

Following the proclamation of the Gospel, the priest or deacon says “The Gospel of the Lord!” and the response of faith given by the people is “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!”. Just as we performed a triple Sign of the Cross to ready our mind, lips, and heart to receive and then proclaim the Gospel, so, too, do we offer a triple act of praise to God for the saving message of the Good News of Jesus Christ Risen from the dead. After proclaiming the Gospel, the priest or deacon kisses the Gospel and offers the second “secret” prayer of the Mass: “Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.”

At the beginning of Mass, the priest reverences the altar with a kiss. After being the voice of Christ, the priest reverences the Gospel with a kiss. This reverential kiss makes clear the connection between the centrality of Christ speaking to His people and of Christ offering Himself to the Father on our behalf. Through both actions, the hearts of the faithful can be purified and made holy.—Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm Doris Sperlazza +
Sun 8:00 am The Barsi Family+
Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish
Mon 8:30 am George B. Traubert & Family+
Tue 8:30 am Virginia Diserio +
Wed 5:30 pm Doris Sperlazza +
Thur 8:30 am Frank Pollock Jr. +
Fri 5:30 pm Barbara “Bobbie” Price+
Sat 4:00 pm Doris Sperlazza +
Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
Sun 10:30 am Michael Zdinak +

Readings

Saturday: 3 JN 5-8, PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Sec 2 THES 2:14, LK 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3, Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11, Heb 10:11-14, 18, Lk 21:36, Mk 13:24-32
Monday: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5. PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6, JN 8:12, LK 18:35-43
Tuesday: RV 3:1-6, 14-22, PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5, 1 JN 4:10B, LK 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11, 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, Sec Jn 15:16, Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: RV 5:1-10, PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B, PS 95:8, LK 19:41-44
Friday: RV 10:8-11, PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131, JN 10:27, LK 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12, Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10, Sec 2 Tm 1:10, Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14, Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5, Rv 1:5-8, Mk 11:9, 10, Jn 18:33b-37



NOVEMBER 23, 4:00 PM

Gre
 Ser
 Lec A.J. Mitchell

NOVEMBER 24, 8:00 AM

Gre Toot & Joanie
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck
 Lec Judith Aracich

NOVEMBER 24, 10:30 AM

Gre Mary-Beth Harvey
 Ser Will and Sothard
 Lec Mary-Beth Harvey

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 1025

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 lectors your 2025 lector books are available to be picked up in the sacristy.

November 3rd, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	118	\$2868
Votive Candles		\$167
Building & Maintenance		\$40
Elevator Fund		\$50
All Saints		\$20
All Souls		\$30
Diaster Relief Fund		\$100
Archdiocese for the Military		\$441
Christmas		\$10
Christmas Flowers		\$10
Thanksgiving for the poor		\$20
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



Sat:

Sun:

Mon:

Tues:

Wed: Patrick Roush

Thurs: Lucas Neel

Fri: Fred Casale, Hilda Tarquinio

Sat:

Sun: Ryan Brink



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Mike & Anne Zdinak
(Pat Ferry)
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.

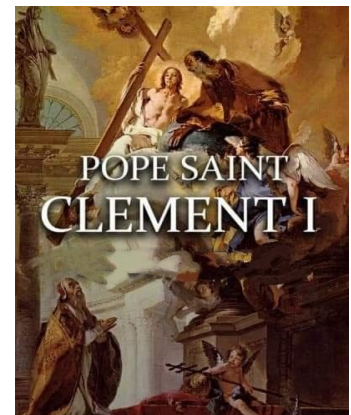
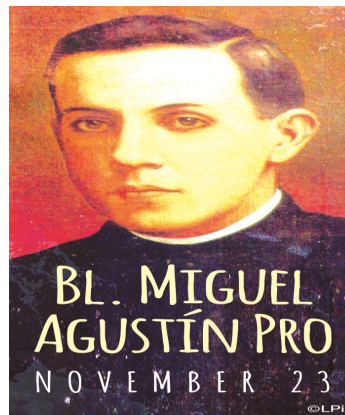
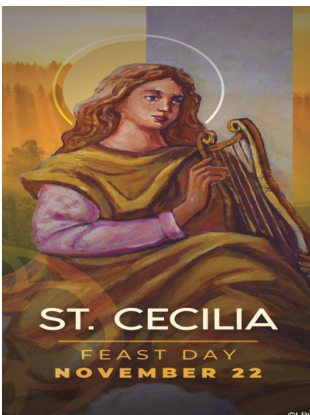


33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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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

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows....only the father". Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

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 under "Accountability" for more information.



Sacred Heart of Mary Christmas Kielbasa Sale

This Christmas Sacred Heart of Mary Church will once again be taking orders for Jacob & Sons Kielbasa from Martins Ferry, OH.

Kielbasa choices are smoked \$6/lb. or fresh unsmoked \$6/lb., **weights will vary**. Orders are due by **Monday, December 16** and will be available for pick up on **Saturday, December 21 from 12:00 to 4:00** in the cafeteria. **Payment due at time of pick up**. To order

call the church office at 304-723-7175 from 8am-1:30pm M-F or by dropping the order form off at the church office at **200 Preston Ave Weirton**. Thank you for your support.

Name _____ Phone _____

Smoked Kielbasa _____ # Lbs. Fresh (unsmoked) Kielbasa _____ # Lbs. Homemade bread _____ \$5/loaf (limit of 5 loaves)



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!

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the situation.

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