

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

1300 CHARLES STREET • WELLSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26070

Email: stjoh1300@comcast.net Parish Office: 304-737-0429



SEPTEMBER, 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L.
Office Manager.....Steph Russell
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 – Suffering Servant

This weekend, our first reading comes from the section of Isaiah called Second Isaiah. It is here that we encounter a number of poems or songs which deal with a Servant of the Lord. Much of the material of these poems details the sufferings, the vicarious death, and ultimate vindication of the unnamed Servant. Although the servant is suffering, he recognizes that “the Lord God is my help.” The servant’s powerlessness is contrasted with the Lord God’s power to protect him. Trusting in God, the servant is obedient, “I have not rebelled.” This contrasts with an earlier passage, Isaiah 48, which depicts the people of Israel as “a rebel” who “never heard” God’s commands (48:8). God calls upon his people to listen and to be taught how to live according to the commands of the Lord God (Isaiah 48:16-18).

The servant depicted in Isaiah 50:5-9 is a model of how to stay faithful to God despite suffering. This suffering is described — beating on the back, plucking of the beard, blows to the face and spitting on the face — all done by an unnamed enemy. Despite this, the servant obeys God’s teaching, and credits God for enabling him to hear God’s word: “The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear.”

The servant puts his complete trust in God’s help, knowing that “I am not disgraced” and “I shall not be put to shame.” These verses depict someone who “wishes to oppose me.” The servant trusts that God will defend his innocence even if this opponent accuses or confronts the suffering servant.

The Gospel this weekend has our Lord taking the Apostles deep into Gentile territory. There, Jesus asks his disciples what the latest opinion poll is saying about him, “Who do people say that I am?” They respond, “John the Baptizer or Elijah or one of the prophets.” The identity of Jesus is a central question in the early chapters of Mark. When Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River, the voice from heaven identifies who Jesus is: “You are my beloved Son” (Mark 1:11). Jesus proceeds to demonstrate who he is by curing the sick and by casting out unclean spirits. Jesus’ power over evil demonstrates his identity as the Son of God. When Jesus casts out the unclean spirit from the man in the synagogue (Mark 1:21-28), the unclean spirit identifies Jesus by saying: “I know who you are — the Holy One of God!” Likewise, when Jesus frees the Gerasene demoniac from his unclean spirit (Mark 5:1-20), the unclean spirit identifies Jesus as “Son of the Most High God.” It is quite ironic that the unclean spirits recognize Jesus’ identity before his disciples do.

Following this great profession of faith by Peter, our Lord gives to the Apostles the first prediction of his approaching suffering, his rejection by the leaders of his own nation, and his death and resurrection. Jesus’ disciples were firmly committed to their belief that God’s Messiah would lead the Israelites to earthly glory, to triumph over their enemies. Thus they did not want to accept that the Messiah must suffer and be killed. Simon Peter and the other disciples had the wrong idea of the Messiah as it was in God’s plan. The Christ would not set up a political, geographical kingdom in Jerusalem, get rid of Roman occupation forces, and govern with the 12. For this reason, Peter rebuked Jesus for prophesying that he would be killed. But Jesus rebukes Peter in response: “Get behind me, Satan.” Jesus further explains that his disciples must imitate his example. They must be willing to lose their lives, as Jesus will lose his life. This is Jesus Christ’s good news of God’s salvation, that new life with God comes from Jesus taking up his cross, and that Jesus’ followers must do the same.



Sat 4:00 pm Deborah Golna
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+
 Mon 8:30 am Linus Hanlin
 Tue 8:30 am Stuart Hanlin
 Wed 5:30 pm Lin Qiwen+
 Thur 8:30 am Li Yinghua+
 Fri 5:30 pm Simon Brice
 Sat 4:00 pm The Rockey/
 Sperlazza Families
 Sun 8:00 am Andy Matusic+
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Is 50:5-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/ Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/ Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 COR 15:1-11/ PS 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28/ LK 7:36-50
Friday: 1 COR 15:12-20/ PS 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15/ Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/ Mt 9:9-13



SEPTEMBER 21, 4:00 PM
 Gre Pam Boyd & Jeanette Buffington
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec Jim Sperlazza

SEPTEMBER 22, 8:00 AM
 Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff
 Ser
 Lec Judith Aracich

SEPTEMBER 22, 10:30 AM
 Gre Susie Mullenbach
 Ser Will & Stothard
 Lec Pam Ferguson

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 998.

SECOND COLLECTION: September 29th will be for the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA and for the VINCENTIAN MISSION.

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.

The Food Pantry is in need of **PLASTIC BAGS**, if you have any extra please leave them in the red bin.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we are **starting our RCIA program** up again. Please contact the parish office or Father Golna to begin this process to become Catholic! Classes are scheduled around your convenience.

ALTAR & SOCIETY will continue to meet on Monday mornings to say the Rosary before Mass. All are invited to come and join in this beautiful devotion before the daily Mass every Monday.

We will be starting CCD classes in September. If you need to sign your child up please call Monica Biery (304) 650-5622.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	141	\$ 3234
Votive Candles		\$ 20
Building & Maintenance		\$ 45
Elevator		\$
Assumption		\$ 20
Education of Seminarians		\$ 20
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



Sat: Deborah Golna
Sun: Cindy Crabtree
Mon:
Tue:
Wed: Lana Gilkey
Thur: Carolyn Mason, Anthony Ptaszek
Fri:
Sat: Sue Malson
Sun: Sue Casale, Karleigh Kowcheck, Gavin Scott



**24TH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."
 - Mk 8:34-35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI



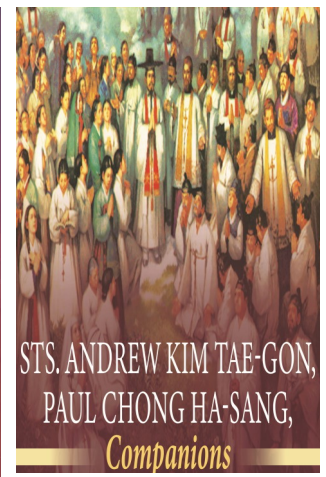
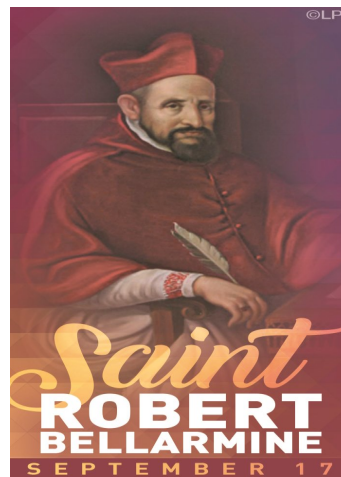
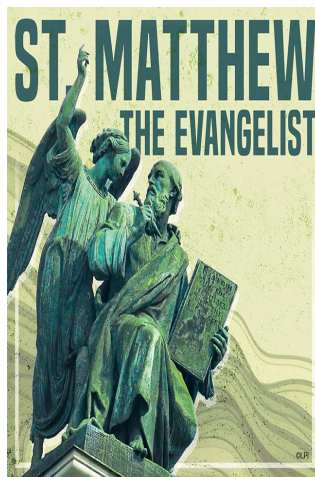
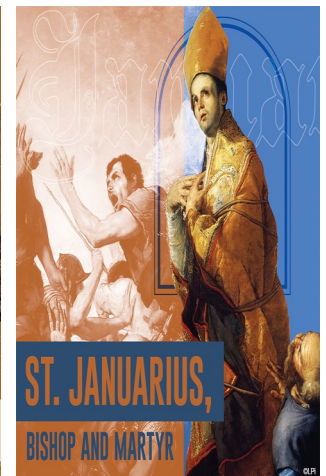
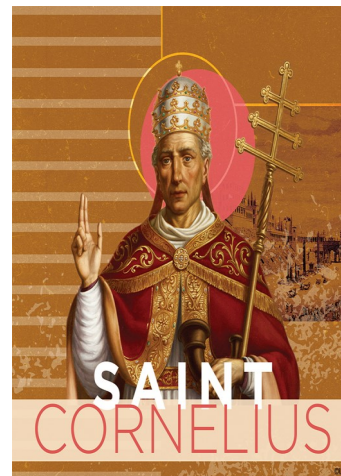
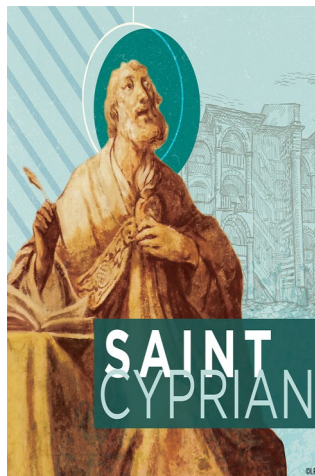
**THE SANCTUARY
 CANDLE**

is burning in memory of
*The Beall, Fleming, &
 Postlethwait Families*
 (Curt & Tina Postlethwait)
 From September 13th to Sep-
 tember 26th.

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOP-
 LE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN
 YOUR PRAYERS:**

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY,
 BOB STUCKEY, PAULA HENDERSON,
 DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE, DI-
 ANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE
 BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER,
 CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIDO, DON-
 NA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCK-
 EY, COLLEEN RUSHING, LLOYD
 "PEANUT" VAN HORN, JIM AND SHA-
 RON 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.



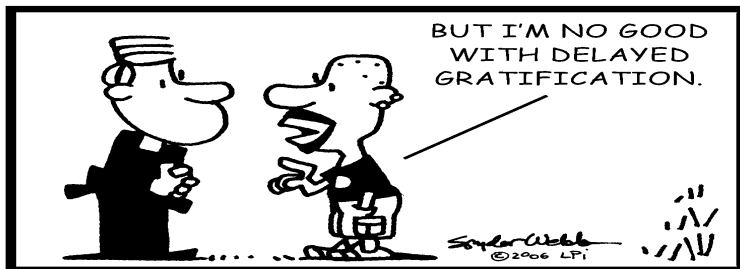
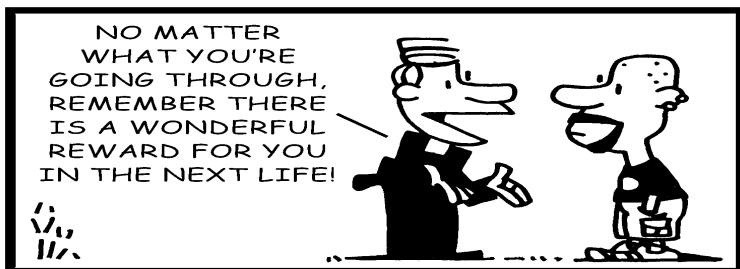
To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston 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.

September 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	4 Altar & Rosary Meeting/ Group Pictures 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Consecration Preparation	9 Finance Council Meeting/ Group Pictures 5:30 p.m.	10 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m. Coffee Klatch	11 Altar & Rosary Soup & Sandwich Sale 11 a.m.	12 Pastoral Council Meeting/ Group Pictures 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15 Mass Volunteers Group Pictures/ Reception 12 p.m.	16	17 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Coffee & Catechesis 9 a.m.	25 Men's Group 7 p.m.	26	27	28 Vincentian Missionary
29 Vincentian Missionary	30					

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DATES TO REMEMBER:
Saturday, December 14th: 100th Year Dedication
Mass/ Holiday Gathering

A FAMILY PE RSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

If we want to be happy at home we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (“save ourselves”) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the VOCATIONS OFFICE, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298



Brooke Hills Park
Wellsburg, WV
Admission: Friday \$5.00
Saturday \$10.00
Sunday \$10.00



Celebrate Five with 5 for Bishop Brennan's Fifth Anniversary

Commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year
 with five gifts of prayer and works of mercy.

Add yours at:
dwc.org/celebrate-five



The members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV invite you to participate in the 2024 **Irish Road Bowling McSweeney Cup**, the largest Irish Road Bowling event in the world! Join us on Saturday, September 28 for a day of road bowling, fellowship, Irish music, food and drink. Information and registration forms at facebook.com/roadbowling or contact Tom Connolly for more information: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Bishop Mark Brennan as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to Celebrate Five with 5! This is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with gifts Christ taught us were the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> and gift their five.

Gift of Prayer: Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include praying the rosary during a road trip for pregnant women as well as the husband/father; for engaged/newly married couples; for the intentions of the faithful of the diocese; and for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Gift of Works/Deed: inspired by his example, Catholic Charities WV compiled five acts of service - volunteer in your community; listen and encounter with others; serve the vulnerable; provide spiritual and emotional support; and advocate for justice.

Add your gift online: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>
 For more information see this week's FaithInWV e-bulletin available with archived editions at: <https://faithinwv.org>

We're more than a Convenience store

Mark's Deli & Catering
304-737-0065

- Deli
- Broaster Chicken
- Catering
- Delivery
- Lent Specials

CARRY OUT

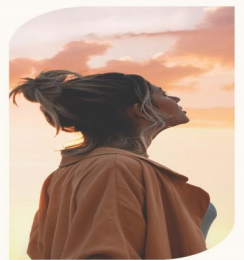
GENUINE BROASTER CHICKEN

markscarryout.com

HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard and Aim Executive Director Rebekah Cohen Morris would like to invite you to a retreat focused on renewing, rebuilding, and redeeming hearts broken by abortion.

- ✓ Start date: Friday, September 20, 2024
- ✓ End date: Sunday, September 22, 2024
- ✓ Call 770-715-7200 to RSVP or for more info
- ✓ Supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where men and women can express, release, and reconcile post-abortive emotions.



Rachel's VINEYARD | Aim WOMEN'S CENTER

770-715-7200 | Rebcohenmorris@aimwomenscenter.com | Toronto, Ohio



Reasner Funeral Home

Robert Morris L.T.C.

Owner and Director

ReasnerOfWellsburg.com

304-737-3251

Mullenbach Funeral Home

Celebrating Life...

Joseph M. Mullenbach
 Licensee in Charge

Kayla A. Schoonmaker
 Funeral Director

Cody R. Rice
 Funeral Director

P.O. Box 272
 669 Main Street
 Follansbee, WV 26037

(304)527-4040
 Fax (304) 527-3793
mullenbachfh@comcast.net

www.mullenbachfh.com

SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE

We have been informed of the location of the Schools Time Capsule. If anyone is able to assist in removing and replacing concrete please let us know!



We have more **SARRIS CANDY BARS** for sale if you would be interested in purchasing any or would have someone willing to sell a box please let us know. We do have to charge \$3 each because the price has gone up but 50% of those sales come back to the parish!

VISITING MISSIONARY

Fr. Joseph J. Arackal V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest, will be in our parish on the weekend of **September 28 & 29 weekend** and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and South Africa.

There will be a special mission collection on September 28th & 29th to help the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. Joseph and all the Vincentian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.



Our 2024 CSA total raised so far is \$6,295 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. I invite you all to join me as you have done in the past by supporting the annual **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL** today.

DIRECTORY:

For anyone who wishes to not have their address and phone number listed in the new directory please call the office and let us know.

Finance Council/ Pastoral Council/ Altar & Rosary Society/ Men's Group/ Money Counters/ All Mass Volunteers:

Over the next several weeks we will be scheduling times to take group pictures for our Centennial Parish Directory. For the groups who have scheduled meetings we will take the group photo then, these meetings are scheduled for:

Men's Group 8/28/24

Altar & Rosary Society 9/04/24

Finance Council 9/09/24

Pastoral Council 9/12/24

Mass Volunteers 9/15/2024

We would like to invite all of our Mass volunteers, Greeters, Lectors, Servers, Ushers, Money Counters and Funeral Luncheon teams to picture day on Sunday, September 15th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for each groups picture followed by light refreshments as a Thank You for your continued help.

If you cannot make any of these schedules times and would like to be listed as unpictured please call the office and let us know.

