

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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SEPTEMBER 8, 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 — Ephphatha!

We who do not read the Old Testament in Greek can easily miss the connection between the first reading and the Gospel today. The first reading is about the soon-to-happen return of Israel from exile to its own land. That was to be an incredible miracle. But the great return from exile would have signs and wonders accompanying it: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water."

The Greek word for the mute person in this passage from Isaiah, the man with a speech impediment, is *mogilalon* and that word only occurs one other place in Scripture and that is in the passage that we have today from Mark's Gospel.

Jesus is seen as the return from exile to the kingdom of God, to faithfulness to the word of God. Jesus is seen as the Messiah, the one sent by God for the salvation of His people. We have seen how He manifests His power to come to the aid of His people and in the Gospel today our Lord heals this man in a most dramatic way. Our Lord did nothing by chance or accident and could have easily healed this man in front of Him with the mere utterance of His word. In fact, the Gospel passage that immediately precedes the one that we read at Mass today has our Lord casting a demon out of the daughter of the Syrophenician woman by merely uttering His word from a far distance.

Instead, Jesus heals him in private, away from the crowd. Our Lord encounters this man in Gentile territory. It is quite possible that this man was a pagan, cut off from God, as it were. This man is also cut off from his community, unable to communicate in any meaningful way with those around him. And we can imagine the fear that must have come over him in the isolation that he experienced as a result of being deaf and mute. And yet these unnamed friends of the deaf man proclaim to him in the deeds the words of the prophet Isaiah: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With divine recompense he comes to save you."

Since the man is deaf, Jesus puts his finger in the man's ears. Since the man has a speech impediment, Jesus spits and touches the man's tongue. But Jesus' other actions are equally important: 1. He looks to heaven, 2. He groans deeply, and 3. He commands "Ephphatha!" That is, "Be opened!" Looking heavenward is a prayer and appeal for divine action. This guttural groan shows Jesus' compassion for the man. His command in Aramaic, *Ephphatha*, shows His divine authority by healing the man.

The beauty of this Gospel passage is that we are called to identify ourselves with both the deaf man himself and with the unnamed group of friends who bring the deaf man to the Lord. One of the primary effects of sin is that it cuts us off from God and from each other. Sin isolates. And so we are in need of that healing and restoration that God gives to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you find yourself cut off from God or it has just been a while, come experience the restoration to life in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Once we are healed, once we are restored to God's friendship, we are called to imitate this unnamed group of friends by bringing those who find themselves cut off and isolated to the Lord. Each of us came to receive the Faith with the help of others. We, too, are called to pass our Faith on to our family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors and to proclaim to them "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God! He comes to save you!" so that they, too, can experience that restoration to life that only God can give.



Sat 4:00 pm Martha Lallone+
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred & Virginia Staffileno and their deceased descendants+
 Mon 8:30 am Eleanor Evans+
 Tue 8:30 am Martha Lallone+
 Wed 5:30 pm Mike Cipoletti+
 Thur 8:30 am Martha Lallone+
 Fri 5:30 pm George Hanlin+
 Sat 4:00 pm Deborah Golna
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Virginia Diserio+

Readings

Saturday: Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/ Jas 2:1-5/ Mk 7:31-37
Monday: 1 COR 5:1-8/ PS 5:5-6, 7, 12/ Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13/ PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24/ LK 6:27-38
Friday: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27/ PS 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Is 50:5-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jas 2:14-18/ Mk 8:27-35



SEPTEMBER 14, 4:00 PM

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris
 Ser Avery & Liam
 Lec AJ Mitchell

SEPTEMBER 15, 8:00 AM

Gre Toot & Joanie Lazear
 Ser
 Lec Judith Aracich

SEPTEMBER 15, 10:30 AM

Gre Mary Beth Harvey
 Ser Will & Stothard
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at 995.

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.

The parish is in search of a **PARISH SECRETARY** because Steph will now be handling the Bookkeeping for both St. John the Evangelist and Corpus Christi. Steph is excited to be close to Philip during his last 2 years at Corpus Christi and is going to help us get our new secretary ready to take over. If you or anyone you know may be interested please email us a copy of their resume at office@stjohnwellsburgwv.com

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	121	\$4183
Votive Candles		\$503
Building & Maintenance		\$786
Elevator		\$
Assumption		\$20
Education of Seminarians		\$25
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900.00



Sat: Herbet Hupp, James Lee
Sun:
Mon: Rebecca Kull, Rich Ferguson
Tue: Jill Yost
Wed:
Thur: Emma Krupinski, Rick Stewart, Mary Lou Ujcich
Fri:
Sat:
Sun: Cindy Crabtree

**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" —that is, "Be opened!"
 - Mk 7:32-34

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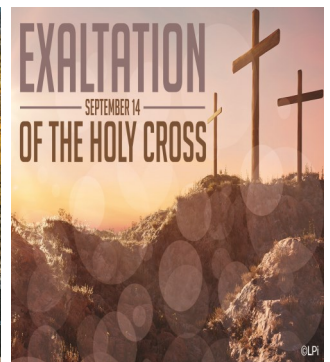
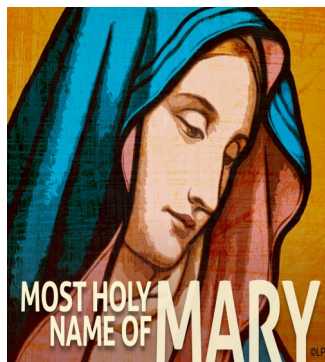
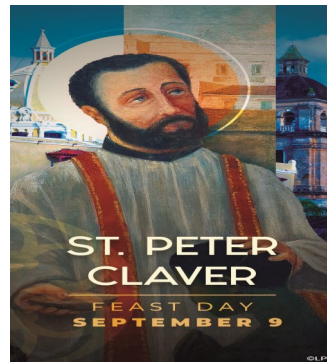
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CANDLE**

is burning in memory of
Joe & Margaret Diserio
 (Celia Ptasek)
 From August 30th to Sep-
 tember 12th.

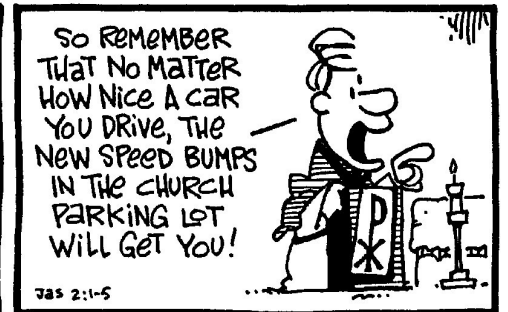
**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOP-
LE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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					



FRONT



BACK

Our second order of T-Shirts will be in this week. We will call everyone who ordered to arrange pick up.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

**A FAMILY PE RSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar**

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children "Oh dad, not that again" in parents "It is just a stage" and in spouses "Are you listening?" Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

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.

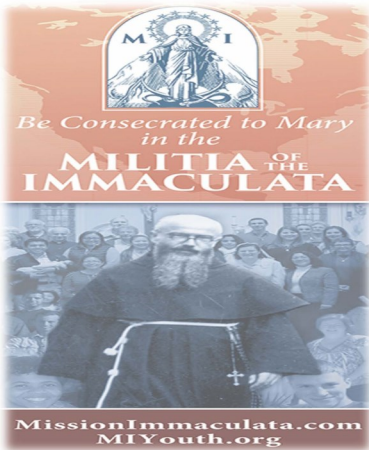
Add yours at:
dwc.org/celebrate-five

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>



St. John the Evangelist Parish would like to invite everyone to prepare for Consecration from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at our parish in Wellsburg. Anyone who is interested in staying for Consecration to follow will be welcome. We will have light refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. For more information please call our office at (304) 737-0429 or go to MINational@MissionImmaculata.com

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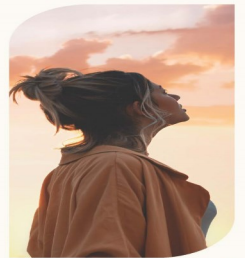
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HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT

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-abortion emotions.



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



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SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE

We have received information that the Time Capsule is in the concrete not the brick. If this information helps to jog your memory and you may remember where exactly it was buried please call the office.

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.



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 Connelly for more information: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

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.

