

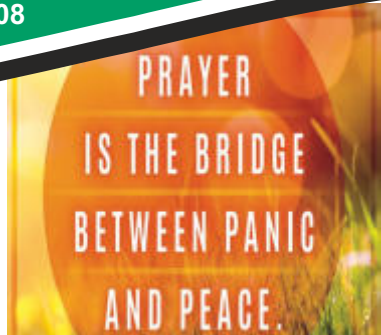
# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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JUNE 28, 2020 • THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.

## PASTORAL TEAM

**Pastor** ..... Rev. Joseph Daniel Pisano  
**Dir. of Religious Ed. & Youth Dir.**..... Kristin Newton  
**Dir. of Music/Organist**.....Wendi Mitchell  
**Parish Secretary**.....Connie Cooper  
**Parish Council** .....Wilma Stewart  
**Finance Council** .....Bill Garvey

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** ..... 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** ..... 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** ..... 8:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday and Friday** ..... 5:30 p.m.

## 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.

*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. 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: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1501.*



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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Barsi Family+
Sun	10:30	Emma Pisano+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Int. of Murphy Family
Wed	5:30pm	Special Intention
Thur	8:30	Martha Hynes+
Fri	5:30pm	Int. of Matthew Anthony Eagle
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Karen & Jim Kunzler+
Sun	10:30	Bennie Serevicz+

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** There will be no confession at this time.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.



**SAT:** ; **SUN:** ; **MON:** Deanna Beall;  
**TUE:** Linda Green, Deanna Sult;  
**WED:** Jim Hartzler, Irene Whitehead;  
**THUR:** Jill Bachinski; **FRI:** Yvonne Donley; **SAT:** ; **SUN:** Caroline Staffileno.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

The **SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Karen and Jim Kunzler* (Pat Ferry) from June 26th through July 9th.

Please **DO NOT LIGHT** any Candles yourself. Ask Fr. Dan or call Connie at 304-737-0249 and they will light the candles for you.

If you receive **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**, please disregard the yellow Sharing Appeal envelopes. There is no appeal at this time.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents with food. Clients are asked to remain in their vehicle and a worker will come outside and get your information.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.

**Readings**

- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/  
Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- Monday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/  
Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/  
Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13,  
16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,  
11/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/  
Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and  
10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2,  
8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/  
Mt 11:25-30

**Stewardship Report ~ June 21, 2020**

Offeratory Collection.....\$1976.00	Envelopes Returned.....39
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Active Parishioners.....274
Envelopes Issued.....201	Attended Mass.....68





**HOLY HUMOR**

**Bored Meeting**

After a long, dry sermon, the pastor announced that he wished to meet with the church board following the close of the service.

The first man to arrive and greet the minister was a total stranger.

“You misunderstood,” the priest said. “This is a meeting of board members.”

“I know,” said the man, “but if there is anyone here more bored than I am, I’d like to meet him.”



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**WHILE YOU ARE AT MASS please turn off all Cell Phones and dispose of your gum properly. You are also asked to keep the space around you clean. Do not leave any trash or papers in the pews. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping the pews neat & tidy.**

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**CALLING PRIESTS FATHER**

**Question:**  
Why do Catholics call priests Father?

**Answer:**  
One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew’s Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus’ teachings, he isn’t saying that we can’t use words like “father,” “rabbi,” or “master.” Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest “Father” is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, “I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church’s pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title “abbot” and abbess” for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the “Holy Father” or “pope” as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



**LOTTERY TICKETS AND 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** are available in the parish office. Please send a request for tickets or call the office at 304-737-0429 and leave a message with your name and the number of tickets needed. I will mail them or you can pick them up at the office.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held at Brooke Hills Free Methodist Church July 16th—18th at 6:00 p.m. for kids ages 5—12. **Register by July 9th** at [Brookehillsfmc.org/VBS2020](http://Brookehillsfmc.org/VBS2020).

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL** in Weirton is accepting applications for a janitor/custodian. For more information call 304-748-5225 or send your resume to [mmartin@weirtonstpauls.org](mailto:mmartin@weirtonstpauls.org).

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