

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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JULY 12, 2020 • FIFTEENTH 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 CouncilWilma Stewart
Finance CouncilBill 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.

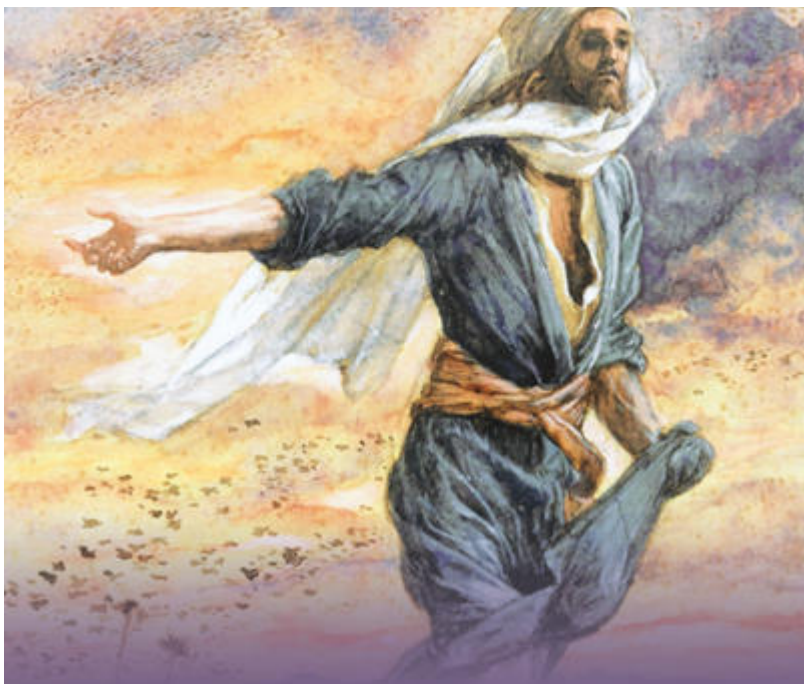
SACRAMENTS

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.



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt. 13:23

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching



Sat	4:00pm	Evelyn Hudspeth+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	George Jr., Cheryl & George Lachmanek Sr.+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Malcolm McMenamy+
Wed	5:30pm	Special Intention
Thur	8:30	Don Huff Jr. & Sr.+
Fri	5:30pm	Jack Milewsky+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Judy Ambrose+
Sun	10:30	Jerry Welch+

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

and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!



USHERS PLEASE COUNT

The **SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Nick, Rose and Gloria Sacripanti* from July 10th through July 23rd.

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.

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.

Readings

- Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23
- Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/
Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/
Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/
Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Stewardship Report ~ July 5, 2020

Offeratory Collection.....\$1995.00	Envelopes Returned.....34
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Active Parishioners.....274
Envelopes Issued.....201	Attended Mass.....67



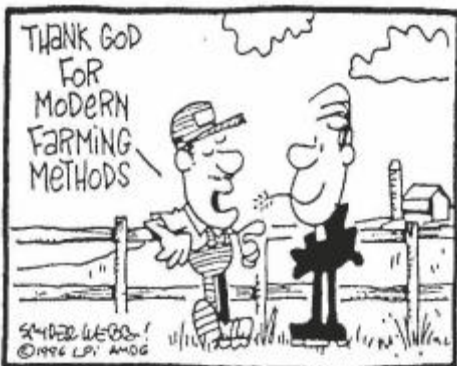
A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “left the house” so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.



JUNE LOTTERY WINNERS are: \$50 went to Gavin Fontana, John Isinghood, Carol Goff, Carolyn Mason, Marcie Morris, Nancy Summers, Dan Cipoletti, Kim Swanson, Carolyn Mason, Cookie Sella and Nancy Mitchell. There was no \$100, \$300, \$500 or \$1,000 winner in June. The Food Pantry received \$750 from Lottery proceeds.

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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.

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. It will be held outside in their pavilion.

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.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT is now available by e-mail. To be added to the e-mail list send a message to crowan@dwc.org with “The Catholic Spirit e-list: in the subject line. Please indicate if you want E-mail only, and removed from the print mailing list or if you would like both print and e-mail versions sent to you. Beginning in June, the electronic version of every issue of The Catholic Spirit will be available under “Downloadable Spirit” at the catholicspiritwv.org.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sat: ; **Sun:** ; **Mon:** ; **Tue:** ;
Wed: Amy Jackson, Sydney Stewart;
Thur: Mike (Buck) Turkaly; **Fri:** ;
Sat: Mary Schwertfeger, Jenny Stucin;
Sun: .



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