

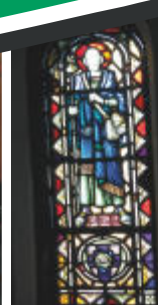
St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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AUGUST 30, 2020 • TWENTY-SECOND 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.



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Then Jesus said to his disciples, "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 will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political



Sat	4:00pm	Kent, John and Woodrow Hudspeth+
Sun	8:00	Jackie Hupp+
Sun	10:30	People of the Parish
Mon		No Mass
Tue	8:30	Dora McDermott+
Wed	5:30pm	Special Intention
Thur	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Fri	5:30pm	Martha Hynes+
Sat	4:00pm	John Petruccioli+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Benny Serevicz+

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

responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

The **SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Shirley Sonda and Bill Shidock* from August 21st through September 3rd.

Please **DO NOT LIGHT** any Candles yourself. Ask Fr. Dan or call Connie at 304-737-0429 and they will light the candles for you.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend the Diocese has asked parishes to take up a second collection for the Holy Land Shrines. This has been rescheduled from April 10th due to parish closings during COVID-19. This collection is for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. Please put your donation in an envelope and mark it **Holy Land**.

Fr. Dan will be leaving this week for his new assignment. **Fr. Arul Anthony** will be our new pastor. Fr. Arul was previously the pastor at St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling.



Readings

- Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Stewardship Report ~ August 23, 2020

Offertory Collection.....\$2607.00	Envelopes Returned.....58
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Active Parishioners.....274
Envelopes Issued.....201	Attended Mass.....68



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

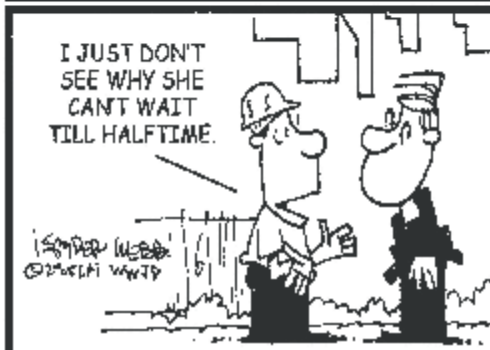
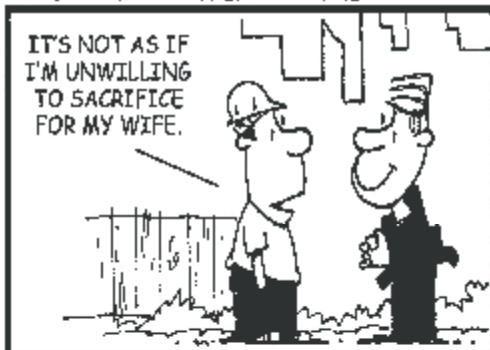
Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

SPAGHETTI LUNCH: A Fundraiser for Corpus Christi School will be held TODAY from noon to 3:00pm at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Warwood. Adults: \$10 and Kids under 12: \$8. Meal includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert. Please call ahead to place order at 304-277-1220.



Sat: Morgan Cipoletti Powell; Sun: ; Mon: John Niven; Tue: ; Wed: ; Thur: Josie Ferrise, Jim Pavlic; Fri: ; Sat: Matt Elcesser; Sun: Jeanne Ujcich.

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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.

Our parish is in need of one or more SACRISTANS to set up for Masses and to change the altar cloths for the church seasons and holy days. The sacristan will also notify the office when hosts & wine need to be ordered and any thing else that is used in the sacristy and on the altar. Please call 304-737-0429 to volunteer or for more information.

TO ALL MEN: You are invited to a National Christian men's Group called That Man is You. The group will be starting the fall session on Sunday, September 6th. The meetings are held at St. Joseph School cafeteria in Weirton beginning at 6:00 a.m. until 7:15 a.m. You don't need to register, just show up. There sessions are free. Coffee and breakfast items will be provided. Safe distancing and masks will be enforced. If you prefer a Virtual Meeting via Zoom, contact Doug Velegol at dvelegol@gmail.com. If you want to join the Live Session contact John Basil at jbasildds@comcast.net. That Man is You has over 80 men enrolled. We hope to see you there.

Featured Sponsor this week! This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray the costs. Please patronize the sponsors located on the back of the bulletin. We thank them for supporting our parish!

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

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

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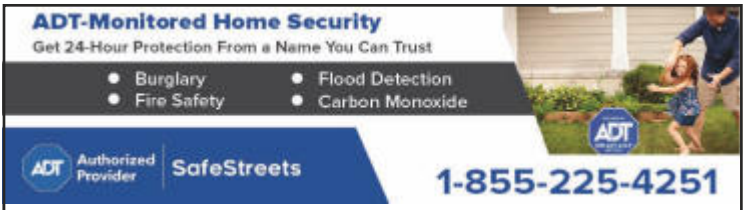
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