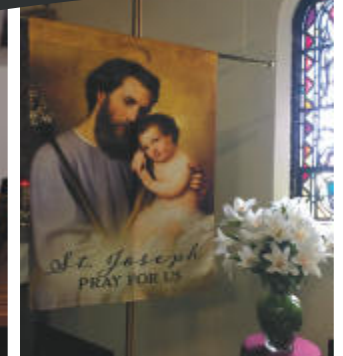
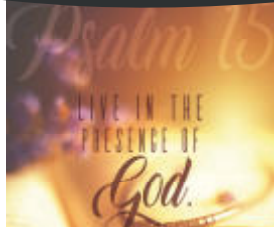
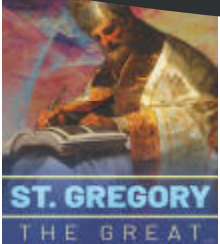


# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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**AUGUST 29, 2021 • 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. Arul Anthony  
**Dir. of Music/Organist**.....Wendi Mitchell  
**Dir. of Religious Education**.....Monica Biery  
**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. 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 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for more info.*



# 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:15

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent



Sat	4:00pm	Brenda Zurbuch+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	The Barsi Family+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Joseph & Ann Carissimi+
Wed	5:30pm	Jim & Madalyn Sperlazza+
Thur	8:30	Jeff Concannon+
Fri	5:30pm	Mary Dombrosky+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Matt Camilletti+
Sun	10:30	Sue Simonetti+

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday, 3:00—3:30pm, by appointment, and weekdays after Mass.

person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**  
Next weekend we will have a Second Collection for the Building and Maintenance Fund.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **992**.

**The SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Charles & Gerry Beall* from August 20th through September 2nd.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!**

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese. As our shepherd, the Bishop desires to listen to God’s people. This will assist him in developing a deeper understanding of the hearts, minds, and needs of the faithful. **ALL are highly encouraged to participate!** Parishioners will have the option of completing the survey online at <https://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey> or manually via paper survey. Completing the survey should take 7 to 10 minutes. Survey distribution will begin the first weekend in September, and will run for two full weeks until September 19. Look for more details soon and don’t miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia.

**Readings**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 4-5/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/ Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday:</b>	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
<b>Saturday:</b>	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**Stewardship Report ~ August 22 , 2021**

Offertory Collection.....\$2853.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....123
Envelopes Returned.....52	





**September 4, 4:00 PM**

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery Morris  
 Lec AJ Mitchell  
 Min Mary Beth Harvey

**September 5, 8:00 AM**

Gre Charlie & Lana Gilkey  
 Lec Fred Casale  
 Min Margaret White

**September 5, 10:30 AM**

Gre Jim & Linda Lee  
 Ser Melyn Bachinski  
 Lec Monica Biery  
 Min Wilma Stewart

**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 SYMPATHY is extended to the Mitchell family at the death of *Donald L. Mitchell* on August 18th, his 90th birthday. May he rest in peace.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** We need volunteers for the Funeral Luncheon Teams and for the weekend Masses. We need Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Greeters. For more information call the office at 304-737-0429.

**WE WELCOME** into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, *John Nelson Provenzano*, son of Adam and Amber (Killeen) Provenzano. May God help them fulfil the promises they made for little *John*.

**Religious Education Classes (CCD)** will begin on Sunday, September 12th. Students in grades 1st thru 8th will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the hall and 9th Grade and above will meet after the 10:30 Mass in the hall.



**Sat:** Celia Ptaszek; **Sun:** Morgan Cipoletti Powell; **Mon:** ; **Tue:** ; **Wed:** Nancy Trubiano; **Thur:** ; **Fri:** Josie Ferrise, Jim Pavlic; **Sat:** ; **Sun:** Chessie Donini, Matthew Elcesser.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are leaned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

**The ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** meets Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All current and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

**BEREAVEMENT GATHERING:** If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please come to St. John Fellowship Hall in **Benwood** on Monday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m. Facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Tom & Michele McFadden. All are welcome.

**A TRASH & TREASURE SALE** will be held at the Wellsburg Christian Church, 1001 Charles Street, on Friday, September 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 4th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come and find your "treasure".

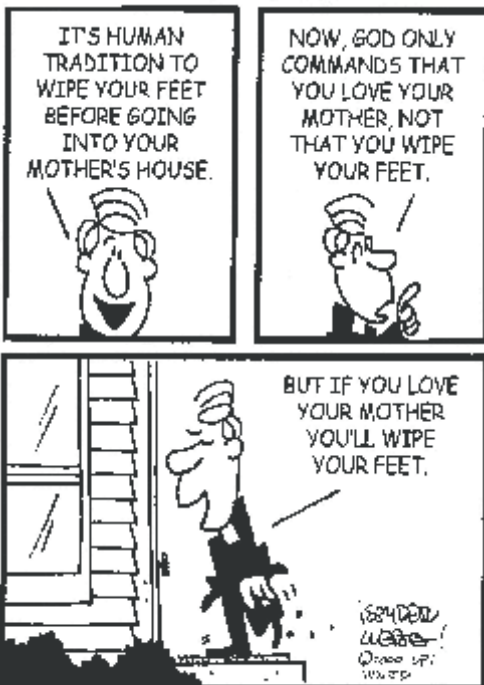
**CARD PARTY:** On November, 14th you are invited to attend the Annual Card Party at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall in Wheeling from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per seat. For reservations call Barb Janetski at 304-243-0604. Sponsored by the St. Alphonsus Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild.

**THE FOOD PANTRY**

is open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00 p.m. to assist residents of Brooke County who are in need of food. A current Driver's License or State ID is required for the person applying for assistance. No one is turned away. The Pantry is located at 2200 Charles Street near the Opportunity Center.



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