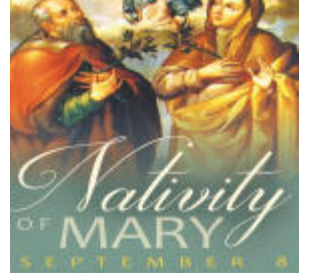
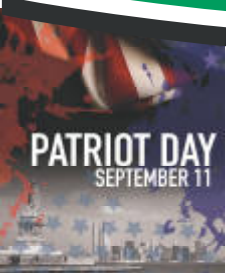


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SEPTEMBER 5 2021 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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 Thursday8:30 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday5:30 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 under "Accountability" for more info.



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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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn’t take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life’s unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly.



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Matt Camilletti+
Sun	10:30	Sue Simonetti+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Bill Bayless+
Wed	5:30pm	Barry & Stephanie Killeen+
Thur	8:30	Mary Dombrosky+
Fri	5:30pm	Donald Mitchell+
Sat	4:00pm	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Traubert+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Raleigh Mason+

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

But it’s really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life’s incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God’s story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
Diocesan Scholarships

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **995**.

The SANCUTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of *JoAnne Grazioni-Vitosky* (Linda Bolen) from September 3rd thru September 16th.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on a 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. **Please complete the Survey in this week’s bulletin and return by September 19.** Don’t miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia. Additional forms are in the vestibule.

Readings

- Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Stewardship Report ~ August 29 , 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$2207.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....127
Envelopes Returned.....55	



September 11, 4:00 PM

Gre Gene & Judy Cipoletti
Ser Avery Morris
Lec Randy Shaffer
Min Mary Beth Harvey

September 11, 8:00 AM

Gre Bob & Linda Stuckey
Lec Pat Ferry
Min Joan Lazear

September 11, 10:30 AM

Gre Susie Mullenbach
Ser Daniel Diserio
Lec Pam Ferguson
Min Kim Caldwell

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.

SECONDCOLLECTION: Building and Maintenance Fund.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION: A collection to support Humanitarian Efforts in Haiti following an August earthquake that killed 1,200 and injured over 5,000 people will be taken today. Please be generous.

The COFFEE KLATCH meets Tuesday, September 14th at 10am in the parish hall. Everyone is Welcome!

Religious Education Classes (CCD) will begin next Sunday, September 12th. Students in grades 1st thru 8th will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the hall and 9th Grade and above (Confirmation) will meet after the 10:30 Mass in the hall. All students are required to wear a mask.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent cards and prayed for me. Charlie Gilkey



Sat: ; Sun: Chessie Donini, Matthew Elcesser; Mon: Jeanne Ujcich; Tue: Jimmy Lee; Wed: ; Thur: Richard Ferguson; Fri: Becky Kull, Evelyn Rodgers, Jill Yost; Sat: ; Sun: Emma Krupinski, Rick Stewart, Mary Lou Ujcich.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

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.

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.

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.

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 13th Annual St. George Camporee will be held October 1st-3rd at Camp Mountaineer in Morgantown, WV. For info go to catholiccamporee@aol.com.

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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