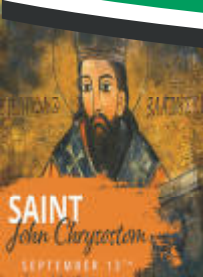


# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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SEPTEMBER 12 2021 • TWENTY-FOURTH 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.*



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "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 and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even



Sat	4:00pm	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Traubert+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Raleigh Mason+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Bill Bayless+
Wed	5:30pm	Harold DeGarmo+
Thur	8:30	Jeff Concannon+
Fri	5:30pm	Mary Dombrosky+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Brenda Zurbuch+
Sun	10:30	Deceased Sperlazza & Rockey Families+

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

pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. \*\*\*\*\*  
**ONCE AGAIN**, everyone is asked to wear a mask and practice Social Distancing at weekend Masses.

**PLEASE UPDATE** your home phone and cell phone numbers so that you will be notified of parish events, changes and cancelations.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **998**.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**  
Diocesan Scholarships

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!**  
**Bishop Brennan encourages all parishioners** to complete the Diocesan wide survey that was in last week's bulletin. You have the option of completing the paper survey or online at <https://dwc.org/pastoral-needs-survey>. It should take 7 to 10 minutes to complete the survey.. **Please return the survey to the church 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 or call the office.

If you would like to support the **HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN HAITI** following an August earthquake that killed 1,200 and injured over 5,000 people, please put it in an envelope marked Haiti or write Haiti on the memo line of your check and put in in the collection basket or the mail.

**Readings**

- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-6/Jn 19:25-27
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Stewardship Report ~ September 5 , 2021**

Offertory Collection.....\$2340.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....94
Envelopes Returned.....50	



**September 18, 4:00 PM**

Gre Jeanette Buffington  
 Ser Will Harvey  
 Lec Mary Schwertfeger  
 Min Theresa Kowcheck

**September 19, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Lec Bob Stuckey  
 Min Linda Stuckey

**September 19, 10:30 AM**

Gre Jim & Linda Lee  
 Ser Bailee Beall  
 Lec Monica Biery  
 Min Carolyn Mason

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

**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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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.

**The COFFEE KLATCH** meets this Tuesday, September 14th at 10:00am in the parish hall. All are Welcome!

**Religious Education Classes (CCD)** will begin **TODAY**. 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 must wear a mask.**

August **LOTTERY WINNERS** are: **\$50** went to Donna Mazzella, Sally Cassandra, Jim VanMeter, Judy Sabo, Nancy Mitchell, LeeAnn Dowell, Sharon Bayless, William Craft, Anthony Ptaszek, Eva Lucas, and Rita Bucy. Margie Mercer won **\$300**. There was no \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 winner in August. October tickets are on sale now.



**Featured Sponsor this week!**

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**Sat:** ; **Sun:** Emma Krupinski, Rick Stewart, Mary Lou Ujeich;  
**Mon:** Connie Cooper; **Tue:** ;  
**Wed:** Cindy Crabtree; **Thur:** Virginia Diserio; **Fri:** ; **Sat:** Lana Gilkey;  
**Sun:** Carolyn Mason Anthony Ptaszek, Paula Spataro.

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

**CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN** on the addition to the church which will house an elevator. We are still collecting donations to this Fund and hopefully we will not have to take out a loan to complete it. If you want to donate to this project but haven't, you can put your donation in an envelope marked Elevator and/or write Elevator on your check memo.

**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.

The 13th Annual **ST. GEORGE CAMPOREE** will be held October 1st—3rd at Camp Mountaineer in Morgantown, WV. For information go to catholiccamporee@aol.com.

**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.

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