

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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"THE MORE I REFLECT
ON THE GRACES I HAVE
RECEIVED, THE MORE
THEY ASTONISH ME."
—ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

HE SAID TO THEM,
"GO INTO THE
WHOLE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL TO
every creature."
—MATTHEW 28:19



SEPTEMBER 19 2021 • TWENTY-FIFTH 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 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 under "Accountability" for more info.



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Brenda Zurbuch+
Sun	10:30	Deceased Sperlazza & Rocky Families+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Jeff Concannon+
Wed	5:30pm	Don Mitchell+
Thur	8:30	Don Huff Jr. & Sr.+
Fri	5:30pm	Sue Simonetti+
Sat	4:00pm	Romeo Cipriani+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Raleigh, Pamela and Tammy Mason+

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

A LIFE CHAIN will be held Sunday, October 3rd from 2:30 to 3:30pm along Main Street in Weirton. Signs will be available at St. Paul Church. Lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers are welcomed and encouraged.



USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1001**.

Bishop Brennan and bishops across the country are asking the faithful to support a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** October 2-3 which will go to the Emergency Disaster Fund to assist with the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant needs stemming from Hurricane Ida which devastated several states, specifically the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services. Make checks out to St. John and put Hurricane Ida in the memo and one check will be sent to the Diocese.

Bishop Brennan encourages all parishioners to complete the **DIOCESAN WIDE SURVEY** that was in the 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. **Please return the survey to the church by September 19.** Additional forms are in the vestibule or call the office.

PLEASE UPDATE your home phone and cell phone numbers so you can receive parish messages.

Readings

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Stewardship Report ~ September 12, 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$2754.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....108
Envelopes Returned.....60	Diocesan Scholarships.....\$243.00



September 25, 4:00 PM

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

September 26, 8:00 AM

Gre Bob & Linda Stuckey
Lec Lana Gilkey
Min Margaret White

September 26, 10:30 AM

Gre Susie Mullenbach
Ser Jake Donley
Lec Pam Ferguson
Min Wilma Stewart

The SANCUTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of Michael Mullenbach from September 17th thru September 30th.

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.

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?"

MARK YOU CALENDAR! St. John will have a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 16th at Noon at the Mary Grotto.

ALL PARISH FAMILIES are encouraged to call the office at 304-737-0429 and set up an appointment for Fr. Arul to come and visit.

The next Altar Rosary meeting is Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30pm. Please note the new time.



Sat: Lana Gilkey; Sun: Carolyn Mason, Anthony Ptaszek, Paula Spataro; Mon: ; Tue: Sue Malson; Wed: Suzanne Casale, Karleigh Kowcheck, Gavin Scott; Thur: Angela Staffileno; Fri: Jim Best, John McGowan; Sat: ; Sun: Rachael Ferrise.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need volunteers for the Funeral Luncheon Teams and for the weekend Masses. We need Readers, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Greeters.

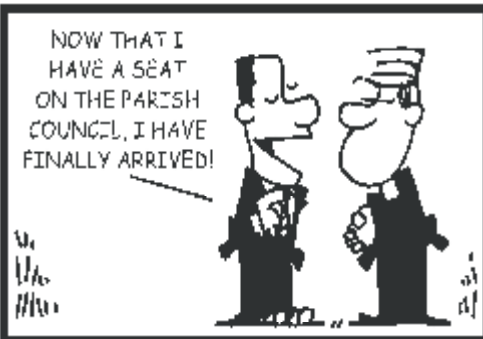
CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN on the addition to the church which will house an elevator. We are still collecting donations to this Fund and hopefully we will not have to take out a loan to complete it.

FALL FAMILY RESOURCES NIGHT: Brooke Primary South (Wellsburg Primary School) and Brooke Intermediate South (Franklin) will be at Brooke Hills Park Bald Eagle Shelter Thursday, October 14th from 5-7pm.

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.

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