

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • TWENTY-SIXTH 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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1998, 1970) CCD.

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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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What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than



Sat	4:00pm	Romeo Cipriani+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Raleigh, Pamela and Tammy Mason+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Mary Dombrosky+
Wed	5:30pm	Don Mitchell+
Thur	8:30	Bill Bayless+
Fri	5:30pm	Harold DeGarmo+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Rose Scherich+
Sun	10:30	Terry Cox+

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

equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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.

A Domestic Violence Workshop will be held on October 10th at 11:30 a.m. at Central Catholic High School Great Hall. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please know there is hope, help, and healing.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1004**.

SECOND COLLECTION:
Catholic University of America.

The **Praise & Worship Group** meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Come for prayer, music and fellowship. All are welcome!

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Sara Gundling* who died on September 14th and to Connie Cooper at the recent death of her brother, *David Morris*. May they rest in peace.

The next **Altar Rosary** meeting is Wednesday, October 6th at **6:30pm**.

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.

A ROSARY RALLY will be held at St. John on Saturday, October 16th at Noon at the Mary Grotto beside the church.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
Building & Maintenance Fund **AND**
Emergency Disaster Fund

Readings

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Stewardship Report ~ September 19 , 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$2847.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....124
Envelopes Returned.....60	



October 2, 4:00 PM

Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza
Ser Will Harvey
Lec Mary Beth Harvey
Min Patty Waters

October 3, 8:00 AM

Gre Charlie & Lana Gilkey
Lec Fred Casale
Min Joan Lazear

October 3, 10:30 AM

Gre Jim & Linda Lee
Ser Chase Beall
Lec Monica Biery
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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

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.

Featured Sponsor this week!

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Mon: Virginia Huff, Katie Shaffer;
Tue: Richard Jozwick;
Wed: Carolyn Garvey; Thur; Fri;
Sat: Diana DeGarmo; Sun: Enzo DiMarzio, Maggie Diserio, Andria Miller, Linda Turkaly, Gage Yost.

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.

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.

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. There will be representatives with information from community resources and local agencies. There will also be a pumpkin patch, face painting, snacks, apple cider and more!

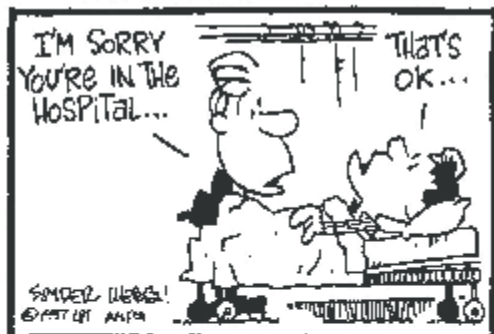
The 13th Annual ST. GEORGE CAMPOREE will be held October 1st-3rd at Camp Mountaineer in Morgantown, WV. For information go to catholiccamporee@aol.com.

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.

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. A current Driver's License or State ID is required for the person applying for assistance. It is located at 2100 Charles Street near the Opportunity Center.

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