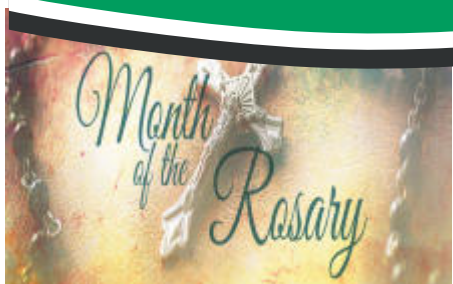


# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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OCTOBER 3, 2021 • TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.*



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

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God.” Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God’s incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God’s greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ’s love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God’s unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God’s perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God’s and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Rose Scherich+
Sun	10:30	Terry Cox+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Jeff Concannon+
Wed	5:30pm	Sara Gundling+
Thur	8:30	People of the Parish
Fri	5:30pm	Sue Simonetti+
Sat	4:00pm	Don Huff Jr. & Sr. & Harold DeGarmo+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	The Barsi Family+

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

We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That’s why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God’s oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!  
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**A REMINDER:** Bishop Brennan and the Diocese asks that everyone over the age of 2 years **wear a mask** at the weekend Masses. Please do this to protect yourself and others.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1007**.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**  
Building & Maintenance Fund  
**AND** Emergency Disaster Fund

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

The **FINANCE & PASTORAL COUNCILS** will meet Tuesday, October 5th at 4:30pm in the hall.

**Beginning this Wednesday**, we will pray The Rosary at 5:00pm during the month of October. Mass will be at 5:30pm, followed by a Blessing of the Animals at 6:00pm on the 6th. Fr. Arul will bless all animals in front of the church, the Mary Grotto, or at the Picnic Pavilion if raining.

The **ALTAR ROSARY** meets this Wednesday at **6:30pm**. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

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

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Joan Newton at the death of her brother, *Tony Brinkmeier Jr.* on September 22. May he rest in peace.

**Readings**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
<b>Monday:</b>	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13 14-15, 16-17/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30

**Stewardship Report ~ September 26 , 2021**

Offertory Collection.....\$2748.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....110
Envelopes Returned.....57	Catholic University.....\$186.00





**October 9, 4:00 PM**

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery Morris  
 Lec Randy Shaffer  
 Min Pam Boyd

**October 10, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Lec Pat Ferry  
 Min Linda Stuckey

**October 10, 10:30 AM**

Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Melyn Bachinski  
 Lec Pam Ferguson  
 Min Wilma Stewart

The **SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Michael Cipoletti* from October 1st thru 14th.

**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.

The **ALTAR ROSARY** is collecting items for their **YARD SALE** which will be held on October 13th along with the Soup & Sandwich Sale. Bring your donations to the church hall. And please support our ladies by purchasing homemade Soup and Sandwich. Eat in or take out.

**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.

**A LIFE CHAIN** will be held **TODAY** 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.

**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**

In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love....a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

**LET THIS BE THE TIME:** If we don't listen to the world's stereotypes, myths and jokes about getting older, our lives are filled with possibilities, growth, depth and joy. The spirituality of our maturing years enables us to be maturing persons, touching the world with gifts that are so needed. **SPIRITUAL ESSENTIALS FOR LIFE'S SECOND ACT** is a three-week seminar from University of Dayton's VLCFF Program. It will be offered at Saint Anthony Parish in Follansbee, beginning on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM and will be led by Shirley Carter. You can register by contacting Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) or (304) 233-0880 x374. All are welcome!

A **HAUNTED HOUSE** will be held at Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 200 Preston Avenue in Weirton on October 15th & 16th from 7-11pm. \$5 Entry.

**COACH RICH DONNELLY**, a Steubenville native and former MLB player & coach, will be at Corpus Christi Parish Center on Sunday, October 10th at 6:00pm to share his faith journey and life story that is featured in the book "The Chicken Runs at Midnight." Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door. \$15 book & book signing after the presentation.



**Sat:** Diana DeGarmo; **Sun:** Enzo DiMarzio, Maggie Diserio, Andria Miller, Linda Turkaly, Gage Yost; **Mon:** Gary Reed; **Tue:** Joan Newton, Ron Staffileno; **Wed:** Violet Martino; **Thur:** Rosemary Kyanko; **Fri:** ; **Sat:** Ryan Kostur, Marissa Marino; **Sun:** Benji Serevicz.

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**ST. MICHAEL PARISH** will host a candlelight service to pray for people who are living with mental illness at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 5th. The service will be held in the church at 1225 National Road, Wheeling. All are welcome to attend and you will be required to wear a mask.

A **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Workshop** will be held 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.

**FALL FAMILY RESOURCES NIGHT: Brooke Primary South** (Wellsburg Primary) and **Brooke Intermediate South** (Franklin) will be at Brooke Hills Park Bald Eagle Shelter Thursday, October 14th from 5-7pm with information from community resources and local agencies. There will also be a pumpkin patch, face painting, snacks, apple cider and more!

**EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP**, a VLCFF course from the University of Dayton, will be offered at Saint Anthony Parish in Follansbee, beginning October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. **This five-week course** explores our call to conversion and discipleship, the meaning of evangelization from a Catholic perspective and its relationship to word, worship, and service. This course is facilitated by Shirley Carter. If you are interested in attending this 2.5 CEU course, contact Jeanne McKeets at 304-233-0880 x 374 or online at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org). All are welcome!

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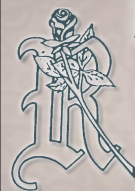
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