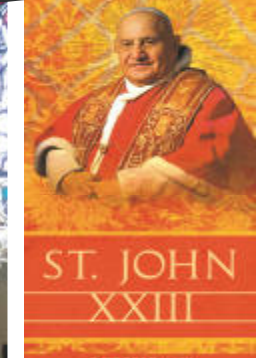
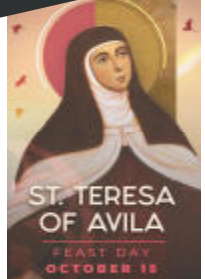
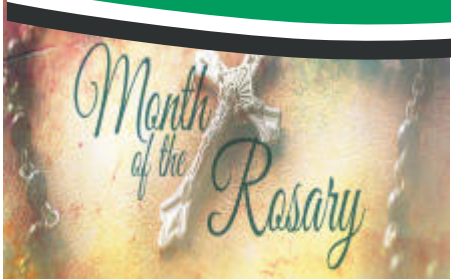


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OCTOBER 10, 2021 • TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the



Sat	4:00pm	Don Huff Jr. & Sr. & Harold DeGarmo+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	The Barsi Family+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	No Mass
Wed	5:30pm	No Mass
Thur	8:30	No Mass
Fri	5:30pm	No Mass
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Brenda Zurbuch+
Sun	10:30	Helen Lamone+

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

baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

September **Lottery Winners** are: **\$50** went to Linda Pfabe, Tom DeGarmo, George Messar, Sylvia Wendt, Cookie Sella, Irma Cimino, Virginia Huff, Paula Henderson, Leanne Coen, Carolyn Mason, Linda Cox, Mary Salatino. Kathleen Godina won **\$500**. No \$100, \$300 or \$1,000 winner.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1010**.

The **Praise & Worship Group** meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!

During the month of October we will **PRAY THE ROSARY** Wednesdays at 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm. **WE NEED** volunteers to lead the Rosary. Please see Fr. Arul or call the office.

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

The **ALTAR ROSARY** is collecting items for their **YARD SALE** which will be held this Wednesday along with the **SOUP & SANDWICH SALE**. Bring your donations to the church hall (No clothes please). And please support our ladies by purchasing homemade Soup and Sandwich. Eat in or take out.

The Altar Rosary is having a Sarris **CANDY BAR SALE** for \$2 each. There are Pretzel Rods and a Variety of Candy Bars. If anyone would like a case to sell (\$72) or some single bars, please call Diane at 304-215-2927.

Readings

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-17/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/ Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/ Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/ Mk 10:35-45

Stewardship Report ~ October 3 , 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$3323.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....116
Envelopes Returned.....65	Bldg & Maint.....\$494.99



October 16, 4:00 PM

Gre Pam & Jeannette
 Ser Will Harvey
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey
 Min ?

October 17, 8:00 AM

Gre Lana & Charlie Gilkey
 Lec Bob Stuckey
 Min Wilma Stewart

October 17, 10:30 AM

Gre CCD Students
 Ser CCD Students
 Lec CCD Students
 Min Carolyn Mason

THE COFFEE KLATCH meets this Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

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

WE WELCOME into the church through the sacrament of Baptism, *Matix Stephen Joseph Platt*. May God help them fulfill the promises they made for little *Matix*.

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 for the next Mass.

COACH RICH DONNELLY, a Steubenville native and former MLB player & coach, will be at Corpus Christi Parish Center **TODAY** 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. There will be a \$15 book & book signing after the presentation.

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 13th 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 or (304) 233-0880 x374. All are welcome!

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, cider and more!

HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS DINNER next Sunday, Oct. 17 from Noon to 5pm at St. John Parish in Benwood, 700 Main Street. Adults \$10/Children \$4. Eat In or Carry Out.



Sat: Ryan Kostur, Marissa Marino;
Sun: Benji Serevicz; **Mon:** ; **Tue:** ;
Wed: Cindy Niven; **Thur:** Bob Sult;
Fri: ; **Sat:** Patrick Elcesser;
Sun: Flora Antigo.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

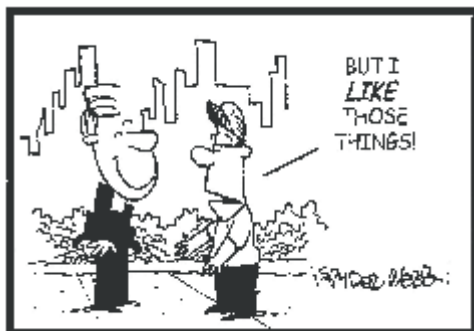
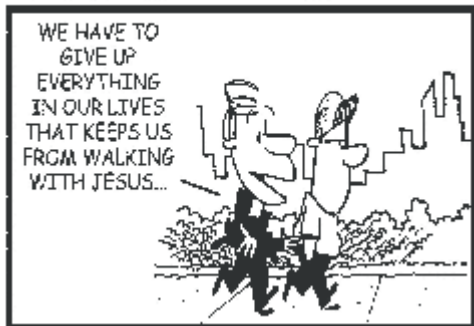
THE FOOD PANTRY is open every Wednesday from Noon to 3:00 p.m. to assist residents of Brooke County who are in need of food. ID required.

EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP, a VLCFF course from the University of Dayton, will be offered at St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee, beginning October 13th 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 jmckeets@dwc.org. All are welcome!

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

The St. Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston present the ***Together in Holiness Formation series***. Year-round marriage enrichment for small communities of spouses that equips them with the formation, encouragement, support, and practical tools to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic faith. To get involved, contact Daniel Maul at dmaul@dwc.org or for more info visit thformation.forlifeandfamily.org.

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