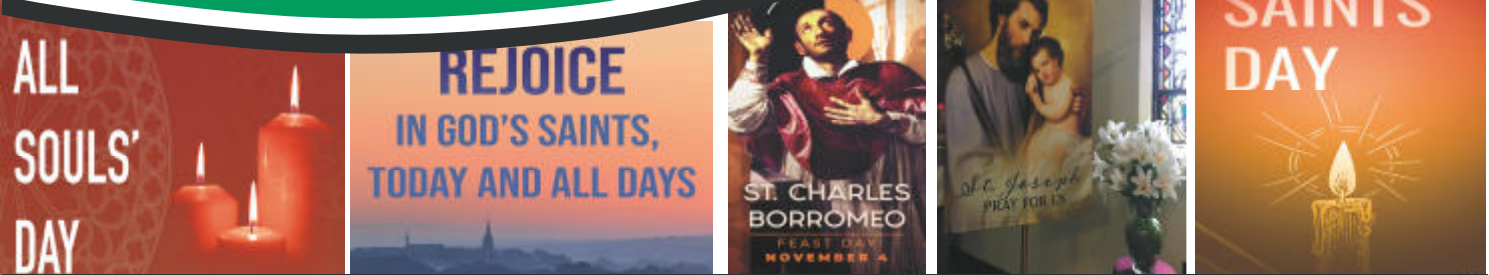


# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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OCTOBER 31, 2021 • THIRTY-FIRST 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.*



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. . We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires .



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Matt Camilletti+
Sun	10:30	Deceased Sperlazza & Rocky Families+
Mon	12:00pm	Cathy DiNardo Weeks+
Mon	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Tue	8:30	People of the Parish
Tue	5:30pm	All those who have died in the past year
Wed	5:30pm	Don Huff Jr. & Sr.+
Thur	8:30	Mary Dombrosky+
Fri	5:30pm	Joseph & Della Meyer+
Sat	4:00pm	Anthony Lee “Tony” Morris+
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.

that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1019**.

On Monday, November 1st, **ALL SAINTS**, Mass will be at Noon and 5:30 p.m.

**ON ALL SOULS DAY**, November 2nd, Fr. Arul will have a prayer service at Brooke Cemetery at **Noon** and at Franklin Cemetery at **4:00pm**. He will celebrate Mass at 8:30am and 5:30pm on November 2nd. We will **light a candle** for those who have died from our parish in the last year at the 5:30 Mass.

St. John Altar Rosary will host its annual **AIM** (Assistance in Motherhood) **BABY SHOWER** on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Ladies are asked to bring an unwrapped baby item such as diapers, wipes, bottles, clothing, baby blankets, etc. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Bring a friend and come for a fun evening as we help mothers and babies in need.

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**  
Support for our Military Chaplains

**The SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *The Nepa, Pezzulo & Nester Families* from October 29th thru November 11th.

**Readings**

- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/ Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44

**Stewardship Report ~ October 24 , 2021**

Offertory Collection.....\$1930.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....105
Envelopes Returned.....49	Mission Sunday.....\$229.00





**November 1, 12:00 PM All Saints**  
 Ser ?  
 Lec Pat Ferry  
 Min Joan Lazear

**November 1, 5:30 PM All Saints**  
 Ser Will Harvey  
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey  
 Min Patty Waters

**November 2, 5:30 PM All Souls**  
 Ser Bailee Beall  
 Lec Mary Schwertfeger  
 Min Wilma Stewart

**November 6, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza  
 Ser Liam Morris  
 Lec Mary Schwertfeger  
 Min Patty Waters

**November 7, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Charlie & Lana Gilkey  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Pat Ferry  
 Min Margaret White

**November 7, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Jake Donley  
 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 for the next Mass.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Mildred "Millie" Fillinger who died on October 23rd. May she rest in peace.

**SOUP & SANDWICH** will be held on November 10th. If anyone would like to make soup or something for sandwiches, let Wilma know. Come for good food and support our parish.

**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 for applicant.

**ANYONE** who is sick, hospitalized, homebound or unable to attend Mass is asked to call the office at 304-737-0429 and schedule a time for Fr. Arul to come and visit, anoint the sick and give communion. He is also happy to visit anyone who would like a visit.

**Featured Sponsor this week!**

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**Sat:** Ruth Cusick, Corey Mitchell;  
**Sun:** Shirley Dorrance; **Mon:** Mary Lou Lyonett; **Tue:** ; **Wed:** Ryan Lazear, Kourtney Provenzano;  
**Thur:** Carey Scott; **Fri:** ; **Sat:** ; **Sun:** .  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER** those we have lost: Aileen Potter, John "Moe" Crabtree, William E. Diserio, John R. Sperlazza, Rosalie Scherich, Paul "Bud" Billiard, Anna Sperlazza, William "Buck" Bayless Sr., Matthew Camilletti, Karen Teeters, Karen Sue Simonetti, Joseph Carissimi Sr., Heather Liddington, Patricia Moncman, Mary Dombrosky, David E. Smith, Marie Lewis, Donald L. Mitchell, Sara Gundling, and Mildred "Millie" Fillinger.

Did you sign up to watch **FORMED**? Just visit FORMED.org, click Sign Up, Select St. John Parish or 26070, enter your email—and you're in! More info is in the vestibule. This week's **Pick of the Week** is: **The Search**. This stunning series addresses life's most fundamental questions: "Why am I here?" "Does my life have meaning?" "What happens when I die?" The questions are all there. And the answers are too.

**CONSTRUCTION** of the addition for the elevator is moving along with the projected finish date by Christmas. With the recent increase in building materials, the cost of the addition has gone up. If anyone is able to donate to this project it will help to cut down on the amount we will need to borrow from the Diocese. If you have already donated, "thank you." If you would like to donate, make your check out to the church and write elevator on the memo or the front of the envelope and put in the collection basket.

**A CARD PARTY** will be held at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall in Wheeling on November 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per seat. For reservations call Barb at 304-243-0604 or the church at 304-232-4353.

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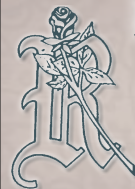
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