

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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NOVEMBER 21, 2021 • OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all



Sat	4:00pm	Gary Antigo & Ricky Mercer+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	The Lauck, Opaskey, Parent & Main Fam.+
Mon	8:30	Hilda Tarquinio (Birthday)
Tue	8:30	Jeff Concannon+
Wed	5:30pm	Don Huff Jr. & Sr.+
Thur	9:00	People of the Parish
Fri	5:30pm	Sick & Homebound
Sat	4:00pm	Romeo Cipriani+
Sun	8:00	Mike & Anne Zdinak+
Sun	10:30	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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.



The **Stewardship Report** for Nov. 14 will be in next week's bulletin.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **1028**.

SECOND COLLECTION:
Campaign for Human Development

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION:
Thanksgiving for the Poor

The SANCUTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of *Mike and Anne Zdinak* from November 12th thru November 25th.

Fr. ARUL is hoping to visit all our parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing facility, who are homebound or who are unable to attend Mass at this time. Please call the office at 304-737-0429 and schedule a time for Fr. Arul to come and visit. He would like to do this beginning December 1st.

THE FOOD PANTRY is asking for donations of **\$10 Kroger Gift Cards** to be put in their Christmas Baskets. You can drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church. All cards must be received by Sunday, **December 5th**.

THE FOOD PANTRY is closed this Wednesday, November 24th.

Readings

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/
Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53,
54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59,
60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69,
70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77,
78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83,
84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9,
10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



**November 25, 9:00 AM
Thanksgiving**

Ser Jake Donley
Lec Emily Donley
Min Wilma Stewart

November 27, 4:00 PM

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris
Ser Liam Morris
Lec Mary Schwertfeger
Min Mary Beth Harvey

November 28, 8:00 AM

Gre Charlie & Lana Gilkey
Ser Theresa Kowcheck
Lec Fred Casale
Min Joan Lazear

November 28, 10:30 AM

Gre Jim & Linda Lee
Ser Alina Shaffer
Lec Pam Ferguson
Min Kim Caldwell

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s question: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

This year **GIVING TUESDAY** is **November 30th**. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that began in 2012 and encourages people to do good. Over the years it has grown to inspire hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Parishes who are over 50% of the parish CSA goal will receive the full amount of all Giving Tuesday donations. St. John is over 50% so it all comes back to the parish. Gifts can be made securely online to dwc.org/csa or checks can be made payable to Catholic Sharing Appeal and mailed to PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 or drop it in the collection basket.

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 whose purpose is “to unite the faithful from all walks of life in order to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.” In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston the St John Henry Newman Chapter promotes doctrinal and spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, personal renewal, and engagement in evangelization and catechesis. Now more than ever we need to be able to articulate and defend our faith so that we can grow in holiness. For more info, go to cuf.dwc@gmail.com or visit www.wvlaity.org.



Sat: Martha Lallone; **Sun:** Lucas Neel;
Mon: Fred Casale, Hilda Tarquinio;
Tue: ; **Wed:** Ryan Brink;
Thur: Laura Kemp;
Fri: Brynna Jackson; **Sat:** ; **Sun:** .

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., Karen Teeters, Matthew Camilletti, Karen Sue Simonetti, Joseph Carissimi Sr., Heather Liddington, Patricia Moncman, Mary Dombrosky, David E. Smith, Marie Lewis, Donald L. Mitchell, Sara Gundling, and Millie Fillingner.

The **Book of the Dead** is on the Joseph Altar for you to write your deceased loved ones name in it.

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 it in the collection basket.

THE DIOCESE has approved the formation of the **Confraternity of St. Nicholas**, who is the patron saint of children. Members of the Confraternity will seek St. Nicholas’ intercession for the protection of all youth from sexual abuse, human trafficking, pornography, and scandal. They will do so by prayer, fasting and good works. Pamphlets are in the vestibule for those who want more info about the Confraternity.

A.I.M. Women’s Center is searching for a Part Time RN to work Tuesdays and Full Time RN to serve as Nurse Manager. For more information call 740-283-3636.

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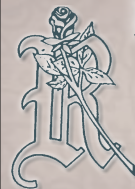
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