

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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DECEMBER 26, 2021 • THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other



Sat	9:00	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Matthew Camilletti+
Sun	10:30	Lauck, Opaskey, Parent & Main Fam.+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Bill Bayless+
Wed	5:30pm	Donald Mitchell+
Thur	8:30	Sara Gundling+
Fri	5:30pm	Helen Elswick+
Sat	10:30	People of the Parish
Sat	4:00pm	Dec. Jackfert and Shaffer Families+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Mike & Anna Evans, Anna & Charles Mazzella and Matt Evans+

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

families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



Holiday Mass Schedule

Mary, Mother of God vigil—
New Year's Eve: 5:30pm
Mary, Mother of God—
New Year's Day: 10:30am

January 1st: 4:00pm
January 2nd : 8:00am and 10:30am

Stewardship Report ~ December 19, 2021

Offertory Collection.....\$2235.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....117
Envelopes Returned.....49	

USHERS PLEASE COUNT



THE READINGS for Christmas Eve **870**, Christmas Day is **873** and for this weekend are in the hymnal at **874**.

The SANCUTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of *Jeffrey Ferda* from December 24th through January 6th.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: *Catholic Charities WV* helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care. Join us in our mission of love!



OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Dennis James "DJ" McDaniel* who died suddenly on December 13th **AND** to the family of *Olga (DiCostantino) Skulski* who died on December 10th. May they rest in peace.

Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



January 1, 10:30 AM
Mary, Mother of God

Ser ?
 Lec Mary Beth Harvey
 Min Patty Waters

January 1, 4:00 PM

Gre Rob & Marcie Morris
 Ser Liam Morris
 Lec AJ Mitchell
 Min Patty Fadse

January 2, 8:00 AM

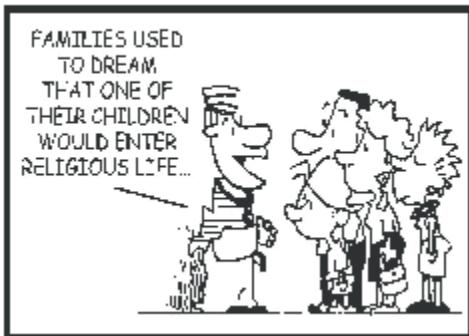
Gre Charlie & Lana Gilkey
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck
 Lec Bob Stuckey
 Min Linda Stuckey

January 2, 10:30 AM

Gre ?
 Ser Jake Donley
 Lec Emily Donley
 Min Kim Caldwell

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears, and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

HOLY FAMILY



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

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

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 this month.

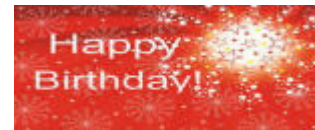
The **FORMED** Pick of the Week: Forgiven-Session 1: Where Are You? Have you ever felt lost and alone, isolated in guilt? Like the Prodigal Son among the pigs, we know that we have sinned. But God won't leave us there—he searches for us and runs to welcome us home in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Featured Sponsors

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Our Feature Sponsor this week is:

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2022 WALL CALENDARS, Pocket Calendars and Desk Calendars are available for pick up in the vestibule.

THANK YOU to Sally Cassandra and Pam Boyd and their crew for beautifully decorating the church for the Christmas season. **THANKS ALSO** goes to Jerry Cassandra and his sister, Patty, for decorating outside.

The **WREATHS** on the doors were donated by Mary Lou and Chipper DiCostantino.

St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invite all married and engaged couples to the first **TOGETHER IN HOLINESS** marriage conference on Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at St. John XXIII Pastor Center in Charleston, WV. Cost is \$32/couple and \$20/individual with Early Bird discount available through January 10. Childcare is available for 2-12 year olds, pre-registration is required. Email michelle@forlifeandfamily.org or visit togetherinholiness.org for more info.

CONSTRUCTION on our Elevator Addition is expected to be completed by January 14, 2022. Once it is completed we will have a parish dinner to dedicate the elevator. We are still accepting donations to finish paying for the elevator. Mark your check or envelope "Elevator" and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the church. Thank you for your generosity to this project.



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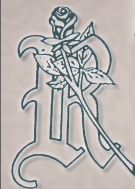
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