

# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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## JANUARY 2, 2022 • EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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.*



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**EPHYPHANY OF THE LORD**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us,



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+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Mary Dombrosky+
Wed	5:30pm	Donald Mitchell+
Thur	8:30	Sara Gundling+
Fri	5:30pm	Bill Bayless+
Sat	4:00pm	Michael Cipoletti+
Sun	8:00	Fred Paysen+
Sun	10:30	People of the Parish

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

narrowness of mind and heart that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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**OUR HOLIDAY DINNER** has been changed to the dinner for the Elevator Dedication. It will be held on Sunday, January 23rd following the 10:30 Mass. Bishop Mark Brennan will be in attendance to bless our new addition. There is a **Sign-Up Sheet** in the vestibule so we know how many to prepare for. Mark your calendar!

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **878**.

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we are taking up a collection for **Disaster Relief** to aid those who were devastated by the recent tornado in Kentucky.

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** Building and Maintenance Fund

**SCHEDULES** for Greeters, Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are available in the vestibule for pick up.

**WE NEED** more people to volunteer to be weekend Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please call the office at 304-737-0429.



**Readings**

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Stewardship Report ~ December 26, 2021**

Offertory Collection.....\$3332.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....174
Envelopes Returned..... 71	



**January 8, 4:00 PM**

Gre Gene & Judy Cipoletti  
 Ser Will Harvey  
 Lec Mary Schwertfeger  
 Min Pam Boyd

**January 9, 8:00 AM**

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Lana Gilkey  
 Min Joan Lazear

**January 9, 10:30 AM**

Gre Susie Mullenbach  
 Ser Alina Shaffer  
 Lec Monica Biery  
 Min Wilma Stewart

**OMITTED FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN:**

*CHRISTMAS FLOWERS* were also given In Memory of Jack & Anne Louise Freshwater Families and Walter & Mary Pavlic Families.

Cindy Crabtree was also part of the Christmas Decorating Crew.

**EPIPHANY**



**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**

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

**Fr. ARUL** would like 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 Father to come and visit.

The **FORMED** Pick of the Week: Forgiven-Session 2: We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.

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**Sat:** Jackie Meade; **Sun:** ; **Mon:** Terry Cross, Michelle Vargo; **Tue:** ; **Wed:** Kathy Thomas; **Thur:** Lisa Diserio; **Fri:** ; **Sat:** Linda Leary; **Sun:** .

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

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.

**THANK YOU** for all the wonderful Christmas Cards and Gifts.

*Fr. Arul*

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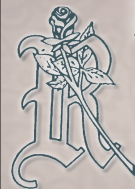
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