

# St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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## JANUARY 9, 2022 • BAPTISM 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and



Sat	4:00pm	Michael Cipoletti+
Sun	8:00	Fred Paysen+
Sun	10:30	People of the Parish
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Sara Gundling+
Wed	5:30pm	Harold DeGarmo+
Thur	8:30	People of the Parish
Fri	5:30pm	Don Mitchell+
Sat	4:00pm	Joe Elswick Jr.+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Barsi Family+

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

*“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”* — Pope Francis

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**Stewardship Report ~ January 2, 2022**

Offertory Collection.....\$1999.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....101
Envelopes Returned.....46	Disaster Relief.....\$658.00

**USHERS PLEASE COUNT**

**THE READINGS** for this weekend are in the hymnal at **879**.

**The SANCUTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of the *Stucin, Ujcich, Camilletti, Pettini, Slenska & Sovinski Families (Jenny Stucin)* from January 7th thru January 20th.

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

Building and Maintenance Fund

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**

The Church in the Developing World which includes Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa.

There will be **NO 8:00 MASS** on Sunday, January 23rd. Father Arul would like to have a good attendance for the 10:30 Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan.

**THE ELEVATOR DEDICATION**

**DINNER** 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. Please sign up by January 16th or call the office. Mark your calendar!

**Readings**

**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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11





**January 15, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Rob & Marcie Morris  
 Ser Avery Morris  
 Lec AJ Mitchell  
 Min Mary Beth Harvey

**January 16, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Bob & Linda Stuckey  
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck  
 Lec Fred Casale  
 Min Linda Stuckey

**January 16, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Melyn Bachinski  
 Ser Pam Ferguson  
 Lec Carolyn Mason

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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**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 today's gospel Jesus was publicly **AFFIRMED** by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed **AFFIRMATION** and so do our children.

The **COFFEE KLATCH** meets this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. We will also be discussing some issues from the Synod questionnaire. Come and let your voice be heard. Everyone is welcome for fellowship and light refreshments.

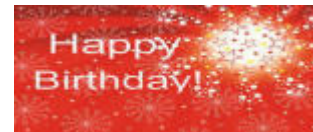
**RIGHT NOW** there are thousands of kids in foster care who need a place to call home. They need someone to provide them with a safe and loving home until they can be reunited with their own family or placed with a "forever family". For more information about fostering a child call 304-243-1865.

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

The **FORMED** Pick of the Week: *Reborn—Episode 1: A New Creation.* This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

**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.

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.

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