

St. John THE Evangelist CATHOLIC PARISH

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JANUARY 23, 2022 • THIRD 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 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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free.
 - Lk 4:18

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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
	8:00	No Mass
Sun	10:30	Deceased Sperlazza and Rocky Families+
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	People of the Parish
Wed	5:30pm	Don Mitchell+
Thur	8:30	Mary Lou Lyonett+
Fri	5:30pm	Harold DeGarmo+
Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Bennie Bucy+
Sun	10:30	Mildred and George Bayless+

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

transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

The **FORMED** Pick of the Week: *Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls*. St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!

SHIRLEY CARTER will facilitate the next course at St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee. The course is from the University of Dayton and will begin at 6:00pm on Wednesday, **January 26th** and will run for five consecutive Wednesdays. The course is intended as an opportunity to deepen our understanding and appreciation for liturgy. Upon completion students can earn 2.5 CEUs. You can register at sacdre@comcast.net or by contacting Jeanne McKeets at the Chancery Office at 304-233-0880 ext 374. This course is open to anyone in the Diocese.

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

TODAY WE WELCOME Bishop Mark Brennan at the 10:30 Mass. He will be Blessing our new elevator addition.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the hymnal at **936**.

The SANCUTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of the *Sara Gundling (Eva Lucas)* from January 21st through February 3rd.

THE ELEVATOR DEDICATION DINNER will be held **TODAY** following the 10:30 Mass.

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

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *George Kotch* who died January 13th; to the friends of *Mary Lou Lyonett* who died January 8th; **AND** to the family of *Eleanor Rodgers* who died January 16th. May they rest in peace.

Have You Remembered Your Church in Your Will?

Readings

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/ Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/ Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Stewardship Report ~ January 16, 2022

Offertory Collection.....\$3145.00	Active Parishioners.....272
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....118
Envelopes Returned.....55	Church in Dev. World.....\$350.00



January 29, 4:00 PM

Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza
 Ser Liam Morris
 Lec Randy Shaffer
 Min Pam Boyd

January 30, 8:00 AM

Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff
 Ser Theresa Kowcheck
 Lec Bob Stuckey
 Min Linda Stuckey

January 30, 10:30 AM

Gre Bailee Beall
 Ser Pam Ferguson
 Lec Wilma Stewart

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.

2022 CALENDARS are available for pick up in the vestibule.

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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 “praised by all” except at home in Nazareth where the “eyes of all were intently on him.” Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to “proclaim liberty” to anyone “oppressed” or “captive” by our EXPECTATIONS.

A WOMEN’S RETREAT will be held at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia February 25th—27th. The theme is *Embraced with Compassion... Embracing the World*. Sister Mary Dean Pfahler will share insights through presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. Participants are invited to open their hearts to themselves, to one another, and to all beings. Registration forms are on the Bulletin Board or online at dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. Cost is \$150 for a single room & \$125 for a double room. Registration deadline is February 18th.

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Sat: Annette Best; **Sun:** Jackie Hupp.

THE FOOD PANTRY is open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents in need of food. The Pantry is located at 2200 Charles Street.

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. Childcare is available for 2-12 year olds, pre-registration is required. Email michelle@forlifeandfamily.org or visit togetherinholiness.org for more info.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will be hosting a **RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS** at St. Mary Catholic Church in Morgantown, WV on Saturday, March 12, 2022, beginning at 9:30 am and ending at 7:30 pm. This spiritual retreat is for grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. For more info including registration: <https://www.emfgp.org/events/03-12-22-one-day-retreat-at-st-mary-church-morgantown-wv/>. If you have questions regarding the retreat, contact Ed Cesa at 724-324-9222.

Protection Prayer

Jesus, I pray for the protection over me. I stand before you today and always. Please protect me from anxiety, panic attacks, depression and the coronavirus. I pray you will help me make the right choices that will impact my life positively. I remain humbled through pressures of life and always know your grace and love. In your name Jesus hear my pleas. Amen

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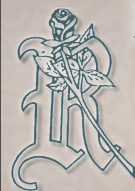
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