



**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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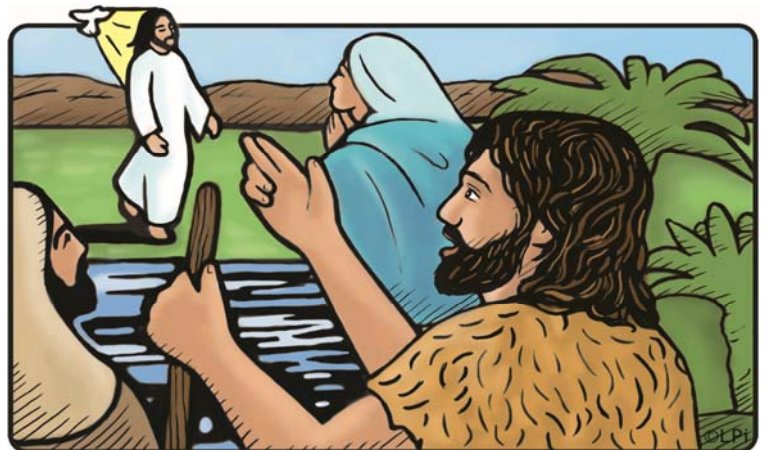
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*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. Joseph Daniel Pisano  
**Director of Rel. Ed. & Youth Dir.**....Miss Kristin Newton  
**Director of Music/Organist**.....Mr. Joshua Pietrowski  
**Parish Secretary**.....Mrs. Connie Cooper  
**Parish Secretary**.....Mrs. Judy Ambrose  
**Parish Council**.....Mrs. Wilma Stewart  
**Finance Council**.....Mr. Bill Garvey



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'"

- Jn 1:29-30

**THE DIOCESE** of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an **Office of Safe Environment**. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the WV Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800-352-6513. **To report suspected cases** of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880; Sr. Ellen Dunn, ext 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext 263; Msgr. Fred Annie, ext 267 or Msgr. Tony Cincinnati, ext 270. For more info go to dwc.org, click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment"

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.



Sat	4:00pm	Jules "Boots" Cipoletti+
Sun	8:00	Don Huff Jr.+
Sun	10:30	People of the Parish
Mon	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Tue	8:30	Mike O'Brien+
Wed	5:30pm	Don Huff Jr.+
Thur	8:30	Pete Lallone+
Fri	8:30	Madalyn Sperlazza+
Sat	4:00pm	Fred & Rose Nepa+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Sperlazza & Rockey Families+

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

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *William Kent Hudspeth* who died on January 6th **AND** to the family of *Louise Katherine Chiplinski* who died on January 6th **AND** to the family of *Edythe (Williams) Segel* who died on January 5th. May they rest in peace.

**SCHEDULES** for Greeters, Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are available in the vestibule. Pick yours up today.

We are in need of **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** and **ALTAR SERVERS** for the weekend Masses. If your child has received their First Communion, they are eligible to be an **ALTAR SERVER**. Call the office for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to write the amount on the **outside** of your contribution envelopes. This helps the counters and ensures that you are credited with the correct amount. We are currently working on 2016 reports. We will notify you when they are ready.

**Stewardship Report ~ January 8, 2017**

Offertory Collection.....	\$3614.00	Active Parishioners.....	302
Budgetary Needs.....	\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....	159
Envelopes Issued.....	209	Bldg & Maintenance.....	\$487.00
Envelopes Returned .....	90		

**\*\*USHERS PLEASE COUNT\*\***

The **READINGS** for this weekend are **931** in the Hymnal.

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**  
The Food Pantry

**THE FINAL PICTURES** for the Directory Ministries will be taken at the church this Monday, January 16th at 4:00 p.m. This is for anyone who is a Greeter, Lector, Eucharistic Minister (church, homebound & nursing home), an Altar Server, an Usher, Funeral Luncheon Teams, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Counters, or a member of the Altar Rosary Society. We can also take pictures of anyone who didn't get their photo taken but still wants to be in the Directory.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in memory of *Michael Cipoletti* from January 3rd thru January 16th **AND** for *Ann Bayless* January 17th thru January 30th.

**NA (NARCOTICS ANNONYMOUS)** meets in the Church Hall Mondays at 5:30pm and Thursdays at 7:00pm.

**PLEASE BE AWARE** that we have purchased high traffic rugs/mats to help with the salt and other winter debris. While they do a good job of cleaning our shoes, they are an inch or two above the carpet. Please take care when entering and leaving the church so you don't trip.

**Readings**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/ Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/ Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/ Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/ Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/ Mk 3:20-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23



**January 21, 4:00 PM**  
 Gre Mark & Shari Sperlazza  
 Ser Karleigh K. & Will Harvey  
 Lec AJ Mitchell  
 Min Kowcheck, Bayless, Harvey

**January 22, 8:00 AM**  
 Gre Anna DeGarmo & JeJe Huff  
 Ser Al Cipoletti  
 Lec Fred Casale  
 Min Linda Stuckey & Margaret White  
 Nur Sue Malson

**January 22, 10:30 AM**  
 Gre Jim & Linda Lee  
 Ser Daniel Diserio & Sophia Rosso.  
 Lec Aleksey Rasz  
 Min Caldwell, Stewart, Taylor

**2017 CALENDARS** are available in the vestibule. They are donated from local Funeral Homes. Pick one up today.

**PRAYER LINE:** If you have immediate prayer requests for accidents and sudden illness, call Barb Bolden at 304-737-1912 or Rose Scherich at 304-394-1174 or Joan Lazear at 304-737-3234.

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**2017 PARISH DIRECTORY**

If you would like your picture in the Directory but were home-bound or unable to get to the church, you can send in a photo or have a family member take a photo on their phone and email it to the church at [stjohn1300@comcast.net](mailto:stjohn1300@comcast.net). We also need photos of church activities. If you have any, please email them or bring them to the office. All photos will be returned. For more information call Heather at 304-551-4061.

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February **LOTTERY TICKETS** are on sale in the vestibule. Tickets are still just \$5 and good for the entire month. The winning number is the Ohio Lottery Evening Pick 3 number.

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is open on Wednesdays from Noon to 4:00pm to assist Brooke County residents in need of food. The Pantry is located at 22nd and Charles Street near the Opportunity Center. Please bring ID and Social Security Numbers for those living in your home.

**A CHARISMATIC MASS** will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Father of Mercy Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR located at 369 Little Church Road, Toronto, OH 43964. Father Dave Pivonka TOR, an internationally known speaker and author, will be the celebrant. Prayer for healing or other needs will be offered following Mass. All Catholics in the area are invited to attend. Refreshments following.

**Happy Birthday**

**SAT:** Mike Bachinski, Linda Hone; **SUN:** Janice Stucin; **MON:** Betty Cipoletti, Jason Nickerson; **TUE:** Ed Dremak ; **WED:** Conor Garvey, Emily Hone; **THU:** Michael Huff, Bill McGill; **FRI:** Mike Rasz, Bob Staffileno; **SAT:** Sue Beall, Cynthia Harvey, Laura McGowan; **SUN:** Cross Billiard, Brendan



**THE MAN REMEMBERED**

**OPEN HOUSE:** St. Paul Catholic School will hold an Open House on Tuesday, January 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The school is located at 140 Walnut Street in Weirton. Among their many programs, St. Paul's offers 21st Century curriculum, Athletic Programs, Speech Pathologist, Reading Interventionist and Before & After school care. Call to schedule a tour and see all that St. Paul School has to offer. Call 304-748-5225 or visit the website at <http://weirtonstpauls.org/>.

**COMFORT BY CANDLELIGHT**, an evening with KATHY TROCCOLI will be held on February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church in Weirton. There is no cost but a reserved ticket is required for admission. Call 304-748-4118 or on the web at [stpaulcommunity.net](http://stpaulcommunity.net) or [ktsaintpauls@gmail.com](mailto:ktsaintpauls@gmail.com) for tickets.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:** join us Saturday, February 11, 2017, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Center. We begin by celebrating Mass together at 5:00 PM, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of Marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group. Cost of the evening is \$45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than **February 8**. For more information, contact the Beiter's at [304-238-4904](tel:304-238-4904) or the Reed's at [304-242-8156](tel:304-242-8156).

