



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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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

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."

- Mt 5:7-8

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"

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.



Sat	4:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:00	Evelyn Pyles+
Sun	10:30	Mario Lamone+
Mon	8:30	Kathleen Freshwater+
Tue	8:30	Mike O'Brien+
Wed	5:30pm	Michael Mullenbach+
Thur	8:30	Mary Traubert+
Fri	8:30	Sick & Homebound
Sat	4:00pm	Harold Strope Jr.+
Sun	8:00	People of the Parish
Sun	10:30	Raleigh Mason+

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

Building & Maintenance Fund

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.



2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORTS will be ready soon. Please fill out an orange Request Form if you would like to receive your report. Put the request in the collection basket or mail it to the church. Request Forms are available in the vestibule.

Stewardship Report ~ January 22, 2017

Offertory Collection.....\$2439.00	Active Parishioners.....302
Budgetary Needs.....\$2900.00	Attended Mass.....183
Envelopes Issued.....209	The Food Pantry.....\$272.00
Envelopes Returned99	

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The **READINGS** for this weekend are **937** in the Hymnal.

SECOND COLLECTION:

The second collection is for the **Church in Latin America**. Your donations and renewed support will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation for those who, without your help, would not have access to these resources. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as a way to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

The **COFFEE KLATCH** will resume this Tuesday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come for coffee and conversation.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph and Mary Elizabeth Wheaton who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows at the 4:00 Mass. They were married here at St. John Church on January 28, 1967.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning in memory of *Ann Bayless* January 17th thru January 30th **AND** in memory of *Don Huff Jr. & Sr.* January 31st thru February 13th.

Readings

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112/
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



February 4, 4:00 PM
 Gre Frances Cunningham
 Ser AJ Mitchell & Joshua Caswell
 Lec Mary Schwertfeger
 Min Cipoletti, Hoffman, Bayless

February 5, 8:00 AM
 Gre Bob & Linda Stuckey
 Ser Al Cipoletti
 Lec Bob Stuckey
 Min Joan Lazear & Margaret White
 Nur Barb Bolden

February 5, 10:30 AM
 Gre Jackie Cawthorne
 Ser Aleksey Rasz & Gage Yost
 Lec Emily Donley
 Min Stewart, Caldwell, Cawthorne

We will celebrate Saint Blaise with a **BLESSING OF THE THROATS** this Friday, February 3rd at the 8:30 Mass.

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

COMMUNION will be taken to the homebound this coming First Friday

SOUP & SANDWICH is next Wednesday, February 8th from 11am to 3pm. Delicious homemade soups and sandwiches will be available to eat in or take out.

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.

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.

JANUARY—Human Trafficking Awareness month. **LEARN** about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** (sistersgaginsttrafficking.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 or ktsaintpauls@gmail.com for tickets.

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.

MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM: An informational Open House to introduce you to the program will be held at Wheeling Hospital on Tuesday, February 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room "C". This course is designed to help us acquire the skills to cope with stress producing influences in our lives. There is no charge for this meeting, however registration is required so they have enough materials. Please call 304-243-3339 to register by **February 1st**.

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).

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.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Happy Birthday

SAT: Sophia Rosso; **SUN:** Annette Best, Debbie Cipoletti; **MON:** Jackie Hupp; **TUE:** Mia Marino; **WED:** Bonnie Camilletti, Tom Zurbuch; **THU:** Judy Cipoletti, James Kemp, Diane Rasz; **FRI:** John Alvarez, Jeff Dorrance, Linda Giglio; **SAT:** Russ Shaffer; **SUN:** .