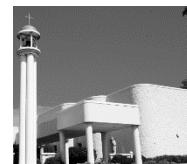


# ***Celebrating 77 Years As A Parish!***

## **ALL SAINTS NEWS!**



**ALL SAINTS PARISH**  
317 East Main Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330



*April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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### **Parish Staff:**

**Pastor:** Fr. Walter Jagela, Ext. 13  
**Secretaries:** Betty Crowley, Angela DeMarco, Ext. 10  
**Music & Liturgy:** Stephen Pishner, Ext. 16  
**Business Manager:** Kris Gladden, Ext. 12  
**Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation & Spirituality:** Brian Suehs-Vassel: Ext. 14

### **Liturgies:**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm + Barbara Smith by Bob & Karen Steele**  
**Sunday, April 28<sup>st</sup> at 10am + Dave Cunningham by Fr. Walter Jagela**  
**Tuesday, April 30 8am: + Annetta Vasques by Charlie & Elana Bramble**  
**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm + Christine Stanton by Silver Belles**  
**Sunday, May 5<sup>st</sup> at 10am + Dr. Gaspar Barcinas by Family**

**Sunday Offering /Attendance:** \$7,320 4/20-4/21 5pm: 193 10am: 401 Total in person 594  
(online 49) Total In person and Online 643

**New Members since Covid began:** 80 Households

**Parish Pastoral Council:** is a leadership body which provides for the ongoing discernment, expression and fulfillment of the parish mission. We are looking for members who embody the following qualities:

- ~ A desire for spiritual growth in one's self and in the parish,
- ~ Willingness to listen, to speak honestly and to work toward consensus,
- ~ The ability to inspire and empower others and to delegate,
- ~ Enthusiasm about the future directions of the parish,
- ~ Flexibility and openness with people of the parish.

*If you feel these qualities describe you and you are interested in serving on our parish pastoral council, please sign the list in the gathering area and someone will contact you.*

### **UPDATE REGARDING OUR GRADUATE MASS CELEBRATION.**

Due to a smaller than anticipated interest in the traditional format, we've decided to pivot the event to ensure it's a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all. Instead of a formal reception after Mass, we'll be hosting a less formal gathering immediately following the Mass and everyone at the 10:00am Mass will be invited. Graduates are still welcome to wear their Cap and Gown, process in and out for the Mass, and sit with their fellow graduates. We look forward to celebrating with you all. Also please note the following RSVP Date Change -  
**Please RSVP by Friday, May 3 to (304) 842-2283 ext. 10 or email the parish office [allsaintswv@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintswv@gmail.com)**

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM!** Sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program and choose All Saints for your organization. A percentage of what you spend at Kroger will then be sent to All Saints! Go to this address online.

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

**ALL SAINTS PLANT-A-THON** We need some volunteers to help us plant the Easter Flowers around our church property. The 60+ flowers we enjoyed this Easter are perennials and if we can get them in the ground we will enjoy them for years to come.... so we are having a PLANT-A-THON! Date: Saturday May 11, 2024. Time: 10 AM. Bring: Your Water Bottle, Sunscreen, Hat, and a hand trowel if you have one. Margie Diekmann Fiesler is heading up this event and will provide some training, so no experience is needed! Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area so we know how many volunteers are coming!

## **REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURES by Anne M. Osdieck**

### **First Reading [Acts 9:26-31](#)**

1. What motivated Paul to speak out boldly? Think of examples of people who speak out to bring changes in social justice. Name some ways to “speak out” using your voice.
2. What injustices cry out to you to speak out frankly, without fear, and to bear the courage of your convictions, just as the early apostles did?

### **Second Reading [1 John 3:18-24](#)**

1. St. John says to “walk the walk, not just to talk the talk.” Where do you fit on a continuum between walkers and talkers?
2. What would your world look like if every day, you performed a kind deed for some unsuspecting person? Who would benefit from these acts?

### **Gospel [John 15:1-8](#)**

1. And everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” Have you ever felt like you were being “pruned?” Explain. At times do you have “dead wood” that needs to be pruned? Discuss.
2. “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” According to Pope Francis, what is the fruit that we, the branches, need to bear, that might result from this mutual abiding?

Pope Francis says: . . . “the branches can do nothing without the vine, they need sap to grow and to bear fruit. . . . But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: *in what sense does Jesus need us?* He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples—it is our task—to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples—we, Jesus’ disciples—do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love. Attached to Christ, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and thus we can do good to our neighbor, we can do good to society, to the Church. The tree is known by its fruit. A truly Christian life bears witness to Christ.”

[Regina Caeli for 5th Sunday of Easter](#)

Pope Francis, May 2, 2021

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**Scripture Study and Reflection:** The Knights of Columbus Council #16494 invites all members of the parish to join us for an evening of Lectio Divina on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the K of C meeting space. We will focus on the upcoming Gospel and recite the Rosary. Please join us in this endeavor, for more information contact Bob Pastorik at 304-203-7951.

**Parish Membership:** Fill out a Census Form found on the table in the gathering area, if you’d like to be a member here. We can then give you credit for your tax deductible contributions.

**All Saints Nursery / Pre – K Classroom:** *Jesus said to his disciples, “Let the little Children come to me!”* We encourage you to bring your children to Mass and participate as much as possible. Also, we trust the judgment of parents and offer the space of our Nursery / Pre-K classroom as a resource if it can help. The Nursery / Pre-K classroom is open during all Masses. Please note that since the pandemic we have not had volunteers staff the nursery for childcare so **parents must accompany and supervise their children.** We have a TV in the classroom that broadcasts the Mass whenever it is streamed to YouTube. We tend to keep the door closed so that mobile little ones don't run out, but please visit the nursery if it can be of help to you and your family.

**Mommy and Me Playgroup “Little Saints”: Moms and young children ages 5 and under are welcome to join in the preschool room on Thurs. from 9-11 for a playdate, fellowship and support.**

**PARISH HEALTHCARE MINISTRY:**

**Blood Pressure Clinics will be held after Mass on April 27th and 28th, May 18th and 19th, June 15th and 16th, July 20th and 21st, August 17th and 18th.**

**Bereavement: Join us on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm as we discuss those dreaded “first times”, and when is it okay to begin living in your new reality. We will continue the theme of rebuilding your life with counsel from those who have walked where you now walk. Grief is not an easy journey. If you are experiencing the death of a loved one, please join us as we navigate life after loss.**

**With April being Alcohol Awareness Month, we should update our knowledge about alcohol use disorder and the impact it has on our health and society. It affects individuals, families and communities. Unfortunately, more than 178,000 alcohol-related deaths occur in the U.S, along with over 200 disease and injury-related conditions from alcohol misuse.**

**Presentation on Diabetes : RN Educator and Director of Clinical Nutrition  
May 1, 6PM. Auspice of All Saint's Health Ministry Open to all in the community  
Topics covered are Continuous Diabetes Monitors (CGM), medications, self-care, and nutrition.**

**HELP NEEDED: As most of you know All Saints provides a meal to the Clarksburg Mission the 2nd Saturday of every month. We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with this service. If you are interested and would like to be added to the Sign Up Genius distribution list, please call or text Cyndy Smell at 304-677-1932. Thank you!**

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**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR “ALL SAINTS NEWS” need to be sent to us by Noon on Wednesday, preferably via email. Editing of any submitted news item will be to our discretion. It can be emailed to [allsaintswv@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintswv@gmail.com)**

**Holy Communion for Parishioners at Home: We are currently developing an updated list of parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion at home on a weekly basis. We would also like to know of those who would just be in need of a home visit on a regular basis. Kindly call the church office to leave the name of the person, preferred day of the week and time of day to receive a visit by a Eucharistic Minister or to receive a home visit.**

**The St. Ann Annual Spring Spaghetti Dinner is set for Sunday April the 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving penne pasta and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, and a dessert. Drinks will also be provided when dining in. Take-out will also be available. Adult dinners will be \$13.00 and children, \$6.00. Dinner will begin at 11:00am until 2:00pm or sold out.**

**Families StrongWV** brings together small groups of people with worries, issues, set-backs, and hopes in regards to knowing someone who deals with an addiction. The Families Strong WV program is free to West Virginians because of financial support from the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health. Check out FamiliesStrongWV.com or call 681-378-2086 or email them at [info@groupmosaic.com](mailto:info@groupmosaic.com)

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*encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. 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, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.*

