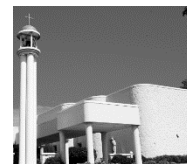


Celebrating 77 Years As A Parish!

ALL SAINTS NEWS!



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



May 12, 2024 – Ascension of the Lord

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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, May 11th at 5pm + Tom Condron by Jerry Casillo
Sunday, May 12th at 10am + Deceased Mothers
Tuesday, May 14th 8am: No Mass
Saturday, May 18th at 5pm + Donna Caroli by Mary C. Queen
Sunday, May 19th at 10am + Al Reid by Family

**Sunday Offering /Attendance: 5/4-5/5: \$11,655 5pm: 188 10am: 347 Total in person 535
(online 56) Total In person and Online 591**

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.

All Saints Vacation Bible School : “Come to the Table”

JUNE 10TH-14TH, 9:00am to Noon - Monday through Friday

The Eucharist as a Celebration for Everyone!

Register online at www.allsaintsbridgeport.com under “Faith Formation” or get paper copies at the doors of the church building.. Registration due date is June 3, 2024

**Cost for each child is being covered by a generous donation from a parishioner.

Call Brian Suehs-Vassel at the parish office for more information 304-842-2283 x 14

UPDATE REGARDING OUR GRADUATE MASS CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, MAY 19th

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, on May 19th, 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

***Save the date! Friday, May 31st - Fr. Walt's 30th Anniversary
Reception here at All Saints from 6pm – 8pm***

*Mother's Day Blessings to all mothers and all who show a mother's care.
Prayers of Comfort to Mothers who have lost children.
Eternal rest to all mothers who have died.*

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 Ascension: [Acts 1:1-11](#)

1. "Then they prayed." Do you pray before you make important choices? Would you feel comfortable "casting lots," throwing dice, or flipping a coin after you pray? How would you make a final choice like the one they had to make?
2. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This could be the definition of evangelization. Pope Francis says that Jesus himself is the model of evangelization. How important is listening to people's needs in being a witness and evangelist for Christ?

Second Reading Ascension: [Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13](#)

1. "God is love and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." Whenever you experience true love, is God present? Can we find God in all true love? So does it work both ways: love of God leads to love of neighbor, and love of neighbor leads to love of God?
2. "... live in a manner worthy of the call you have received ..." If your call isn't to be an evangelist or a pastor, what is it? Could it be to feed the hungry? To lead Eco-justice or Green Teams? Help people find jobs or housing?

Gospel: Ascension: [Mark 16:15-20](#)

1. Why does Pope Francis say Jesus remains forever with the disciples (and with us) even though he ascended into heaven? What is the second reason for our great joy or confidence?

Pope Francis says: "God, the Son of God, descends and becomes man, takes our humanity and redeems it—he now ascends into heaven, taking our flesh with him. He is the first man who enters heaven, because Jesus is man, true man; he is God, true God; our flesh is in heaven and this gives us joy. Now a human body sits at the right hand of the Father for the first time, the body of Jesus, and in this mystery we each contemplate our own future destination.

This is not at all an abandonment; Jesus remains forever with the disciples—with us. He remains in prayer, because as man, he prays to the Father, and as God, man and God, he shows him his wounds, the wounds by which he has redeemed us. Jesus' prayer is there, with our flesh: he is one of us, God-man, and he prays for us. And this should give us confidence, or rather joy, great joy! And the second reason for joy is Jesus' promise. He told us: "I will send you the Holy Spirit."

*[Regina Caeli for the Ascension](#)
Pope Francis, May 16, 2021*

2. Jesus said signs would accompany those who believed. Most of us will not be picking up serpents with our hands or drinking deadly things without being harmed. What kinds of signs might you see today when you or someone else proclaims the Gospel in some way? Crises (racial, environmental, trafficking) brought into the light? Voice for the voiceless? Change for the good?

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.

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>

The Knights of Columbus Council will hold its monthly officers meeting on Sunday, May 12th after the 10:00am Mass. The regular council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16th starting with the rosary at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us for the rosary. All members are encouraged to attend both meetings.

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 May 18th and 19th, June 15th and 16th, July 20th and 21st, August 17th and 18th.

May is National Mental Health Month which raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families and communities. This month provides an opportunity to destigmatize mental health and encourage individuals to seek help and support.

Bereavement: Resumes this Fall.

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

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 Diocese 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, under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.

