

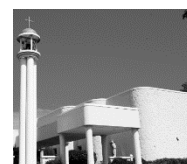
# ***Celebrating 77 Years As A Parish!***

## **ALL SAINTS NEWS!**



**ALL SAINTS PARISH**

**317 East Main Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330**



***March 24th, 2024 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion***

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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 March 23rd: 5pm + People of the Parish**

**Sunday, March 24th: 10am + People of the Parish**

**\*Holy Thursday: March 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm + People of the Parish**

**\*(Church will be open on Holy Thursday**

**for prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel until Midnight)**

**Good Friday: March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Easter Vigil: (Saturday) March 30th, 8:30pm + People of the Parish**

**Easter Sunday Mar. 31st, at 8:30am & 11 am + People of the Parish**

**Sunday Offering /Attendance: 3/16-3/17 \$13,892 5pm: 247 10am 404 Total: 651**

**Virtual Attendance (YouTube Live Broadcast) 43**

**Total in attendance Virtual and Live 694 *New Members since Covid began: 78 Households***

***First Communion for Children: April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass.***

**YOU CAN STILL GIVE EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The Easter Memorial Flower envelope can be found on the tables in gathering area and at all the entrances. If you'd like to remember a loved one this Easter at All Saints with memorial flowers, please print the names on the memorial envelope and include a donation of some kind. You can do so with cash or a check to All Saints ("write memorial flowers" in the memo line). You can put the envelope in the Sunday collection basket, you can mail it to the office or bring it by. **We'd like to have the names by Wednesday March 27th.** We will remember your loved ones at all the Easter Masses, during the Universal Prayer and print their names in the Easter bulletin.

**All Saints Easter Egg Hunt.** Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 After the 11:00am Mass. Rain or Shine! Contact Brian at 304-842-2283x14 or [briansvallsaints@gmail.com](mailto:briansvallsaints@gmail.com) for more information.

**Ricotta Ball Dinner:** April 7<sup>th</sup> 11am to 6pm. *Bring the whole family right after Mass! Menu is: Ricotta Ball with Pasta, along with Salad, Soft Drinks and Dessert, Cost \$12 Adults and \$6 Children. Take-Outs Available. You can also buy our Ricotta Balls by the dozen.*

**EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED:** We continue with our tradition of food baskets for those in need. We will also add a component of an awareness of children, as we fill these baskets. The needed items are listed below. We encourage everyone to participate by bringing those food items or monetary donations, so that the families who will receive these baskets will have a joy-filled EASTER Here are the general items needed: Cans of green beans, corn, peas, yams, pineapple, egg-noodles, 64 oz. of Apple Juice. Items for Children: Apple sauce, Ramen Noodles, fruit cups, Juice boxes, sugar/sugar free) Jelly, Snack Pack Pudding, Snack size peanut butter, small boxes of cereal. We need all items and donations to be here at the Church By: March 24, 2024. **WE ASK YOU TO PLACE YOUR GIFTS AT THE ALTAR.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!  
*Let us give Thanks & Praise!*

**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.

***REFLECTION ON TODAY’S SCRIPTURES by Anne M. Osdieck***

**Palm Sunday Processional Mark 11:1-10**

1. **Did some of the people waving palms and shouting “Hosanna” expect the Messiah to have power and to dominate?** Could they have recognized Jesus as someone who reawakened hopes, understood misery and healed their bodies and souls? Which group would you have liked to be with?

**First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7**

1. **We understand Jesus as the subject of this reading. Could it apply to others too?** Name some people, like John Lewis, who have spoken on God’s behalf and have “set their faces like flint” when confronted by injustice. What injustice do you feel strongly about? Is there anything can you do to help make it right?

2. **“Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear.” What am I hearing now?** The cries of starving children? Of the planet in crisis? Of racial injustice?

**Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11**

1. **“Agape love” is selfless and free from self-concern and self-preoccupation.** It includes conversion, vulnerability, search for justice, and suffering. Explain Jesus’ love for us in terms of *agape*. What would the world be like if everyone had some of this kind of love?

2. Discuss Javier Melloni’s statement: **“The will of God is the divinization of every creature;** and it was to bring about this divinization that the one who was in God and who was God, emptied himself in order to participate in our human condition and transform it from within.” Can you agree with such a statement?

**Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39**

1. The woman “wastes” expensive perfumed oil on Jesus. Does this relate to God’s self-wasting love on humankind? How is the Eucharist a continuation of Christ’s self-giving love for us? Does your busy schedule allow time to “waste” on love?

2. **What was it about Jesus’ death that amazed the centurion** and made him say, “Truly this man was the Son of God”!

Pope Francis said: *“Today’s Gospel shows us, immediately after the death of Jesus, a splendid icon of amazement. It is the scene of the centurion who, upon seeing that Jesus had died, said: “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (Mk 15:39). He was amazed by love. How did he see Jesus die? He saw him die in love, and this amazed him. Jesus suffered immensely, but he never stopped loving. This is what it is to be amazed before God, who can fill even death with love. In that gratuitous and unprecedented love, the pagan centurion found God. His words—Truly this man was the Son of God!—“seal” the Passion narrative.*

*The Gospels tell us that many others before him had admired Jesus for his miracles and prodigious works, and had acknowledged that he was the Son of God. Yet Christ silenced them, because they risked remaining purely on the level of worldly admiration at the idea of a God to be adored and feared for his power and might. Now it can no longer be so, for at the foot of the cross there can be no mistake: **God has revealed himself and reigns only with the disarmed and disarming power of love.**”*

Pope Francis  
Homily for Palm Sunday  
Vatican City, Rome, March 28, 2021

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**Movie: THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST/FREE EVENT:** The Harrison County Ministerial Association invites you to a special Holy Week reception and moving showing! Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Reception at 6:00pm Clarksburg Baptist Church (Monroe Center) Movie Showing at 7:00pm “The Passion of the Christ” Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center FREE EVENT! Donations accepted at the door. Open to the public Questions? Contact: Lou Ortenzio: 304-677-8880 Michael Burge: 304-669-9599

**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.

**High School Graduates Mass:** May 19 at the 10:00am, Your Church Community would like to celebrate this important occasion with you, so please consider joining us at Mass to honor you and your Catholic classmates. After Mass there will be a reception provided for graduates and their family in the social hall. Graduates should plan to arrive by 9:30am and should wear their caps and gowns. Please RSVP by Monday, May 13 by calling the parish office (304-842-2283)

**The Knights of Columbus Council #16494** invites all members of the parish to join us for an evening of Lectio Divina on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</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.

*On Monday, March 25, all Catholic men and their spouses are invited to Knights of Columbus Council 872 home at 334 East Pike Street in Clarksburg for a Catholic Financial Seminar with dinner. Please text or call 304-629-6677 to reserve your place at this seminar.*

**OUR MURAL!** by Brother Mickey McGrath is now finished. With the helpfulness of so many people, this project has come to completion, as they came and added the vivid colors. The saints from left to right on the mural are the following: St. Joachim and St. Ann (Grand Parents of Jesus – Mary’s Parents) holding the child Jesus. Above is St. Mary Magdalene. Lower center are St. Francis of Assisi & the wolf of Gubbio, and St. Kateri Tekakwitha, both holding the Holy Spirit. Above them is Our Lady of La Vang, (The Virgin Mary holding Jesus), an image from an apparition in Vietnam. To the right of that is Venerable Fr. Augustus Toltan, the first African-American priest, then you’ll see St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino Saint and Martyr. St. Juan Diego, bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on his clothing. Next are St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Oscar Romero, Sister Thea Bowman, and Dorothy Day. THANK YOU TO ALL !!!

**All Saints were once what we are now!**

**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.

**PARISH HEALTHCARE MINISTRY Blood Pressure Clinics:** March 16th and 17th, April 20th and 21st, May 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>.

*March is National Nutrition Month. It’s a time for everyone to learn about making better food choices and developing healthy eating and physical activity habits.*

**Bereavement:** Grief is not an easy journey. Each person’s grief journey is unique. If you are experiencing the death of a loved one, All Saints Bereavement Sessions will be starting on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Parish Lounge. During these weekly meetings we will have an opportunity to come together to share in God’s love. **Hope Beyond Today, How to Navigate Life After Loss** is a 6-week series providing spiritual comfort, encouragement, wisdom and insight, with the goal of a healthy grief journey. Please join us as we navigate life after loss.

**Community Conversation #11 on Substance Use Disorder (It’s NOT Just Pot)**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in our Social Hall 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Resource Hour  
Speak with Substance Use Disorder Specialists 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Featured Speakers  
Keynote Speaker Mita M. Johnson, Ed.D

LESSONS LEARNED FROM MARIJUANA USE IN COLORADO

Jen Randall Reyes, Ph.D, ALPS, LPC, AADC “Marijuana and the Developing Brain”

J. B. McCuskey, WV State Auditor “The Opioid Settlement Disbursement”

Jonathan A. Board, Director of Region 4 WV First Foundation Everyone is welcome!

**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.

**St. Ann Parish, Altar Rosary Society (Shinnston) Spaghetti Dinner.** Sunday April the 28th.

**“Come Walk With Me” Music Meditation Prayer with Irish Tenor Mark Forest.**

St. Peter the Fisherman Church, April 14th, 3:00 PM Sunday, 407 Jackson Street, Fairmont WV.

Admission \$10

**JOB POSTING!** Notre Dame High School/St. Mary's Grade School in Clarksburg is seek a PK-12 Grade Principal. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. The ideal candidate would have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership Certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification. The candidate will have minimum of three years of successful educational experience with a preference for administrative experience. A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Father Joseph Konikattil:

[jkonikattil@dwc.org](mailto:jkonikattil@dwc.org) Resumes will be accepted until April 4, 2024

*“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](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability” for additional reporting mechanisms.*

