## Celebrating 77 Years As A Parish!

### **ALL SAINTS NEWS!**



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



April 21, 2024 - Fourth 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 20th at 5pm + Mary Ann Shull by The Spink Family

Sunday, April 21st at 10am + Ray Smith by Judy Smith

Tuesday, April 23 8am: + David Gobel by Patty Cleavenger

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

Sunday Offering / Attendance: \$8,327 1/6-1/7 5pm: 181 10am: 627 Total in person 808

(online 41) Total In person and Online 849 New Members since Covid began: 80 Households

**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

<u>Parish Pastoral Council</u>: 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

<u>DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:</u> Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. Bishop Brennan, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of **April 20-21, 2024**, to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to **ALL SAINTS with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line**. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <a href="https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/">https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/</a>.

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

**First Reading** Acts 4:8-12 Peter says that it was Christ who healed the crippled man: Christ "is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone." What gave Peter the courage to speak out like this, when before Jesus died he couldn't even admit that he knew him? Do we receive that same gift when we speak out for truth or goodness?

In this reading Peter responds to attempts by the "leaders of the people and elders" to discredit Jesus' message. Do you see efforts to discredit Jesus' message in the world today? Can you think of other besides racial bias that discredits "love your neighbor"? How can you help bring God's saving grace to a world/neighborhood in desperate need of healing?

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:1-2 What gifts have you received as a child of God? What gifts have you received today from God? God is always present, hovering like a mother hen. Why does God not just jump right in and save us from all the messes we get into?

#### **Gospel** John 10:11-18

- 1. Jesus said, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus is applying the unconditional love between himself and his Father to the relation between himself and his own. What does this tell you about how well you are known and how much you are loved? And: for whom would you lay down your life?
- 2. According to Pope Francis, what two things does Jesus want us to learn from the Good Shepherd metaphor?

Pope Francis says: "The second aspect is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows—the first aspect: *defend*; the second: *he knows* his sheep and the sheep know him (v. 14). How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass", a "multitude" for him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story, he knows each of us with our own story, each one with his or her own value, both as creatures and as people redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only he knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy.

... Therefore, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all *loves* his sheep. ... Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He himself reminds us of this in today's Gospel when he says: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (*Jn* 10:16). These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God."

<u>Pope Francis</u> <u>Regina Caeli for 4th Sun of Easter</u> April 25, 2021

Anne Osdieck

**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.

<u>Mommy and Me Playgroup "Little Saints"</u>: 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:**

<u>Blood Pressure Clinics</u> 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.

<u>Bereavement:</u> Join us on Tuesday, at 6:00 pm as we discuss challenges we face as we travel through our grief. The difficult pains of loneliness, heartache, challenges, and emotions can become overwhelming. 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.

<u>Presentation on Diabetes:</u> 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.

<u>HELP NEEDED:</u> 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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<u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR "ALL SAINTS NEWS"</u> need to be sent to us by <u>Noon</u> on Wednesday, preferably via email. Editing of any submitted news item will be to our discretion. It can be emailed to <u>allsaintswv@gmail.com</u>

<u>Holy Communion for Parishioners at Home:</u> 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.

<u>The St. Ann Annual Spring Spaghetti Dinner</u> 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.

A message about a RESOURCE FAIR In Conjunction with PALS:

**GRAND FAMILIES AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS:** We are bringing together all agencies and organizations that provide resources and services to those people raising children from birth through high school for their parents. These agencies will provide support and information that will promote successful relationships, positive environments and healthy development of the children involved. APRIL 30, 2024 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM MEADOWBROOK MALL If you are an interested vendor or would like to recommend a vendor, please contact. Tammy Romano(304.326.7785) Pam Hotsinpiller (304.326.7692) Tracey Beall (304.326.7383) Kristy Leemasters (304.326.7693). HOSTED BY HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, FAMILY SERVICES OF MARION & HARRISON COUNTIES AND UNITED WAY OF HARRISON & DODDRIDGE COUNTIES

<u>Concert:</u> One of Southern Gospel's fastest rising family groups will give a concert at The Church of the Nazarene on Thursday, May 2, 2024. At 7:00 P.M. The church is located at 9254 Cost Avenue Stonewood, WV 304-624-0430 (a free will love offering will be taken) More info can be found at thelorefamilyministries.com as well as: Youtube, Facebook, Spotify.

**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

"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 <a href="www.dwc.org">www.dwc.org</a>, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms.