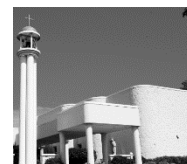


Celebrating 77 Years As A Parish!

ALL SAINTS NEWS!



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



January 28, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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, January 27th: 5pm +Sammie Marra by Donna Walls
Sunday, January 28th: 10am + Mary Anny Shull by Bob & Bernadette Ayooob
Tuesday, January 30th: 8am + Annetta Vasques by Donna Fleece
Saturday, February 3rd: 5pm + Constance Moore by Anita & Fred Foye
Sunday, February 4th: 10am + Feliciano Limcumpas by Carillio Family

Sunday Offering /Attendance: 1/20 -1/21 \$5,046 5pm: 131 10am 278 Total: 409
Virtual Attendance (YouTube Live Broadcast) 71
Total in attendance Virtual and Live 480 New Members since Covid began: 73 Households

All Saints is proclaiming the Good News to all the world!

Here are some of the numbers of people and places who are tuning in to our online posts and video broadcasts! United States 2,088, Philippines 14, India 12, Italy 9, Nigeria 7, Pakistan 7, Canada 6, Mexico 5, Uganda 5, Myanmar 4, ...and then in West Virginia... Bridgeport 609, Clarksburg 246, Morgantown 89, Fairmont 85, Nutter Fort 35, Shinnston 32, Pleasant Valley 28, Wheeling 25, Charleston 22, Weston 24.

REFLECTION ON ON TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading [Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

1. Can you think of people who have caused an “uproar” announcing the spirit of the Gospel in our time? Who are they? Today, who is “making noise” about racial bias? Climate change? Gun violence?
2. Does God raise ordinary people from our midst to become prophets? Is there a cause for which you might become a prophet?

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#)

1. Paul says, “Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Who has anxieties of one kind or the other? How about the prophets in the First Reading? Could everyone living today have them?
2. What are the anxieties you most feel? Do you have a way to deal with them? What virtue do you think might help most in your attempts to control anxieties

Gospel [Mark 1:21-28](#)

1. Jesus “taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.” Was there an incident that confirmed Jesus’ teaching and showed people its authenticity? If you can’t have absolute confirmation, as they did, will trust work for you? ***Continued on next page....***

Blessing Of Throats will take place next weekend during the Final Blessing of the Mass, as the Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated Feb. 3rd.

See also important attachment pages

Scripture reflection continued....

2. **What are some “demons” in need of defeat that you think Christ’s preaching should be directed at today?** What might your job be? Prophet, preaching for Christ? Listener? He preaches and heals. ... The second aspect, healing, shows that Christ’s preaching is intended

to defeat the evil present in humankind and the world. His word is pointedly directed against the kingdom of Satan: it puts him in crisis and makes him recoil, obliging him to leave the world. Touched by the Lord’s command, this possessed, maniacal man is freed and transformed into a new person. In addition, Jesus’ preaching conforms to a logic that is contrary to that of the world and of the evil one: His words reveal the upheaval of a mistaken ordering of things. In fact, the demon present in the possessed man cries out as Jesus approaches: “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?” (v. 24)

[Angelus for 4TH Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B](#), Pope Francis
Jan 31, 2021

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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 HEALTH MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Clinics will be held after Mass on February 17th and 18th, March 16th and 17th, April 20th and 21st, May 18th and 19th.

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!

RCIA NEWS! If you know someone(s) interested in seeking out becoming Catholic here at All Saints parish; we will for our inquiry faith sharing sessions on Wednesdays, at 6:30 PM in our parish Lounge. This is a time to come together, ask questions of us, yourself and, explore what the RCIA is all about. RCIA stands for: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. See you soon!

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.

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 Knights of Columbus Council #16494 The K of C is inviting everyone to join us for an evening of Lectio Divina on the first Tuesday of every month to learn about Divine Reading (Bible study). We will meet at All Saints starting at 6:30 pm for 1 hour. **Next study will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.** Our first study was a great success. Any questions, please call Bob Pastorik at 304 203 7951.

“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.”

UPDATES ON CHURCH BUILDING PROPERTIES

ALL SAINTS PARISH 2024

As most people will know, our church building and properties were established in 1992 at our present site which makes our properties and all they entail 32 years old. Many people comment when they are new comers to our parish community, "this place looks new did you just build?" My response is "no, the people care very well for our church building."

We are to be proud of our church building and its contents looking like "new". We are to be proud and commend Father Cann (1980-1996) for setting the vision of Vatican II in our hearts here at All Saints and for setting us up right for the future and many other priests who came after him which have not been many, in comparison to other parishes in our Diocese.

However, this now is a new era. We are growing by leaps and bounds and growing very fast with new registrants each week; we are up to 80 new families now, baptisms happening left and right, new comers (visitors) each week to our parish Masses from various places, many people viewing our YouTube channel from literally all over the world. We hear children's voices and pitter patter of little feet in our building for Masses. Young families of all types are filling our pews along side our more seasoned and wisdom-filled, long-time parishioners. There is room for ALL here at All Saints!

My observations, since I have been with you as Pastor for 4 years now; **we are thriving and not simple existing.** I often state to parishioners, staff and new comers that **"change is difficult and growth is painful."** We are captured in both of these statements! We are like an infant who is growing, like a teen who does not quite understand why their legs hurt and body is changing so rapidly. We witness all these baptisms and see many filling our pews, singing out loud, participating in our activities here at the parish and maybe wonder why are they coming here? My answer is quite simple: **They are being fed and nourished by who we are as All Saints!**

To this effect, our building that houses us the church is always in need of attention. Did you know that on average the life span of a rooftop AC or heating unit is 15 years? Much of our building has exceeded this number of years. We have had to replace outdoor landscape lights, interior can lights in our Gathering space, ceiling tiles which were outdated and looking dirty, we had to replace the largest AC unit on our roof top back three years ago. We would love to see new worship space lighting to brighten our church.

Our Baptismal Font has given us challenges over many months to where we now have to re-design and plumb the original plumbing for the font, which is a crucial and necessary liturgical furnishing for any parish. We recently as of Monday, January 22, 2024 had frozen water pipes explode in the Beach House (our second rectory) which ruined the whole left side of the building and garage, plus had to replace the small furnace which heated that side of the house. As our buildings get older, more and more things are deteriorating and need attention, sometimes immediate attention. You get where I am going with all these examples, I am sure.

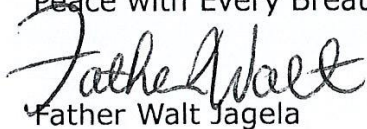
Therefore, I am asking each of you to continue to be generous to our parish community. Your fellow parishioners and all of us **APPRECIATE YOU & YOUR GENEROSITY!** We are operating a **BIG HOME** with **MANY DAUGHTERS and SONS & VISITORS.** To maintain and succeed with all our efforts takes each of us parishioners, new comers (visitors) staff and Pastor to make All Saints stand for years to come. I encourage you to utilize your Building Fund envelopes, share with others the positive attributes of our parish family, place All Saints into your Will in some way, shape or form for the present and future of parish generations.

The economy down right sucks for each of us, yet we strive to be our best and do our best. Please know I see you and walk with you on this journey of life & faith. I am humbled by your generosity in many forms now and as we walk together into our future!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and we can discuss our parish with you.

Thank you for reading this and for your time and attention to All Saints where ALL ARE WELCOME!

Peace with Every Breath,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Father Walt Jagela". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Father" and last name "Jagela" being the most prominent parts.

Father Walt Jagela

Pastor

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 ASK YOU TO PLACE YOUR GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

We need all items and donations to be here at the Church

By: March 24, 2024

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Let us give Thanks & Praise!

