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ALL SAINTS NEWS!



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



May 5, 2024 – Sixth 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, May 4th at 5pm + Christine Stanton by Silver Belles
Sunday, May 5st at 10am + Dr. Gaspar Barcinas by Family
Tuesday, May 7th 8am: No Mass
Saturday, May 11th at 5pm + Tom Condron by Jerry Casillo
Sunday, May 12th at 10am + Deceased Mothers

Sunday Offering /Attendance: 4/27-4/28: \$7,392 5pm: 181 10am: 457 Total in person 638 (online 51) Total In person and Online 689

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: 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

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!

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

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURES by Anne M. Osdieck

First Reading [Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

1. In this reading the circumcised “were astounded that the gift of the holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also.” Is grace available to all people? Does the Holy Spirit speak through people like Mahatma Gandhi?
2. Do you listen to the Holy Spirit on a regular basis, or just now and then? How does the Spirit speak to you? Are there some areas that are off limits or do you invite the Holy Spirit into every part of your life?

Second Reading [1 John 4:7-10](#)

1. How was “the love of God revealed to us?” Had Jesus not come into the world, what would you know about God?
2. So what was the message God sent through Jesus about God’s own self? What is your response to that message?

Gospel [John 15:9-17](#)

1. The one thing Jesus asks of us is that we love our neighbor. How would you rate this assignment on a “difficulty” scale from 1-10? Explain. What gift does God give you to help with this assignment (Cf: [First Reading](#))?
2. According to Pope Francis, is Jesus’ love for us the same love as the Father’s love for Jesus?

Pope Francis said: “Let us ask ourselves: what is this love in which Jesus tells us to abide to have his joy? What is this love? It is the love that originates *in the Father*, because “God is love” ([1 Jn 4:8](#)). This love of God, of the Father, flows like a river in his Son Jesus and through him comes to us, his creatures. Indeed, he says: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.” ([Jn 15:9](#)) The love Jesus gives us is the same with which the Father loves him: pure unconditional love, freely given love. It cannot be bought, it is free. By giving it to us, Jesus treats us like friends— with this love, letting us know the Father; and he involves us in his same mission for the life of the world.”

[Regina Caeli for the 6th Sun of Easter](#)

Pope Francis, 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 7th 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.

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.

Bereavement: Join us on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm as we discuss where you are in your journey of grief. Was it just a few weeks ago that your loved one died, or perhaps a few months, a year or longer? Is your pain so raw that you are unable to imagine a future without your loved one? Or have you arrived at the time where you begin to ask the question “what now?” Your grief is a continuing journey. Please join us as we navigate life after loss.

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.

Retreat Opportunities can be found on the back of this page...

From The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

Silent Directed Retreat. WVIS continues to offer Silent Directed Retreats throughout the year. These retreats can be made via Zoom or in person at the retreat house in Charleston, WV. During your retreat, you will engage in meditation rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and the Ignatian Tradition. Following the CDC Guidelines, we are respecting limits for in-house registrations. *Questions/Schedule:* Email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com

19th Annotation Spiritual Exercises

St. Ignatius of Loyola, who created the 30-day Spiritual Exercises during the 16th century, knew even then that some people would not be able to take 30 days away from their regular responsibilities to make a 30-day retreat. The 19th Annotation (Retreat in Daily Life) is often done by individuals who work full-time or who have other life commitments (like children living at home). Learn more about the 19th Annotation by visiting the WVIS website (www.wvis.org) and clicking on Retreats/19th Annotation Retreat in Daily Life dropdown along the top of the page. Questions/Register: email wviscr@aol.com

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom (Monday through Friday)

You are invited to join us each evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom for Contemplative Prayer. We are blessed to have a variety of individuals who volunteer to lead each evening. Prayer begins promptly at 7:00 pm when the leader opens with a brief chant followed by 20 minutes of silence. Sign up to receive the weekly reminders and the Zoom link. Come as often as you are able, it is always good to see those who attend.

Questions/Register: email wvis_sally@aol.com

Thomas Merton Charleston West Virginia Chapter via Zoom (3rd Tuesday each month)

You are invited to join the Charleston, West Virginia chapter of the International Thomas Merton Institute on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Each month, the group discusses recent material from the International Merton Society and/or information from the Book of Hours.

Questions/Register: email Father Bill Petro at frbpetro42@gmail.com

