St. John University Parish
Mountaineer Catholic
On the Campus of West Virginia University

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in My love." (John 15:9)

Dear Mountaineer Catholic Family,

It's hard to believe that I've been the Director of Campus Ministry at St. John's for 6 years now. I have seen the growth of the ministry over these years due to the dedicated students, FOCUS Missionaries, and campus ministers who have given of their time and energy to make St. John's not only a community, but a family as well. One of my greatest joys of being a priest is being able to witness so many marriages of the students who have passed through West Virginia University. Thank you for all your dedication and support in making St. John's a home away from home for our students!

In Christ and Mary,
Fr. Brian Crenwelge, Pastor

FALL '26

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The Fruits of Mountaineer Catholic

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"Come and see the works of the Lord.."
Pslam46:8

100+	65+	40+
Bible Study Members	Dinner for a Dollar Guests	Fall Retreatants

50+	40+	40+
SEEK Conference Attendees	March for Life Atendees	Spring Retreatants

Class of 2026

Counterclockwise from front: Colin Parker, Tristen Hudson, Franky Garzione, Grace (Cronen) Tribuiani, Brenna Cavanaugh, Olivia Robb (FOCUS), Jeanna Rzempoluch, Morgan Schwartz, Lizzie Condon, Katrina (Mullen) Zimmerman, Emily Bennett, Allyson Buser, Gabriella Rodriguez, Keira Bruce, Andrew Boggess, Nicole Vigneri, Sarah Hofecker, Patrick Darnell (FOCUS), Nathan White

Not pictured: Sabrina Murral

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Mountaineers on Mission

FOCUS

Franky Garzione
James Madison University

Morgan Schwartz
Wake Forest University

Mitchell Ruland
West Virginia University

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Jeanna Rzempulouch
Philadelphia, PA

Sts. Francis Xavier and Thérèse of Lisieux, patrons of missionaries, pray for us!

"...Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers." Acts 9:31

Senior Testimony

I had a reversion back to the Catholic faith my senior year of high school, and I began to pray, even though I was unsure exactly how to.

My prayer was for the Lord to provide me with a community of Catholics my age (something I lacked in my youth) who desired a relationship with Jesus through their faith.

The Lord truly provided! I showed up the summer before my freshman year and the little community of St. John's welcomed me. At first, I was a little intimidated, but I grew to embrace the novelty: I learned about the history of the church and her teachings; a missionary invited to Bible study where I was taught how scripture confirms our Catholic faith; and I experience good, virtuous friendships, learning how to pray and live together, and to rest amidst the chaos and noise of the world.

Most importantly, I learned how to truly pray, and that prayer is an active relationship between God and us. We can always grow deeper in divine intimacy with Him. I also learned to love the Mass, where Heaven meets Earth in the Eucharist. The Lord truly revealed His love to me through His Church on this campus.

Now, He has called me to go forth--*Ite, missa est*--with that love to serve as a FOCUS Missionary at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

I will invite more young men and women into the community of our Faith and serve as a vessel for his commission for all to know, serve, and love Him.

The St. John's community will always hold a very dear place in my heart, and I pray that God continues to bless this ministry.

+JMJ+
Morgan Schwartz

New Traditions

Valentine's Day Tea Party

Men's Retreat

Holy Saturday 10K

To give financially, SCAN HERE:

Or, go to mountaineercatholic.flocknote.com/give/38863

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"I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Pslam 122:1

MOCA Semesterly Events

~ Thursday Dinner for a Dollar
~ Fall & Spring Retreats
~ WVU Football Tailgate
~ Game Nights
~ Guest Speakers
~ Pizza Parties
~ Men's and Women's Nights

focus
fellowship of Catholic university students

~ Weekly Bible Studies
~ Upper Room
~ Annual SEEK Conference
~ Discipleship

Stay on top of all MOCA activities and events by following our Facebook, GroupMe, and Instagram!