

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 12, 2023*



***May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water (John 4:5-42)? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6).

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do we thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in

### Readings for Next Sunday, March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

## Saint of the Week ... St Patrick

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, but he found his faith while being held as a prisoner there. Born in Britain to wealthy parents, at age 16 Patrick and some of his father's slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered from hunger and cold. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace. Six years later, Patrick escaped and returned to Britain.

Later, an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Once he was ordained a priest, he did return to Ireland and began ministering and converting. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity.

While legends about Patrick abound, the truth is best served by his two greatest qualities: humility and courage. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided his life.

St. Patrick's feast day is celebrated on March 17, the date of his death in circa 493. He is the patron saint of Ireland and engineers.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org), [catholic.org](http://catholic.org), [history.com](http://history.com)



Feast Day: March 17



### THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



Introduce your family to Brother Francis, the fun-loving show host who will accompany your children or grandchildren on a journey through the basics of the Catholic faith! Filled with stories, songs,

object lessons and solid Catholic teaching, this series is used by parents all over the world and loved by kids everywhere. Brother Francis has multiple seasons for Lent...be sure to check out the one on the Stations of the Cross!

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- Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching!

**Take FORMED  
with you on your  
Lenten journey!**

## Knights Hold Installation Ceremony



The Knights of Columbus Assumption Council recently held an installation ceremony at St. Mary's Hall. Alec Stanislawczyk (left) joined the council and was installed as a 3rd Degree Knight. His cousin Logan Stanislawczyk (right) was already a 1st Degree, and he was also installed as a 3rd degree at the ceremony.

Proudly shown here with the two newest 3rd Degree Knights is Marion Dorsey, their uncle and one of the longest serving members of Assumption Council.

*Congratulations to all!*



## Krista Kay Taylor

Born into Life  
July 25, 1944

Born into Eternal Life  
March 6, 2023

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Krista's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

## REMINDER!

We will celebrate a special Mass this Thursday, March 16, at 12 p.m., **officially installing Fr. Thomas as Pastor of Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes.** The Very Rev. Timothy Grassi, Vicar Forane of the Martinsburg Vicariate, will preside over the ceremony. A luncheon will follow in St. Mary's Hall, hosted by the Ladies Guild. Please join us for Mass and the celebration! Kindly sign up in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 11	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Richard Gibson and the Intentions of Kathleen Gibson.....	Mary Shannon
Sunday, March 12	8:30 a.m.	Young People of Our Parish.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, March 13	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 14	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 15	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Sandra Dorsey-Kirtley .....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, March 16	12 noon	Intentions of our Pastor, Fr. Thomas.....	Assumption Parish
Friday, March 17	6:00 p.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....	Kelli & Harry Wittman
		Soul of Glady Calemine.....	Carole Rhodes
		Soul of Mary Ella Minnich .....	Doug Minnich
		<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>	
Saturday, March 18	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Sunday, March 19	8:30 a.m.	Soul of John Turner .....	Dena Demasi-Turner

*Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.*



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.  
\*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 16

Installation of Fr. Thomas as Pastor of Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes at the noon Mass

Friday, March 17

Stations of the Cross led by the Finance Committee

Sunday, March 19

Donut Sunday hosted by the Ladies Guild

Sunday, March 19

Youth Group meeting from 4-5:30 at Grace

Friday, March 24

Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, March 29

Lenten Penance Service at 6 p.m.

## Collections & Attendance

March 4-5, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,585

Loose Donations.....\$580

**Total.....\$3,165**

### Attendance

Saturday, 3/4.....76

Sunday, 3/5.....82

**Total.....158**

### February Balance Sheet

Income.....\$31,463

Expenses.....\$15,854

**Balance.....\$15,609**

### Diocesan Collection This Weekend

A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund which provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our diocese, like Fr. Giles. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service our priests have given us and thank them in this very important way.

## Securing Our Church

As a reminder, beginning next weekend (March 18-19) we will be locking the doors to the church while Mass is being held for the protection of all who worship here.

The doors will be locked approximately 10 minutes after Mass begins. Please note that the door is locked from the outside only; it can be opened from the inside at all times if someone needs to leave early or in case of an emergency.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED!

Distribution of the Sacred Cup will begin at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 6. This means we will need three Extraordinary Ministers per Mass instead of just one. If you would like to serve in this liturgical ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, March 18

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, March 19

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore  
EM: Rosie Landis  
Cantor: Candace Lowery  
Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore

### Saturday, March 25

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Jean Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale

### Sunday, March 26

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Pam Williams  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Stonerise EM

March 16 Meredythe Barrick  
March 23 Stacey Rhodes



May joy and peace surround you,

Contentment latch your door.

May happiness be with you now

and bless you evermore



If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.