

Church of the Assumption

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021



The Ascension of Our Lord

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, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – The Ascension of Our Lord

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do we believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform our lives? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.

Readings for Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

Sunday Mass

Acts 2:1:11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23



Saint of the Week ... St. Bernardine of Siena

Most saints suffered great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, was more like a human dynamo who took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, and attracting crowds of 30,000.

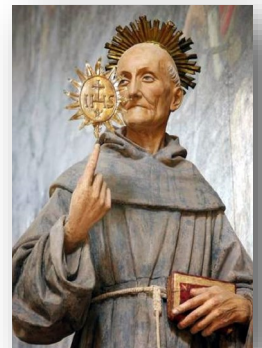
Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day.

General of a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

St. Bernardine is the patron of advertising and public relations.



Feast Day: May 20

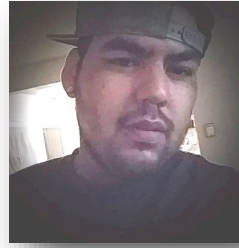


Photo by Sonja Stanislawczyk

Congratulations to our First Communion recipients who celebrated their sacrament last Sunday!

Shown here with Fr. Thomas are: Pippa Dolechek, Micah Alt, Tess Maybury; Tucker Newlin, Jude Barrick, Brant Pritts, Maddox Cameron, Hayden Costello.

Special thanks to catechists Jean Harber and Sally Maybury who prepared our students for this special occasion.



Martin Torres Jr.

Born into Life
July 3, 1991

Born into Eternal Life
May 6, 2021

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at our church on Monday, May 17, at 3 p.m.

Special Mass on Memorial Day

Deacon Phillip Szabo will celebrate Mass at our church on Memorial Day (Monday, May 31) at 6 p.m. following his ordination to the priesthood that Saturday. If you would like to contribute toward a monetary gift for Deacon from our parish, please drop it in the offertory basket marked for Deacon Phillip, or mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Office by May 25. Checks can be made payable to the Church of the Assumption.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 15	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families.....	Linda Marsh
		Soul of Martin Torres Jr.....	The Godinez/Torres Family
Sunday, May 16	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Thomas Dorsey	Judy & Kenn Dolechek
		Kelley Kuhn's intentions.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Virginia Collins' intentions	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Monday, May 17	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 18	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 19	6:00 p.m.	Soul of James Willis	Mary Balassone
		Soul of Brian Dorsey.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, May 20	12 noon	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody family.....	Sharon Melody
Friday, May 21	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Joe Gratto	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, May 22	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Jim & Cindy Alt
Sunday, May 23	8:30 a.m.	Our CCD Graduates	Assumption Parish

Parish Council Vote Next Weekend

We will vote for new Parish Council members at the Masses next weekend (May 22-23). All adult parishioners are eligible to cast a vote for three (3) persons. The nominees are listed below for your prayerful consideration:

Paul Bogdan	Lynn McQuinn
Tammy Dorsey-Dale	Tina Stephen
Mike Fleming	Pam Williams
Bob Konka	

Collections & Attendance

May 8-9, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,107
Loose Donations	\$510
Repairs & Maintenance	\$30
Total	\$3,647

Attendance

Saturday 5/8	39
Sunday 5/9	56
First Communion 5/9.....	69
Total	164

Peter's Pence Collection

A Diocesan appeal is scheduled for next weekend to benefit the Peter's Pence collection. There will be a separate basket next to the bulletins for this collection.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 22	Karen Yowler (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Mike & Joanne Stickley (U)
Sunday, May 23	CCD Seniors (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Denny Dolechek (U) Tina Stephen (U)
Saturday, May 29	Doug Minnich (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
Sunday, May 30	Paul Bogdan (L) Julie Alt (C) Doug & Jane Placka (U)



Congratulations to Carlie Del Signore, one of our religious education seniors, for being named the recipient of the prestigious Katharine Church Award.

This award is presented annually to a senior girl at Keyser High School who has proven herself academically and athletically and who has also displayed integrity and leadership in her high school career. CCD Senior Gini Breedlove was also a nominee.

Carlie and Gini...we are very proud of you!

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

We have received updated COVID-19 guidelines from our Diocese, along with Bishop Brennan's thanks to all parishioners for following the directives that have been in place for almost a year. Some of those changes are outlined here:

- Temperatures will no longer be checked.
- Hand sanitizer will not be offered by the ushers but will be available; we encourage you to use it when you enter and exit the church.
- Due to the CDC's recent findings that the risk of infection from touching a surface is low, we will no longer sanitize the church following every Mass. It will, however, be sanitized weekly. Sanitizing wipes will be available in the vestibule for anyone who would like to sanitize their space.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace will resume with a non-tactile greeting (a bow or a nod of the head) to those outside your family.

What Isn't Changing

- Masks are still required.
- Every other pew will remain closed and non-family members will still be social distanced in the same pew.
- Holy Water basins will remain empty.
- Ushers will continue to record attendees for contact purposes in the event we would have a COVID-19 exposure.
- Ushers will continue to release pews for Holy Communion and for dismissal.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!