

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday***

***May 28, 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, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

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

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**Office Hours:**

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Pentecost

Do we know and experience in our own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17). Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and set our heart ablaze with the fire of your love that we may serve you in joy and freedom.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

June 4, 2023

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

## Saint of the Week ... St. Justin Martyr

Justin was born circa 105 AD. He was a Palestinian of Greek parentage, beginning his life in present day Nablus, 40 miles north of Jerusalem. In Jesus' time, the area had been a part of Samaria. A well educated young man, Justin tried various schools of thought and experimented with several different philosophies of his day. Eventually, he met one of the early Christians and began a study of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures at Ephesus. At the age of 30, he accepted the gift of faith and was baptized.

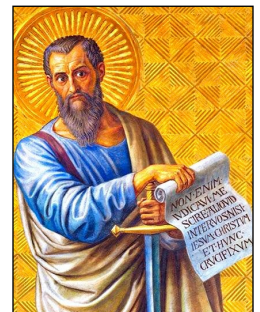
Continuing in his chosen vocation as a philosopher, Justin traveled from place to place, thinking, writing, speaking, arguing and defending Christian beliefs. Unfortunately, only fragments of his many writings have survived. Among these are brief descriptions of the Mass and Baptism.

In the custom of his time, Justin, as an established philosopher and teacher, founded a school at Rome. He was eventually denounced as a Christian by Crescens, a pagan philosopher whom he had beaten in debate.

Justin and six other Christians (five men and a woman) were put to death in 165 by beheading, after they refused to offer sacrifice to the gods at Rome. His response to the command of Rusticus the Prefect to worship the idols was a simple statement: "No right minded person forsakes the truth for falsehood."

The emblems of St. Justin are a quill pen and an ax or sword, denoting his writer's vocation and his martyr's death. His feast day is June 1 and his proper scripture is 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. He is revered as the patron saint of lecturers.

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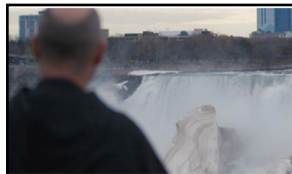


Feast Day: June 1

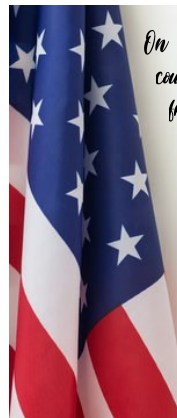
### THIS WEEK ON FORMED

#### God's Love Poured Out (Episode 1)

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we celebrate a fundamental pillar of our faith: God is love (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of faith. In this episode, Fr. Dave Pivonka illuminates God's eternal pouring out of love.



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*On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Jesus Christ.*

*May God bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.*

*Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice and seek an end to violence and conflict around the world.*

## Confirmed in Faith!

Congratulations to these 15 young people (14 from Assumption Parish and 1 from Annunciation of Our Lord Parish) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday! The special Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Mark Brennan, along with Fr. Thomas Sebastian, Fr. Dan Price from Annunciation, and Fr. Armando Herrera from Blessed Sacrament Church in Harrisonburg, Va. (whose sister was confirmed).



*Bishop Brennan is shown here with our 2023 Confirmation class: (front) Ava Barrick, Libby Del Signore, Evelyn Cole, Neva Pritts; (back) Deacon Stanislawczyk, Caleb Blacka, Don Starcher, River Cameron, Benjamin Mele, James Maybury, Ryan Pratt, Charlie Oglesbee, Nick McKenzie, Ariana Herrera-DosReis, Eric Hatfield.*

Special thanks to everyone who gave their time and talents to make this blessed event so special, and the members of the Ladies Guild who hosted the joyous reception following Mass.

We also thank the families, sponsors and catechists who have led these 15 special people in their faith. We pray that all of them will allow the Holy Spirit to light their way throughout their lives!

*Through the generous donations of our parishioners, our Confirmation class presented 40 blessing bags to representatives from DHHR that will be given to local children who are removed from their homes.*



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 27	4:00 p.m.	Soul of William Roach.....	Linda Marsh
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, May 28	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Alice & John Kazlo.....	The Trezise Family
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, May 29	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 30	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 31	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Carol & Dale Martin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Thomas Bogdan.....	John & Paul Bogdan
Thursday, June 1	12 noon	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Soul of Krista Taylor.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, June 2	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Martin W. Willis.....	Mary Alexander
Saturday, June 3	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Barbara Grubbs.....	The Barrick Family
		Intentions of Sue Harber.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, June 4	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Julie Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

*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, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

*\*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)*



Last Sunday we celebrated our three CCD graduates who are shown here with Fr. Thomas: Haleigh Welch, Anthony Mele and Landon Rhodes.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and we pray that they always know Assumption Parish as their home!

***Congratulations!***

## Collections & Attendance

May 20-21, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes ..... \$2,228  
 Loose Donations ..... \$791  
**Total..... \$3,019**

### Attendance

Saturday, 5/20 ..... 64  
 Sunday, 5/21 ..... 122  
**Total..... 186**

### Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people in the U.S. and abroad.



## Gifts from the Holy Land

Our friends from Bethlehem Wood Carving are with us this weekend with their beautiful handmade carvings from the Holy Land.

Olivewood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from generations. Their mission is to support fellow Christians in the Holy Land by selling their carvings which is a major source of their income. Your purchases will enable approximately 200 families to remain in the Holy Land as well as support peace in the Middle East. The items will be available for sale after both Masses.



## Knights of Columbus NEWS

A reminder to all members who have 300 Club tickets to return them to Mike Landis no later than May 31. The first drawing is on June 1.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, June 3 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Kenny Brant  
 Servers: Mike Landis & Alan Taylor  
 EM: Alan Taylor, Mike Landis (c),  
 Dave Dunn (c)  
 Greeters: Bob Yowler & Bill Lupis  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Sunday, June 4

Lectors: Paul Bogdan  
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
 EM: Tina Stephen, David Minnich (c),  
 Pam Williams (c)  
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk  
 Cantor: Patrick George

### Saturday, June 10

Lector: Alan Taylor  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
 EM: Sue Harber, Jean Harber (c),  
 Alan Taylor (c)  
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, June 11

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
 EM: Rosie Landis, Mike Landis (c),  
 Nancy Starcher (c)  
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant  
 Cantor: Julie Alt & Nancy Starcher

### Stonerise EM

June 1 Cindy Alt  
 June 8 Meredythe Barrick