

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 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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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus approached the blind man (John 9:1-41) he first awakened hope in him—the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. This pool of fresh flowing water was one of the landmarks of the city of Jerusalem. This pool was likely used as a ceremonial bath of purification for people who were going up to the Temple to worship.

What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Let us pray: Jesus, in your name, the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do.

Readings for Next Sunday,
March 26, 2023
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Saint of the Week ... St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19). The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

St. Joseph is invoked as the patron of many causes, including fathers, expectant mothers, families, carpenters, house hunters, cemetery workers, travelers and working people.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org, catholicculture.org



Feast Day: March 19

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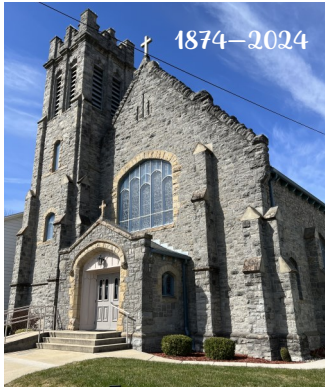
Dive deeply into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings with "FORMED in the Word." Each week the hosts will review the Mass readings for the coming Sunday, situate them in their historical and literary context, and illuminate the connection and continuity between the readings, helping you to see why the Church put them together. This series is a resource for people who want to prepare themselves for the Mass by reflecting on the Word of God in advance.

Register for **FREE** Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit 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!**



Assumption Parish Sesquicentennial

Our parish will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary in the fall of 2024! We will kick off our jubilee year later this fall, but the planning starts now!

Our Parish and Finance councils met last week to develop a plan and identify committees. To make the celebration a success, we will need a lot of ideas and a lot help! Please look over the committees listed below to determine which one you would

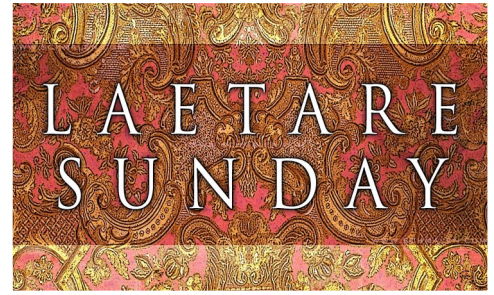
most enjoy helping with. Call or email the Parish Office with your choice...meetings will be starting very soon! Thank you in advance for making this milestone an enjoyable and memorable event for everyone.

Committee

Kick-Off Event
 Communications
 Commemorative Book
 Liturgy
 Fund Raising
 Jubilee Finale

Chairperson(s)

Tammy Dale, Nancy Starcher
 Kelley Kuhn, Mike Landis
 Pam Williams, Lauren Ellifritz
 Dena Turner, Nancy Starcher
 Julie Alt
 Jean Harber, Sue Harber



The Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint of the season and is known as Laetare Sunday.

Laetare (pronounced lay-TAH-ray) is Latin and means "rejoice."

Laetare Sunday provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
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
Monday, March 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 22	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Thursday, March 23	12 noon	Members of the Harber Family	Jean Harber
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Lonnie White	Wanda Kinnie
Friday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	The Barrick & Travis Families	Howard & Karen Barrick
		<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>	
Saturday, March 25	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Fazzalore, Gardine & Whetzel families.....	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, March 26	8:30 a.m.	Our Parish Volunteers.....	Assumption Parish

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

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.

Friday, March 31

Stations of the Cross led by the Ladies Guild

Sunday, April 2

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

Sunday, April 2

Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. at Keyser Middle School, sponsored by our Youth Group

Collections & Attendance

March 11-12, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,015
Loose Donations	\$912
Repairs & Maintenance	\$55
Easter Flowers	\$65
Votive Candles	\$92
Poor Box	\$200
Total	\$5,339

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund	\$703
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Attendance

Saturday, 3/11	76
Sunday, 3/12	107
Total	183

Easter Flower Offering

The annual Easter Flower collection is slated for next weekend. Please be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of (a list will be included in the Easter bulletin).



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (March 19) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event.



Knight of the Month

Marion Dorsey has been named Knight of the Month for the month of February. Marion has been a contributing member of the Assumption Council for many years, and continues to be a leader and mentor to many of our younger Knights. He has held many offices and is the go-to Knight for advice and leadership as to how the council should meet our obligation to the church and parish community. You will always find Marion at church helping in many roles. He is an example of everything a Knight should be. Congratulations Marion!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 25

Lector:	Kerri Wittman
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:	David Minnich
Cantor:	Julie Alt
Greeters:	Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, April 1

Lector:	Alan Taylor
Servers:	James & Tess Maybury
EM:	Janet Corley
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, April 2

Lector:	Pam Williams
Servers:	Tina & Derek Stephen
EM:	Nancy Starcher
Cantor:	Linda Marsh
Greeters:	Janet Corley & Paul Bogdan

Stonerise EM

March 23	Stacey Rhodes
March 30	Dave Dunn

