

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



Come & See

JOHN 1:35-42

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:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is Jesus for us? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus, John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may joyfully seek to do your will in all things.

Readings for Next Sunday,

January 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Saint of the Week... St. Agnes

St. Agnes (also called Saint Agnes of Rome) is one of the most celebrated Roman martyrs. According to tradition, Agnes was a beautiful girl who refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but Jesus Christ. Her suitors revealed her Christianity, which was then condemned as a cult, and in punishment she was exposed in a brothel.

Awed by her purity and presence, all but one of the Roman youths left her untouched; in his attempt to violate her, the sole attacker was miraculously struck blind, whereupon Agnes healed him with prayer. Later, after refusing to renounce her faith, she was sentenced to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on January 21, 304. St. Agnes is the patron saint of young girls, chastity, and rape survivors. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: January 21



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

Caring and Sharing in 2023

Our heartfelt thanks to each of you for the many ways you support our parish, whether it be through your time, talents, or resources...or all three! We are truly a very blessed parish!

We will be sharing our annual financial report in a few weeks, but wanted to call out these amazing numbers which show just how much you share your love with God, your church and your community!

Offertory contributions:\$188,139
Catholic Sharing Appeal:\$19,769
Diocesan collections:.....\$7,865
Poor Box contributions:.....\$4,500
Mission Visits.....\$2,695
Disaster Relief collections:.....\$1,713

\$224,681

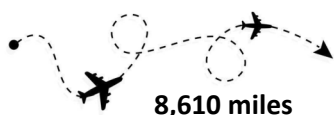
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Farewell Fr. Thomas!

Fr. Thomas will be leaving this week to travel back home to India for a month-long vacation. While he is away, there will be no weekday Masses. Fr. Giles will be here to celebrate our weekend Masses. Please keep Fr. Thomas in your prayers for a safe journey home and a vacation of reacquaintance, relaxation and renewal.

Since we won't have daily Masses for several weeks, here are weekday Mass times at other local churches:

Mondays	8:30 a.m.	St. Gabriel, Barton
Tuesdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	12 noon	Our Lady of Grace, Romney
	12 noon	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
Wednesdays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter, Westernport
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	6:30 p.m.	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
Fridays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St Peter, Westernport



Note of Thanks

*Dear Loving Parishioners,
Gratitude fills my heart as I express sincere thanks for your overwhelming support, heartfelt concern, and generous gifts on the occasions of Christmas, New Year, my Ordination Anniversary, and Birthday. Your kindness has touched me deeply, making these celebrations truly special. I feel blessed to be part of such a loving and caring community. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and warm wishes.*

Fr. Thomas



Next weekend Fr. Giles will present the fourth and final edition of our Teaching Mass series, "Understanding and Celebrating the Eucharist." The series has been part of our parish's celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival and in conjunction with our Jubilee celebration.



Next week we will continue our focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. What are we asked of and promising to the Lord, whose real presence has been given to each of us in the Eucharist? How do we take this out into the world? The Mass will begin as usual; Father will give a presentation at the start of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, followed by the rest of the Mass.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 13	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of George & Jennie Ebner.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, January 14	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh	Michelle Brill
		Intentions of the Delilo Family	Sue Harber
Monday, January 15	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 16	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 17	No Mass		
Thursday, January 18	No Mass		
Friday, January 19	No Mass		
Saturday, January 20	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto	Jan Chiccehitto
		The Calemine & Wise Families	Jean Harber
Sunday, January 21	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Martin Willis	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Thomas Martin	Lynn McQuinn



Knights of Columbus NEWS



Knight of Columbus members Michael and Logan Stanislawczyk are shown here presenting donations to local Warm the Children representative Dayla Harvey.

This was by far the best collection year to date and the Mineral County

Family Resource Network which sponsors the program was so appreciative! Seven large bags of winter clothing - including 73 coats! - were collected this year.

Thanks to our parishioners, K of C members, and our Youth Group members for their amazing support of this project!

Take advantage of the marked down prices on winter coats and clothing! Donations can be brought to the church or Parish Office anytime during the year!



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (January 21) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month's event.



Note of Thanks

My sincere thanks to our entire music team for all the extra time and hard work they gave to our music ministry during the Christmas season. Thank you for sharing your talents with us: Patrick George, Linda Marsh, Julie Alt, Nancy Starcher, JoAnn Burnett, Anita Tetreault, Mike Labonte, and Candace Lowery. Special thanks to Michael Stanislawczyk for leading the Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve!

Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director

Benefit Dinner for The James Isaac House

The Assumption Ladies Guild is sponsoring a table at a benefit dinner for the James Isaac House, a Right-to-Life organization with an office in Keyser. The event will be held Friday, January 19 at 6 p.m. at Brookdale Farm Stadell. If you would like to attend, please contact Tammy Dorsey-Dale at 304-813-5065.

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 6-7, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$890
Loose Donations.....	\$110
Total	\$1,000

Attendance

Saturday, 1/6.....	9
Sunday, 1/7.....	55
Total	64

December Balance Sheet

Income	\$29,850
Expenses.....	\$21,477
Balance	\$8,373

Special Collection This Weekend

A special collection is being taken this weekend across our Diocese for humanitarian relief in the Holy Land. A separate basket is available for this appeal.

Second Collection Next Weekend

A second collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Church in the Developing World (Latin America, Africa, and Central & Eastern Europe).

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 20

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c), Mere Barrick (c)
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, January 21 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EM: Tina Stephen, Mike Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Greeters: CCD Students
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, January 27

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, January 28

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: James & Tess Maybury, Nick McKenzie
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 18 Joanne Stickley
January 25 Cindy Alt