

## **Assumption Catholic Church**

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 2024



### May you find Christ here...may you take 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 Fr. Thomas A. Sebastian CST, Pastor tanatharackal@gmail.com, 681.404.2521

Rev. Mr. Larry Hammel, Deacon LawrenceVHammel@gmail.com

Kelli Wittman, Office Manager

Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist

Patrick George, Organist

#### Office Hours:

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

#### Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

#### **Sunday Reflection: Corpus Christi**

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi today, we are reminded of the profound mystery and boundless love present in the Holy Eucharist. This feast invites us to reflect deeply on the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, given for our salvation and unity. In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus in the most intimate way, receiving Him into our hearts and lives. This sacrament of love is not merely a ritual but a living reality that transforms us,

Readings for Next Sunday, June 9, 2024

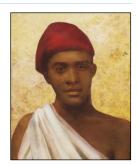
Genesis 3:9-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

strengthens our faith, and renews our commitment to love and serve one another. Each time we partake in the Eucharist, we are called to become what we receive: the Body of Christ, living and active in the world.

Let this celebration of Corpus Christi inspire us to a greater appreciation of the Mass and a deeper devotion to the Eucharist. May we also be moved to reach out in charity to our brothers and sisters, especially those in need, embodying the love and compassion of Christ in our daily lives. May the Holy Eucharist be our source of strength and unity, drawing us closer to God and to one another.

#### Saint of the Week ... St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

St. Charles Lwanga was born in 1860 in the southern part of modern Uganda. He served as a page and later as a major-domo in the court of King Mwanga II. As part of the King's effort to resist foreign colonization, he had begun to insist that Christian converts abandon their new faith, and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1855 and 1887. Many of those that were executed were officials in his Royal Court or otherwise very close to him. Among those executed was Charles Lwanga; the Catholic Church recognizes him as a Ugandan Catholic Catechist martyred for his faith.



Feast Day: June 3

The persecutions started in 1885. After a massacre of Anglican Missionaries which included Bishop James Hannington, the leader of the Catholic community, Joseph Mukasa, who was then major-

domo of the court, reproached the king for the killings. Later that day, Charles Lwanga sought baptism as a Catholic by a missionary Priest. In May 1886, Mwanga ordered a general assembly of the court, charged two of the pages and condemned them to death. The next day, Charles secretly baptized those in his charge. Later the King called another assembly and interrogated all present to see if they would renounce Christianity. Led by Charles Lwanga, the royal pages declared their fidelity to their religion; the King condemned them to death.

Charles Lwanga was separated from the others. As he was being burnt, Charles said to the Guardian, "It is as if you are pouring water on me. Please repent and become a Christian like me." Twelve Catholic boys and men, and nine Anglicans were burnt alive.

Charles Lwanga was burnt alive and martyred for his faith along with other Catholics in 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized him and his companions in 1964. He is the patron saint of converts and torture victims.

Source: newmanministry.com

+ Prayer Requests

Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Steve Brill, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott

Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, 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)



In celebration of today's Solemnity, we will have a Corpus Christi procession following Mass (Sunday only). The procession will leave the church, travel around St. Mary's Hall, and return to the church for Solemn Benediction.

The Corpus Christi procession is a centuries old tradition of the Catholic faith, publicly proclaiming Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist.

#### **Knights Receive Community Award**



The West Virginia Knights of Columbus has presented Assumption Council 10545 the Community Award for the Warm the Children (coats for kids) pro-

ject. Michael Stanislawczyk (right), Youth Chairman, is shown here accepting the award from Mike Landis who received it at the State Convention last month.

Through the Council's Warm the Children project, hundreds of coats are donated to children in our local community. Our sincere thanks to the parishioners and youth group members who donated coats to make this award possible.

The plaque reads, "Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility and compassion."

Thank you to all of our Knights who put their faith into action in so many ways!



## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, June 7. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



#### **Eucharistic Pilgrimage Nearby in Pennsylvania**

The first ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has begun! There are four routes designated across the country, and all four branches will converge in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress which begins July 16.

The Seton Route of the Eucharist Pilgrimage will travel through Loretto, Johnstown, and Altoona on June 9-11. All Catholics are invited to join Christ in the journey by attending Mass, walking in the procession, or hearing a witness talk given by one of the Perpetual Pilgrims.

To learn more about the events planned for this part of the pilgrimage, visit dioceseaj.org/eucharisticpilgrimage/.

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions Date Time Intention Offered by Souls of Vernon & Rita Grubbs...... Howard & Karen Barrick Saturday, June 1 4:00 p.m. Soul of Mary B. Dorsey......Mary Lambert Soul of James "Sam" Lyons......Frances Lyons Sunday, June 2 8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Fazzalore Family ...... The Fazzalore Family Monday, June 3 No Mass Tuesday, June 4 No Mass Wednesday, June 5 Intentions of Bob & Phyllis Harman and Katie Kuhn ...... Kelley & Jeff Kuhn 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6 12 noon Souls of Fr. Ivan, Joe Quinn & Herman Wise......St. Thomas Cemetery Friday, June 7 9:00 a.m. Soul of Angela Dorsey ...... Marion Dorsey Soul of Ray Boyd......Rocky Miller Saturday, June 8 4:00 p.m. Intentions of Mary Shannon......Sue & Jean Harber Soul of Tom & Betty Harbaugh ...... Michelle Brill Sunday, June 9 8:30 a.m. Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family......Sharon Melody

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

#### **Reminder! Ladies Guild Baby Shower**

The Ladies Guild baby shower to the James Isaac House is this CANCELLED p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. A CANCELLED p.m. in St. attend and to attend and to

# Your Faithful Stewardship May 25-26, 2024

 Offertory
 \$1,900

 Loose Donations
 \$330

 Votive Candles
 \$297

 Poor Box
 \$273

 Total
 \$2,800

 Diocesan Collection

Catholic Relief Services.....\$487

#### **Upcoming Diocesan Collection**

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Peter's Pence appeal which supports the universal church and the work of the Holy See. A separate basket will be available.

#### Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

#### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

#### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? Our OCIA program is for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

#### Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs and to help you through the process.





As part of our Jubilee celebration, Fr. Thomas will be giving blessings at parishioners' homes. We will be scheduling the blessings later this month, primarily on Thursdays and Fridays. If you would like to have Father bless your home, please sign up in the Vestibule or call or email the Parish Office. You will be contacted in a few weeks to schedule a date and time.

#### **Liturgical Minister Schedule**

#### Saturday, June 8

Lector: Sue Harber

Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt

EMs: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)

Cantor: Linda Marsh

Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Kraus

#### Sunday, June 9

Lector: Pam Williams

Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)

Cantor: Julie Alt

Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

#### Saturday, June 15

Lector: Alan Taylor

Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor

EMs: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c) & Mere Barrick (c)

Cantor: Anita Tetreault Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

#### Sunday, June 16

Lector: Derek Stephen

Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis and Remy Kuhn

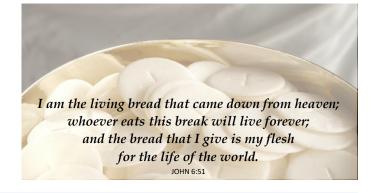
EMs: David Minnich, Charlotte Delilo (c), Rosie Landis (c)

Cantor: Julie Alt

Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

#### **Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

June 6 Meredythe Barrick
June 13 Stacey Rhodes



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.