

# Church of the Assumption

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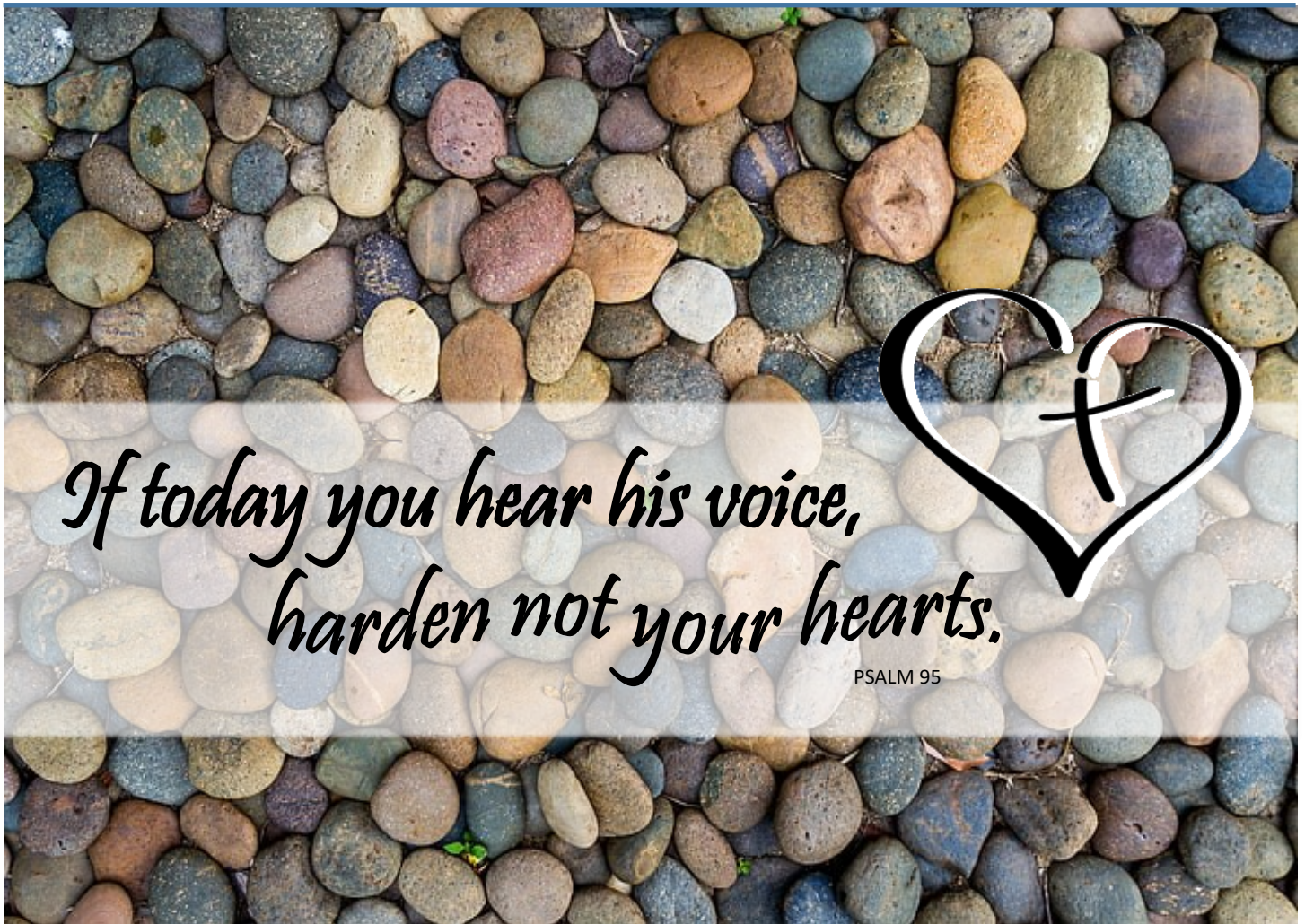
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***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***January 31, 2021***



*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

PSALM 95

***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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**Kelli Wittman, Office Manager**

**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Organist & Choir Director**

**Angela Bowers, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we believe that God's word has power to set us free and to transform our lives? When Jesus taught, he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught, they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - 'Thus says the Lord.' When Jesus spoke, he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed. Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13).

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, your word is power and life. May I never doubt your love and mercy, and the power of your word that sets us free, and brings healing and restoration to body, mind, heart, and spirit.

### Readings for Sunday, February 7, 2021

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

## Saint of the Week...

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia and a doctor. He was martyred in Sebastea in 316, but the legendary "Acts of St. Blaise" were written 400 years later.

According to those writings, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. But because persecution still raged in Armenia, he was forced to flee to the back country where he lived as a hermit and made friends with the wild animals.

One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were surprised and frightened; the bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by wolves, lions and bears. According to legend, as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea when they came across a poor woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig, which it did—alive and injured. The woman visited him in prison and brought two wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. He is the patron saint of throat ailments and English wool combers.



Feast Day: February 3

*The traditional blessing of throats will be given at both Masses next weekend.*

## Welcome His Excellency, The Most Reverend Mark Brennan!



Please join us in welcoming Bishop Mark Brennan for the first time to our Church of the Assumption!

A Boston native, Bishop Brennan attended public schools in Massachusetts and Maryland before entering St. Anthony High School in Washington, DC. He graduated from Brown University with a degree in history, and then entered Christ the King Seminary in Allegheny, New York for a year of philosophy before attending the Pontifical North American College in Rome for his theological studies.

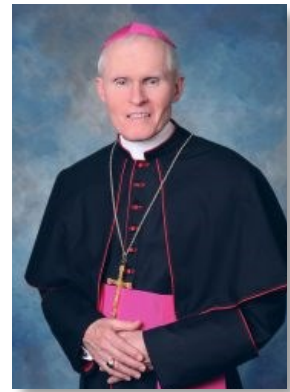
A parish priest for nearly his entire career, Bishop Brennan was assigned to various parishes in Maryland and the District of Columbia for 40 years. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the end of 2016. His Episcopal Ordination was on January 19, 2017.

Additionally, Bishop Brennan attended Spanish language courses and Hispanic cultural studies in the Dominican Republic and in Colombia. He has also served as Director of Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington.

He was named Bishop for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in 2019.

Bishop Brennan will celebrate both the Vigil and Sunday Masses at our parish, as well as the Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Romney.

We thank His Excellency for visiting us and pray that the Lord continues to bless him in the work he is doing for us and all the people across the great state of West Virginia!



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 30	4:00 p.m.	Tim & Ginny Newlin †	The Nield Family
Sunday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	Marianna Daskal †	Jim Daskal
Monday, February 1	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 2	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 3	6:00 p.m.	James DeMasi †	Mary Shannon
Thursday, February 4	12 noon	Larry & Carmela DeMasi †	Dena DeMasi-Turner
Friday, February 5	9:00 a.m.	Camilla Whiteman †	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Saturday, February 6	4:00 p.m.	Mike & Joanne Stickley's intentions	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, February 7	8:30 a.m.	Brent Barrick's intentions	Howard & Karen Barrick

**Collections & Attendance:  
Week Ending January 24, 2021**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes ..... \$2,175  
 Loose Donations ..... \$358  
**Total ..... \$2,533**

**Attendance**

Saturday Attendance ..... 37  
 Sunday Attendance ..... 47  
**Total ..... 84**

***Church in Latin America***

*A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for the Church in Latin America. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to contribute, there is a separate basket on the table next to the bulletins. Thank you!*

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

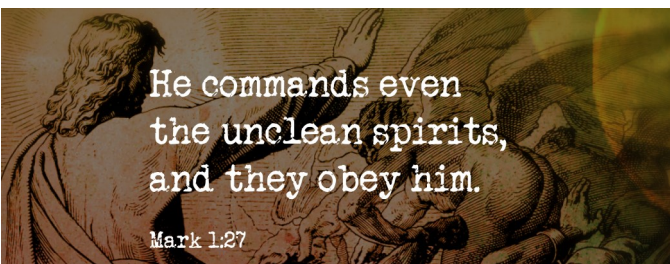
Saturday, February 6.....Doug Minnich (L)  
 Linda Marsh (C)  
 Bob & Karen Yowler (U)

Sunday, February 7.....John Bogdan (L)  
 Anita Tetreault (C)  
 Denny Dolechek (U)  
 Tina Stephen (U)

Saturday, February 13 ...Karen Yowler (L)  
 Linda Marsh (C)  
 Joanne & Mike Stickley (U)

Sunday, February 14 .....Derek Stephen (L)  
 Julie Alt (C)  
 Mike & Rosie Landis (U)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.*



**Thank You for Your Awesomeness!**

We give a big “thank you” to all those who give so selflessly of their time and talents all year to the success of our church and parish. We appreciate you!

**Parish Council**

Denny Dolechek  
 Kenny Brant  
 Janet Corley  
 Lauren Ellifritz  
 Jean Harber  
 Charlie Junkins  
 Shawn McGann  
 Jane Placka  
 Nancy Starcher

**Finance Committee**

Kelley Kuhn  
 Julie Alt  
 Mary Andrews  
 Mike Landis  
 Bill Smith  
 Dena Turner

**Organists**

Linda Davis-Kyle  
 Angela Bowers  
 Patrick George

**Property Management**

Denny Dolechek

**Cantors**

Julie Alt  
 Linda Marsh  
 Nancy Starcher  
 Anita Tetreault

**Care of the Church**

Mary Andrews  
 Jean Harber  
 Sue Harber  
 Beverley Iser

**CCD Teachers**

Julie Alt  
 Jean Harber  
 Bob Konka  
 Jeff & Kelley Kuhn  
 Joe Maybury  
 Elizabeth McQuin  
 Jane Placka  
 Laura Pritts  
 Erin Ravenscroft

**Ushers**

Denny Dolechek  
 Tom & Kathy Finnell  
 Jean Harber  
 Jeff & Kelley Kuhn  
 Mike & Rosie Landis  
 Doug Minnich  
 Doug & Jane Placka  
 Mary Shannon  
 Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk  
 Tina Stephen  
 Mike & Joanne Stickley  
 Dena Turner  
 Bob & Karen Yowler

**Cleaners**

Julie Alt  
 Janet Corley  
 Mike Fleming  
 Beverley Iser  
 John & Debbie Krumpach  
 Mike & Rosie Landis  
 Doug Minnich  
 Jane & Doug Placka  
 Alan Taylor  
 Tony & Krista Taylor

**Cemetery Care**

Denny Dolechek  
 Jeff Kuhn  
 Mike & Rosie Landis