

Church of the Assumption

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

We Love Because
He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

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, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested
for weekend Masses.*

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Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. In Jesus' time, lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur. But Jesus not only grants the leper his request, he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do we approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do we show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion.

Readings for Sunday,
February 21, 2021
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Saint of the Week ... St Valentine of Rome

Saint Valentine of Rome is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. He was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Another depiction of St. Valentine's arrests was that he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, and was therefore imprisoned. While in prison, he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

St. Valentine continued refusing to renounce his faith and was executed on February 14, somewhere between the years 269 and 280.

St. Valentine is the patron saint of couples, beekeepers, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, plague, travelers, and young people. He is often shown with birds and roses.



Feast Day: February 14

Happy
Valentine's
Day



The holy season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 17. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 6:30 p.m. In anticipation of a larger number of people attending, please register for this Mass.

Beginning Friday, February 19, and continuing every Friday through March 26, the daily Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. (instead of 9:00 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Distribution of Ashes

Earlier this year, the Holy See issued guidance on the distribution of ashes during the pandemic.



After blessing the ashes with holy water, Fr. Thomas will address the congregation once, saying "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We will then approach the sanctuary as we do for Communion with the assistance of the ushers, and Father will sprinkle the ashes on our heads.

Thank You from Carlie and Claire Del Signore

We would like to thank everyone who supported our senior project with your generous donations.

During this pandemic, we felt it would be best to do something for our senior project that would benefit those in need. All of your donations went to the Faith in Action Food Pantry.

Thank you all again for your generosity!



Carlie and Claire are shown here picking up the food donations which were contributed by our parishioners last weekend. They are KHS and Assumption CCD students. Great job girls!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 13	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
Sunday, February 14	8:30 a.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
Monday, February 15	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 16	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 17	6:30 p.m.	Soul of James DeMasi Soul of Richard Gibson	Mary Shannon Mary Shannon
Thursday, February 18	12 noon	Soul of Anne Stickley	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, February 19	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Joseph Willis	Mary Alexander
Saturday, February 20	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber Family	Jean Harber
Sunday, February 21	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family	

Collections & Attendance:

Week Ending February 7, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,380
Loose Donations.....	\$1,175
Repairs & Maintenance	\$195
Votive Candles	\$96
Poor Box	\$198
Total	\$4,044

Attendance

Saturday Attendance	46
Sunday Attendance	27
Total	73

January 2021 Balance Sheet

January Income.....	\$24,650
January Expenses	\$10,684
Balance	\$13,966

Note: Diocesan collections are scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 17, to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and next Sunday, February 21, for Black and Indian Missions. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to contribute, there will be a separate basket on the table next to the bulletins. Thank you!

Upcoming Faith Formation Courses

Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences.

- **Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church**
Class meets Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. *Students will learn basic terms and concepts that are essential for understanding the Church's nature and mission, and how these have been a constant theme in the Church's evolution as a "living organism" throughout history.*
- **Introduction to Scripture**
Class meets Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. *Course focuses on how the Bible came about, what were some of the cultural factors which influenced the events around the writings of the Old and New Testaments, and what Church documents today tell us about the Bible.*

Both courses will run from February 21 through March 27 and are 100% underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. For more information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number. The last day to register is Friday, February 19.

A Prayer for St. Valentine's Day

God bless you on this special day,

God keep you in His care,

And may His blessing and His love

Go with you everywhere.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 20 ... Sue Harber (L)

Anita Tetreault (C)

Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)

Sunday, February 21 Mike Landis (L)

Julie Alt (C)

Doug & Jane Placka (U)

Saturday, February 27 ... Karen Yowler (L)

Linda Marsh (C)

Dena Turner (U)

Mary Shannon (U)

Sunday, February 28 Alan Taylor (L)

Anita Tetreault (C)

Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk (U)

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