

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



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: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. Jesus not only showed his disciples that he personally cared for them and sought their welfare, but he personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts. And he spent himself doing good for them. To know Jesus personally is to know God and the love and friendship he offers to each one of us. One of the special marks of favor shown in the Scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the friend of God (Isaiah 41:8). God spoke with Moses as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants.

What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. He loved his own to the end (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do we wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

Readings for Next Sunday,

May 12, 2024

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

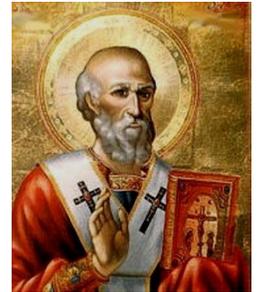
Saint of the Week... St. Athanasius

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East - Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. St. Athanasius is the patron saint of theologians, apologists and scholars.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: May 2



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, 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 Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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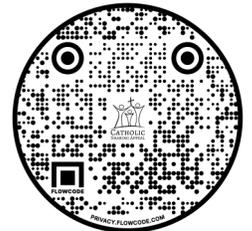


The annual Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA). It's something you hear us talk about year after year, but you may not know how it directly impacts our parish as well as our neighbors across West Virginia.

Your generosity helps deliver shared ministries throughout our great state, supports students in all 24 of our Catholic schools, and expands outreach efforts to every corner of the state. At our parish, the CSA has most recently helped us install air conditioning in St. Mary's Hall, replace the roofs on the Rectory and garage, and offset the cost of our Jubilee celebration. This year we will use our parish CSA funding to refinish the pews that have been dulled from frequent cleaning and sanitizing during the pandemic.

As you know, the first 50 percent of donations toward our goal are used to support the ministries, Catholic school students, and outreach efforts throughout West Virginia. Everything donated after we reach 50 percent comes directly back to our parish. What you may not realize is that we also receive part of that first 50% through grants and other shared ministries. Notably for this year, the Diocese used funds from the CSA (the portion they keep) to offer free tickets to every parish in the state to the National Eucharistic Congress being held this summer in Indianapolis. Six Assumption parishioners will be attending the event with complimentary tickets from the Diocese and the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

When you give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, you directly impact the lives of thousands of West Virginians near and far. We hope to surpass our CSA goal of \$17,615 this year before the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in August which is when we will celebrate our Jubilee year finale. What a wonderful testament that would be to the blessings of our past and promise of our future!



Aim your camera at the flowcode.

To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website at dwc.org/csa, or use your smartphone to scan the QR code shown here. Your support today will help us reach our goal!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 4	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Dena Turner & Mary Shannon	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Harber Family	Jean Harber
Sunday, May 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Rita Blamer	The Martin Alt Family
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, May 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 8	No Mass		
Thursday, May 9	No Mass		
Friday, May 10	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
		Soul of Rosalee Freeman	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Saturday, May 11	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Gina DeMasi	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Fazzalore, Gardine & Whetzel Families	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers	Assumption Parish

Note: There will be no weekday Masses on Wednesday and Thursday this week while Fr. Thomas is away attending a Priest Convocation in Charleston.


Teacher Appreciation
WEEK

Thank you to all of our religious education teachers for sharing the light of your faith with our children!

Julie Alt	Jeff Kuhn	Sally Maybury
Marie Del Signore	Kelley Kuhn	Jane Placka
Jean Harber	Rosie Landis	Rebekah Rhodes
	Joe Maybury	

Your Faithful Stewardship

April 27-28, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,230
Loose Donations	\$734
Total	\$2,964

Attendance

Saturday, April 27	71
Sunday, April 28	124
Total	195

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 about the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs and assist you with the process.



Parish Council Vote

Please cast your vote for new Parish Council members today!

All adult parishioners are eligible to vote for three (3) persons. If you did not receive a ballot on your way into the church, please see one of the greeters.

Completed ballots can be dropped in one of the offertory baskets.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 11

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Paul Bogdan & Sue Harber
 EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, May 12

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Mike Landis & Beverley Iser
 EMs: Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, May 18

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EMs: Eric Hatfield, Alan Taylor (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, May 19

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
 EMs: Jane Placka, Julie Alt (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 9 Dave Dunn
 May 16 Pam Williams

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Rear of the church by the Holy Water
- Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT

- Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT

- Wall outside the restroom



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.