

Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Easter

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). When Thomas recognized his Master, after the resurrection of Jesus, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith, we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. Jesus called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

Readings for Next Sunday,

April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Saint of the Week ... St. Bernadette of Lourdes

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933. She is the patron saint of illness, against poverty, and people ridiculed for their faith.



Feast Day: April 16





Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is observed universally each year on the Sunday after Easter. The feast day's message is simple: God loves us – all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy.

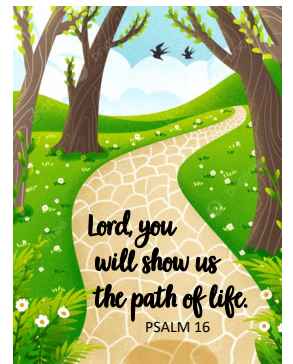
JESUS,
I Trust in
YOU.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



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"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful re-telling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving and reverent, this unique, award winning film has been seen by millions worldwide since its release in 2009.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 15	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
Sunday, April 16	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Krista Taylor.....	Mary Lambert
		Soul of James Thompson	Georgia Thompson
Monday, April 17	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 18	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 19	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
Thursday, April 20	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		The Harber Family	Jean Harber
Friday, April 21	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Sam Alexander	Mary Alexander
		Soul of James G. Bosley	Carole Rhodes
Saturday, April 22	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Mary & Frank Sagal.....	Tom & Kathy Finnell
		Intentions of Peggy Dyer.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, April 23	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Sue Greco

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Larena Brant, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schulle, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.
*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (April 16) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCD Sundays to Remember!

- May 14 First Holy Communion
- May 21 Senior Graduation and Last Class/Registration for Next Year
- May 22 Confirmation



Assumption Council Knight Family of the Month

The Kuhn family has been selected as the Knight Family of the Month for March. Jeff Kuhn, his wife Kelley, daughter Katie, and grandson Remy can be seen at church as a family just about any Sunday. Kelley is our parish Director of Religious Education, a catechist for grades 7-8, chair of the Finance Committee, and also serves as a lector and Extraordinary Minister. Jeff is a catechist for our high school students, helps with maintenance of the cemetery and anything else that is needed around the church. The Kuhn family is involved in many parish activities and represents exactly what a Catholic family is!

Collections & Attendance Easter 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,103
Loose Donations	\$2,041
Votive Candles.....	\$180
Poor Box.....	\$337
Easter Flowers	\$50
Total	\$5,711

Diocesan Collection

Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land.....\$622

Attendance

Easter Vigil.....	65
Easter Sunday, 7 a.m.....	52
Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m.....	134
Total	251

March Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$20,493
Expenses	\$28,520
Balance.....	-\$8,023

CCD Students Enjoy "Last Supper"

CCD students in grades 3-6 got to experience the Last Supper during their class before Easter! The dinner included figs, nuts, olives, grapes, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs served with grape juice.



Their catechists are Julie Alt, Jane Placka, Marie DelSignore and Mere Barrick.



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 22

Lector: Sue Harber
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EM: Janet Corley, Alan Taylor (c), Cathy Pardee (c)

Cantor: TBD
 Greeters: TBD

Sunday, April 23

Lector: John Bogdan
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EM: Pam Williams, Rosie Landis (c), Julie Alt (c)

Cantor: TBD
 Greeters: TBD

Saturday, April 29

Lector: Doug Minnich
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Sue Harber, Jean Harber (c), Meredythe Barrick (c)

Cantor: TBD
 Greeters: TBD

Sunday, April 30

Lector: Sally Maybury
 Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka, Nick McKinzie
 EM: Nancy Starcher, Charlotte Delilo ©, Pam Williams (c)

Cantor: TBD
 Greeters: TBD

Stonerise EM

April 20 Cindy Alt
 April 27 Meredythe Barrick