



# Assumption Catholic Church

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*May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!*

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 2020**

## Season of Advent

Awaiting the Arrival of Christ



**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 required  
for weekend Masses.*

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**Angela Bowers, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – First Sunday of Advent

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 years old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we now participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate. Scripture reading for Advent will reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

In this double focus on past and future, Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. So, as the Church celebrates God's inbreaking into history in the Incarnation, and anticipates a future consummation to that history for which "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," it also confesses its own responsibility as a people commissioned to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation. Prayer, Penance and Fasting are appropriate during this season. I wish you all a blessed and a graceful Advent season.

### Readings for Sunday,

December 6, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



## Saint of the Week Saint Andrew the Apostle

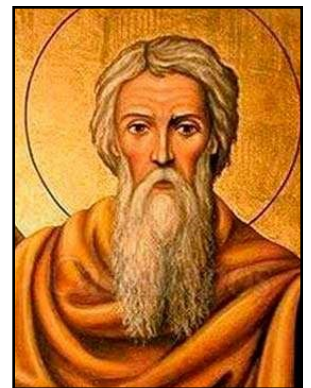
Andrew was Saint Peter's older brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia and Scotland.



Feast Day: November 30

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, November 28

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the  
Harber Family

### Sunday, November 29

8:30 a.m. - Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families

### Monday, November 30

No Mass

### Tuesday, December 1

No Mass

### Wednesday, December 2

6:00 p.m. - Kelley Kuhn's Intentions

### Thursday, December 3

12 noon - Deceased Members of the  
Hoover & Dickel Families

### Friday, December 4

9:00 a.m. - Carmela & Larry DeMasi †

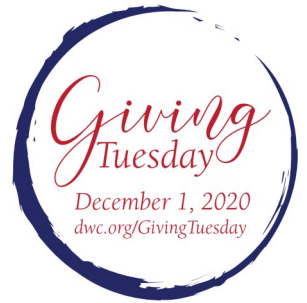
### Saturday, December 5

4:00 p.m. - James DeMasi †

### Sunday, December 6

8:30 a.m. - Julie Balassone †

## Support Our Parish Through Giving Tuesday ...



**... But you don't have  
to wait until Tuesday!**

On December 1, our parish will join Catholics across the country in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of kindness and generosity. You can show your generosity in many ways: donating, volunteering, praying...every act of kindness counts!

Since the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) was not held this year due to COVID-19, the Giving Tuesday campaign will help fund special projects that would have been supported by the CSA.

**Our parish goal for  
Giving Tuesday is  
\$12,000. This will  
provide the necessary  
funds to install a  
security system for all  
properties and to install  
new carpeting in St.  
Mary's Hall.**

**ASSUMPTION  
PARISH GOAL  
\$12,000  
RAISED  
TO DATE  
\$275**

### Collections & Attendance: Week Ending November 22, 2020

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,985
Loose Donations.....	\$420
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$35
Holiday Flowers.....	\$15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,455</b>

Diocesan Collections.....	\$159
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Saturday Attendance.....	13
Sunday Attendance .....	28
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>41</b>

*Thank You*

The Giving Tuesday website is open now and will remain open through midnight on December 1. To support our parish, visit:

**[givingtuesday.dwc.org/campaigns/  
assumption-parish-keyser-wv](https://givingtuesday.dwc.org/campaigns/assumption-parish-keyser-wv)**

Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the offertory basket, with "Giving Tuesday" on the memo line. **Our parish will receive 100% of your donation.**

We appreciate your consideration of the Giving Tuesday appeal when planning your end-of-year charitable contributions. Thank you!





Knight Mike Fleming is shown here with the boxes being donated to Operation Christmas Child. The Knights express their thanks to everyone who sponsored a child by filling one of the shoeboxes!

The K of C continue to collect new winter clothing for Warm the Children. These items can be dropped off at the Parish Office through Sunday, December 13, to be used for this year's campaign.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 5.....Celia Cole (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, December 6.....Alan Taylor (L)  
Julie Alt (C)

Saturday, December 12 ...Kenny Brant (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)

Sunday, December 13 .....Kelley Kuhn (L)  
Nancy Starcher (C)

Saturday, December 19 ...Doug Minnich (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)

Sunday, December 20 .....Paul Bogdan (L)  
Julie Alt (C)

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



## Advent and Christmas Schedule

Enclosed is our schedule of services for Advent and Christmas.

So that we can ensure the health and safety of all who worship with us this season, registration for all Christmas Masses will be required. Please register online, by email or by phone as soon as possible.

### Online

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

### Email

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### Phone

304-788-2488

## Volunteers Needed

The church will be open for private prayer on Christmas Eve from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. We need volunteers to clean the pews that are used in between visitors. If you are available for a 1- or 2-hour shift that day, please contact the Parish Office.

# Hope

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.