

Church of the Assumption

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021



Jesus the Healer

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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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do we take our troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (347-420 AD), reflects on this passage: "Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (John 1:26). 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15).

Do we allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in our personal lives, family, and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do we take our troubles to him with faith that he will help us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set us free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder us from giving ourselves wholly to you and to your service.

Readings for Sunday, February 14, 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

† Saint of the Week ... St Scholastica

Most people are more familiar with St. Benedict because the Benedictine order and monasteries bear his name. St. Scholastica was St. Benedict's twin sister. They were born in 480 in Italy to wealthy parents. At an early age, Scholastica entered a convent joining a Benedictine order for women.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters. According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day. He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove.

Saint Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: February 10

His Excellency, The Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Visits Assumption Parish

Last weekend we were honored to have His Excellency, the Most Reverend Mark Brennan, visit our parish for the first time since being named Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in mid-2019.

Bishop Brennan, who travelled by himself, celebrated both the Vigil and Sunday Masses at our church. After the Saturday Mass, he enjoyed dinner at the Rectory with Father Thomas, Director of Religious Education and Finance Committee Chair Kelley Kuhn, and Office Manager Kelli Wittman. He stayed overnight in the guest room of the Rectory.

He had planned to celebrate the Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Romney, but that Mass was cancelled due to the inclement weather. He left Keyser for Wheeling Sunday morning, and arrived there safely mid-afternoon.

His Excellency regrets that we were not able to have a gathering so he could meet more of our parishioners. He also expressed his gratitude to everyone for following all the necessary guidelines and precautions that allow us to safely continue holding in-person Mass.

We look forward to hosting Bishop Brennan again later this year when he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 12 candidates. The date has not yet been set.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Mass (a total of 77 people), and a special thanks to all those who helped make the visit a success!



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
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
Monday, February 8	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 10	6:00 p.m.	Eunice Gamblin †	Beverley Iser
Thursday, February 11	12 noon	John Ross Family Arnold, Dayton & Tucker families	Carole Rhodes Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, February 12	No Mass		
Saturday, February 13	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
Sunday, February 14	8:30 a.m.	John & Hazel Coffman †	Cindy & Jim Alt

Collections & Attendance: Week Ending January 31, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,347

Loose Donations.....\$429

Total\$2,776

Church in Latin America.....\$225

Attendance

Saturday Attendance55

Sunday Attendance22

Total 77

Liturgical Minister Schedule

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)

Saturday, February 20....Sue Harber (L)
to be named (C)
Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)

Sunday, February 21.....Mike Landis (L)
to be named (C)
Doug & Jane Placka (U)

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



Welcome Maddox Cameron!



Maddox David Cameron, son of Josh and Caitlin (Smith) and Cameron, was Baptized at our church last week. He is shown here with Fr. Thomas and his Godparents Chelsea Ross and

Casey Smith. *Congratulations Maddox!*

World Day for Consecrated Life



World Day for Consecrated Life is being celebrated this weekend. We pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



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.