

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 18, 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, 6:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Lent

Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Why was Jesus compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word tempt in English usually means to entice to sin or wrong-doing. The scriptural word here also means test in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if there are ready for the task at hand. We test pilots to see that they are fit to fly. Likewise, God tests his servants to see if they are fit to be used by him.

God tested Abraham to prove his faith. The Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt before God delivered them from their enemies. Jesus was no exception to this testing. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to choose his own will over the will of his Father in heaven. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things.

Readings for Next Sunday,  
February 25, 2024

Genesis 22:1-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

## Saint of the Week... Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

On February 22 we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ's choosing of Simon Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church, thus creating the first Pontiff of our Church (Pontiff comes from a Latin word, meaning "bridge builder").

On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that St. Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus, and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to St. Peter by our Lord has been handed down to Peter's successors for the past 2,000 years.

This day is not just about apostolic succession in respect to the pope and the bishops. Among the laity, it symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the Church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith; that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. It is a confidence that the leader of our Church adheres to and will never deny the precepts and principles of the Church of Jesus.

Source: [simplycatholic.com](http://simplycatholic.com)



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We are very grateful to have Fr. Thomas back with us following his vacation!

Here are some photos of Fr. Thomas celebrating Mass at the beautiful St. George Cathedral of the Idukki Diocese in Kerala, India (Father's home parish).



# Welcome!

This weekend we welcome Sister Jessica Bernal, HMSP to our parish! Sr. Jessica will give a special talk following Mass on Sunday about how young people can use their faith in the world.

Our older CCD students will attend, and all parishioners are welcome to stay as well. It will take place in the church.

Sister Jessica belongs to the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word and currently serves at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, WV.

This is one of several special events planned to help us celebrate our Sesquicentennial Jubilee!



We extend our thanks to Fr. Giles for celebrating Mass for us while Fr. Thomas was away. We are very blessed to have him (and Henry!) as part of our parish family and look forward to the next time he is able to be with us!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 17	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family .....	Jean Harber
		Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis .....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, February 18	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Marianna Daskal .....	James Daskal
Monday, February 19	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 20	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 21	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Joseph Willis.....	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family .....	Sharon Melody
Thursday, February 22	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Joseph Harber .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, February 23	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey .....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Gina DeMasi .....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, February 24	4:00 p.m.	The Calemine & Wise Families .....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Al Martin .....	Lynn McQuinn
Sunday, February 25	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Intentions of Marsha Gifford.....	Margaret McGee

*Stations of the Cross will be prayed following Mass on Fridays during Lent.*



Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend (February 24-25).

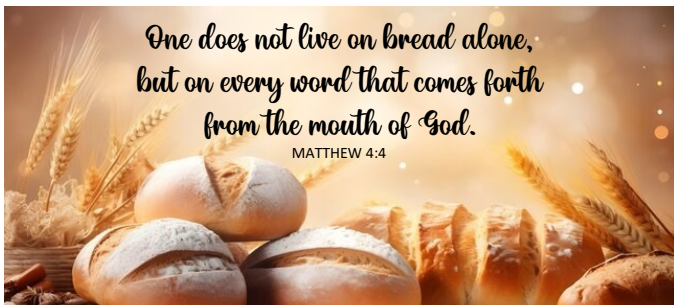



Shown here are members of the Assumption basketball team in the primary division of the Keyser Area Rec League. Their coaches are Amaya Bartlett, Josh Shoemaker and Owen Sweitzer. Front row, Bristol Haggerty, Cecelia Delilo, Harper Newlin, Charlotte Delilo; second row, Laurel Wingler, Kasen Smith, Remy Kuhn, Keyan Ross. Absent from the picture is Isla Delilo.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

**February 10-11, 2024**

<b>Offertory</b>	
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,585
Loose Donations .....	\$1,206
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,871</b>
<b>Diocesan Collection</b>	
Church Missions in the US .....	\$343
<b>Attendance</b>	
Saturday, 2/10 .....	80
Sunday, 2/11 .....	99
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>179</b>

**Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!**  
Please join us after Mass next Sunday (February 25) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this event.

**Donations Sought for CCD Project**

Our Grades 7-8 religious education class are planning a soup kitchen for the needy in our community on Saturday, March 16.



They are asking for monetary donations to purchase the ingredients for the soups. If you would like to make a donation to support their project, it can be given to any member of the class or to their catechists, Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury. Donations can also be put in the offertory basket marked for the soup kitchen. Any leftover donations or food will be donated to the Faith in Action Food Pantry. Thank you!

**Upcoming Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, February 29. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Paul Bogdan, Tammy Dale, Charlotte Delilo, Mike Fleming, Jean Harber, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Pam Williams.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, February 24**

Lector: Celia Cole  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

**Sunday, February 25**

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EM: Jane Placka, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel  
Cantor: Patrick George

**Saturday, March 2 (Knight's Mass)**

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan  
EM: Bob Yowler, Mike Landis (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Greeters: Dave Dunn & Kenny Brant  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

**Sunday, March 3**

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Julie Alt (c)  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk  
Cantor: Julie Alt

**Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

February 22 Jean Harber  
February 29 Joanne Stickley