

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***First Sunday of Lent***

***March 6, 2022***



*Pray + Fast + Give*

***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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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: First Sunday of Lent

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them, and to reject the lies and deceptions of Satan.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. Wish you all a blessed Lenten Season.

### Readings for next Sunday,

March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:5-18

Philippians 3:17-41

Luke 9:28b-36

## Saints of the Week: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slave woman and expectant mother—and three companions, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts. Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. "Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will." The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers.

Source: [fanciscanmedia.org](http://fanciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: March 7

## Holy Helpers



Last Sunday, these Grades 1-2 religious education students helped their teacher, Jean Harber, prepare our altar for the holy season of Lent. Shown from left to right are Jacob Starcher, Kasen Smith, Brynn Bosley and Mia Stephen.

## Our Kids Count!

At Assumption Parish...our Kids Count! We will soon be publishing an edition of the Kids Count! newsletter which highlights the activities and accomplishments of our CCD students.

If you have an item or photo of your child or grandchild you would like to be included, email it to the Parish Office or drop it in the offertory basket no later than March 20. Thank you!



## Robert E. Dorsey

Born into Life  
November 25, 1928  
Born into Eternal Life  
February 24, 2022

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Bobby's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, March 3.*

## Voices Needed!

Our music team is now beginning to practice for Easter and other special occasions, and would welcome new voices!



Practices are held each Thursday at 4:00, but that time can be changed to suit others' schedules.

If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact the Parish Office or Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215 by March 20.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 5	4:00 p.m.	The Barrick & Travis Families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, March 6	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Kay & Robert Fazzalore.....	The Fazzalore Family
Monday, March 7	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 8	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 9	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Andrea Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, March 10	12 noon	Soul of Tom Melody and deceased Members of the Melody Family .....	Sharon Melody
Friday, March 11	6:00 p.m.	The Arnold, Dayton & Tucker families.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 12	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey .....	Marion Dorsey
Sunday, March 13	8:30 a.m.	The Hoover & Dickel families.....	St. Thomas Cemetery

*Note: Mass on Fridays during Lent is held at 6 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross.*

## Collections & Attendance

February 26-27, 2022

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,991
Loose Donations.....	\$755
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$50
Easter Flowers.....	\$15
Votive Candles.....	\$87
Poor Box.....	\$90
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,988</b>

### Attendance

Saturday 2/26.....	85
Sunday 2/27.....	82
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>167</b>
Ash Wednesday Attendance .....	107

Thank You



## Knights of Columbus NEWS

### Wednesday, May 4

#### Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host the next spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 4. More details will be shared soon.

### Thursday, May 5 and

### Thursday, May 19

#### 300 Club Raffle Drawings

Members are currently selling 300 Club raffle tickets. The total number of drawings is 14 with a total prize value of \$750. Each ticket costs \$5 and is good for all 14 drawings. See Mike Landis or any Knight to purchase one (or more)!



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, March 12

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Alan Taylor  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

### Sunday, March 13

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Rosie Landis  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

### Saturday, March 19

Lector: to be named  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber  
EM: Meredythe Barrick  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeter: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

### Sunday, March 20

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Tina Stephen  
Cantors: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk



Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Judy Davis\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Caroline Reeves, Carla Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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