

Church of the Assumption

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Jesus. I Trust in You

**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY**



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 – 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. Do we believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us new life, hope, and joy?

**Readings for Sunday,
April 18, 2021**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

Saint of the Week ... St. Martin 1

Martin I lay too sick to fight on a couch in front of the altar when the soldiers burst into the Lateran basilica. He had come to the church when he heard the soldiers had landed. But the thought of kidnapping a sick pope from the house of God didn't stop the soldiers from grabbing him and hustling him to their ship.



Feast Day: April 13

Elected pope in 649, Martin I had gotten in trouble for refusing to condone silence in the face of wrong. At that time there existed a popular heresy that Christ didn't have a human will, only a divine will. The emperor had issued an edict that didn't support Monothelism (as it was known) directly, but simply commanded that no one could discuss Jesus' will at all.

Monothelism was condemned at a council convened by Martin I. The council affirmed, once again, that since Jesus had two natures, human and divine, he had two wills, human and divine. The council then went further and condemned the edict to avoid discussion stating, "The Lord commanded us to shun evil and do good, but not to reject the good with the evil."

In his anger at this slap in the face, the emperor sent his soldiers to Rome to bring the pope to him. When Martin I arrived in Constantinople after a long voyage he was immediately put into prison. There he spent three months in a filthy, freezing cell. After he was condemned for treason without being allowed to speak in his defense, he was imprisoned for another three months.

From there he was exiled to the Crimea where he suffered from the famine of the land as well as the roughness of the land and its people. He died two years later in exile in the year 656, a martyr who stood up for the right of the Church to establish doctrine even in the face of imperial power.

Source: catholic.org

Special Thanks to Our Music Ministers

We offer a very special thank you to all of our music ministers who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations even more joyous!

This group of talented people spent many hours preparing for that busy week, as well as all year through. Our music ministry includes Linda Davis-Kyle, organist and music director; Patrick George, organist and trumpeter; Angela Bowers, organist; and cantors Julie Alt, Linda Marsh, Nancy Starcher and Anita Tetreault. We so appreciate your sharing your God-given gifts with all of us!

Our instrumentalists and vocalists now have an electronic keyboard that will allow them to offer even more musical pieces. Last March, parishioners voted to purchase a portable keyboard for special songs not able to be performed with the organ. Shortly after that vote all Masses were cancelled due to COVID-19, so no action was taken at that time. The keyboard was recently purchased and permanently placed in the choir loft. While the organ will still be the primary source of our music, the keyboard will offer more versatility for our organists and cantors.

Blessed are those
who have not seen me,
but still believe!

JOHN 20:29

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated.

Nominations can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone, email, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket now through the end of April.

Current members of the Parish Council are Kenny Brant, Janet Corley, Denny Dolechek, Lauren Ellifritz, Jean Harber, Charlie Junkins, Shawn McGann, Jane Placka and Nancy Starcher.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 10	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families	Linda Marsh
Sunday, April 11	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Jim Thompson	Georgia Thompson
Monday, April 12	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 13	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
Thursday, April 15	12 noon	Soul of James DeMasi Julie Alt's Intentions	Mary Shannon Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Viola Huffman Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Nancy Eckard Cindy & Jim Alt
Saturday, April 17	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber Family	The Harber Family
Sunday, April 18	8:30 a.m.	The Barrick & Travis Families	Howard & Karen Barrick

Collections & Attendance Holy Week and Easter

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,198
Loose Donations	\$1,730
Repairs & Maintenance	\$200
Total	\$5,128

Diocesan Collections

Pontifical Good Friday For the Holy Land	\$916
Education of Seminarians	\$463

Attendance

Easter Vigil	71
Easter Sunday (7 a.m.)	32
Easter Sunday (8:30 a.m.)	73
Total	176

March 2021 Balance Sheet

March Income	\$20,623
March Expenses	\$23,073
Balance	-\$2,450

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 17	Anita Tetreault (L) <i>to be named</i> (C) Mike & Joanne Stickley (U)
Sunday, April 18	Mike Landis (L) <i>to be named</i> (C) Denny Dolechek (U) Tina Stephen (U)
Saturday, April 24	Alan Taylor (L) <i>to be named</i> (C) Tom & Kathy Finnell (U)
Sunday, April 25	John Bogdan (L) <i>to be named</i> (C) Doug & Jane Placka (U)

The Year of St. Joseph



*Most watchful
guardian and
loving father,
pray for us.*

Monthly themes for the Year of St. Joseph are taken from St. Joseph's virtues and titles.

April's Theme:

**Joseph.
Hope of the Sick**

This month send a note to a sick or homebound person, or specifically pray for those on our Parish prayer list.



Prayer List

Bobby Dorsey
Joe & Barbara Gratto
Sue Greco
Helen Holder
Aaron Martin
Brooke & Cody Morton
Esther Shockey
Sue Spotts
Bill Stine
Maleigha Taylor
Bonnie Whetzel

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.

Displaced Cemetery Flowers

The St. Thomas Cemetery committee requests that everyone who places flowers on a grave to secure them as best as possible. If your flowers are missing, those that are found by the committee are placed in front of the Maintenance Building.

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.