



Assumption Catholic Church

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

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



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.

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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

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance – calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins. According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Fasting is a bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things. Fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart's intent to depend more completely on God.

The three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. These Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus's original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mathew chapters 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples. Today, let us reflect prayerfully about our Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make ourselves a list. But be modest. We may be setting ourselves up for disappointment if we set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly. Wish you all a graceful and blessed Lenten season.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Voting This Weekend

All parishioners should have received a ballot regarding our choir when they entered church today. Please put your completed ballot in the collection basket during the offertory. The result of the vote will be shared in next week's bulletin.

"No Greater Love" Bible Study Program

We often hear about Jesus' Passion and death; imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion," we will walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his Agony in the Garden to his Crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

"No Greater Love" is a weekly, five-part Bible study program that will begin on Wednesday, March 11, in St. Mary's Hall following the 6 p.m. Mass. Participants will receive a book to use at no charge, but will be required to purchase a study guide at the cost of \$10 each. For more information or to register, please see the information in the vestibule of the church or contact Jean Harber at 304-788-1729 or tommyharber@icloud.com. Please consider joining us for this wonderful opportunity!

Diocesan Pastoral Council Being Formed

Bishop Mark Brennan is establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council over which the Bishop himself will preside. The council will give the laity of the Diocese a significant, consultative voice in developing pastoral priorities, initiatives and plans to further the mission of Christ within the Diocese.

Each Vicariate will elect three representatives to serve on the council. Therefore, each parish within the Vicariate is to elect two parishioners from which those three representatives will be chosen.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for the council or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office by March 6.

Seminarian Visit This Sunday

As a reminder, seminarian Phillip Szabo will visit our parish this Sunday, March 1. He will meet with our CCD students in grade 3 and above in the church from 9:30 to 10:30. Students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will have class in their normal classrooms. Afterward, he will meet with all CCD teachers.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 29

4:00 p.m. - Harber Family

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. - Madeline & Joseph Williams †

Monday, March 2

No Mass

Tuesday, March 3

No Mass

Wednesday, March 4

6:00 p.m. - Tom Melody †

Thursday, March 5

12 noon - Frankie Fitzgerald †

Friday, March 6

6:00 p.m. - Carmela & Larry DeMasi †

Saturday, March 7

9:00 a.m. - Mary Anne Daskal †

4:00 p.m. - Mary Hester Marsh Coe †

Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. - Deceased Iser & Gamblin Family †

Collections & Attendance: February 22-23, 2020

Offertory Envelopes \$3,421

Loose Contributions \$479

Votive Candles \$24

Poor Box \$91

Total.....\$4,015

Saturday Attendance.....89

Sunday Attendance..... 139

Total.....228

**The second collection this weekend is for
Black and Indian Missions.**

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will hold a spaghetti dinner on **Wednesday, March 4**, from 4:00-6:30 (or until they run out). Both eat in and take out options are available. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Come out and enjoy a good meal, good fellowship and support a great organization!



Joseph Carl Clark

Born into Life on July 31, 1951

Born into Eternal Life on
February 25, 2020

Joe was the husband of parishioner Norma Clark and he looked forward to attending Mass.

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

The Functions of a Choir

The number one reason to have a church choir is to lead and enliven the congregation's song.

- If the congregation can sing it but we don't let them, we miss an opportunity to transform people's lives in the most direct way possible.
- When the congregation takes words and puts them to music, it becomes part of who we are.

The church choir sings music that the congregation cannot, but it must be tied to the liturgy of the day or season. Songs also need to be Catholic pieces. We don't sing a song just to sing something.

- Music used appropriately that has significant theological and musical implications, broadening the congregation's experience of the divine.

The church choir serves as a small group within the church for faith formation.

- The job of the choir director is to ensure that the choir enacts the Word, week in and week out.
- The choir director and the choir need to strive to be an example of showing love and charity while seeking musical excellence.

The music should be beautiful and challenging. This is difficult to do and takes commitment every week and a lot of practice.

- Our music should not be distracting and therefore prevent people from having a holy moment.
- By working on and changing little musical details, the choir can make the difference in someone's spiritual life and a moment where we can touch someone and help them have a moment with God.

Lastly and just as important, a church choir's job is not just to sing beautifully, but also to minister to the congregation and to each other in a variety of ways, helping to change the world into a more loving and peaceful place.

Notes:

- Mass on Fridays during Lent will be held at 6 p.m. (not 9 a.m.) and Stations of the Cross will be prayed immediately after.
- There will be no choir practice this week (March 3). There will be cantor practice.

This Week at Assumption Parish...

SUN	3/1	8:30 am	Mass
		9:30 am	CCD / Phillip Szabo Visit
		10:30 am	Phillip Szabo Presentation to CCD Teachers
		12 noon	Lunch with Phillip Szabo and CCD Teachers
MON	3/2	1:00 pm	Bible Study
TUE	3/3	9:30 am	STEPS Weight Loss Group
		11:00 am	Walking Group
		5:00 pm	Cantor Practice
WED	3/4	11:00 am	Walking Group
		4:00 pm	K of C Spaghetti Dinner
		6:00 pm	Mass
THU	3/5	11:00 am	Walking Group
		12 noon	Mass
		7:00 pm	K of C Business Meeting
FRI	3/6	6:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
SAT	3/7	10:00 am	Mass at Piney Valley
		3:00 pm	Reconciliation
		3:30 pm	Rosary led by K of C
		4:00 pm	Mass
SUN	3/8	2:00 am	Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour!
		8:30 am	Mass
		9:30 am	CCD

Have an event to add? Please call or email the parish office.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 10011 at Our Lady of Grace Church will hold a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church hall on School Street in Romney. For more information see the flyer on the church bulletin board or call 304-822-5561.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 29, 4 p.m.

Lector	Anita Tetreault
Extraordinary Ministers	Meredythe Barrick Anita Tetreault Bob Yowler
Altar Servers	Howard Barrick Dean Alt

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

Lector	Alan Taylor
Extraordinary Ministers	Mike Landis Esther Shockey Alan Taylor
Altar Servers	Beverly Iser Eric Hatfield Eric Hatfield Jr.

Saturday, March 7, 4 p.m.

Led by Knights of Columbus

Lector	Doug Minnich
Extraordinary Ministers	Charlie Junkins Mike Landis Alan Taylor
Altar Servers	Dean Alt Bob Yowler

Sunday, March 8, 8:30 a.m.

Lector	John Bogdan
Extraordinary Ministers	Kara Breedlove Beverly Iser Tina Stephen
Altar Servers	Melissa Stanislawczyk Kylee McGann Nick McKenzie

Deacon Formation Class

The Martinsburg Vicariate will hold two information sessions for the new Deacon Formation class starting in September 2020. Sessions will be held on March 2 at 7 p.m. at Epiphany of the Lord Church in Moorefield and March 4 at 7 p.m. at St. James Church in Charles Town.

These sessions are geared to providing information to those who aspire to become a Deacon of the Catholic church. For more information, please contact Deacon Helgi Nelson at 304.258.2319.
