

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 12, 2023*



*I have come not to abolish, but to fulfill.*

MATTHEW 5:17

***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, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life - must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another. Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do we seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, begin a new work of love within me. Instill in me a greater love and respect for your commandments. Give me a burning desire to live a life of holiness and righteousness. Purify my thoughts, desires, and intentions that I may only desire what is pleasing to you and in accord with your will.

### Saint of the Week

#### St. Valentine of Rome

Saint Valentine of Rome is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. He was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. St. Valentine continued refusing to renounce his faith and was executed on February 14, somewhere between the years 269 and 280. He is the patron saint of love, happy marriages, beekeepers, fainting, travelers, and young people. He is often shown with birds and roses.

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

Readings for Next Sunday,  
February 19, 2023  
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48



Feast Day: February 14



### THIS WEEK ON FORMED



#### Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.



#### What Do You Seek? The Search Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

#### Register for FREE Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching!

**PARISHIONERS  
ALREADY  
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## Thank You Fr Giles!

We say farewell to Fr. Giles this Sunday, as his time with us has come to an end. We are very grateful that he is willing to travel each weekend, allowing us to attend Mass at our own church while Fr. Thomas is away. Thank you, Fr. Giles and Henry!

Fr. Thomas will begin his journey back to the U.S. this week. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe trip back to us!

## Required Safe Environment Training

Our Diocese is committed to providing a culture of safety, and a significant way we achieve this is through the Safe Environment process for volunteers who work directly or indirectly with children or vulnerable adults. The Diocese uses the VIRTUS system to accomplish and document these requirements. All catechists and liturgical ministers received an email this week with a link to the system.

Please log in and complete the necessary steps as soon as possible, but no later than March 1. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, February 12

Sweetheart Breakfast hosted by the K of C following the 8:30 Mass. All Knights and their sweethearts are invited!

### Sunday, February 12

Youth Group Bowling, 1-3 p.m. at Rainbow Lanes.

### Thursday, February 16

Rosary and Novena prayed at noon in the church.

### Saturday, February 18

Ladies Guild "Dog Day" following the 4:00 Mass in St. Mary's Hall. Hot dogs, toppings, chips, drinks available. Eat in or carry out; free will offering.

### Sunday, February 19

Donut Sunday following the 8:30 Mass, hosted by the Finance Committee.

### Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, February 24

Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m., led by the K of C.

### Sunday, February 26

Last day for Humane Society donations, sponsored by our Youth Group.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 11	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families .....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Patrick Miller .....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, February 12	8:30 a.m.	Souls of the Brothers	
		Larry, John & Domenic Fazzalore .....	The Fazzalore Family
		Soul of Thomas Bittinger .....	Assumption Ladies Guild
Monday, February 13	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 14	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 15	No Mass		
Thursday, February 16	12 noon	<i>Rosary &amp; Novena prayed as a Parish Family in the church</i>	
Friday, February 17	No Mass		
Saturday, February 18	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman .....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Intentions of Joanne & Mike Stickley .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, February 19	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan .....	Vernon & Rita Grubbs
		Soul of Joseph W. Willis .....	Mary Alexander

**Please note there are no weekday Masses or Scripture Study classes while Fr. Thomas is away.**



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

\*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)



## Knights of the Month

Congratulations to Jeffrey S. Kuhn who has been named Assumption Council Knight of the Month for January! Jeff volunteers in our parish in many ways. He is the catechist for our high school CCD class, a member of the St. Thomas Cemetery Committee and assists with maintenance of the cemetery in the summer, serves as a Mass Greeter, and helps with other jobs that come up as well. Jeff holds the office of Warden of the Assumption Council and is certainly an important part of our council and parish community. Thanks for all you do Jeff!

### Collections & Attendance

February 4-5, 2023

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,030
Loose Donations.....	\$607
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,637</b>

#### Attendance

Saturday, 2/4.....	81
Sunday, 2/5.....	80
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>161</b>

#### Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for Church Missions in the United States. A separate basket is available for this appeal.

#### January Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$19,212
Expenses.....	\$16,212
<b>Balance.....</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

### 2023 Offertory Envelopes

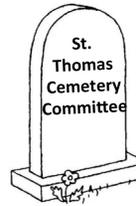
Our 2023 offertory envelopes have finally arrived! Please pick yours up in the back of the church as you leave Mass today. If you do not currently use weekly envelopes but would like to start, please contact the Parish Office.

### The Weekly Word

## Sign Up for Weekly Emails

Parish announcements are sent by email each week. If you are not receiving them, please call or email the Parish Office to be added to the distribution list.

Also, the bulletin is mailed by USPS to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and do not have internet access. If you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin by mail, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



## Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by March 1. Thank you!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, February 18

Lector: Kenny Brant  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
 EM: Sue Harber  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, February 19

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
 EM: Rosie Landis  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Saturday, February 25

Lector: Sue Harber  
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
 EM: Janet Corley  
 Cantor: tbd  
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

### Sunday, February 26 (Youth Mass)

Lector: tbd  
 Servers: tbd  
 EM: David Minnich  
 Cantor: tbd  
 Greeters: tbd

### Stonerise EM

February 16 Dave Dunn  
 February 23 Pam Williams

Let all that you do be done in love.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**ASSUMPTION**  
**COUNCIL 10545**

Meetings Every First Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Advertise here!** Call or email the Parish Office to reserve your space which helps to offset the cost of printing our bulletins and worship aids!

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**  
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

**AED UNIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

**FIRST AID KIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

