

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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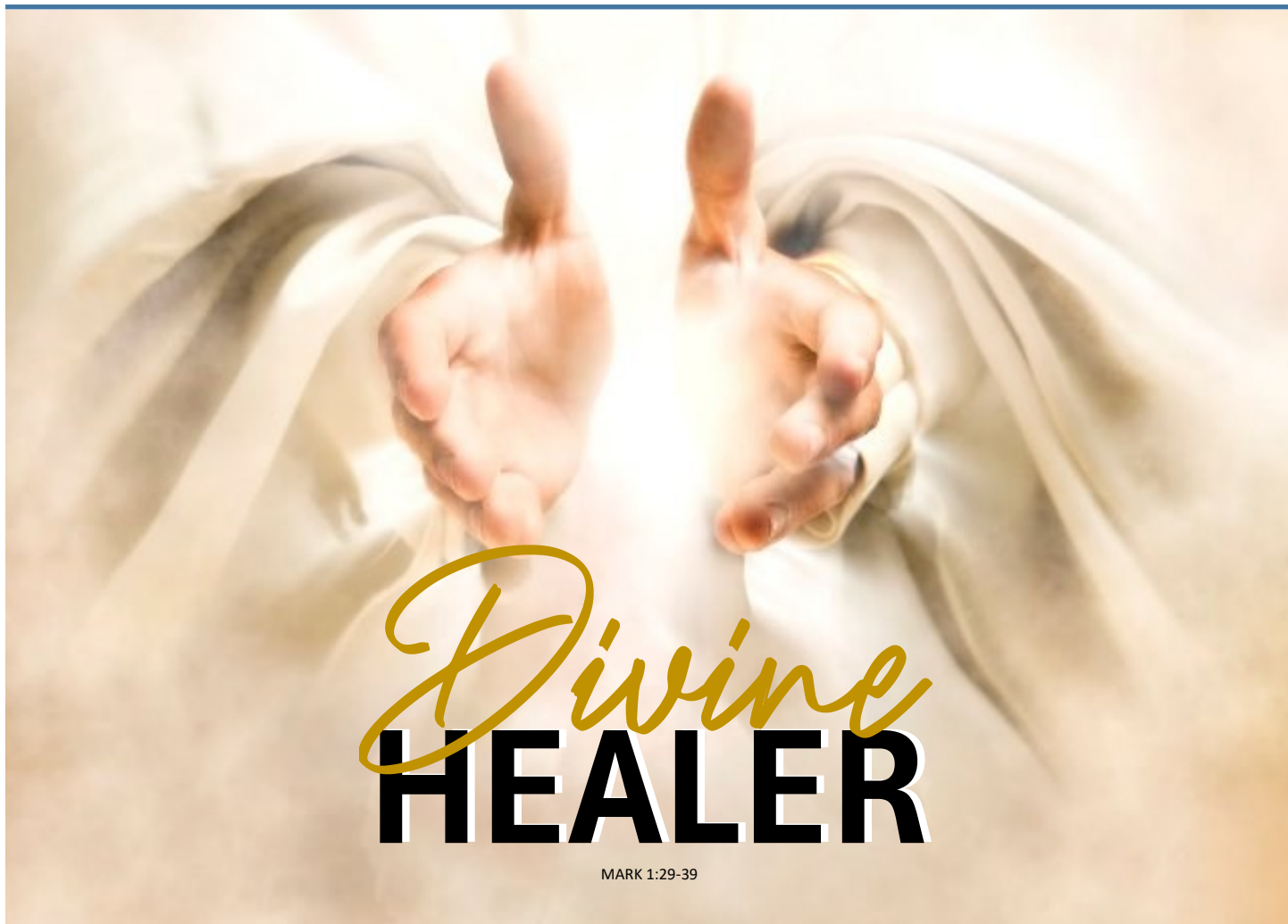
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024



MARK 1:29-39

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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Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education

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Patrick George, Organist

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do we take our troubles to? Jesus' disciples freely brought their troubles to him because they found him ready and able to deal with any difficulty, affliction, or sickness which they encountered. When Simon brought Jesus to his home, his mother-in-law was instantly healed because Jesus heard Simon's prayer. Jerome, an early church bible scholar and translator (347-420 AD), reflects on this passage: "Can you imagine Jesus standing before your bed and you continue sleeping? It is absurd that you would remain in bed in his presence. Where is Jesus? He is already here offering himself to us. 'In the middle,' he says, 'among you he stands, whom you do not recognize' (John 1:26). 'The kingdom of God is in your midst' (Mark 1:15)."

Do we allow Jesus to be the Lord and healer in our personal lives, family, and community? Approach the Lord with expectant faith. God's healing power restores us not only to health but to active service and care of others. There is no trouble he does not want to help us with and there is no bondage he can't set us free from. Do we take our troubles to him with faith that he will help us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set us free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder us from giving ourselves wholly to you and to your service.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 11, 2024

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Saint of the Week... St. Blaise

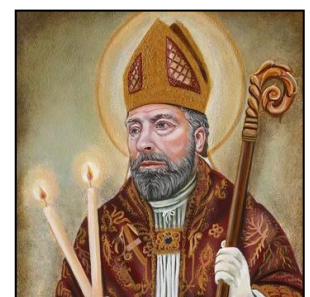
Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia and a doctor. He was martyred in Sebastea in 316, but the legendary "Acts of St. Blaise" were written 400 years later. According to those writings, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. But because persecution still raged in Armenia, he was forced to flee to the back country where he lived as a hermit and made friends with the wild animals.

One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were surprised and frightened; the bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by wolves, lions and bears. According to legend, as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to prison in Sebastea when they came across a poor woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig, which it did—alive and injured. The woman visited him in prison and brought two wax candles to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. He is the patron saint of throat ailments and English wool combers.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: February 3



The blessing of throats will
be offered at both Masses
this weekend.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Gina DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister,

Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Four Chaplains Memorial Service

On February 3 we celebrate Four Chaplains Day honoring four military chaplains who sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of fellow service members during WWII. This year marks the 81st anniversary of the sinking of the U.S. Army Transport *Dorchester* while transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the *Dorchester*, killing 672 of the 902 persons aboard. Many of the survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership shown by four chaplains of different faiths. As the ship sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying. Boyce-Houser Post 41 American Legion will hold a memorial service this Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m. at the Post home (66 South Main St., Keyser).

World Day for Consecrated Life

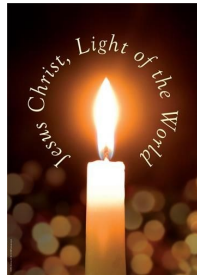


World Day for Consecrated Life is being celebrated in parishes around the world this weekend.

We give thanks for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life. In a special way we thank and pray for Fr. Thomas, Fr. Giles and all the priests, brothers and sisters who have served our parish over the last 150 years!

Did You Know?

The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. That feast day is also known as "Candlemas Day," the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world, just as those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all people. Pope St. John Paul II instituted this day of prayer in 1997.



Mark your calendars! As part of our Jubilee celebration, we will celebrate a memorial Mass for all the priests and religious persons who have served our parish. The Mass will be on Wednesday, March 13, at 5 p.m.

Recycle Your Religious Items!

St. Mary Recycle Mission, a recycle organization for Catholic religious items, will be visiting our parish again to collect religious items that you no longer need. They take Catholic items including statues, rosaries (even broken ones), crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, framed pictures, small prayer books, bibles, vestments and linens, altar books, and used musical instruments.

Items they do not take: other religious books or pamphlets, wax candles, angel figurines (specific Saint Angels are fine).

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Vestibule through Sunday, February 25.



Join us to pray the Rosary as a parish family!

We will gather at 12 noon on the next two Thursdays while Fr. Thomas is still away (February 8 and February 15). Please join us if you can!

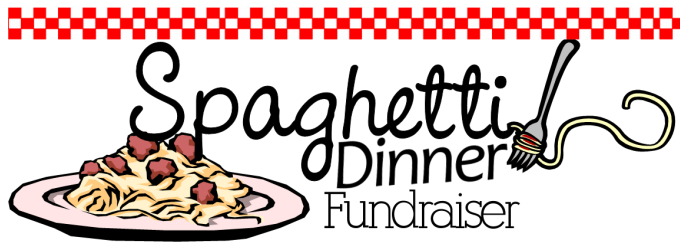


Jubilee Weekend is August 9-12!

More details will be shared soon!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 3	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Patrick George.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Brent Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, February 4	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Thomas & Family	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Elizabeth Golden Anastasia	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Monday, February 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 7	No Mass		
Thursday, February 8	No Mass		
Friday, February 9	No Mass		
Saturday, February 10	4:00 p.m.	Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Joanne & Mike Stickley.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, February 11	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Joe Harber	Margaret McGee
		Soul of Rosalee Freeman.....	Mary Lambert



The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, February 7 at St. Mary's Hall. Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out); eat in or carry out. Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Donations of cakes or other desserts are welcome! Those can be dropped off at the hall anytime the day of the dinner.

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 27-28, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes \$3,055
 Loose Donations.....\$845
Total \$3,900

Attendance

Saturday, 1/2766
 Sunday, 1/28 125
Total 191

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.

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!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 10

Lector: Karen Yowler
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EM: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
 Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, February 11

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Abby DelSignore & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Julie Alt, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore
 Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, February 17

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
 EM: Mere Barrick, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
 Cantor: TBD

Sunday, February 18 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
 Servers: CCD Students
 EM: Beverley Iser, Charlotte Delilo (c), Tina Stephen (c)
 Greeters: CCD Students
 Cantor: TBD

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 8 Stacey Rhodes
 February 15 Dave Dunn



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.