

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 23, 2022*

Sunday of the Word of God



***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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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Luke tells us in today's gospel that Jesus chose to openly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus was also known by many in Nazareth as a "carpenter" (Mark 6:3) and "son of Joseph" (Luke 4:21). When the president of the synagogue called on Jesus to read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus chose to read Isaiah's description (Isaiah 61:1-2) of what the Messiah would do when he came to restore God's kingdom for the people of Israel. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would be sent by God and anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit to preach "good news" and bring healing, blessing, and freedom to all who were oppressed.

Jesus awakened their hope in God's promises when he announced that this word was now being fulfilled in his very own person. Luke tells us that the people of Nazareth spoke well of him and received his "gracious word" with amazement and wonder. But they also openly questioned how the "son of Joseph" would fulfill this Messianic mission (Luke 4:21). Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. The Lord will not refuse to pour out his Spirit on all who trust in him. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in us the joy of the Gospel and the freedom to live each day with trusting faith, joyful hope, and ardent love.

### Readings for next Sunday,

January 30, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-19

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30



### Saint of the Week: St. Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. So Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva. He set out to convert his people, and by preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Francis authored books, wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people to help them understand that they too are called to be saints. Francis is known as the "Gentleman Saint" and is the patron of authors, deafness and journalists.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: January 24



### Parish Prayer List

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

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



**God Bless Our  
Lectors & Cantors!**

- Julie Alt
- Paul Bogdan
- John Bogdan
- Kenny Brant
- Celia Cole
- Patrick George
- Sue Harber
- Kelley Kuhn
- Mike Landis
- Linda Marsh
- Doug Minnich
- Geoff Newlin
- Nancy Starcher
- Derek Stephen
- Alan Taylor
- Anita Tetreault
- Pam Williams
- Kerri Wittman
- Karen Yowler

We celebrate the "Sunday of the Word of God" each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The day is devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

Pope Francis said, "The Word that saves does not go looking for well-preserved, clean, safe places. It comes into our complexities, into our darkness. Today, God desires to visit those places where we think He doesn't go."

The Sunday of the Word of God is a perfect time to celebrate and thank our lectors and cantors who proclaim the Word at each Mass. May God bless them in their

service to our parish and continue to strengthen their faith!

**Do you want a life of  
Heroic Sacrifice?**

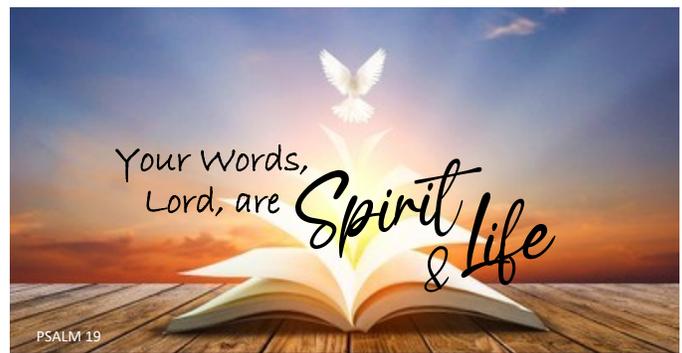
Is God Calling YOU to be a Priest of Jesus Christ?

**Come join us  
for a weekend of prayer  
and discernment**

**March 5-6**

Priest Field Pastoral Center  
4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430

To complete an application visit [WVPriests.org](http://WVPriests.org)



**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

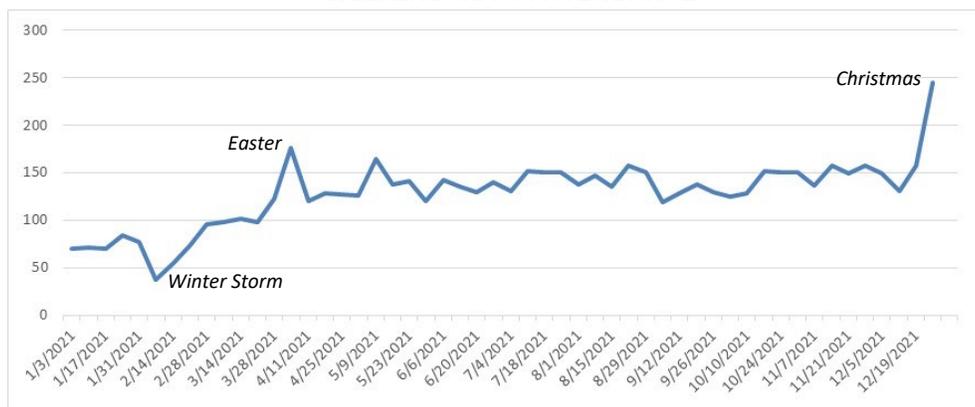
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, January 22	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto .....	Carol & Mitch Durst
Sunday, January 23	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Catechists.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, January 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 26	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Howard Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
Thursday, January 27	12 noon	Soul of Nancy Durbin .....	Margaret McGee
Friday, January 28	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Martin W. Willis .....	Mary Alexander
Saturday, January 29	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Sunday, January 30	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family .....	Assumption Parish

## ASSUMPTION PARISH 2021 Spiritual Statistics

Baptisms.....	1
First Communions .....	8
Confirmations .....	13
Registered CCD Students.....	66
Funerals Masses/Committal Services.....	9
Average Weekend Mass Attendance.....	126
Most Attended Single Mass* (Sunday, Oct. 31) .....	101

\*not including Christmas and Easter

### WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE



*Snowflakes  
are beautiful,  
pure and white,  
and like God's  
children, no two  
are alike!*

### Collections & Attendance

January 15-16, 2022

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,657
Loose Donations.....	\$1,588
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,245</b>

#### Attendance

Saturday 1/15.....	57
Sunday 1/16.....	63
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>120</b>

#### Diocesan Collection

Church in the Developing World.....	\$397
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### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, January 29

Lector:	Alan Taylor
Servers:	Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM:	Jean Harber
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Kelli & Kerri Wittman

#### Sunday, January 30

Lector:	Paul Bogdan
Servers:	Tina & Derek Stephen
EM:	Mike Landis
Cantor:	Julie Alt
Greeters:	Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

#### Saturday, February 5

Lector:	Kerri Wittman
Servers:	Celia & Evelyn Cole
EM:	Alan Taylor
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Bob & Karen Yowler

#### Sunday, February 6

Lector:	John Bogdan
Servers:	Sommer & Micah Alt
EM:	Rosie Landis
Cantors:	Julie Alt & Patrick George
Greeters:	Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk



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