

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024



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: The Epiphany of the Lord

Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men (Magi) also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do we bring the light of Jesus Christ to those we meet through the witness of our life and testimony?

Readings for Next Sunday, January 14, 2024

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13-20
John 1:35-42

Saint of the Week... St. Hilary of Poitiers

A staunch defender of the divinity of Christ, St. Hilary was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the trinity. In a very troubled period in the church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

Born about 310 in Poitiers, France, Hilary was raised a pagan. He converted to Christianity through his broad and deep education which introduced him to the Holy Scripture. He was named Bishop of Poitiers about 350, and soon took up battling what became the scourge of the fourth century - Arianism - which denied the divinity of Christ.

St. Hilary spent the better part of his adult life studying, writing, speaking, and arguing to ensure that the Nicene Creed was understood and adhered to throughout the Church. He was even sent into exile by the Emperor for not conforming his views to Arian teachings. But he used his time in exile to read and write extensively, eventually becoming such a thorn in the side of the Emperor that he restored St. Hilary to his diocese.

St. Hilary died about 367, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Sources: mycatholic.life and catholicnewsagency.com



Feast Day: January 13



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling,
Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, 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, Caroline Reeves, 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.

*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

WHAT DO THE THREE GIFTS OF THE MAGI SYMBOLIZE?

Gold	Frankincense	Myrrh
Honoring Jesus' divine Kingship	Symbolizing his priestly mission	An ointment for burial, myrrh foreshadows his death



RESCHEDULED

Fr. Thomas Celebration Postponed

The party to celebrate Fr. Thomas on the anniversary of his Ordination, his birthday, and his upcoming vacation has been postponed due to the forecasted inclement weather for this weekend.

The celebration will now be held next Saturday, January 13 at St. Mary’s Hall. A reception will be from 5-5:30 (BYOB), followed by dinner of pasta, salad and cake.

There is no charge for dinner, but a free will offering will be appreciated to help offset the Ladies Guild’s cost. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 304-788-2488 or send an email to ackwv@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 10. If you’ve already called to say that you were attending on the 6th, there is no need to register again!

CCD Classes will resume next Sunday, January 14 for all grades!

Special Collection for the Holy Land Planned for Next Weekend



Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held in parishes and missions of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at Masses the weekend of Jan. 13-14.

“We are all aware of the current Hamas-Israeli war and the escalation in violence in the Holy Land,” the bishop said in the announcement. “The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land.

A separate basket will be available for this appeal. Checks can be made payable to “Assumption Church” with Holy Land noted in the memo line.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 6	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joe Harber	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley	Sue Harber
Sunday, January 7	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis	Katie & Remy Kuhn
		Intentions of the Burdock Family.....	Jean Harber
Monday, January 8	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 10	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Fr. Thomas Sebastian.....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, January 11	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Margie Konka.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Souls of James & Inez Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Saturday, January 13	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
Sunday, January 14	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill
		Intentions of the Delilo Family.....	Sue Harber

50th
Anniversary



Congratulations to Angelo and Lynn Luwara who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

May God continue to bless you and your family with love, happiness and good health!



JULY 17-21, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

A National Eucharistic Congress will take place in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. Several of our parishioners are planning to attend. If you have also been considering it, note that there is a \$100 early bird ticket discount that ends on January 15.

Also, a travel package has been developed by the Diocese that will include transportation to and from Indianapolis (most likely from Morgantown), hotel, and transportation to and from the venue. If you would like more information on the travel package or the event itself, please contact the Parish Office or Nancy Starcher (304-813-0313).

thank you

With sincere hearts, thank you for your kind thoughts, words of encouragement, prayers, and many acts of generous love during our journey with Joe. We are fortunate to be members of a special parish family.

The Harber Family

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Jubilee Core Meeting

Members of the Jubilee Core Committee are reminded of the

meeting on Thursday, January 11, at 1:00 in St. Mary's Hall.

Your Faithful Stewardship

December 30-31, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,160
Loose Donations.....	\$1,430
Total	\$2,590

Attendance

Saturday, 12/30.....	92
Sunday, 12/31.....	78
Total.....	170

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Rear of the church by the Holy Water
- Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT

- Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT

- Wall outside the restroom



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 13

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, January 14

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Beverley Iser & Jane Placka
EM: Pam Williams, Julie Alt (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, January 20

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c), Mere Barrick (c)
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, January 21 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EM: Tina Stephen, Mike Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Greeters: CCD Students
Cantor: Julie Alt

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 11 Jean Harber

January 18 Joanne Stickley

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.