



# Assumption Catholic Church

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

**March 15, 2020**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*Living Water*  
*for a Thirsty*  
**SOUL**

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Third Sunday of Lent

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water (John 4:5-42)? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water.

Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6).

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do we thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will.

### Today's Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

### Knights of Columbus Donation



Ken Brant (right), Grand Knight of Assumption Council, presents a check to Fr. Thomas as a donation to four seminarian priests in India prior to their ordination. The donation was made in memory of Knight Thomas Sauer.

### Lenten Mission at Annunciation of our Lord

The Annunciation of Our Lord parish in Fort Ashby has extended an invitation to our parish to join them for a Lenten Mission led by Fr. Giles.

Dates of the mission are Sunday through Tuesday, March 29-31. Mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. each evening followed by the Mission.

### Easter Flower Donations and Special Remembrances



If you would like to donate to the Easter Flower fund, please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket by April 5.

If you want to remember or honor a loved one with your donation, please include a note in your envelope indicating the person's name.

Please note if you use offertory envelopes, there is an envelope dated April 5 for the Easter Flower offering. Be sure to fill out the front side of the envelope with your loved ones' names.

All names submitted will be published in the Easter bulletin.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, March 14

4:00 p.m. - Herman Wise †

### Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - Raymond McDowell†

### Monday, March 16

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 17

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 18

6:00 p.m. - Pat Balassone †

### Thursday, March 19

12 noon - John Turner †

### Friday, March 20

6:00 p.m. - James DeMasi †

### Saturday, March 21

4:00 p.m. - James G. Bosley †

### Sunday, March 22

8:30 a.m. - Deceased Waters Family †

## Collections & Attendance: March 7-8, 2020

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,971
Loose Contributions .....	\$955
Votive Candles .....	\$27
Poor Box.....	\$97
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,050</b>

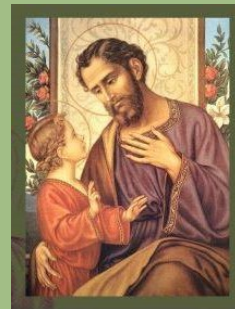
Saturday Attendance .....	108
Sunday Attendance .....	78
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>186</b>

## Second Collection This Week

Today's second collection is for the Priests Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a trust fund set up to support the healthcare needs and retirement costs of retired priests of our diocese. Your support of this collection will provide long-term security and growth for this very important fund. Thank you!

## Solemnity of St. Joseph

*Foster Father of Jesus,  
Most Chaste Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
And the Patron of the  
Universal Church.*



March 19

## A Reminder from Our Bishop

- If a person is sick and may be contagious, he or she should stay home. The obligation to attend Mass ceases if you are ill.
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, you do not have to exchange the Sign of Peace with others by shaking their hands. One can exchange greetings in Christ in a non-tactile way, such as bowing or nodding your head to your neighbors while saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you."
- Parishioners who feel ill may fold their hands in a prayerful posture rather than taking others' hands during the Lord's Prayer.
- One should refrain from drinking from the chalice if you feel ill. We still receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord when we receive the consecrated Host.
- Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands prior to Mass and, before distributing Communion, use waterless hand sanitizer.

Some useful links regarding the flu and the coronavirus:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html)

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm)

[www.dwc.org/download/all\\_files\\_&\\_forms/catholic\\_mutual\\_updates/CARES-Coronavirus-2019.pdf](http://www.dwc.org/download/all_files_&_forms/catholic_mutual_updates/CARES-Coronavirus-2019.pdf)

*Dear Father, We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.*

## This Week at Assumption Parish...

SUN	3/15	8:30 am	Youth Mass
		9:30 am	Donut Sunday
		9:30 am	CCD
		10:30 am	Summer Bible School planning meeting
MON 3/16			
TUE	3/17	9:30 am	STEPS Weight Loss Group
		11:00 am	Walking Group
WED	3/18	11:00 am	Walking Group
		6:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	<i>No Greater Love</i> bible study
THU	3/19	11:00 am	Walking Group
		12 noon	Mass
		6:30 pm	K of C Officers Meeting
FRI	3/20	6:00 pm	Mass
		6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross led by the Ladies Guild
SAT	3/21	9:00 am- 4:00 pm	CCD Food Drive @ Walmart
		3:00 pm	Reconciliation
		4:00 pm	Mass
SUN	3/22	8:30 am	Mass
		9:30 am	CCD

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m.

Lector	Celia Cole
Extraordinary Minister	Jenny Cole
Altar Servers	Bob & Karen Yowler

### Sunday, March 15, 8:30 a.m. - Youth Mass

Lector	CCD Students
Extraordinary Minister	Kelley Kuhn
Altar Servers	CCD Students

### Saturday, March 21, 4 p.m.

Lector	Karen Yowler
Extraordinary Minister	Sue Harber
Altar Servers	Celia & Evelyn Cole

### Sunday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.

Lector	Joe Maybury
Extraordinary Minister	Pam Williams
Altar Servers	Mike Landis James Maybury Austin Smith

## Ladies Guild Meeting

The Ladies Guild will meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 25, at St. Mary's Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch!



## It's Donut Sunday!

Stop by St. Mary's Hall after Mass this Sunday, March 15, to enjoy a donut, coffee and fellowship, sponsored by the parish and hosted by the Parish Council.

## CCD Food Drive on March 21

Our CCD students will hold a food drive at Walmart next Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students are asked to sign up for 1- or 2-hour time slots, and all CCD students are encouraged to participate. This is an excellent almsgiving opportunity for our youth during this Lenten season! Please sign up on the form in the vestibule of the church.

## K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

*Drawing held March 5, 2020*

### \$100 Winners

Les Halapy  
Bob Konka

### \$50 Winners

Les Halapy  
Dave Dunn

### \$25 Winners

Fred Paugh  
Bob Konka  
Rosie Landis

*Next drawing: March 19, 2020*

