



# Assumption Catholic Church

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

**February 23, 2020**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Love  
your  
enemies**

and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7). Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbor, even those who cause us grief and harm.

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. God knows our sinfulness and weaknesses better than we do - and he assures us of his love, mercy, and help. That is why he freely gives us his power, strength, and gifts so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters (2 Peter 1:3). Do we want to grow in our love for God and for our neighbor? Ask the Holy Spirit to purify and transform us in the image of the Father that we may know and live in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

### Today's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

### Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

### Vote Scheduled for Next Weekend

As we all know, the location of the choir and potential changes to the altar are subjects that have been pending in our church for quite some time.

To bring these issues to a close, a vote will be held at both Masses next weekend, February 29 and March 1. All parishioners will receive a ballot upon entering church that should be put in the collection basket during the offertory at that same Mass.

The result of the vote will be shared in the bulletin the following weekend.

### Seminarian Visit on March 1



Seminarian Phillip Szabo will visit our parish next Sunday, March 1. He will meet with our CCD students in grade 3 and above in the church from 9:30 to 10:30. Students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will have class in their normal classrooms. Afterward, he will meet with all CCD teachers in St. Mary's Hall, followed by lunch.

### K of C Sweetheart Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Sweetheart Breakfast for Knights and their guests last Sunday. About 50 people enjoyed a breakfast of ham, eggs, potatoes, toast, juice and coffee - all prepared by the Knights. Our high school CCD students served the meals.

Mark your calendars now for the K of C spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, March 4!

### Music Cards Now Available

To help us all learn the new songs being sung during Mass, we have created a music card that can be found in each pew. You may find these easier to use than the Missalettes as we become familiar with the new music.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, February 22

4:00 p.m. - John Ross Family

### Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. - Raymond McDowell †

### Monday, February 24

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 25

No Mass

### Wednesday, February 26 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00 a.m. - James DeMasi †

6:00 p.m. - Mary Anne Daskal †

### Thursday, February 27

12 noon - Joseph and Martin Willis †

### Friday, February 28

9:00 a.m. - John Turner †

### Saturday, February 29

4:00 p.m. - Harber Family

### Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. - Madeline & Joseph Williams †

## Collections & Attendance: February 15-16, 2020

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Offertory Envelopes .....   | \$2,278        |
| Loose Contributions.....    | \$1,302        |
| Repairs & Maintenance ..... | \$145          |
| Votive Candles .....        | \$17           |
| Poor Box.....               | \$127          |
| <b>Total.....</b>           | <b>\$3,869</b> |
| <br>                        |                |
| Saturday Attendance: .....  | 82             |
| Sunday Attendance: .....    | 120            |
| <b>Total.....</b>           | <b>202</b>     |

## Ash Wednesday Offertory

The offertory collection at Masses on Ash Wednesday is for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



## Thomas O'Connor

Born into Life on  
April 7, 1923

Born into Eternal Life on  
February 13, 2020

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Tom's soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.*

## Prayers Requested

Prayers are requested for parishioner Joe Clark who suffered a cardiac arrest last Sunday. For those of you who do not know him, Joe and his wife Norma always sit in the front pew at the Saturday Vigil Mass. He is currently at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

## Lent Begins This Week

Our Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed as Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers at both Masses. If you are able to fill a role, please call the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent following the 9 a.m. Mass.

## Fasting and Abstinence

Below are guidelines from the Diocese on fasting and abstinence:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed.

Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not apply. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

## This Week at Assumption Parish...

|     |      |          |   |
|-----|------|----------|---|
| SUN | 2/23 | 8:30 am  | Mass                                    |
|     |      | 9:30 am  | CCD                                     |
|     |      | 9:30 am  | Altar Server training                   |
| MON | 2/24 | 1:00 pm  | Bible Study                             |
| TUE | 2/25 | 9:30 am  | STEPS Weight Loss Group                 |
|     |      | 11:00 am | Walking Group                           |
|     |      | 5:00 pm  | Cantor Practice                         |
|     |      | 5:30 pm  | Choir Practice                          |
|     |      | 9:00 am  | Ash Wednesday Mass                      |
| WED | 2/26 | 11:00 am | Walking Group                           |
|     |      | 6:00 pm  | Ash Wednesday Mass                      |
|     |      | 11:00 am | Walking Group                           |
| THU | 2/27 | 12 noon  | Mass                                    |
|     |      | 9:00 am  | Mass                                    |
| FRI | 2/28 | 9:30 am  | Stations of the Cross                   |
|     |      | 3:00 pm  | Reconciliation                          |
| SAT | 2/29 | 4:00 pm  | Mass                                    |
|     |      | 8:30 am  | Mass                                    |
| SUN | 3/1  | 9:30 am  | CCD / Seminarian Visit                  |
|     |      | 10:30 am | Seminarian Presentation to CCD Teachers |
|     |      | 12 noon  | Lunch for Seminarian and CCD Teachers   |
|     |      |          |   |

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

## Altar Server Refresher Training

Refresher training for all students who are altar servers will be held this Sunday, February 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the church. When the training is complete, students will go to their CCD classrooms.

## Cemetery Flowers

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, February 22, 4 p.m.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Lector                  | Carol Durst                                   |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Rosie Landis<br>Tillie Selders<br>Alan Taylor |
| Altar Servers           | Celia & Evelyn Cole                           |

### Sunday, February 23, 8:30 a.m.

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Lector                  | Paul Bogdan  |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Charlotte Delilo<br>David Minnich<br>Pam Williams  |
| Altar Servers           | Jaden Brant<br>James Maybury<br>Jack Stanislawczyk |

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### Saturday, February 29, 4 p.m.

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| Lector                  | Anita Tetreault                                    |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Meredythe Barrick<br>Anita Tetreault<br>Bob Yowler |
| Altar Servers           | Howard Barrick<br>Ava Barrick<br>Kerri Wittman     |

### Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Lector                  | Alan Taylor   |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Mike Landis<br>Esther Shockey<br>Alan Taylor        |
| Altar Servers           | Beverley Iser<br>Eric Hatfield<br>Eric Hatfield Jr. |

*NOTE: Please arrange for a replacement if you will not be able to fulfill your scheduled time.*

## Kids Count!

At Assumption Parish, our Kids Count ... and they do some pretty awesome things! Be sure to take a look at this month's issue of *Kids Count* included in this week's bulletin.