

CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARADE



Church of the Assumption

34 James Street, Keyser WV 26726-2721

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Serving God by serving God's people

Sunday, December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

Weekend Masses: 4 pm Saturday Vigil, 8 am & 10:30 am Sunday: CCD: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, 12 noon; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am

Office Hours: Monday—Tuesday, 9 am to 3:30 pm; Wednesday—Thursday, 9 am to 3:00 pm

Fr. Thomas Anatharackal CST - Administrator

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Dec. 15th - 4 pm: Alan Taylor; (L) Charlie Junkins, Bob Yowler, David Minnich; (EM) Karen & Bob Yowler; (AS)

Dec. 16th - 8 am: Mike Landis; (L) Mike Landis, Jakob Hardman, Charlotte Delilo; (EM) Rosie & Mike Landis; (AS)

Dec. 16th - 10:30 am: Youth Mass; (L) Beverley Iser, Mary Assumption, Kelley Kuhn; (EM) Abby Del Signore & Gwyneth Hatfield; (AS)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil / December 15th

3-3:45—Confession

4:00 pm - Hazel Coffman +

Sunday Morning / December 16th

8:00 am - People of the Parish

9:15 - 10:15 am - CCD as Scheduled

10:30 am - John T. Dorsey +

YOUTH MASS

Tuesday / December 18th

12 noon - Dec'd DeMasi & Panetta Families

Wednesday / December 19th

8:00 am - Dec'd Barrick & Travis Families

Thursday / December 20th

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Merydythe Barrick Intentions

8:30 am - Miraculous Medal Devotion

Friday / December 21st

8:00 am - Carmela & Larry DeMasi +

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Vigil / December 22nd

3-3:45 - Confession

4:00 pm - Sam Alexander +

Sunday Morning / December 23rd

8:00 am - Gladys Calemine +

9:15 - 10:15 am - CCD as Scheduled

10:30 am - Jean Quinn +

Pray for our Sick and Shut-In

Viola Huffman & Tom Rutherford - **Piney Valley Nrsg. Home**, 135 Southern Drive, Keyser, WV 26726, Wanda Bruno, Elva Calemine, John Coffman, Jim DeMasi, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Sue and Mick Greco, Tom O'Connor, Sue Spotts, & Wilma Turner - **Home-Bound** - Carrie Barbarito - **Ruby Memorial Hospital**.

Any Parishioner who has a relative or friend in the Hospital who would like Fr. Binoy to visit, please call the office at 304-788-2488. The Hospital is NOT permitted to notify Fr. Binoy unless permission is given. If there is no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Binoy can also be reached 24 hours a day at 304-703-8604. Also be aware that any parishioner who becomes homebound may have a Eucharistic Minister visit. All you have to do is notify the rectory and they will be scheduled.

DECEMBER FAITH IN ACTION - Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Milk.

POOR BOX COLLECTION: Poor Box collection on the two registers in the back of the church, please contribute your giving to the poor.

BAPTISMS please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment - 304-788-2488.

CONFESSIONS are heard everyday before Holy Mass and on Saturday from 3-3:45 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. If you have a interest in choir ALL ARE WELCOME!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10545 meets on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7 pm at the council home. New members are welcome. Kenny Brant, is Grand Knight and Les Halapy serves as Deputy Grand Knight.

LADIES GUILD next meeting will be announced next year.

MARRIAGES please contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the proposed marriage date - 304-788-2488

PARISH MEMBERSHIP if you are a new parishioner, please contact the parish office to register with the parish. You may also access the church website to complete a registration form. **Parish Members please update the parish office with any changes in addresses, phone numbers, and emails.**

ROSARY & MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA is prayed every Thursday at 8 am prior to and after the Mass. The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary on the **first Saturday** of the month beginning at 3:30 pm prior to the 4:00 pm Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTER'S

Dec. 22nd - 4 pm: Sue Harber; (L) Carole Rhodes, Meredythe Barrick, Rosalee Freeman; (EM) Melissa Stanislawczyk, Celia & Evelyn Cole, James Maybury; (AS)

Dec. 23rd - 8 am: John Bogdan; (L) Alan Taylor, Charlotte, Pam Williams; (EM) Olyvia Hardman & Rosie Landis; (AS)

Dec. 23rd - 10:30 am: Kelley Kuhn; (L) Kara Breedlove, Tina Stephen, Nancy Starcher; (EM) Beverley Iser, Mary Assumption, Nicholas McKenzie; (AS)

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER

Dec. 24th - 7:00 pm Vigil Mass: (3) Extra Volunteers (EM) (3) Volunteers (AS)

Dec. 25th - 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass: (1) Extra Volunteer (EM)

December 8 & 9 / Attendance: 4 pm 91 8 am 76 10:30 am 93

Adult Envelope: \$2,333 **Loose Money:** \$995 **Candles:** \$26.50 **Poor Box:** \$37

Christmas Flowers: \$152 **Retirement fund:** \$930 **Total:** \$4,474

*A Message from Fr. Thomas Anatharackal CST
3rd Sunday of Advent*

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, God's word introduces us to Jesus Christ's precursor: Saint John the Baptist. God the Father is preparing the arrival, that is, the Advent, of His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in many different ways, as the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews, says: Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings prepared Jesus' arrival. We see both genealogies, in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, Jesus Christ as son of Abraham and son of David. Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah announced His Advent and described the features of His Ministry. But Saint John the Baptist, would be the one to point Him out to the world, and the privilege of Baptizing our Lord went to him. His was to be the very last testimony before Jesus' arrival. And he gave it with his life, with his death and with his word.

John's birth was also announced, like that of Jesus, and was prepared, as seen in Luke's Gospel (chapters 1 and 2). And his death, as a martyr, victim of a king's weakness and of a wicked woman's hatred, also prepared the way for that of Jesus. This is why, he receives the most extraordinary praise from Jesus himself, which can be read in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John". John, who would have known of all this praise, is however an example of humility: he tells us today, "I am not worthy to untie his sandal" (Lk 3:16). And, according to Saint John, "He must increase while I must decrease". Let us listen today to his word, exhorting us to share what we have and to respect the justice and dignity everybody deserves. Thus, we shall be preparing ourselves to receive He who is coming to save us and will come again to "judge the living and the dead".