

Assumption Catholic Church

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: The Ascension of the Lord

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do we believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform our lives?

Readings for Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022

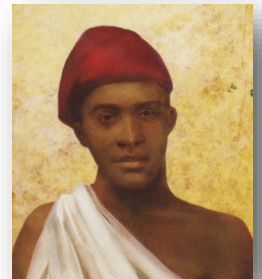
Acts 2:1:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

† Saint of the Week: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

St. Charles Lwanga was born in 1860 in the southern part of modern Uganda. He served as a page and later as a major-domo in the court of King Mwanga II. As part of the King's effort to resist foreign colonization, he had begun to insist that Christian converts abandon their new faith, and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1855 and 1887. Many of those that were executed were officials in his Royal Court or otherwise very close to him. Among those executed was Charles Lwanga, and the Catholic Church recognizes him as a Ugandan Catholic Catechist martyred for his faith.



Feast Day: June 3

The persecutions started in 1885. After a massacre of Anglican Missionaries which included Bishop James Hannington, the leader of the Catholic community, Joseph Mukasa, who was then major-domo of the court, reproached the king for the killings. Later that day, Charles Lwanga sought baptism as a Catholic by a missionary Priest. In May 1886, Mwanga ordered a general assembly of the court, charged two of the pages and condemned them to death. The next day, Charles secretly baptized those in his charge. Later the King called another assembly and interrogated all present to see if they would renounce Christianity. Led by Charles Lwanga, the royal pages declared their fidelity to their religion; the King condemned them to death.

Charles Lwanga was separated from the others. As he was being burnt, Charles said to the Guardian, "It is as if you are pouring water on me. Please repent and become a Christian like me." Twelve Catholic boys and men, and nine Anglicans were burnt alive. The anger of the King was particularly inflamed against the Christians, because they refused to give into demands to participate in sexual acts with him. Charles Lwanga in particular had protected the pages from King Mwanga's sexual advances which angered the King.

Charles Lwanga was burnt alive and martyred for his faith along with other Catholics in 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized him and his companions in 1964. He is the patron saint of converts and torture victims.

Source: newmanministry.com



Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Judy Davis*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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



Photo by Sonja Stanislawczyk

Last Sunday we celebrated our Graduation Mass and our five CCD graduates who are shown here with Fr. Thomas: Kylee McGann, Cierra Laffey, Alyson Smith, Braedon Welch and Alec Stanislawczyk.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and may they always know Assumption Parish as their home!

Congratulations!



Mass on Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2022

9 a.m. at St. Thomas Cemetery

Please bring your own chair. In case of rain, Mass will be at the church.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, June 2. If you have a topic for the council to discuss, please contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Paul Bogdan, Janet Corley, Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Lauren Ellifritz, Mike Fleming, Jean Harber, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Pam Williams.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 28	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Peter Centofonti	Barbara Centofonti
		Intentions of Sue Harber.....	Mary Shannon
Sunday, May 29	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Alice & John Kazlo	Rene Trezise
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn	Mike & Joanne Stickley
<i>Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery</i>			
Monday, May 30	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, May 31	No Mass		
Wednesday, June 1	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey	Mary Lambert
		Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Thursday, June 2	12 noon	Soul of James DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon
		Members of the Harber Family	Sue Harber
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, June 3	9:00 a.m.	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
		Soul of Martin W. Willis.....	Mary Alexander
Saturday, June 4	4:00 p.m.	Soul of John Turner.....	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Mary Shannon.....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt.....	anonymous
Sunday, June 5	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Fazzalore Family.....	The Fazzalore Family
		Intentions of Bob & Phyllis Harman and Katie Kuhn.....	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn

Youth Group Decorates Cemetery

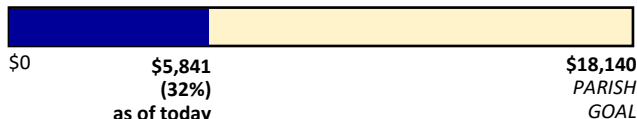


Members of the Assumption Catholic/Grace United Methodist Youth Group met at St. Thomas Cemetery last Sunday to place flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day.

Formed earlier this year with a goal of community outreach, ministry and socialization, the group is off to a great start! They began with a bowling outing, followed by a food drive which collected **1600 pounds** of food for the Faith in Action Food Pantry. The group then stuffed Easter eggs (over 1200 of them!) and held a community Easter Egg Hunt. The Memorial Day activity was the last planned event until fall.



Assumption Parish



Our 2022 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign is now underway. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Collections & Attendance

May 21-22, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,620
Loose Donations.....	\$291
Total	\$1,911

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Relief Services	\$505
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Attendance

Saturday, 5/21	54
Sunday, 5/22	104
Total	158



Please join us on Saturday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall to celebrate **Mary Shannon's 90th Birthday!**

All parishioners are invited. Please, no cards or gifts.

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held May 19, 2022

\$100 Winners	\$50 Winners	\$25 Winners
C. J. Fraley	Barb Willis	Carrie Barbarito
Tony Baker	Butch Keister	Doug Placka
		Krista House

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 4 (K of C Mass)

Lector:	Kenny Brant
Servers:	Mike Landis & Alan Taylor
EM:	Mike Landis
Cantor:	Linda Marsh
Greeters:	Dave Dunn & Bill Lupis

Sunday, June 5

Lector:	John Bogdan
Servers:	Beverley Iser & Jane Placka
EM:	Rosie Landis
Cantor:	Patrick George
Greeters:	Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Saturday, June 11

Lector:	Alan Taylor
Servers:	Celia & Evelyn Cole
EM:	Sue Harber
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, June 12

Lector:	Geoff Newlin
Servers:	Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM:	Kelley Kuhn
Cantor:	Nancy Starcher
Greeters:	Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets
for the Lord!

