



Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

Advent

PREPARE THE WAY

May you find Christ here...may you take 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: Second Sunday of Advent

Do we recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to us when we listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong. John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are we hungry for the Word of God and do we allow God's word to transform the way we think, speak, and live our lives?

Readings for Next Sunday,
December 15, 2024
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Saint of the Week... Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby village to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: December 12



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie,

Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Graydon Shade, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

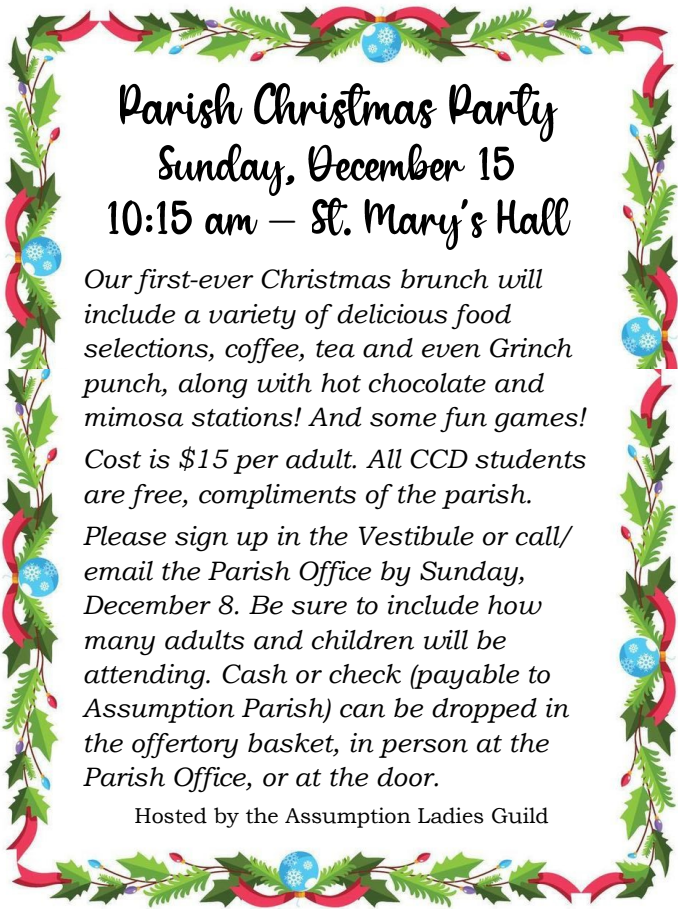
Marriage Banns

In accordance with Canon 1067, we announce that the following individuals are preparing to be married:

Wanda Riggelman Kinnie
Roland E. Nairn III

If there are any known impediments to this proposed marriage, please contact the Parish Office.

Required posting 2 of 3



Parish Christmas Party
Sunday, December 15
10:15 am – St. Mary's Hall

Our first-ever Christmas brunch will include a variety of delicious food selections, coffee, tea and even Grinch punch, along with hot chocolate and mimosa stations! And some fun games! Cost is \$15 per adult. All CCD students are free, compliments of the parish. Please sign up in the Vestibule or call/ email the Parish Office by Sunday, December 8. Be sure to include how many adults and children will be attending. Cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be dropped in the offertory basket, in person at the Parish Office, or at the door.

Hosted by the Assumption Ladies Guild

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

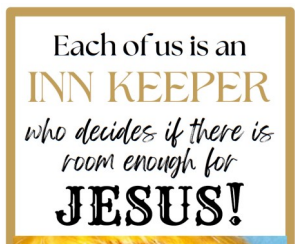


Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 9, 2024
Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Can't attend here Monday evening?
Mass at Our Lady of Grace in Romney
is Monday at 11 a.m.

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.
led by Fr. Giles



The CCD students of Assumption Parish invite you to their Christmas program next Sunday, December 15 immediately after Mass in the church!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 7	4:00 pm	Souls of Joe Altobello & Jackie Altobello	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Marion Dorsey	Margaret McGee
Sunday, December 8	8:30 am	Soul of Tom Harbaugh	Michelle Brill
		Soul of Doris Tetrick	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Monday, December 9	6:30 pm	Soul of James DeMasi	Mary Shannon
		Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody family	Sharon Melody
Tuesday, December 10	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 11	6:00 pm	<i>Advent Penance Service (No Mass)</i>	
Thursday, December 12	12:00 pm	Members of the Harber Family	Jean Harber
		Intentions of the Daily Mass Prayer Warriors	God Bless You
Friday, December 13	9:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi & Turner Families	Sue & Jean Harber
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Saturday, December 14	4:00 pm	Soul of Margie Konka	Bob Konka
		Intentions of John Gustafson	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, December 15	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick	Joanne & Mike Stickley
		Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

2025 Offertory Envelopes

Our 2025 offertory envelopes are available to be picked up in the back of the church as you leave Mass today. If you do not currently use weekly envelopes but would like to start, please contact the Parish Office.

Your Faithful Stewardship

November 30-December 1, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,545
Loose Donations	\$308
Christmas Flowers.....	\$698
Votive Candles	\$161
Poor Box	\$239
Total.....	\$4,951

Attendance

Saturday, November 30.....	74
Sunday, December 1.....	119
Total.....	193

Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for retired religious is being taken this weekend. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.

November Balance Sheet

Income	\$19,392
Expenses	\$23,431
Total.....	-\$4,039



Shown here are serving items that have been left at St. Mary's Hall. If any of them are yours, please claim them before the end of the year.

**THE LORD HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR US;**

we are filled with joy!

PSALM 126:3

Mass Intentions Make the Perfect Gift!

If you're looking for a special and meaningful Christmas gift for someone, consider offering a Mass. Mass intentions provide a spiritual gift to those you love through prayer. There are still dates available in 2025. The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held November 21, 2024

\$100 Winners

Scott Spamburg
Jim Bess

\$50 Winners

Tori-Lynn Cage
Fr. Bill Matheny

\$25 Winners

Penny Sanders
Mike McDowell
Mary Wagoner

Local Christmas Concerts

Honeybees Community Choir Advent Concert

Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Church in Romney

Pan Jammin' Steel Drum Caribbean Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 at 6 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, Keyser.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 14

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Bill Lupis, Eric Hatfield (c) & Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, December 15 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EMs: David Minnich, Charlotte Delilo (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: CCD Students

Saturday, December 21

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
EMs: Cathy Pardee, Jean Harber (c), Sue Harber (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, December 22

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Tina Stephen (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

December 12 Pam Williams
December 19 Joanne Stickley