

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



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: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
February 5, 2023**
Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Saint of the Week

St. John Bosco

John Melchior Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, was born in 1815 in Italy. He was ordained a priest in 1841. As a young priest, he recognized the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, and dedicated his life to the betterment and education of disadvantaged youth. His teaching method was a preventive system based on love rather than punishment, and placed the students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with work, study and play.



Feast Day: January 31

Don Bosco opened a school for boys called the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales. Through the generosity of wealthy patrons, he was able to provide shoemaking and tailoring workshops for the students. The school later added a printing press for publication of religious pamphlets.

In 1859, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, and later the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. Both groups' activities concentrated on education and mission work.

St. John Bosco was canonized in 1934 and is the patron saint of youth, educators and editors.

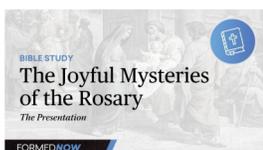
Sources: franciscanmedia.org and wikipedia.com

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.

**PARISHIONERS ALREADY
ENJOYING FORMED:**

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Register for FREE Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit signup.formed.org
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching and listening!



Food Donations Now Accepted

As part of our parish community service, we are accepting food donations to help our neighbors in need. A collection tote is now available in the vestibule.

Faith in Action Food Pantry

Our local food pantry is always in need of items like pasta, sauce, soups, canned vegetables and canned fruit.

Food for Thought

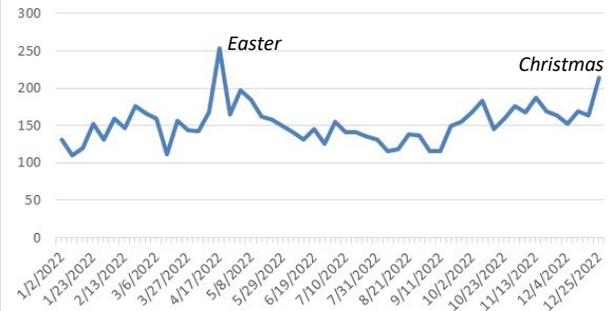
Food for Thought provides non-perishable food each weekend to Mineral Country children in need. Currently more than 500 local kids benefit from this amazing program. Some ideas for donations include individual-sized apple sauce, pudding cups, crackers, cookies and pasta cups, cereal and granola bars, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and Pop Tarts.

Monetary donations for both organizations are also welcome to help offset operational costs. These can be dropped in the offertory baskets, clearly marked for which organization. Please note that poor box donations this quarter will benefit the Food Pantry.

ASSUMPTION PARISH 2022 Spiritual Statistics

Baptisms.....	3
First Communions.....	4
Confirmations.....	0
Funerals Masses/Committal Services.....	4
Registered CCD Students.....	60
CCD Graduates.....	5
Average Weekend Mass Attendance	153
<i>(2021 average weekend attendance was 126)</i>	
Most Attended Single Mass*	
Sunday, May 1 (Youth Mass)	198
<i>*not including Christmas and Easter</i>	

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 28	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Martin W. Willis	Mary Alexander
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, January 29	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick & family
		Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased	
		Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Monday, January 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 31	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 1	No Mass		
Thursday, February 2	12 noon	<i>Rosary & Novena prayed as a Parish Family in the church</i>	
Friday, February 3	No Mass		
Saturday, February 4	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Sue Harber
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Sunday, February 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bertha Grace Vipond	Patrick George
		Soul of Colleen Shaffer	Mary Lambert

Please note there are no weekday Masses or Scripture Study classes while Fr. Thomas is away.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis*, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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

Four Chaplains Memorial Service

Each year on February 3, we celebrate Four Chaplains Day honoring four military chaplains who sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of fellow service members during WWII. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester while transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck the Dorchester, killing 672 of the 902 persons aboard. Many of the survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership shown by four chaplains of different faiths. As the ship sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

Boyce-Houser Post 41 American Legion will hold a memorial service next Sunday, February 5, at 3 p.m. at the Post home (66 South Main St., Keyser). Fr. Dan Price from Annunciation/St. Anthony parishes will be participating in the service.



Knight Family of the Month

Dean and Kathy Alt have been honored as the Assumption Council Family of the Month for December. They both are faithful workers at every spaghetti dinner. Kathy works the floor, bakes cakes and along with Dean delivers dinners on Tuesday takeout. Dean has been a lector in the past and an alter server especially for funeral Masses. Dean was a special chauffeur for Fr. Binoy and acted as his big brother while he was at our parish. Both Dean and Kathy are a joy to be around and exhibit exactly what a good family should be. Congratulations Dean and Kathy!

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held January 19, 2023

\$100 Winners	\$50 Winners	\$25 Winners
Julie Alt	Wyatt Fleming	Kathy Alt
Denny Dolechek	Rosalee Freeman	Mary Lou Halapy
		Bob Avers

Collections & Attendance

January 21-22, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,485
Loose Donations	\$928
Votive Candles	\$79
Poor Box	\$131
Total	\$2,623

Attendance

Saturday, 1/21	75
Sunday, 1/22	75
Total	150

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 4

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EM: Meredythe Barrick
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, February 5

Lector: John Bogdan
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
 EM: Kelley Kuhn
 Cantor: Candace Lowery
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Saturday, February 11

Lector: Doug Minnich
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
 EM: Jean Harber
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, February 12

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Mike Landis
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Stonerise EM

February 2 Meredythe Barrick
 February 9 Stacey Rhodes

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

February 11, 2023

St. Michael Church | Wheeling, WV

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation
 and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual
 Early Bird discount available through January 9.
 Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org
 or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.



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 COUNCIL 10545**

Meetings Every First
 Thursday at 7 p.m.

Advertise here! Call or email the Parish Office to reserve your space which helps to offset the cost of printing our bulletins and worship aids!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
 Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT
 Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT
 Wall outside the restroom

