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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy - the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. I wish you all a happy and peaceful family life.

Readings for Next Sunday,
January 5, 2025
Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Saint of the Week... St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City in 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family. When she was 19, she married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. Just 10 years later her husband died. The young widow discovered Catholicism in Italy where her husband died, and upon returning to the United States in 1805, she entered the Catholic Church.

After several difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada.

Mother Seton was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI, making her the first US-born citizen to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's feast day is January 4 and she is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers.

Source: setonshrine.org



Feast Day: January 4



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 Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, 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)



*As a new year begins, we pray for peace,
health and happiness for all people.
May the light of Christ's love
guide us all throughout 2025!*



Holy Day of Obligation

**Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God**

Mass on Wednesday,
January 1, 2025
5:00 p.m.



Today's Feast Day and Gospel reading are both represented by two of our stained glass windows!

The window in the top photo shows the Holy Family — today's Feast Day—in Joseph's carpentry shop. This window can be found on the Tabernacle side of the nave and was donated by Joseph & Elizabeth Dickel and family.



The window shown in the bottom photo depicts today's Gospel reading, "Finding Jesus in the Temple." This window can also be found on the Tabernacle side of the nave and was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Melody in 1943.



Celebrating Fr. Thomas!

Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Thomas on the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, his birthday, and his upcoming vacation to India!

The celebration, hosted by the Ladies Guild, will take place on Friday, January 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and will include dinner, dessert and beverages. Children 10 and under are free.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing up in the Vestibule or by contacting the Parish Office no later than Monday, January 6. Payment by cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be made at the Parish Office or dropped in the offertory basket. We hope you can join us!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 28	4:00 pm	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis	Bill Lupis
		Intentions of Meredythe Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, December 29	8:30 am	Soul of Joseph Balassone	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Jean Quinn	Marg Quinn
Monday, December 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 31	No Mass		
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>			
Wednesday, January 1	5:00 pm	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Kelli Wittman
		Soul of Sam Alexander	Mary Balassone
Thursday, January 2	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of Don & Shirley Benton	Dena Turner
Friday, January 3	9:00 am	Soul of Charlie Ravenscroft	Mike & Rosie Landis
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Saturday, January 4	4:00 pm	Intentions of Marianna Bamburg & family	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
Sunday, January 5	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick	Pam Williams
		Soul of Phyllis Deniker	Assumption Choir

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

Your Faithful Stewardship

December 21-22, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,415
Loose Donations.....	\$1,014
Repairs & Maintenance	\$10
Total	\$4,439

Attendance

Saturday, 12/21	72
Sunday, 12/22.....	106
Total	178

Christmas

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,915
Loose Donations.....	\$1,561
Holiday Flowers.....	\$30
Total	\$4,506

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Charities West Virginia	\$995
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Attendance

Christmas Eve, 4:00.....	120
Christmas Eve, 6:30.....	114
Christmas Day, 8:30.....	46
Total	280



Knights of Columbus NEWS

The Assumption Council is holding a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 at Assumption Parish. Any Third Degree member can be installed as a Fourth Degree Knight. Members from other local councils can also be installed. The installation ceremony will last approximately one hour, followed by the Rosary at 3:30 and Mass at 4:00.

A catered dinner will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Hall. The cost for a Knight to be exemplified to Fourth Degree is \$70 which includes dinner. Additional guests at dinner is \$30. The Most Rev. Mark Brennan will be in attendance, along with dignitaries from other councils. If you are a Third Degree Knight, please give this opportunity some consideration. If you are interested, please contact Mike Landis at 304-790-3317.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 4

Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Martin & Micah Alt
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, January 5

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser & Lucas Dupuis
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Dave Minnich (c), Mike Landis (c)
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, January 11 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Knights of Columbus
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, January 12

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole and Liam Dupuis
EM: Julie Alt, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach
Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 2 Meredythe Barrick
January 9 Stacy Rhodes



The Twelve Days of Christmas

The true meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas which are the days between the birth of Christ and the arrival of the three wise men:

- The partridge represents Jesus; the tree symbolizes the Cross.
- The 2 turtle doves represent the Old and New Testament.
- The 3 French hens signify the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love (or charity).
- The 4 calling birds symbolize the four Gospels.
- The 5 golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The 6 geese a-laying symbolize the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as the creator of the world.
- The 7 swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- The 8 maids a-milking symbolize the Beatitudes.
- The 9 ladies dancing represent the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- The 10 lords a-leaping signify the Ten Commandments.
- The 11 pipers piping represent Jesus' faithful disciples.
- The 12 drummers drumming represent the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed.

Source: www.dynamiccatholic.com

*Let the Peace of Christ
control your Hearts* 

COLOSSIANS 3:15