

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Feast of the Baptism of the Lord***

***January 9, 2022***



**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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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

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**Angela Bowers and Patrick George, Organists**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: The Baptism of the Lord

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan River. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father, tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do we want to see our life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do we want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in our heart. Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with his Holy Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around us.

### Readings for next Sunday,

**January 16, 2022**

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11



## Saint of the Week: St. Hilary of Poitiers

A staunch defender of the divinity of Christ, St. Hilary was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the trinity. In a very troubled period in the church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy.

Born about 310 in Poitiers, France, Hilary was raised a pagan. He converted to Christianity through his broad and deep education which introduced him to the Holy Scripture. He was named Bishop of Poitiers about 350, and soon took up battling what became the scourge of the fourth century - Arianism - which denied the divinity of Christ.

St. Hilary spent the better part of his adult life studying, writing, speaking, and arguing to ensure that the Nicene Creed was understood and adhered to throughout the Church. He was even sent into exile by the Emperor for not conforming his views to Arian teachings. But he used his time in exile to read and write extensively, eventually becoming such a thorn in the side of the Emperor that he restored St. Hilary to his diocese.

St. Hilary died about 367, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

Sources: [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life) and [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com)



Feast Day: January 13



## Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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



The practice of requesting a Mass intention for a loved one is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Masses can be offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has passed, or for the special intentions of someone for healing or special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Various Mass cards are available at the Parish Office, and we are happy to mail the cards for you as well.

Both weekday and weekend dates are still available throughout this year. Call or email the Parish Office to schedule a Mass.

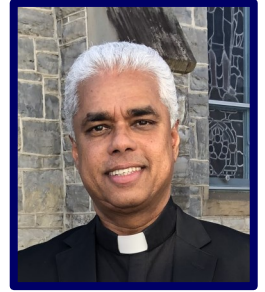
The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends is \$20. However, any offering is welcome and if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to still request your intentions.

*One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.*

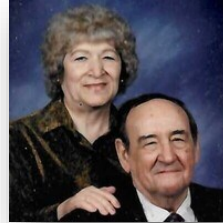
*- St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine*



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**BIRTHDAY**



As you celebrate, know how grateful we are that the Lord has blessed us with a wonderful priest and we give thanks for all that you do! May God continue to bless you Fr. Thomas!



*Wilma Virginia Turner*

Born into Life  
April 14, 1930

Born into Eternal Life  
December 29, 2021

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Wilma's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*A graveside service was held at St. Thomas Cemetery on January 3.*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 8	4:00 p.m.	The Fazzalore & Whetzel Families .....	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, January 9	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Thomas Sebastian .....	Assumption Parish
Monday, January 10	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 11	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 12	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Jennifer Metz .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, January 13	12 noon	Soul of Angela Dorsey .....	Marion Dorsey
		Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
Friday, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Mary Ann Houser .....	Mary Lambert
Saturday, January 15	4:00 p.m.	Volunteers of Assumption Parish.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, January 16	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Wilma Turner .....	Assumption Parish

## CCD Start Date Change

With the rise in local cases of COVID-19, we have made the decision to delay the second semester of CCD classes. **Classes will not meet this Sunday (January 9).**

Please look for emails and posts on our Facebook page next week for updates.

Stay safe everyone!

## Collections & Attendance

January 1-2, 2022

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,743
Loose Donations .....	\$473
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,216</b>

### Special Collection

Kentucky Disaster Relief.....	\$717
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### Attendance

Saturday 1/1 .....	66
Sunday 1/2 .....	65
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>131</b>

### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Church in the Developing World, which includes Latin America, Central & Eastern Europe and Africa.

### December Balance Sheet

Income .....	\$29,553
Expenses.....	\$33,673
Balance.....	-\$4,120



## Loved One Incarcerated?

Having someone you love in prison or jail can be a spiritually trying experience. If you would like spiritual support, you may contact, in confidence, Deacon Larry. He has spent over 15 years ministering to the incarcerated in various penal facilities. He may be reached by email (LMHammel@verizon.net) or by phone 703-421-5815.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, January 15

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Kathy Finnell  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

### Sunday, January 16

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Abby & Libby DeSignore  
EM: Pam Williams  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Kelley & Katie Kuhn

### Saturday, January 22

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, January 23

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landes, Nick McKenzie  
EM: Kelley Kuhn  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

*The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

Mark 9:7

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.