



# Assumption Catholic Church

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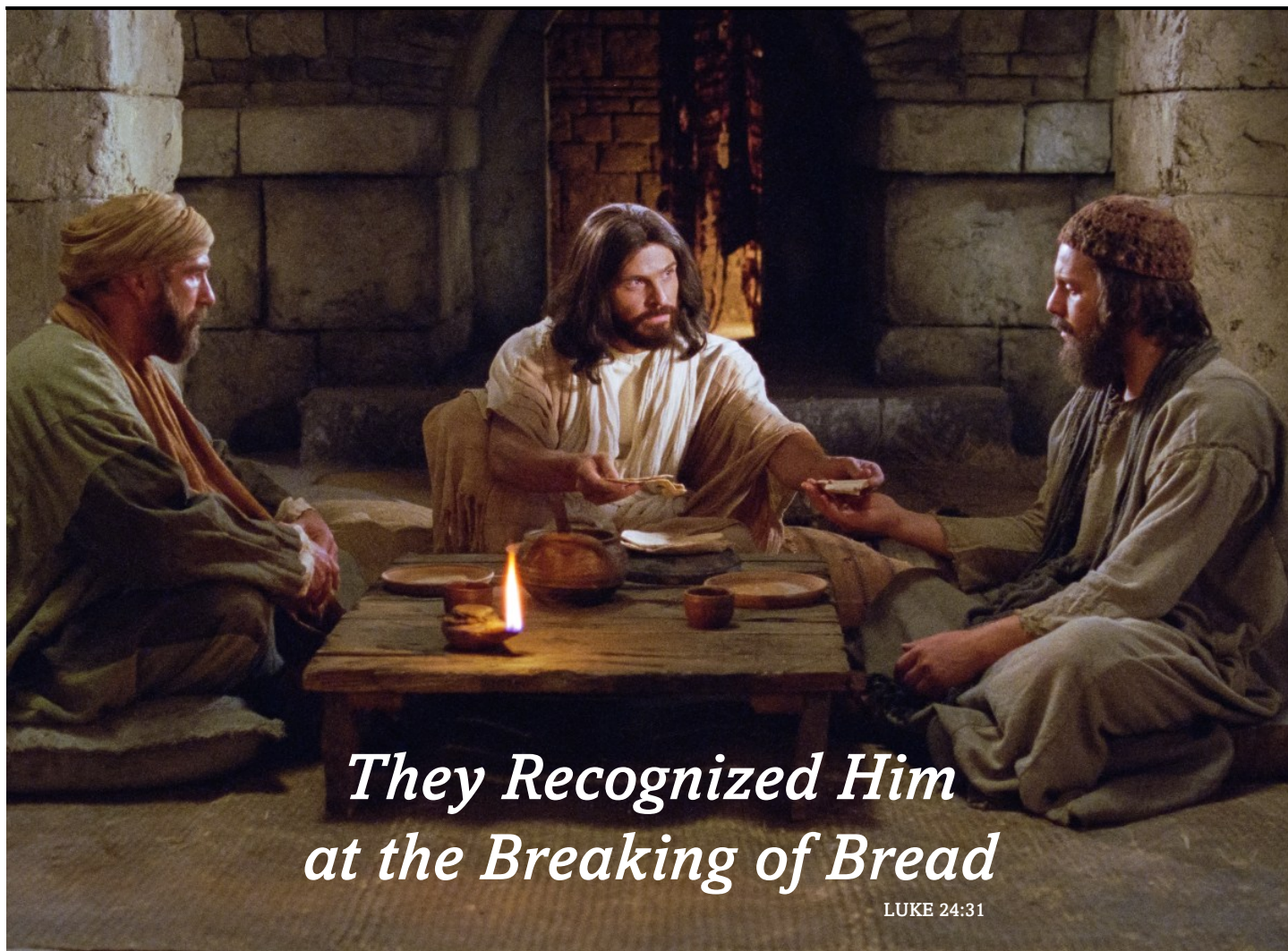
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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2026**



*They Recognized Him  
at the Breaking of Bread*

LUKE 24:31

*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**

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Easter

Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the Risen Lord (Luke 24:13–35)? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one who would redeem Israel. They saw the cross as a defeat and could not understand the meaning of the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus rebuked the disciples on the road to Emmaus for being slow of heart to believe what the Scriptures had spoken about the Messiah. They did not recognize the Risen Jesus until he broke bread with them.

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens our minds to understand? The Risen Lord is always ready to speak his word to us and to help us understand his ways. Do we listen attentively to the Word of God and allow it to change and transform us? Do we recognize the Lord in his Word and in the breaking of the bread? Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart so that I may recognize your presence with me and understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

April 26, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

## Saint of the Week... St. Mark the Evangelist

Most of what we know about St. Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When St. Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

Like another Gospel writer Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do: proclaim to all people the Good News that is the source of salvation. In particular, Mark's way was by writing. His symbol is the winged lion symbol because according to ancient legend, while taking refuge from a storm in the city of Venice, Mark was visited in a dream by an angel in the form of a winged lion. He is the patron saint of notaries and Venice.



Feast Day: April 25

Source: franciscanmedia.org

## Prayer Requests

Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Marshal Clarke\*, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean

Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman\*, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock\*, Barbara Willis, Davis Wilson.

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## This Week's Birthdays

April 20	Gerri Bennett
April 22	Connor Graves
April 23	Caleb Blacka
April 24	Kelli Wittman
April 26	Lois Wade

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

# Welcome!



Our parish community joyfully welcomes our OCIA catechumen and candidates into full communion with the Catholic church! The ceremony took place during the Easter Vigil Mass. Shown here with Fr. Thomas and Deacon Larry are Daniel Jones, Kathie Shank, Alea Horner and Jennifer Mitchell.

After months of prayer, study, and spiritual preparation, they have now taken this beautiful and life-changing step in their journey of faith. Please continue to support and pray for our newly received brother and sisters!

A special thank you to Nancy Starcher, Robin McDowell and Tom Burdock who helped to prepare them.



Lord, look kindly on our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive their sacrament. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that you have begun in them.

### *Jude Kyles Barrick*

Sponsor: Geoff Newlin, Saint: Patrick

### *Maddox David Cameron*

Sponsor: Nyssa Smith, Saint: Dominic

### *Pippa Arabella Dolechek*

Sponsor: Joseph Taylor, Saint: Anastasia

### *Alexander Lafayette Mangold*

Sponsor: Kelly Stanislawczyk, Saint: Sebastian

### *Daniel Jackson Mangold*

Sponsor: Lorraine Mangold, Saint: Joseph

### *Tess Eleanor Maybury*

Sponsor: Julie Alt, Saint Melangell

### *Tucker James Newlin*

Sponsor: Meredythe Barrick; Saint: Sebastian

### *Brant Franklin Pritts*

Sponsor: Erin Ravenscroft, Saint: Christopher

### *Aleah Beth Smith*

Sponsor: Marie Del Signore, Saint: Rose of Lima

### *Reed Hudson Starcher*

Sponsor: Don Starcher, Saint: Blaise

*The Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, April 19 at 4 p.m. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they take this important next step in their faith journey!*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 18	4:00 pm	Soul of Ron Willis & Intentions of Barbara Willis .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Sunday, April 19	8:30 am	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Mass	
Monday, April 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 22	5:00 pm	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Thursday, April 23	12:00 pm	Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Friday, April 24	9:00 am	Soul of Beth Grayson .....	Rene Trezise
Saturday, April 25	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi .....	Their Loving Family
Sunday, April 26	8:30 am	Intentions of Jim & Cindy Alt .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

## Easter Lilies Available

The Easter lilies that decorated the Sanctuary are available to any parishioners who can use them. Feel free to pick them up after Mass at the back door of the Rectory. Thank you to Sue and Jean Harber for always making our church look so beautiful!

## Your Faithful Stewardship

April 11-12, 2026

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,560
Loose Donations.....	\$380
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,940</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 4/11 .....	65
Sunday, 4/12 .....	140
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>205</b>

## Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the first quarter 2026, your donations provided \$860 to the Mineral County Family Resource Network to assist with their many programs that serve our local community. Poor Box donations made this quarter will benefit Food for Thought and Helping Hands of the Potomac Highlands.

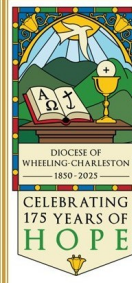
### Attention Volunteers!

## VIRTUS Safe Environment Requirements

All those who serve our parish in certain roles are required to maintain compliance with the VIRTUS Safe Environment platform. The roles are limited to:

- Catechists (including OCIC)
- Adult altar servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only to the nursing home or homebound (if you serve at the altar compliance is not required)

Both a background check and awareness training must be completed every three years, and many of our volunteers are now due for renewal. Thank you to those who have already taken the necessary steps. If you haven't yet had an opportunity, please take a few minutes to log in to your VIRTUS account to complete the necessary steps. Thank you!



## Martinsburg Vicariate Gathering:

Celebrating the 175th  
Anniversary of the Diocese

**Tuesday: April 28, 2026**  
St. Vincent De Paul Parish  
67 Liberty St. Berkeley Springs WV

Mass at 6:00pm  
Celebrated by Bishop Brennan  
and priests of the Martinsburg Vicariate

Reception to follow the Mass

*All are welcome!!*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, April 25

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan  
EMs: John Gustafson, Karen Yowler (c), Jean Harber (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

### Sunday, April 26

Lector: Celia Cole  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EMs: TBD, Rosie Landis (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

### Saturday, May 2

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: TBD

### Sunday, May 3

Lector: TBD  
Servers: Nick McKenzie, Eric Hatfield II & Remy Kuhn  
EMs: TBD  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: TBD

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

April 23 Mередythe Barrick  
April 30 Jean Harber



*Lord, you will show us the path of life..* PSALM 16