

Assumption Catholic Church

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Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24

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, 6:00 p.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: Fifth Sunday of Lent

How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" (John 12:24) to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. What is the analogy which Jesus alludes to in the image of the grain of wheat that must first die in order to rise to new life and bear good fruit? Jesus' obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love and readiness to lay down our lives in sacrificial service for the good of others.

If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Death leads to life. When we "die" to ourselves - to our rebellious sinful nature and willful rejection of God's commandments - we receive God's forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, let me be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for you. I want to follow wherever you lead me. Give me fresh hope and joy in serving you all the days of my life.

Readings for Next Sunday,

March 24, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 15:1-39



Saint of the Week... St. Patrick

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, but he found his faith while being held as a prisoner in Ireland.

Born in Britain to wealthy parents, at age 16 Patrick and some of his father's slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered from hunger and cold. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace. Six years later, Patrick escaped and returned to Britain.

Later, an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Once he was ordained a priest, he did return to Ireland and began ministering and converting. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity.

While legends about Patrick abound, the truth is best served by his two greatest qualities: humility and courage. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided his life.

St. Patrick's feast day is celebrated on March 17, the date of his death in circa 493. He is the patron saint of Ireland and engineers.

Source: franciscanmedia.org, catholic.org, history.com



Feast Day: March 17



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



Father J.J. Makes Guest Appearance!

Our parish happily welcomed Fr. Jojan Joseph, CST back to our parish for a special presentation on the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood.

The event, which was part of our year-long Jubilee celebration, was held at St. Mary's Hall and was followed by a dessert reception hosted by the Ladies Guild. More than 40 people attended.



▲ Fr. Thomas introduces Fr. J.J.



► Fr. J.J. explains the history of the priesthood to more than 40 parishioners.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next event on our Jubilee calendar is a three-day retreat led by Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM from the Fathers of Mercy based in Kentucky.

Fr. Ben will celebrate our Masses on April 6-7. The retreat will begin Sunday evening, April 7, and will continue the next two evenings.

During the mission, Fr. Ben will speak on living Holy Matrimony and will encourage and challenge all of us to make a stronger, deeper personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.

Keep watching for more details!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 16	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Alston Bruce Martin	Lynn McQuinn
		Intentions of Darlene "Bitsy" Brown	Linda Marsh
Sunday, March 17	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Their Loving Family
		Soul of Mary Ella Minnich.....	Doug Minnich
Monday, March 18	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 19	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 20	6:00 p.m.	<i>Lenten Penance Service</i>	
Thursday, March 21	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Barbara England	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 22	6:00 p.m.	Souls of James & Inez Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		Intentions of Toni Shillingburg.....	Dena Turner
Saturday, March 23	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Gina DeMasi	The DeMasi Family
		Deceased Members of the Delilo & DiCesare Families	Palma & Dino Devic
Sunday, March 24	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich.....	Doug Minnich
		Soul of Norm Groves.....	Sharon Melody & Joe Melody

Stations of the Cross will be prayed following Mass on Fridays during Lent.



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (March 17) for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to members of the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event!

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 9-10, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes\$2,670
 Loose Donations\$738
 Easter Flowers.....\$40
Total \$3,448

Attendance

Saturday, 3/9..... 94
 Sunday, 3/10..... 87
Total 181

thank you!



Assumption Council Knight Family of the Month

The Mike Bonner family has been named the Knight Family of the Month for February 2024.

Mike is an active member of Assumption Church and is supported by his wife Patricia. He has held several different offices in the council over the years. He attends K of C meetings and helps with many of the council's activities, such as helping with the spaghetti dinners, Tootsie Roll drive, Fishing Derby and can always be counted on to help with the Highway Cleanup. Thank you Mike and Patricia for all you do for our council and the parish. Congratulations!



Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
 6:00 p.m.
 Fr. Thomas
 Fr. Giles
 Fr. Dan

Volunteers are needed for washing of feet at Holy Thursday Mass. If you are able to participate in this symbolic service (men, women or children), please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	<u>Holy Thursday</u>	<u>Good Friday</u>	<u>Holy Saturday</u>	<u>Easter Sunday</u>
Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass 8:00 pm	7:00 am 8:30 am

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 23

Lector: Sue Harber
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EM: Mary Wagoner, Eric Hatfield (c), Alan Taylor (c)
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
 Cantor: TBD

Sunday, March 24

Lector: Paul Bogdan
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Jane Placka, Nancy Starcher (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
 Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
 Cantor: TBD

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 21 Stacey Rhodes
 March 28 Dave Dunn