

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

The Good **SHEPHERD**

JOHN 10:1-10



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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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4).

What can shepherding teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. Shepherd was literally the door through which the sheep had to pass. The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do we look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage we need to live and serve as his disciple?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
May 7, 2023**
Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Saint of the Week ... St. Athanasius

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of Doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

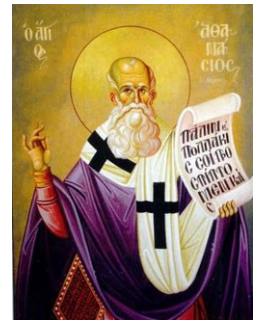
When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Born around 296, Athanasius died on May 2, 373...the date which is now his feast day. He is the patron saint of the defense of the faith.

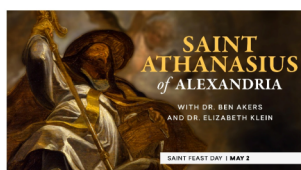
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Feast Day: May 2



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Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

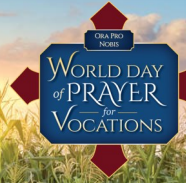
Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean Up



These members of Knights of Columbus Assumption Council #10545 held their Spring 2023 Adopt-A-Highway clean up on Harley O. Stagers Drive last Saturday morning. Helping were (l-r) John Bogdan, Alan Taylor, John Oglesbee, Mike Bonner, Charlie Oglesbee, Denny Dolechek, Kenny Brant, Jay Stanislawczyk, Geoff Newlin, Tucker Newlin and (not pictured) Paul Bogdan who also coordinated this service project.

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest

LUKE 10:2



Sunday, April 30, 2023

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated. Nominations can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone, email, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket.

The three outgoing members whose terms are expiring this year are Janet Corley, Lauren Ellifritz and Jean Harber. Other current members are Paul Bogdan, Tammy Dale, Mike Fleming, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen, and Pam Williams.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 29	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Jerry Marsh	Linda Marsh
Sunday, April 30	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan	Mary Lambert
Monday, May 1	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 2	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 3	No Mass		
Thursday, May 4	No Mass		
Friday, May 5	No Mass		
Saturday, May 6	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Mary Ellen Shockley Hall	Alt & Stickley Families
		Intentions of Fran Bodkin	Linda Marsh
Sunday, May 7	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Larry Demasi	Dena Turner

There will be no weekday Masses this week; Fr. Thomas will be in Charleston for a Diocesan Priest Convocation.

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



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

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 3

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out). Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer

Join our community in prayer for America from 12-1 p.m. on the Mineral County Courthouse Lawn. Bring your own chair; rain location Living Faith Ministries.

Sunday, May 7

Fr. Giles Birthday Luncheon

Hosted by Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney following their 11 a.m. Mass (if not attending Mass there, arrive about 12:20 p.m. Additional parking is across the street at the Senior Center and Catholic Charities). Sign up in the vestibule or contact the Assumption Parish Office.

Sunday, May 14

Youth Group Trip to Altoona Curve

Game begins at 1 p.m. Youth Group members attending will receive a free ticket. Family members and others are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$11 each; checks can be made payable to "Assumption Church" and given to Jill Blacka, the Parish Office, or dropped in the offertory basket by May 7.

Monday, May 15

Ladies Guild Spring Fling

All ladies of our parish are invited to this annual event at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall, featuring refreshments, wine, cheesecake and a presentation by Mary Kay consultant Ann Marie DeMasi.

Collections & Attendance

April 22-23, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,514
Loose Donations.....	\$810
Votive Candles.....	\$111
Poor Box	\$314
Total.....	\$3,749

Attendance

Saturday, 4/22	81
Sunday, 4/23	103
Total.....	184

Poor Box Donations

Poor box donations received in the 1st quarter 2023 totaling \$606 have been sent to the Faith in Action Food Pantry. Donations received in the 2nd quarter will be directed to Food for Thought and Helping Hands. Thank you for your generosity!



Donations Needed for Confirmation Project

As their community service project, our Confirmation class is making "Blessing Bags." These bags will be given to local children who are removed from their homes. Items needed to fill the bags are small size personal hygiene items like toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner and body wash, small journals, pens, pencils, crayons, small blankets and small stuffed animals. Items can be dropped in the designated tote in the vestibule or at the Parish Office by May 17.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 6

Lector: Anita Tetreault
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Alan Taylor, Cathy Pardee (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, May 7

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Abby & Libby Del Signore
 EM: Kelley Kuhn, Jane Placka (c), Tina Stephen (c)
 Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore
 Cantor: Julie Alt & Nancy Starcher

Saturday, May 13

Lector: Karen Yowler
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
 EM: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), TBD (c)
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, May 14

Lector: Pam Williams
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Rosie Landis, David Minnich (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
 Cantor: Patrick George

Stonerise EM

May 4 Stacey Rhodes
 May 11 Dave Dunn

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