

Assumption Catholic Church



*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord***

***May 12, 2024***



*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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**Kelli Wittman, Office Manager**

**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: The Ascension of the Lord

Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus provokes a number of questions: What is the hope of humanity? What is the destiny of our lives? What is our mission that we need to accomplish? The Ascension celebrates the dream that has begun with the Resurrection of Christ and climaxes by His Ascension into Heaven. The Ascension is both the end and the beginning. It is a transition to the next phase in the perfect plan of the Father. In the Ascension of our Lord, we celebrate the triumphant authority of Jesus over death and sin and giving life to all the nations. We believe that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father. Indeed, with His Ascension, Jesus is not just glorified but He is invested with the power to empower all of us to bring about the kingdom that He has started on Earth.

The Apostles were probably somewhat frightened and confused. Jesus was with them, then He died, then He rose and appeared various times, and then He ascended to the Father before their eyes. But He also told them that it is good that He goes. He told them of the Advocate that would come to lead them into all Truth. So, the Apostles went from joy, to fear, to relief and more joy, to confusion and sorrow, to curiosity and uncertainty. Perhaps that is the way some people find their lives to be. Ups and downs, twists and turns, joys and sorrows. Each phase reveals something new, something challenging, something glorious or something sorrowful. The good news is that the Father's plan is unfolding perfectly.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

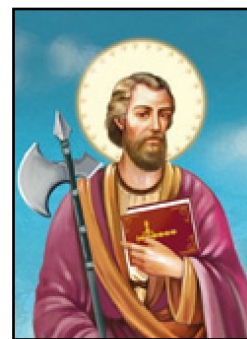
## Saint of the Week... St. Matthias

According to the Acts of the Apostles, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots; the choice fell to Matthias.

St. Matthias was present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. Aside from this, little is known of the rest of Matthias' life. According to one tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded (he is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death). Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

His feast was originally celebrated on February 24 but in 1969 it was moved to May 14 to be celebrated outside of Lent. St. Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [saintmatthias.org](http://saintmatthias.org)



Feast Day: May 14



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott

Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, 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)

## The Month of Mary

Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So the month of May—when nature is showing its signs of new life—is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Savior.



O Mary we crown thee  
with blossoms today!  
Queen of the angels. Queen of the May!





**Assumption Parish  
2024 First Holy Communion Candidates:**

- Benjamin Samuel Burdock  
 Hazel Elizabeth Costello  
 Charlotte Adelena Delilo  
 Liam Michael Dupuis  
 Lucas Maurice Dupuis  
 Kayla Marie Getson  
 Morgan Catherine Gustafson  
 Remy Daygan Kuhn  
 Keyan Leo Ross

**Congratulations!**



*She is clothed*  
**IN STRENGTH  
 AND DIGNITY,**  
*and she laughs*  
**WITHOUT FEAR  
 OF THE FUTURE.**  
*When she speaks,*  
**HER WORDS  
 ARE WISE,**  
*and she gives*  
**INSTRUCTIONS  
 WITH KINDNESS.**

PROVERBS 31:25-26

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, May 11	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Gina DeMasi .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Fazzalore, Gardine & Whetzel Families .....	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers .....	Assumption Parish
Monday, May 13	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 14	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 15	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Richard Gibson .....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, May 16	12 noon	The Calemine & Wise Families.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Kelley & Jeff Kuhn.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, May 17	9:00 a.m.	Soul of James & Inez Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of James G. Bosley .....	Carole Rhodes
Saturday, May 18	4:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Hammel Family .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, May 19	8:30 a.m.	Our CCD Graduates.....	Assumption Parish

## Knights in Our Community



Members of the Knights of Columbus Assumption Council #10545 picked up litter along Harley O. Stagers Drive last Saturday as part of West Virginia's Adopt-A-Highway program. Shown here are (l-r) Denny Dolechek, Kenny Brant, Mike Bonner, Jay Stanislawczyk, Geoff Newlin, Tony Taylor, Alan Taylor and Mike Fleming. Not shown is Paul Bogdan who coordinated the service project.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

May 4-5, 2024

### Offertory

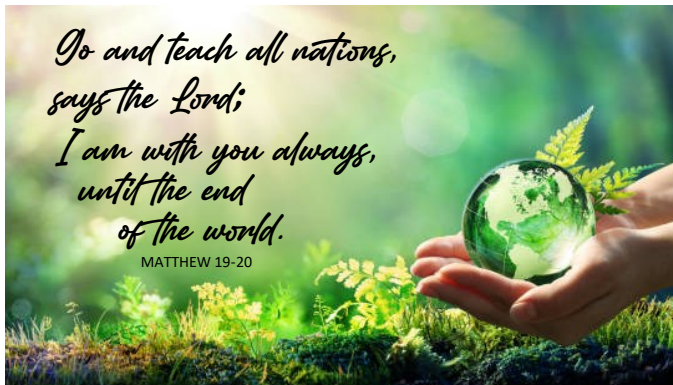
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$3,385
Loose Donations.....	\$1,287
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$750
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,422</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, May 4 .....	85
Sunday, May 5 .....	114
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>199</b>

### April Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$21,451
Expenses .....	\$15,969
<b>April Balance .....</b>	<b>\$5,482</b>



## Congratulations Deacon Larry!

Deacon Larry is celebrating his 40th Deaconate Anniversary! Please join us in congratulating him and thanking him for his ministries to Assumption Parish. Deacon's home parish, St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville, Va. has invited parishioners of both Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes to celebrate with them on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30-5:30 in the parish hall where they are also celebrating the 25th ordination anniversary of their pastor, Fr. John Heisler. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 27 Dudley Ct., Sterling, VA 20165.

## Parish Council Vote Results

Congratulations to our three new Parish Council members who were elected following the vote last weekend: **Judy Dolechek, Joe Maybury and Alan Taylor.** We thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve our parish, and extend our gratitude to Paul Bogdan, Mike Fleming and Pam Williams who are the three outgoing council members. Additional thanks to all parishioners who participated in the election; 143 votes were cast.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, May 18

Lector: Celia Cole  
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
 EMs: Eric Hatfield, Alan Taylor (c), Janet Corley (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, May 19

Lector: Alan Taylor  
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
 EMs: Jane Placka, Julie Alt (c), Mike Landis (c)  
 Cantor: Patrick George  
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Saturday, May 25

Lector: Doug Minnich  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
 EMs: Mere Barrick, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, May 26

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
 EMs: Beverley Iser, Kelley Kuhn (c), Pam Williams (c)  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 16 Pam Williams  
 May 23 Joanne Stickley