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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023



*I am with you
always,
until the end of the age.*

MATTHEW 28:20

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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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.

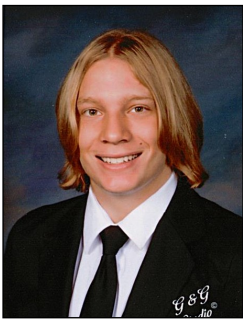
Readings for Next Sunday,
May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-11

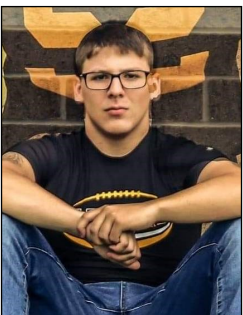
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Anthony Mele is graduating from Keyser High School. He is the recipient of the prestigious Ed Kelley Award for outstanding male scholar/athlete. He has been on the honor roll all four years and is a member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. He is also a member of the Keyser Krazies. Anthony was selected to attend the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State where he was elected to the City Council. He has been a member of the football, basketball and track teams all four years. In football, he was co-captain his senior year. He was second team All-Area Linebacker and All-State Honorable Mention. He led his team in tackles during his junior and senior years. In track, during his junior year, he earned All-State honors as a member of the 4x100 and 4x00 relay teams. As a senior, he qualified for the West Virginia state track meet. Anthony plans to attend Alderson Broaddus University where he will play sprint football. He is the son of Phillip and Holly Mele and the brother of Benjamin Mele.



Landon Rhodes is graduating from Keyser High School. Landon played football all four years of high school. He also wrestled for two years, was team captain his senior year, and received the Coach's Award for wrestling. Landon has remained an honor roll student all through high school. He has played football since he was 6 years old and also played many years of Church League basketball. This year he has assisted his sister in teaching our Pre-K/Kindergarten CCD class. Landon's future plans are to attend nursing school and become a registered nurse and travel. He is the son of Stacey Rhodes and the brother of Rebekah Rhodes and Nicholas McKenzie.



Haleigh Rose Welch is graduating from Keyser High School. She has been on the Honor Roll for all four years. She was a member of the bowling team for two years and a 6th Grade Camp counselor for the past two years. Haleigh has sang the National Anthem for KHS girls basketball games and has been the scorekeeper for the girls JV basketball team. She has also served our church as a cantor and choir member. Haleigh will be attending Potomac State College majoring in Agricultural Business. She is the daughter of Meghan and Josh Welch, the brother of Hunter Welch, and the granddaughter of Esther Shockey.



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

- Ava Marie Barrick*
- Caleb Scott Blacka*
- River Scott Cameron*
- Evelyn Kate Cole*
- Elizabeth Lane Del Signore*
- Eric Lawrence Hatfield*
- James Xavier Maybury*
- Nicholas Tyler McKenzie*
- Benjamin Michael Mele*
- Charles Welsey Oglesbee*
- Ryan Michael Pratt*
- Neva Ann Pritts*
- Deacon James Stanislawczyk*
- Don Stephen Starcher*



Sue Ann Spotts

Born into Life
February 23, 1938
Born into Eternal Life
May 12, 2023

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



Congratulations to our First Communion recipients who celebrated their sacrament last Sunday!

Shown here with Fr. Thomas are (l to r) Brynn Bosley, Kasen Smith and Mia Stephen. Special thanks to catechist Jean Harber and her helpers Carlie and Abby Del

Signore for preparing them for this blessed occasion!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 20	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, May 21	8:30 a.m.	Our CCD Graduates.....	Assumption Parish
<i>Confirmation</i>			
Monday, May 22	6:00 p.m.	Our Confirmation Candidates	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, May 23	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 24	No Mass		
Thursday, May 25	12 noon	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		Intentions of Sue Harber	Mary Shannon
Friday, May 26	9:00 a.m.	The Dayton Family	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, May 27	4:00 p.m.	Soul of William Roach	Linda Marsh
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, May 28	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Alice & John Kazlo.....	The Trezise Family
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn	Mike & Joanne Stickley

*Note there will be no Mass on Wednesday, May 24, while Fr. Thomas is away.
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, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.
*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

Gifts from the Holy Land

Our friends from Bethlehem Wood Carving will visit us next weekend (May 27-28) to display their beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land.

Olivewood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from generations. Their mission is to support fellow Christians in the Holy Land by selling their carvings which is a major source of their income. Your purchases will enable approximately 200 families to remain in the Holy Land as well as support peace in the Middle East. The items will be available for sale after both Masses.

Collections & Attendance

May 13-14, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,560
Loose Donations	\$344
R&M	\$25
Total	\$2,929

Attendance

Saturday, 5/13	58
Sunday, 5/14	151
Total	209

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Fund from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people in the U.S. and abroad. To learn more, visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2023

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Meet at St. Thomas Cemetery followed by fellowship at St. Mary's Hall



Happy Birthday Fr. JJ!

Our Assumption Parish family has been invited to the 50th birthday celebration for Fr. Jojan Joseph! A birthday Mass will be celebrated at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Oak Hill, WV on Monday, May 29, at 11 a.m. followed by a reception.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 27

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Meredythe Barrick, Cathy Pardee (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, May 28

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka, Nick McKenzie
EM: Jane Placka, Charlotte Delilo (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Greeters: Janet Corley & Paul Bogdan
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, June 3 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Kenny Brant
Servers: Mike Landis & Alan Taylor
EM: Alan Taylor, Mike Landis (c), Dave Dunn (c)
Greeters: Bob Yowler & Bill Lupis
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, June 4

Lectors: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Tina Stephen, David Minnich (c), Pam Williams (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Patrick George

Stonerise EM

May 25 Joanne Stickley
June 1 Cindy Alt



An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome" and great friend of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time,

St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humor. *Parental guidance suggested.*

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