

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



*I am
the vine.
you are the branches.*

**Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.**

JOHN 15:5

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: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel "as his choice vine" (Jeremiah 2:21). When Jesus calls himself the true vine, he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord".

Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do we trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give us the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom?

Saint of the Week... St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was born in Siena, Italy in 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Her father was a cloth dyer. She grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She disappointed her parents by cutting off her hair in protest of being encouraged to improve her appearance to attract a husband.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at age 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St. Catherine was given a ring, and she often claimed that it was invisible.

Such mystical experiences change people, and St. Catherine was no exception. In her vision, she was told to re-enter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need. Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to her. She established a monastery for women, and is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue. These works were so influential that she would later be declared a Doctor of the Church.

At age 33 Catherine became ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her illness accelerated, leading to a stroke and death a week later on April 29 which is now her feast day. St. Catherine is the patron saint of Italy, fire prevention and miscarriages.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholic.org

Readings for Next Sunday, May 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



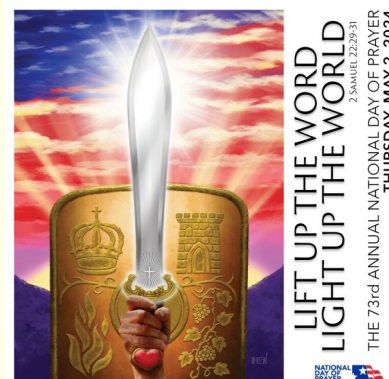
Feast Day: April 29



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 Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, 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)



Join our neighbors in celebrating the
National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2, 2024 - 12 noon
Mineral County Courthouse Lawn

Welcome

Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

On Sunday, April 28, our parish will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming for those who are enrolled in our OCIA/OCIC programs. Please welcome them to our parish family and keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Catechumens

Thomas Burdock

Sponsor: Doug Minnich

Benjamin Burdock

Sponsor: Abby DeSignore

Liam Dupuis

Sponsor: Celia Cole

Lucas Dupuis

Sponsor: Amaya Bartlett

Candidates

Alisha Dupuis

Sponsor: Christine Droppleman

Michael Dupuis

Sponsor: Alan Taylor

John Gustafson

Sponsor: Jean Harber

What is OCIA/OCIC?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and the Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) is the process by which the Catholic community welcomes adults and children over the age of 7 into the Catholic Church.

What is the Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming?

The Rite of Acceptance recognizes the Catechumens' decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates (those who have been baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic as a child but never catechized in the Catholic faith) into the process of full communion with the Church.



Frances L. Raschella

Born into Life
November 19, 1926

Born into Eternal Life
April 22, 2024

A graveside Committal service will be held at St. Thomas Cemetery on Tuesday, April 30 at 11 a.m.

Jubilee Auction Is Great Success!

Our parish's first-ever live auction held last Sunday was a great success! It offered an amazing opportunity for parish fellowship and was a wonderful end to our jubilee fundraising events. Thank you to all who donated items, helped to organize the event, and came to bid!



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 27	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joe Harber & the Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Jim & Cindy Alt	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, April 28	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon	Assumption Parish
		Souls of Chuck & Susie Maynard and Emree Cameron.....	Todd & Dianne Smith
Monday, April 29	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 30	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 1	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Robert Durst Sr. and Robert Durst Jr.	Mitch & Carol Durst
		The Calemine & Wise Families.....	Jean Harber
Thursday, May 2	11:30 a.m.	Rosary	
	12 noon	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
Friday, May 3	9:00 a.m.	The DeMasi & Turner Families.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas and his family	Sue & Jean Harber
Saturday, May 4	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Dena Turner & Mary Shannon.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, May 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Rita Blamer	The Martin Alt Family
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

First Communion Candidates Feed the Hungry

Several of our second grade CCD students who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion next month completed a service project last week! A generous parishioner made a monetary donation and thought it would be a good idea for these young students to have a hands-on experience in helping our neighbors in need. So they used the donation and bought canned goods and other items at Martins that will be given to the Food Pantry. Thank you to all those who helped with this wonderful lesson!



Morgan Gustafson and Hazel Costello are shown here shopping for the Food Pantry.

*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,
that you do unto me.*

MATTHEW 25:40

CCD Dates to Remember!

May 5	Last Class/Registration for Next Year
May 12	First Holy Communion
May 19	Senior Graduation

Your Faithful Stewardship

April 20-21, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,635
Loose Donations.....	\$433
Total	\$3,068

Special Collection

WV Tornado/Flooding Relief	\$296
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Attendance

Saturday, April 20	70
Sunday, April 21	143
Total	213



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (April 28) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month's event.



Our Jubilee Fundraising Committee has been astonished by the level of generosity and support from our parishioners throughout our many fundraising events! Anything our committee chose to undertake was greeted with overwhelming support and success. A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the people of our wonderful parish.

"Do Whatever He Tells You" has been evident in each event!

Parish Council Vote Next Weekend

We will vote for new Parish Council members at Masses next weekend (May 4-5). All adult parishioners are eligible to cast a vote for three (3) persons. The nominees are listed below for your prayerful consideration:

Norma Clark	Robin McDowell
Judy Dolechek	Paula Stephens
Joe Maybury	Alan Taylor

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 4

Lector:	Kerri Wittman
Servers:	Sommer & Micah Alt
EMs:	Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Cantor:	Linda Marsh
Greeters:	Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, May 5

Lector:	Mike Landis
Servers:	Beverly Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie
EMs:	Tina Stephen, David Minnich (c), Julie Alt (c)
Cantor:	Patrick George
Greeters:	Tony & Marie Del Signore

Saturday, May 11

Lector:	Karen Yowler
Servers:	Sommer & Micah Alt
EMs:	Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeters:	Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, May 12

Lector:	Mike Landis
Servers:	Beverly Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie
EMs:	Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Cantor:	Julie Alt
Greeters:	Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 2	Stacey Rhodes
May 9	Dave Dunn