

Assumption Catholic Church

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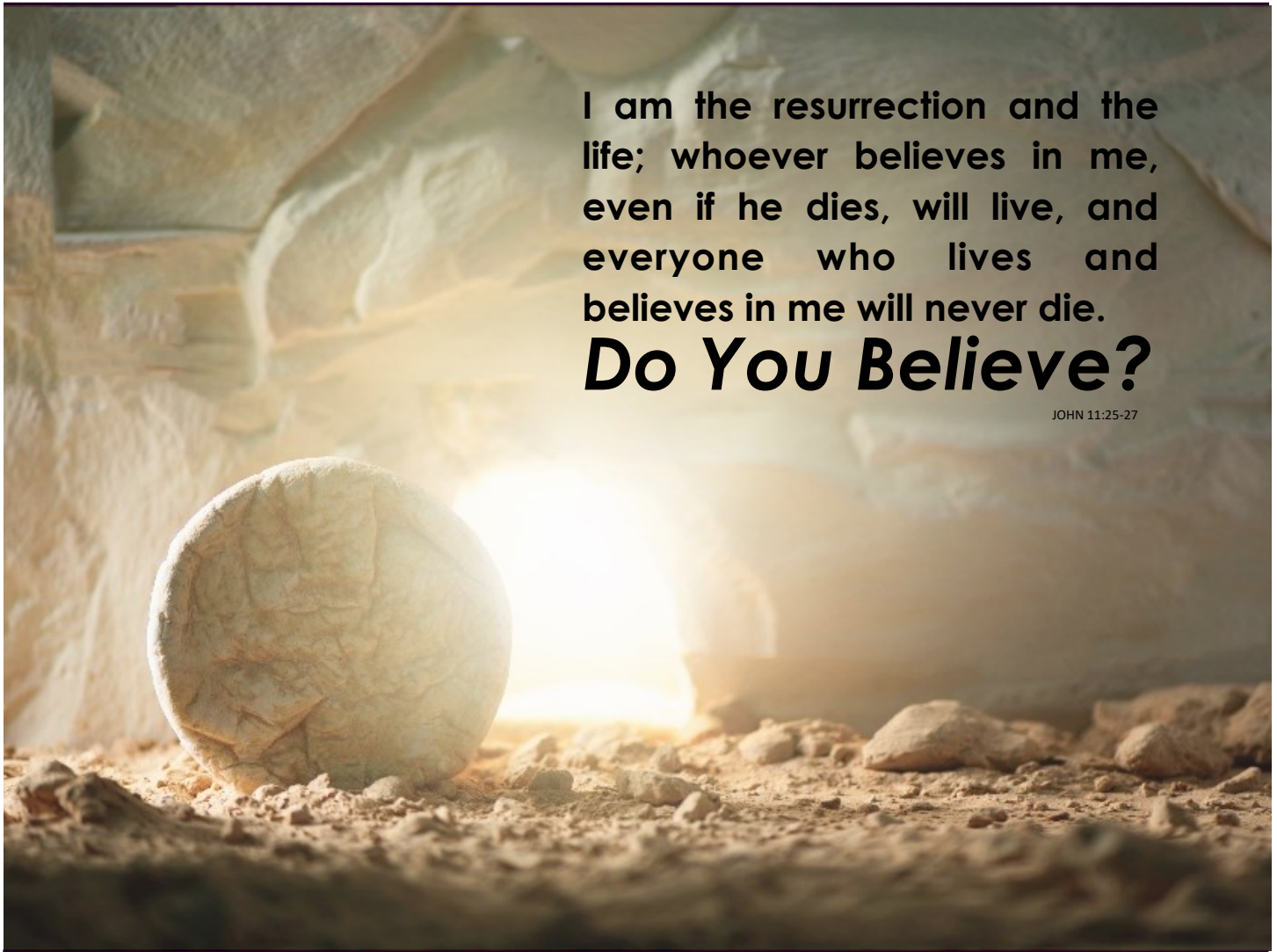
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023



I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do You Believe?

JOHN 11:25-27

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

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45)? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

The name Lazarus means "God is my help." Jesus' parable about the poor man Lazarus, who died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31), ends with a warning: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." Through Lazarus' sickness and subsequent death, God brought glory through his Son the Lord Jesus, who raised his friend from the dead in anticipation of his own death and resurrection. God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. Do we believe that the power of Jesus' resurrection is at work in our life today? Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within us the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven.

Readings for Palm Sunday,
April 2, 2023
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Saint of the Week ... St. Stephen of Mar Saba

Stephen of Mar Saba was the nephew of Saint John Damascene, who introduced the Stephen as a young boy to monastic life at age 10. Mar Saba is the greatest of the ancient monasteries, located just east of Bethlehem. When he reached age 24, Stephen served the community in a variety of ways, including guest master. After some time he asked permission to live a hermit's life. The answer from the abbot was yes and no: Stephen could follow his preferred lifestyle during the week, but on weekends he was to offer his skills as a counselor. Stephen placed a note on the door of his cell: "Forgive me, Fathers, in the name of the Lord, but please do not disturb me except on Saturdays and Sundays."



Feast Day: March 31

Despite his calling to prayer and quiet, Stephen displayed uncanny skills with people and was a valued spiritual guide. His biographer and disciple wrote about Stephen: "Whatever help, spiritual or material, he was asked to give, he gave. He received and honored all with the same kindness. He possessed nothing and lacked nothing. In total poverty he possessed all things." He died in 794.

Saint Stephen is known for his ability to compromise. What he most wanted was to live in complete and uninterrupted solitude, but he was not granted his wish. Consequently, he gladly chose to accept a lifestyle mixed with both his wishes and those of others.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org, catholicculture.org

THIS WEEK ON
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Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture

and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Watch *Forgiven* to help prepare for our Penance Service on Wednesday!

Register for FREE Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit signup.formed.org
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching!

Congratulations to Our New Pastor!

Shown here are photos from last week's celebration of Fr. Thomas being officially installed as Pastor of Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes. More than 60 people from both parishes attended the Mass and reception that followed in St. Mary's Hall. Thank you to all those who attended, and a special thanks to the members of the Assumption Ladies Guild for hosting the wonderful reception.

Note of Thanks

I wish to thank each and every one of you who celebrated with me in person or in spirit as I was installed as your Pastor last week.

Your kind words and gifts mean very much to me, and I feel very blessed to be part of these two wonderful and caring parishes.

May God bless all of you and your families!

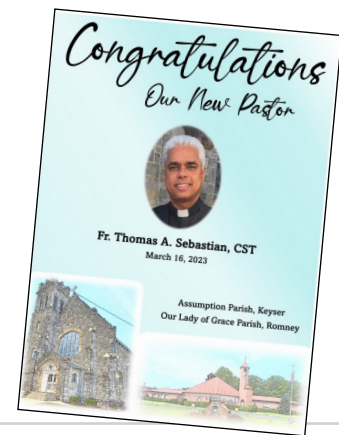
Fr. Thomas



The cake featured the flag of Father's home country of India.



Very Rev. Timothy Grassi, Vicar Forane of the Martinsburg Vicariate, installed Fr. Thomas as Pastor.



A Note from Our Lady of Grace...

Our Lady of Grace Parish would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of Assumption Parish, most especially their Ladies Guild, for hosting the installation and reception for our wonderful Pastor Fr. Thomas. The music at Mass was beautiful, and the food was absolutely delicious! Your kindness and warm hospitality was the very essence of Christian Brotherhood, and we are so blessed to be your Sister Parish!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 25	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Fazzalore, Gardine & Whetzel families	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, March 26	8:30 a.m.	Our Parish Volunteers	Assumption Parish
Monday, March 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 29	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service	
Thursday, March 30	12 noon	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich	Doug Minnich
Friday, March 31	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Judy Davis	Mitch & Carol Durst
		Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
		<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>	
Saturday, April 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Krista Taylor	The Harber Family
Sunday, April 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bro. Luke Stone	Mary Lambert

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, 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, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 29

Lenten Penance Service at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 31

Stations of the Cross led by the Ladies Guild

Sunday, April 2

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

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Community Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. at Keyser Middle School, sponsored by our Youth Group

Thursday, April 6

Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 7

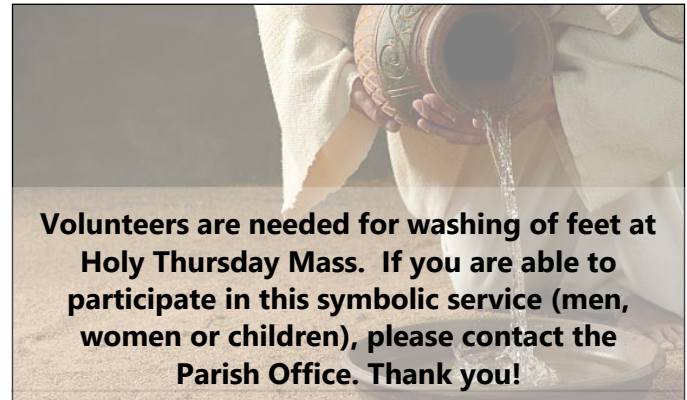
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Easter Masses at 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.



Collections & Attendance

March 18-19, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,205

Loose Donations.....\$380

Total.....2,585

Attendance

Saturday, 3/1879

Sunday, 3/1994

Total.....173



Assumption Council Knight Family of the Month

The Joe Maybury family has been named the Knight Family of the Month for the month of February.

Joe, his wife Sally, and children James and Tess all serve our parish in many ways, including serving as lectors and servers at Mass. Joe has given his time for many years as a catechist. Both Joe and Sally have encouraged their children to be involved in church activities, representing exactly what a good Catholic family should be. Congratulations!



New Vicar General Named

Bishop Mark E. Brennan has announced the appointment of Monsignor Joseph L. Peterson as vicar general and moderator of the curia of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, effective April 11, 2023. After the bishop, the vicar general is the highest-ranking official in the Diocese.

Monsignor Peterson was ordained a priest for our Diocese in 1975 and served the faithful of West Virginia in many parishes, as well as Vicar Forane for several vicariates, before retiring in 2020.

The outgoing vicar general, Monsignor Eugene S. Ostrowski, is resuming his retirement, having served in his present role since 2019.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 1

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Janet Corley
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, April 2

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Nancy Starcher
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Janet Corley & Paul Bogdan

Stonerise EM

March 30 Dave Dunn
April 6 Pam Williams