

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



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 in Ordinary Time

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it like we trade with valuable goods such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled. Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste...it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Matthew 5:13). How can we lose our "saltiness?" When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" through virtuous living and rejection of sin, not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others. Do we allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of our lives, our thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

Saint of the Week

St. Blaise

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea, Armenia and a doctor. He was martyred in Sebastea in 316, but the legendary "Acts of St. Blaise" were written 400 years later. According to those writings, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. But because persecution still raged in Armenia, he was forced to flee to the back country where he lived as a hermit and made friends with the wild animals.

One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were surprised and frightened; the bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by wolves, lions and bears. According to legend, as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to prison in Sebastea when they came across a poor woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig, which it did—alive and injured. The woman visited him in prison and brought two wax candles to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand, or in a cave with wild animals. He is the patron saint of throat ailments and English wool combers.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org

Readings for Next Sunday,
February 12, 2023
Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Feast Day: February 3

The blessing of throats
will be given at both
Masses this weekend.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Bernadette

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



How and Why to Pray the Rosary

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

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!

**PARISHIONERS
ALREADY
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Angels Among Us

Have you noticed the adoring angels that now surround our tabernacle and altar? They are a reminder that angels are all around us during the Mass, especially at the Eucharistic Sacrifice.



Both sets of angels were gifts to our parish from the Larry & Carmela DeMasi family.



Vacation Highlights from Fr. Thomas!



Fr. Thomas had the chance to spend some time with our friend Fr. Binoy!



He was also able to welcome his great-niece who was born on January 31!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 4	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Sue Harber
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Sunday, February 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Bertha Grace Vipond.....	Patrick George
		Soul of Colleen Shaffer.....	Mary Lambert
Monday, February 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 8	No Mass		
Thursday, February 9	12 noon	<i>Rosary & Novena prayed as a Parish Family in the church</i>	
Friday, February 10	No Mass		
Saturday, February 11	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Patrick Miller.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, February 12	8:30 a.m.	Souls of the Brothers Larry, John & Domenic Fazzalore.....	The Fazzalore Family
		Soul of Thomas Bittinger.....	Assumption Ladies Guild

Please note there are no weekday Masses or Scripture Study classes while Fr. Thomas is away.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis*, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, 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 and Courtney Whiteman.

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



The Ladies Guild will be hosting another "Dog Day" on Saturday, February 18, following the 4:00 Mass in St. Mary's Hall. Hot dogs with toppings of your choice, chips, soda and bottled water will be available for a free will offering. Eat in or take out!

New Voices Welcome!

Our music team is now beginning to practice for the Easter season would welcome new voices! Practice is held each Thursday at 4:00. If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact the Parish Office or Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

Collections & Attendance

January 28-29, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,445
 Loose Donations..... \$825
Total..... \$3,270

Attendance

Saturday, 1/2870
 Sunday, 1/2991
Total..... 161

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Church Missions in the United States. Since our offertory envelopes still haven't arrived, a separate basket will be available for this important appeal.



Youth Group Seeking Donations

Our Youth Group has two community service projects that they can use our help with! They are currently collecting donations for the Mineral County Humane Society. Needed items include paper towels, Tide detergent, Dawn, bleach, puppy pads, Purina Puppy Chow, Purina One, Clorox wipes, blankets, collars and leashes. These are being collected through February 26.

The group will also be hosting their 2nd annual community Easter Egg hunt and are collecting candy donations to fill the eggs (we have plenty of eggs). Candy is being collected until March 5.

A collection tote marked for "Youth Group" is available in the vestibule. Thank you supporting these young members of our parish!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 11

Lector: Doug Minnich
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
 EM: Jean Harber
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, February 12

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Mike Landis
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, February 18

Lector: Kenny Brant
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
 EM: Sue Harber
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, February 19

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Rosie Landis
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

Stonerise EM

February 9 Stacey Rhodes
 February 16 Dave Dunn

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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COUNCIL 10545

Meetings Every First
 Thursday at 7 p.m.

Advertise here! Call or email the Parish Office to reserve your space which helps to offset the cost of printing our bulletins and worship aids!

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
 Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT
 Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT
 Wall outside the restroom

