

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023



THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

MATTHEW 25:14-30

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: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God (Mt.25:14-30)? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it is not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do we seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you give me for your glory, and good of your people.

Readings for Next Sunday,

November 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

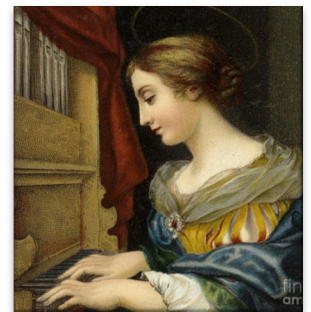
Saint of the Week... St. Cecilia

St. Cecilia is one of the most famous virgin martyrs of the early church. She was a noble Roman who as a child vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future Saint Valerian, she told him that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were martyred before she was.

Cecilia distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded. The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding and she lived for three days. Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

According to tradition, Cecilia "sang in her heart to the Lord" as the musicians played at her wedding, and in art she is often represented playing the organ. She is the patron saint of music and musicians.

Sources: britannica.com and catholic.org



Feast Day: November 22

Did You Know?

One of the stained glass windows in our church depicts St. Cecilia! It can be found in the steps leading to the choir loft.



Knights of Columbus News

Assumption Council has announced their honorees for the month of October:

Bill Poland has been named Knight of the Month. He has been a member of Assumption Council since 1987 and has greatly contributed to the success of the Council every year since. Bill helps with all projects, has held many offices over the years, and consistently helps with the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. One of Bill's major contributions is to put together a new slate of officers each year. Thanks Bill, for all of your hard work to make our Council successful!

Dave Dunn and his wife Jean have been involved in many church and Knights activities. To name a few: Deputy Grand Knight, Baby Bottle Drive, Tootsie Roll drive, and spaghetti dinners. Jean provides a large sheet cake for all of the spaghetti dinners. Dave also serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Keyser Healthcare Center. Thanks to Dave and Jean for all you do for our parish and community!

Congratulations Bill and Dave!



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Rosalee Freeman*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



Mission Retreat Planned

You are invited to attend a three-day mission as part of our ongoing Jubilee celebration!

The mission will take place at our church Sunday through Tuesday, December 17-19. The retreat master will be Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM CAP.

The topics presented:

- Sunday: The Greatest Threat to Holiness Today
- Monday: The Four Last Things
- Tuesday: The Solution: Forgiveness & the Holy Eucharist

The schedule will be the same all three nights: confessions will be heard beginning at 5:30 while the Rosary is prayed. Fr. Tuscan will begin his talk at 6:00 which will last approximately 45 minutes.

At the conclusion of the retreat on Tuesday, a light dinner will be available in St. Mary's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office or Dena Turner (304-813-6600) if you plan to attend the dinner.

A free-will offering will be taken each night of the retreat to support the Capuchin students and elderly friars (checks can be written to Assumption Church).

The Church offers a Plenary Indulgence to those who attend all three talks, and Fr. Tuscan will bestow a blessing on everyone there.

We hope you will be able to join us! Please help spread the word to Catholics in other nearby parishes!

Happy Thanksgiving

Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving
November 23 † 9 a.m.

There will be no Mass on Friday, Nov. 24.

Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 4, 2023
5:00 social hour ★ 6:00 buffet dinner
St. Mary's Hall
Catered by Flying W Farms Restaurant
\$25 adult \$12 children
RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 29.
304-788-2488 or acckwv@gmail.com

*Dinner includes roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, water and coffee.
Social hour is BYOB. Ticket price includes tax + tip.*

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery the fourth Sunday of each month. This sacrament will be given after both Masses next weekend, Nov. 25-26.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 18	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Donald Wagoner	Mary Wagoner
Sunday, November 19	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sam Lyons	The House & Trezise Families
		Intentions of Lynn McQuinn.....	Lynn McQuinn
Monday, November 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 22	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick & family
		Soul of Genevieve Bogdan.....	John Bogdan
Thursday, November 23	9:00 a.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families	Jean Harber
		Soul of Helen House.....	The House Family
Friday, November 24	No Mass		
Saturday, November 25	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joan Roach.....	Linda Marsh
		Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Steve & Kathy Grubbs & family
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt	Anonymous
Sunday, November 26	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Margaret McGee

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, we call to mind the many wonderful gifts God has given us. Even through the most trying times, we still have so much to be grateful for.

On November 28, our parish will again join in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of generosity and doing good. Please consider supporting our parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Because we are already over 50% of our parish CSA goal, your full donation will come back to our parish to help support our ongoing Jubilee activities. As of today we are \$5,000 short of our goal!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Together we can serve as a light for all to see!



Ladies Guild Bake Sale

Stop by St. Mary's Hall after both Masses this weekend!

Youth Group Food Drive Success!



The Assumption/Grace Youth Group completed their community food drive last weekend, delivering an amazing 1,000 pounds of food to the Faith in Action Food Pantry! Thank you to everyone who donated!

Your Faithful Stewardship

November 11-12, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,459
Loose Donations.....	\$695
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$50
Total.....	\$3,204

Attendance

Saturday, 11/11.....	70
Sunday, 11/12.....	130
Total.....	200

Second Collection

Archdiocese for Military Services.....	\$361
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, November 25

Lector:	Sue Harber
Servers:	Sommer & Micah Alt
EM:	Jean Harber, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
Greeters:	Kelli & Kerri Wittman
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault

Sunday, November 26

Lector:	Pam Williams
Servers:	Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
EM:	Beverley Iser, Nancy Starcher (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters:	John & Debbie Krumpach
Cantor:	Patrick George

Saturday, December 2 (Knight's Mass)

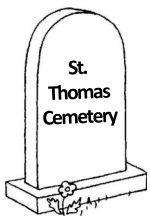
Lector:	Alan Taylor
Servers:	Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EM:	Bill Lupis, Mike Landis (c), Bob Yowler (c)
Greeters:	Dave Dunn & Bob Yowler
Cantor:	TBD

Sunday, December 3

Lector:	Derek Stephen
Servers:	Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM:	Pam Williams, David Minnich (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Greeters:	Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor:	TBD

Stonerise EM

November 23	Meredythe Barrick
November 30	Stacy Rhodes



Cemetery Flowers

If you have summer or fall flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by December 1. Thank you!

Recent Scam Attempts

We are aware of several scam emails and text messages sent to parishioners, allegedly from Fr. Thomas, in which they solicit cash, gift cards or other information in order to "assist with a personal matter." Please know that Fr. Thomas - nor any other representative of the parish or diocese - will ever solicit gifts in this manner and any communication you receive of this type is a scam. If you have questions about a solicitation you receive like this, please contact the Parish Office.

Give Thanks to
the LORD for he is good.
His love endures FOREVER.
PSALM 136:1