

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



*Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?*

LUKE 24:38

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: Third Sunday of Easter

The Gospel accounts (Luke 24:35-48) attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

The door to heaven and key to paradise is through the cross. The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord, they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do we witness the joy of the Gospel to those around us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

Readings for Next Sunday,

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Saint of the Week... St. Bernadette of Lourdes

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Her chronic health problems persisted, and she died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933. She is the patron saint of illness, against poverty, and people ridiculed for their faith.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: April 16



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, Larry Hammel, 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, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, 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)

Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the first quarter 2024, your donations provided over \$600 to the Mineral County Family Resource Network to help support their many programs that benefit our local community and families.

Donations received in the poor box this quarter will benefit the Helping Hands of the Potomac Highlands and the Food for Thought program that provides weekend food packages for Mineral County children in need.

Thank you!

Jubilee AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

St. Mary's Hall
Doors Open 4:30 pm
Auction Begins 5:30 pm

*The final fundraiser for our 150th Jubilee celebration...
you don't want to miss this one!*

Here are a few more of the items that will be available at our Jubilee auction next Sunday...along with many more! This event is sure to be lots of fun! Cost is \$10 at the door and includes pizza, nachos and drinks. Children 18 and under who are not bidding are free.

Tornado Sports Fans!



Two 2024-25 season passes for all home sporting events!



INTEX Family Pool!




Antique Gumball Machine!



All-in-one air fryer, oven, rotisserie & dehydrator!





Adriana "Gina" DeMasi

Born into Life
March 25, 1978

Born into Eternal Life
February 10, 2024

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

A Mass of Christian Burial for Gina will be held here on Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m.

Special Collection for Severe Weather Victims in West Virginia

Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection in our Diocese the weekend of April 20-21 to support recovery efforts related to the series of tornados, flooding, and other weather events that have affected areas of the Mountain State.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Checks can be made payable to Assumption Parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

Mass Schedule and Intentions	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
	Saturday, April 13	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
			Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Mike & Joanne Stickley
	Sunday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mary Andrews	K of C Assumption Council
	Monday, April 15	No Mass		
	Tuesday, April 16	No Mass		
	Wednesday, April 17	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
	Thursday, April 18	12 noon	Soul of Gina DeMasi	Mike & Rosie Landis
			Intentions of Marsha Gifford.....	Linda Marsh
	Friday, April 19	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Calemine & Circosta Families.....	Carole Rhodes
			Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
	Saturday, April 20	4:00 p.m.	The Calemine & Wise Families	Jean Harber
			Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
	Sunday, April 21	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Cathy Dorsey	Judy & Kenn Dolechek
			Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family.....	Sue & Jean Harber



Youth Group Food Drive

Our Youth Group is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local Faith in Action Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the Parish Office anytime between now and April 21. The members are also distributing flyers in local neighborhoods; if you receive one at home this is the same food drive.

PLEASE NOTE: If you received a flyer at church last weekend and want to have your donations picked up at home rather than bring them to church, please let the Parish Office know! Otherwise the Youth Group members will only be picking up from the houses where they leave flyers. Our apologies for any confusion!

Your Faithful Stewardship

April 6-7, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,275
Loose Donations.....	\$940
Total	\$4,215

Attendance

Saturday, April 6	82
Sunday, April 7	100
Total	182

March Balance Sheet

Income	\$19,496
Expenses*	\$24,089
Balance.....	-\$4,593

**Includes second half 2023 Cathedraticum and Priests Health & Retirement assessments*



Jubilee Core Meeting

Members of the Jubilee Core Committee are reminded of the meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 1:00 in St. Mary's Hall. Thank you!

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated. Names can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone or email by Monday, April 22, or by dropping a note in today's offertory basket.

We thank the three outgoing members whose terms are expiring: Paul Bogdan, Mike Fleming and Pam Williams. Other council members are Charlotte Delilo, Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Jean Harber, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher and Tina Stephen.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 20

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
EMs: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, April 21 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Pam Williams (c), Jane Placka (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: CCD Students

Saturday, April 27

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EMs: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner (c), Mere Barrick (c)
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, April 28

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie
EMs: Beverley Iser, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

April 18 Cindy Alt
April 25 Mere Barrick

