



Assumption Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



*As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another.*

JOHN 13:34

May you find Christ here...may you take 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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Easter

There is no greater glory and honor that one can offer than the willing sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. This is the true nature of love - the total self-giving and free offering of one's life for the good of another. God the Father showed the unfathomable depth of his love and mercy by willingly offering his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. The Lord Jesus died for our sins to bring us abundant new life in his Spirit and to restore our nature in the true image and likeness of God. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment and way of love - to love one's neighbor as oneself. This new commandment transforms the old commandment with the love and mercy which the Lord Jesus poured out for us on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus proved that love is stronger than death.

The distinctive mark of every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ is love - a love that is ready to forgive and forget past injuries, to heal and restore rather than inflict revenge and injury. The Cross of Jesus is the only way to pardon, peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Every other way will fail or fall short of the glory and victory which Jesus Christ has won for us through his death and resurrection. If we embrace his love and truth and allow his Holy Spirit to purify and transform our hearts and minds, then we will find the inner freedom, joy, and strength we need to love without measure, to forgive without limit, and to serve without reward.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 25, 2025

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Saint of the Week... St. Rita of Cascia

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she had two sons. After her husband was killed as a result of a political conflict and her sons had died of dysentery, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, she eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholicapostolatecenterfeastdays.org



Feast Day: May 22



Brian Alt, Chuck* & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Cheryl Smith, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Ron & Barbara Willis.

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COMPLIANCE STATUS:
42%**

If you volunteer in **ANY** role in our parish but haven't completed Safe Environment training in the past year, you are most likely not in compliance. To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

www.virtusonline.org



Local Pilgrimage Planned

As you know, 2025 is a jubilee year (celebrated every 25 years) in the Catholic Church, with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." It marks a time for spiritual renewal, reflection and grace.

One of the ways to celebrate the Jubilee year is to make a pilgrimage. The pilgrimage sites in our diocese are all several hours away from us, therefore our parish will make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of SS. Peter & Paul Church in Cumberland, a pilgrimage site for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 28! We will meet in the parking lot across from our church at 5:30 p.m. and carpool to the Shrine. If you prefer to drive on your own, the address is 125 Fayette St., Cumberland. Mass time is 6:30 p.m.

A pilgrimage to a Pilgrimage Site symbolizes a journey toward spiritual salvation and redemption. To learn more about the Jubilee Year, including how to receive a plenary indulgence for participating, visit dwc.org/jubilee-year-2025.

If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office. Also note that there will be no Mass at our church on May 28 so that Fr. Thomas can participate in the Pilgrimage.



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients who celebrated their sacrament last Sunday! Shown here with Fr. Thomas are (front, l to r) Cecelia Delilo, Isla Delilo, Beckley Cameron, Sadie Mangold, Kennedy Stephen and Harper Newlin; (back, Katie Kuhn and Jean Harber, catechists).



Fr. Thomas will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend (May 24-25).

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 17	4:00 pm	Soul of Mary B. Dorsey	Mary Lambert
		Soul of Jim Lambert	Linda Marsh
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, May 18	8:30 am	Our CCD Graduates.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, May 19	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 20	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 21	5:00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, May 22	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
Friday, May 23	9:00 am	Intentions of Julie Alt.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, May 24	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	The Bernal Family
		Intentions of Alfred "Puff" DeMasi.....	His loving family
		Intentions of Irene Okel.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, May 25	8:30 am	Souls of Alice & John Kazlo	The Trezise Family
		Souls of Mary & Margie Meyers	Susan Helmick & friends
		Intentions of Julie Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Assumption Council annual baby bottle fundraiser is now underway. Bottles are still available in the Vestibule if you missed them last weekend. Over the next six weeks, collect your spare change in the baby bottle and return it to church on Father's Day weekend (June 14-15).

All dollars raised will benefit the James Isaac House, a pregnancy resource center in Keyser.

Your Faithful Stewardship

May 10-11, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,910
Loose Donations.....	\$1,110
Repairs & Maintenance	\$30
Total	\$5,050

Attendance

Saturday, 5/10.....	68
Sunday, 5/11.....	160
Total	228

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Fund from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people in the U.S. and abroad. To learn more, visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process.



Margaret McGee sends her heartfelt thanks to all those who sent cards to help celebrate her 90th birthday! Your thoughtfulness brought her much joy!

Mass Time Changes at Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Grace parish will be adding an evening Mass to their weekly schedule, beginning this week. The new schedule is Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 12 p.m., and Sundays at 11 a.m. (There are no changes to the schedule at Assumption.)

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletin

Copies of the VIRTUS (Safe Environment) monthly bulletin for May is available in the vestibule. Many of you receive these by email, but we are required to provide paper copies as part of our Safe Environment compliance.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 24

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
Servers: Sue Harber, Paul Bogdan & John Gustafson
EMs: Kathy Finnell, Karen Yowler (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, May 25

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie, Lucas Dupuis
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Beverley Iser (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, May 31

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Alan Taylor, Sue Harber & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, June 1

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EMs: Dave Minnich, Jane Placka (c), Pam Williams (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 22 Joanne Stickley
May 29 Cindy Alt

