



Assumption Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

SERMON ON THE PLAIN

Blessings and Woes

LUKE 6:17-26

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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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we encounter misfortune, grief or tragic loss, how do we respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness and death. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Thomas Aquinas said: "*No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures.*" Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.

No person can live without joy.

- Thomas Aquinas

Readings for Next Sunday,

February 23, 2025

1 Samuel 26:2-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Saint of the Week... Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

On February 22 we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, which celebrates Christ's choosing of Simon Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church, thus creating the first Pontiff of our Church (Pontiff comes from a Latin word, meaning "bridge builder").

On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that St. Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus, and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to St. Peter by our Lord has been handed down to Peter's successors for the past 2,000 years.

This day is not just about apostolic succession in respect to the pope and the bishops. Among the laity, it symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the Church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith; that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. It is a confidence that the leader of our Church adheres to and will never deny the precepts and principles of the Church of Jesus.

Source: simplycatholic.com



Feast Day: February 22



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, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvooy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

thank you!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who completed an online or paper Disciple Maker Index survey!

When the survey closed last week we had reached an amazing 85% participation!

Your open and candid responses will help us strengthen our parish for both our current members and future generations. It will take several weeks to receive the results, and we will share them with you when we have them.

Welcome Back Fr. Thomas! *We Missed You!*

Recycle Your Religious Items!

Our friends at St. Mary Recycle Mission, a recycling organization for Catholic religious items, will be visiting our parish again to collect religious items that you no longer need. They take Catholic items including statues (no outdoor styles), rosaries (even broken ones), crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, framed pictures, small prayer books, bibles, vestments and linens, altar books, and used musical instruments.

Items they do not take: religious reading books or pamphlets, wax candles, DVDs and VHS tapes.

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Vestibule through Sunday, March 2.

Weekday Masses Resume this Week!

The Profound Differences Between Intelligence and Wisdom

Intelligence leads to arguments;
Wisdom leads to settlements.
Intelligence is the power of will;
Wisdom is power over will.
Intelligence is heat, it burns;
Wisdom is warmth, it comforts.
Intelligence is pursuit of knowledge, it tires the seeker;
Wisdom is pursuit of truth, it inspires the seeker.
Intelligence is holding on;
Wisdom is letting go.
Intelligence leads you;
Wisdom guides you.
An intelligent person thinks they know everything;
A wise person knows there is still something to learn.
An intelligent person always tries to prove their point;
A wise person knows there really is no point.
An intelligent person understands what is being said;
A smart person understands what is left unsaid.
An intelligent person speaks when they have to say something;
A wise person speaks when he has something to say.
An intelligent person sees everything as relative;
A wise person sees everything as related.
An intelligent person tries to control the mass flow;
A wise person navigates the mass flow.
An intelligent person preaches;
A wise person reaches.

Source unknown

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 15	4:00 pm	Soul of Tom Sauer.....	K of C Assumption Council
		Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	Jim Daskal
Sunday, February 16	8:30 am	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
Monday, February 17	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 18	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 19	5:00 pm	Souls of Carol & Dale Martin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, February 20	12:00 pm	Soul of Michael Mayolo	Assumption Parish
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
Friday, February 21	9:00 am	The John Ross Family.....	Carole Rhodes
		Soul of Dorothy Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, February 22	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Mike & Robin McDowell
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, February 23	8:30 am	Soul of Alston Martin.....	Lynn McQuinn
		The McCoy & Rosedale families.....	Frances Rosedale

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

Important Ladies Guild Meeting

The Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, February 27 at 12:45 pm in St. Mary's Hall. The agenda will include election of officers for the coming year, review of the by-laws, and finalizing the group's operating plan for the coming year.

While all ladies of the parish are invited and welcome, we realize that attending meetings is not always easy or convenient for working mothers with active families. With that in mind, we have developed a plan that will hopefully give everyone an opportunity to be involved in a project or event that they enjoy without overburdening just one or two people. And your attendance at a meeting is definitely not required!

Three subcommittee areas have been established: service activities (bereavement, receptions, shut-in meals, etc.); social events (pastor appreciation, parish picnic, Christmas brunch, etc.); fundraising projects (meatball sales, trivia night, hot dog sales, etc.). A more detailed list and the coordinators will be shared following the meeting.

The Ladies Guild appreciates the ongoing support of the entire parish in all of their projects!



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (February 16) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletin

Copies of the VIRTUS (Safe Environment) February bulletin 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.

Support Group Meeting Set

The next support group meeting for those dealing with any type of loss will be on Tuesday, February 25 at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney followed by Mass at 12 noon. The meeting will be led by Deacon Larry.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 22

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Rosie Landis, Liam & Lucas Dupuis
EM: Eric Hatfield, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, February 23

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Beverley Iser, Mike Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, March 1 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Mike Landis & Alan Taylor
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 2

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Pam Williams (c), Julie Alt (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 20 Stacey Rhodes
February 27 Pam Williams

Your Faithful Stewardship

February 8-9, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,030
Loose Donations.....	\$450
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$80
Total.....	\$2,560

Diocesan Collection

Church Missions in the US.....	\$424
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Attendance

Saturday, 2/8.....	70
Sunday, 2/9.....	81
Total.....	151

*Blessed
are they who hope in the Lord!*

PSALM 1