

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 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: The Holy Family

By celebrating the Sunday following Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted two Sacraments in His Church to make society holy - the Sacrament of priesthood and the Sacrament of marriage. Through the Sacrament of priesthood, Jesus sanctifies the priest as well as his parish. Similarly, by the Sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and devout participation in Holy Mass. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. I wish you all a happy and a peaceful family life.

Readings for Next Sunday,

January 7, 2024

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Saint of the Week... St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City in 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family. When she was 19, she married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. Just 10 years later her husband died. The young widow discovered Catholicism in Italy where her husband died, and upon returning to the United States in 1805, she entered the Catholic Church.

After several difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada.

Mother Seton was canonized in 1975 by Pope Paul VI, making her the first US-born citizen to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's feast day is January 4 and she is the patron saint of Catholic schools, widows, and seafarers.

Source: setonshrine.org



Feast Day: January 4



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, 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, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Happy New Year 2024

As a new year begins, we pray for peace, health and happiness for all people. May the light of Christ's love guide us all throughout 2024!

Marriage Banns

In accordance with Canon 1067, we announce that the following individuals are preparing to be married:

Sharon Lee Criner Griffith

Michael Wray Frye

If there are any known impediments to this proposed marriage, please contact the Parish Office.

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**Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God**

Mass on Monday,
January 1, 2024
4:00 p.m.

*This is not a
Holy Day of Obligation
in 2024.*



Rosalee Calemine Freeman

Born into Life
March 30, 1946
Born into Eternal Life
December 25, 2023

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

Celebrating Fr. Thomas!



Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Thomas on the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, his birthday, and his upcoming vacation to India!

The celebration, hosted by the Ladies Guild, will take place on Saturday, January 6 at St. Mary's Hall. A reception will be

from 5-5:30 (BYOB), followed by dinner of pasta, salad and cake.

There is no charge for dinner, but a free will offering will be appreciated to help offset the cost. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 304-788-2488 or send an email to ackwv@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 3.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Throughout our Jubilee year, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, January 5. Adoration hours will be 5-7 p.m. *(No change in the Mass time for that day, 9 a.m.)*



As a reminder, we make a double-genuflection (kneel on both knees) when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. A list of items to help with your time during Adoration will be available in the vestibule.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 30	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Maureen, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		Intentions of Mike Stickley	Mike & Rosie Landis
Sunday, December 31	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Joseph Balassone	Mary Alexander
<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*</i>			
Monday, January 1	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Kelli Wittman
Tuesday, January 2	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 3	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Margie Konka	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Howard & Karen Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
Thursday, January 4	No Mass		
Friday, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
Saturday, January 6	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joe Harber	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley.....	Sue Harber
Sunday, January 7	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Katie & Remy Kuhn
		Intentions of the Burdock Family.....	Jean Harber

NOTES

- The Solemnity of Mary on January 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday.
- There will be no Mass on Thursday, January 4 due to a funeral at Our Lady of Grace parish.



Cecelia Delilo, Charlotte Delilo, Isla Delilo and Harper Newlin all had the honor of presenting Baby Jesus at the Sanctuary manger during the processional of our 4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass. All four girls are students in our Grades 1-2 CCD class.



There are additional copies of the book, "Beautiful Eucharist;" our 2024 parish wall calendar; and our commemorative Christmas card available in the back of the church. Feel free to take one for a friend or family member who might enjoy them!

Your Faithful Stewardship

December 23-24, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,195
Loose Donations.....	\$577
Poor Box	\$431
Votive Candles	\$105
Christmas Flowers.....	\$30
Total	\$4,338

Attendance

Saturday, 12/23.....	97
Sunday, 12/24 (8:30 am).....	71
Total	168

Christmas

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,127
Loose Donations.....	\$615
Total	\$2,742

Attendance

Christmas Eve, 4:00.....	155
Christmas Eve, 6:30.....	92
Christmas Day, 8:30.....	62
Total	309

Catholic Charities WV \$1,130

thank you

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 6

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, January 7

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Kelley Kuhn, Jane Placka (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, January 13

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
 EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, January 14

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Beverley Iser & Jane Placka
 EM: Pam Williams, Julie Alt (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach
 Cantor: Patrick George

AND THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME
*strong in spirit,
 filled with wisdom; and the
 grace of God was upon him.*
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