



Assumption Catholic Church

34 James Street, Keyser, WV 26726

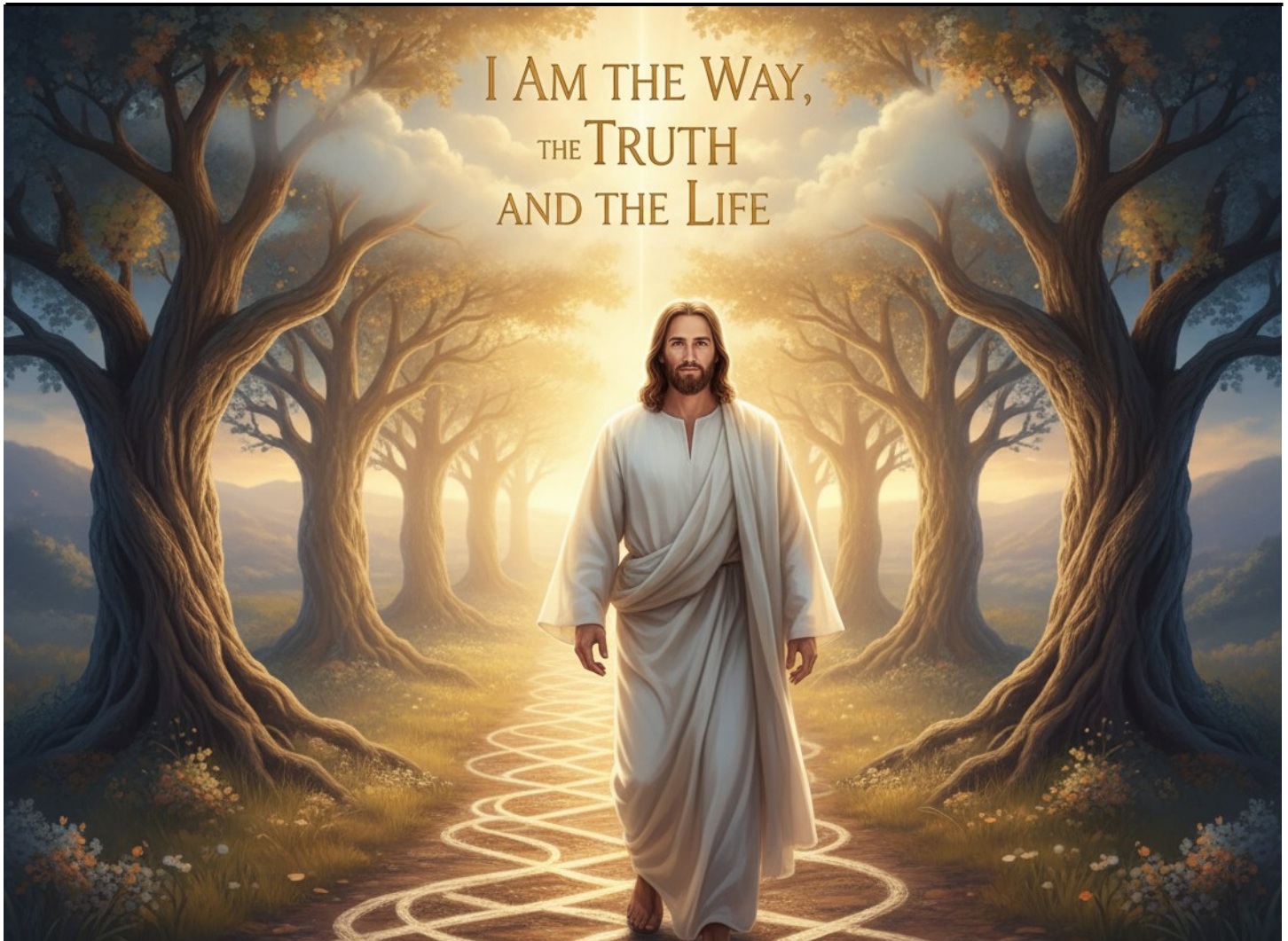
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



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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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Easter

The disciples were astonished when Jesus spoke of going to His Father's house and promised that He would return to take them with Him. Their surprise deepened when He said that they already knew the way to the Father's house. When they asked Him, "Show us the way," Jesus' response was both a gentle reminder and a challenge. It reminded them that they should trust their Master and Teacher, who alone could guide them. At the same time, it challenged them to recognize that Jesus possessed an intimate and unique knowledge of God and His origin. In making this declaration, Jesus echoed the very name by which God revealed Himself to Moses: "I AM WHO I AM" (Exodus 3:14). He then made three profound claims that only God could truly make: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6).

Jesus proclaims, "I am the Way." He alone knows the way to the Father because He has been with the Father from the very beginning—before time and creation came into existence. Jesus offers us more than directions or a guidebook. He Himself is the way to the Father's kingdom, and those who faithfully follow Him cannot lose their path. Jesus also declares that He is the Truth. Many teachers may say, "I have taught you the truth," but only Jesus can say, "I am the Truth." In Him resides the fullness of truth. He affirms His unity with the Father and speaks the truth that proceeds from the Father Himself. Finally, Jesus proclaims that He is the Life. He not only reveals the path of life, as the Psalmist proclaims (Psalm 16:11), but He also grants the very life that comes from God—an abundant life that endures forever. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, grant us the grace to understand more deeply the mystery of your way, your truth, and your life.

Readings for Next Sunday,

May 10, 2026

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

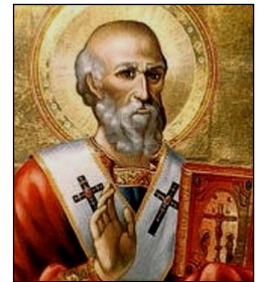
Saint of the Week... St. Athanasius

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East - Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. St. Athanasius is the patron saint of theologians, apologists and scholars.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: May 2



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Marshal Clarke*, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman*, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis, Davis Wilson, Fred Wilson.

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



This Week's Birthdays

May 5 Camryn Blacka

May 8 Tammy Dorsey-Dale

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.



**Assumption Parish
2026 First Holy Communion
Candidates:**

*Ariya Rose Amoroso
Kinsley Brielle Ellifritz
Cael Wayne Feaster
Patrick Michael Nugent
Kinsley Marie Smith*

Congratulations!

The Month of Mary

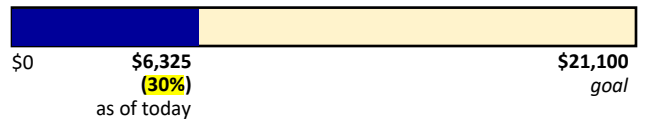
Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So the month of May—when nature is showing its signs of new life—is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Savior.



*O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the angels, Queen of the May!*



Assumption Parish



Our 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign continues. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish! This year we will use our parish CSA funding to offset the cost of installing a new air conditioning system in the church.

To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office. Your support today will help us reach our goal!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Note of Congratulations!

Please join me in offering congratulations to Celia Cole as the recipient of and Kerri Wittman as a finalist for the prestigious Katharine Church Award. Your dedication to your studies, your faith, and your other many activities is a true testament to your character. Know that your parish family rejoices with both of you as you continue to grow in wisdom, faith, and service. May God bless you both in all that lies ahead!

Fr. Thomas

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 2	4:00 pm	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Sunday, May 3	8:30 am	Soul of Karen Patterson	Esther, Molly & Linda
Monday, May 4	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 5	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 6	No Mass		
Thursday, May 7	No Mass		
Friday, May 8	9:00 am	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Saturday, May 9	10:00 am	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes (<i>Keyser Healthcare Center</i>)	
	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi	Their Loving Family
Sunday, May 10	8:30 am	Soul of Sam Fazzalore	Cindy & Jim Alt

Knights in Our Community



Members of the Knights of Columbus Assumption Council #10545 held their Spring 2026 Adopt-A-Highway clean up on Harley O. Staggers Drive last Saturday morning. Shown here are (l-r) Michael Stanislawczyk, Mike Fleming, Kenny Brant, Denny Dolechek, John Krumpach, Jay Stanislawczyk, Doug Minnich and Alan Taylor. Not shown is Paul Bogdan who coordinated the service project.

Your Faithful Stewardship

April 25-26, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes \$2,405
 Loose Donations.....\$555
Total \$2,960

Attendance

Saturday, 4/25 79
 Sunday, 4/26 92
Total 171

Teacher Appreciation WEEK

Thank you to all of our religious education teachers for sharing the light of your faith with our children!

Alisha Dupuis	Katie Kuhn	Sally Maybury
Jean Harber	Kelley Kuhn	Rebekah Rhodes
Jeff Kuhn	Joe Maybury	

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, May 18, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket.

The three outgoing members whose terms are expiring this year are Charlotte Delilo, Jean Harber and Geoff Newlin. Other current members are Marianna Bamburg, Judy Dolechek, Joe Maybury, Robin McDowell, Alan Taylor and Rene Trezise.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 9

Lector: John Gustafson
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), TBD (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, May 10

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
 EMs: Rosie Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), David Minnich (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Saturday, May 16

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson & Morgan Gustafson
 EMs: Eric Hatfield, Alan Taylor (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

Sunday, May 17 (Graduation)

Lector: CCD Graduates
 Servers: Tina Stephen & Derek Stephen
 EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 7 Cindy Alt
 May 14 Joanne Stickley



SAFE ENVIRONMENT



Promise to Protect
 Pledge to Heal

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.