



Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025



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, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we recognize the glory and presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives? God often reveals his glory to us in the improbable of places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgotha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newly-wed couple and their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105:). That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the best wine (many times more than needed) shows the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer.

This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him. Do we thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings he offers to us?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
January 26, 2025**
Nehemiah 8:2-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saint of the Week... St. Agnes

St. Agnes (also called Saint Agnes of Rome) is one of the most celebrated Roman martyrs. According to tradition, Agnes was a beautiful girl who refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but Jesus Christ. Her suitors revealed her Christianity, which was then condemned as a cult, and in punishment she was exposed in a brothel.

Awed by her purity and presence, all but one of the Roman youths left her untouched; in his attempt to violate her, the sole attacker was miraculously struck blind, whereupon Agnes healed him with prayer. Later, after refusing to renounce her faith, she was sentenced to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on January 21, 304. St. Agnes is the patron saint of young girls, chastity, and rape survivors. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs.



Feast Day: January 21

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, 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, Betty McAvoy, 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 Sticklely, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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We Want to Hear from You!

- Help us strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future by completing the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today!
- It takes just 10 minutes!
- Every adult can complete one, even if they're not Catholic!
- All responses are anonymous!
- Not online? Paper copies are available in the Vestibule!
- Thank you!



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/xd0ayx>

Welcome Fr. Giles!

We welcome Fr. Giles back to our parish this weekend! He will be celebrating our weekend Masses while Fr. Thomas is in India. Fr. Giles will arrive in Keyser by 1:00 on the Saturdays he's here. If you would like to make an appointment with him, please contact the Parish Office.

Fr. Thomas safely reached his home Tuesday night our time. We'll miss him, but are grateful that he is able to get this time of renewal and relaxation!

Will You Serve? Will You Make a Commitment?

As we progress from the Christmas season and the joy of Jesus' birth to Ordinary Time and the readings of Jesus' public ministry, we are reminded that we are members of the body of Christ. We are the parts of His body: eyes, ears, hands, feet. He taught us that our mission is to be humble servants and to love our neighbors.

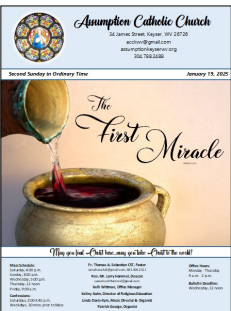
With this in mind, we invite and encourage you to serve in one or more of the many ministries of our parish. There is something for everyone! Mass ministries include lector, altar server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, greeter, music. Other ministries include catechist, prayer warrior, bible study, church cleaner, yard work, welcoming committee, bereavement service, transportation for medical appointments, well-being phone calls, greeting card sender, Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus.

Please spend some time considering these ministries and which is the best fit for you. Commitment cards will be available next weekend! If you have any questions, please contact Jean Harber at 304-788-1729.

Take Me Home...

About two years ago we added a recycling bin in the Vestibule for the collection of worship aids. And that program has been very successful...perhaps too successful.

We are sure you would agree that there is much useful and worth-



while information in our weekly bulletins. Our concern is that all of that important information is going in the recycling bin instead of going to your home so that you can read it more thoroughly or refer to it when necessary.

For that reason, the recycling bin will no longer be available as you leave. We of course encourage you to continue your various recycling efforts in all the ways that are available to you elsewhere.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 18	4:00 pm	Soul of Jim Lambert.....	Tom & Kathy Finnell
		Intentions of Linda Marsh	Margaret McGee
Sunday, January 19	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick	Mike & Robin McDowell
		Intentions of Deacon Larry Hammel	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, January 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 22	No Mass		
Thursday, January 23	No Mass	<i>see note below</i>	
Friday, January 24	No Mass		
Saturday, January 25	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Howard & Karen Barrick	The Barrick Family
Sunday, January 26	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Martin Family.....	Lynn McQuinn

Note: We will gather in the church each Thursday at 11 am while Fr. Thomas is away to pray the Rosary. Please join us!



Support the Ladies Guild!

The Assumption Ladies Guild is holding a Valentine's Day pie sale!

These are 9-inch pies and come in the following flavors: chocolate meringue, coconut cream meringue, lemon meringue, peanut butter meringue, apple, blackberry, cherry, dutch apple, harvest, razzleberry, and salted caramel apple.

In addition to pies, there are also cinnamon rolls (8 pack with choice of maple, peanut butter crunch or white icing), bakery rolls filled with pepperoni or ham & cheddar, a four pack of 4-inch variety pie flavors, and snails (dough strips rolled in cinnamon)!

Price list:

Pies	\$15
Cinnamon Rolls (8).....	\$12
Bakery Rolls	\$6
Pie Variety Pack.....	\$15
Snails (12)	\$12

Orders are due by Sunday, February 2. Pick up date is Friday, February 14 at St. Mary's Hall. Make checks payable to Assumption Ladies Guild.

Order forms are available in the Vestibule and checks can be dropped in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Robin McDowell at 304-813-0790.



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (January 19) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month's event.



The Parish has 30 of these chairs that we would like to give away. If you know of a church, group or organization that can use them, please contact the Parish Office to arrange pick up!

Choir Practice Begins January 22

The choir will begin their weekly practices on Wednesday, January 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please note that this is a change in both day and time! If you would like to share your vocal gifts with our parish, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215 or just come to practice!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 25

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EM: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, January 26 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
Servers: CCD students
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Beverley Iser (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Greeters: CCD students
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, February 1

Lector: Cathy Pardee
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, February 2

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Dave Minnich, Jane Placka (c), Pam Williams (c)
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley
Cantor: Julie Alt

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

January 23 Cindy Alt
January 30 Joanne Stickley

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 11-12, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,031
Loose Donations.....	\$475
Total	\$2,506

Attendance

Saturday, 1/11.....	82
Sunday, 1/12	97
Total.....	179

December Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$33,532
Expenses.....	\$21,410
Balance	\$12,122

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for the Church in the Developing World, including Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and Africa. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.