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Third Sunday of Lent, First Scrutiny

March 23, 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, 6:00 p.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: Third Sunday of Lent

What is the point of Jesus' exchange with the Samaritan woman about water (John 4:5-42)? Water in the arid land was scarce. Jacob's well was located in a strategic fork of the road between Samaria and Galilee. One can live without food for several days, but not without water. Water is a source of life and growth for all living things. When rain came to the desert, the water transformed the wasteland into a fertile field. The kind of water which Jesus spoke about was living, running, fresh, pure water. Fresh water from a cool running stream was always preferred to the still water one might find in a pool or reservoir. When the Israelites complained about lack of water in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to strike the rock and a stream of fresh living water gushed out (Exodus 17:6).

The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do we thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within us?

Readings for Next Sunday,
Fourth Sunday of Lent,
Second Scrutiny

1 Samuel 16:1b-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Saint of the Week... St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Imagine how your life would change if you had to move to an unknown land more than 6,000 miles away! That's what happened to Turibius of Mogrovejo. Born in 1538, he was a respected judge and law professor in Spain. One day, King Philip II, who was head of the Church in Spain, appointed him Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Turibius told the king and the pope that he had never been to South America and that he was not even a priest...but the decision had been made. The Church in Peru needed a holy man to lead the people closer to Christ. Turibius was ordained a priest and a bishop, and he soon set sail for his new land.



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When he arrived he was shocked at what he found. Priests were not caring for their people. The poor were being neglected. Rich Spanish landowners had enslaved many of the native people of Peru and treated them cruelly. He saw that there was much work to be done. Turibius decided to visit every parish in his new land. Sometimes he rode a mule from place to place, but mostly he traveled on foot. His journey through the diocese took him seven long years.

Turibius responded to the needs he saw. He supervised the building of many churches, schools, and hospitals. A catechism was written in different Peruvian languages so that adults and children could grow in their faith and also learn how to read and write. Everywhere he went, Turibius spoke out against the unjust treatment of the poor. The people in power listened to Turibius because he always spoke with love and he encouraged everyone to act with love.

Turibius died in 1606 while visiting one of his parishes in a small mountain village. He was canonized in 1726. Like Jesus, he was a good shepherd for his people. He is the patron saint of Peru, scouts, and native peoples' rights.

Source: saintsresource.com



Brian Alt, 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, Bill Fazzalore*,
Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue
Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins,
Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schville,

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, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis,
Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk,
Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie
Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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The Scrutinies

Today we begin the first of the Scrutinies. These are three special rites of self-examination and repentance celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, specifically for the "Elect" (those preparing for Baptism at Easter). The Scrutinies are celebrated to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ.

The Gospel readings for these three Sundays are from the Gospel of John and are thematically linked to the rites, emphasizing repentance and conversion:

- The First Scrutiny (the Samaritan woman at the well, John 4:5-42) tells us that Christ is the Living Water
- The Second Scrutiny (healing of the blind man, John 9:1-41) tells us that Christ is the Light of the World
- The Third Scrutiny (raising of Lazarus from the dead, John 11:1-45) tells us that Christ is the Resurrection and the Life.

At one of the Masses on each of the three weekends, our Catechumens will be presented to the congregation following the Homily, and we will pray for them with special intercessions.

Please continue to pray for all those who are preparing to enter the Church, especially those at our parish:

Catechumens

Tom Burdock
Jackson Nugent
Matthew Nugent

Candidates

Alisha Dupuis
Michael Dupuis

Catechumens are those who have not yet been baptized preparing to receive the Sacraments of initiation

Candidates are those who have previously been baptized seeking full communion in the Catholic Church



Priests' Health and Retirement Collection

A second collection is taking place this weekend to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA). This is a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, including Fr. Giles (pictured in the 4th row). Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 22	4:00 pm	Soul of James Lambert.....	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, March 23	8:30 am	The Fazzalore Family.....	The Fazzalore Family
Monday, March 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 26	5:00 pm	Soul of Loty Rodriguez	Esther Shockey & family
		Intentions of Mike McDowell.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, March 27	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Julie Alt.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 28	6:00 pm	Soul of Robert Collins.....	Virginia Collins
Saturday, March 29	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Doug & Jane Placka
		Soul of Gina DeMasi	Her loving family
		Intentions of Bill Lupis.....	J & S
Sunday, March 30	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick.....	Friends and neighbors
		Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Assumption Parish

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

Gold Medal Winners!



Congratulations to these Mineral County athletes who won the Gold Medal in the 2025 West Virginia State Special Olympics basketball tournament held last weekend in Morgantown! Our members of the team are Nick McKenzie and coach Shawn McGann.



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (March 23) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, April 3. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Charlotte Delilo, Judy Dolechek, Jean Harber, Joe Maybury, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Alan Taylor.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 29

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk
Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson
EM: Janet Corley, Mary Wagoner & Bill Lupis
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, March 30

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Nancy Starcher, Kelley Kuhn (c), David Minnich (c)
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, April 5

Lector: Cathy Pardee
Servers: Martin & Micah Alt and Lucas Dupuis
EM: TBD, Mary Wagoner (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, April 6

Lector: TBD
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EM: Pam Williams, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
Cantor: Patrick George

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 27 Jean Harber
April 3 Joanne Stickley

Food Drive Underway

As part of their community service requirement, our Confirmation candidates are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Faith in Action food pantry. Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office now through April 6. Thank you for supporting their project!

Note of Thanks

Bill Lupis wishes to send his parish family "a big wonderful thank you" for all the cards and prayers he received. Bill concluded with, "We truly are a family!"

VIRTUS Monthly Bulletin

Copies of the VIRTUS (Safe Environment) March 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.

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 15-16, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,015
Loose Donations.....	\$420
Easter Flowers	\$30
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$10
Total	\$3,475

Attendance

Saturday, 3/15.....	75
Sunday, 3/16.....	117
Total	192

