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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



Happy
Mother's
Day

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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Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Mother's Day

On this Mother's Day, we pause with grateful hearts to honor one of God's greatest blessings: the gift of mothers. A mother's love is often the first language of tenderness a child learns, the first shelter in life's storms, and the first reflection of God's own unfailing care. Through her words, her sacrifices, her prayers, and her daily faithfulness, a mother quietly shapes not only a home, but also the soul of a family. Motherhood is a sacred vocation, marked by joy and sacrifice, patience and perseverance, gentleness and strength. Mothers give so much of themselves, often without notice or reward, yet their influence endures in the character, faith, and values they pass on to their children. In a world that can sometimes be restless, hurried, and uncertain, the steadfast love of a mother remains a source of stability and hope.

On this special day, we give thanks for all mothers—those who nurture with care, those who guide with wisdom, those who comfort with compassion, and those whose memory continues to bless our lives. We also remember grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, and all women who lovingly stand in maternal roles for others. May every mother be strengthened in her vocation and honored for her unseen sacrifices. May our homes be filled with gratitude, our families with peace, and our hearts with reverence for the beauty of motherhood. And may the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord, intercede for all mothers, and lead them always closer to the heart of her Son. A Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers. May God bless them always.

Readings for Next Sunday,

May 17, 2026

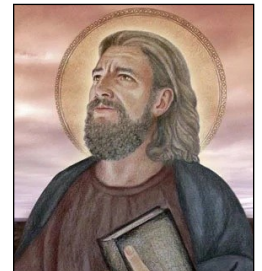
Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

Saint of the Week ... St. Matthias

According to the Acts of the Apostles, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots; the choice fell to Matthias.



Feast Day: May 14

St. Matthias was present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. Aside from this, little is known of the rest of Matthias' life. According to one tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded (he is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death). Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

His feast was originally celebrated on February 24 but in 1969 it was moved to May 14 to be celebrated outside of Lent. St. Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and saintmatthias.org



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, 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, Rhonda Martin, Tom "Tuck" 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.

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This Week's Birthdays

May 11	Dean Alt
May 12	Kelley Kuhn Whitney Landis
May 14	Stephen Taylor
May 16	Paul Bogdan

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.

Welcome

BISHOP-DESIGNATE

BISHOP EVELIO MENJIVAR-AYALA

The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and has appointed as Bishop the Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, currently Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. The appointment was announced on May 1, 2026, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Menjivar-Ayala, 56, will serve as the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Bishop Menjivar will succeed Bishop Mark Brennan, 79, who will remain as apostolic administrator of the diocese through July 1. The Mass of Installation will be celebrated on July 2, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Bishop Evelio Menjivar was born August 14, 1970, in Chalatenango, El Salvador. He migrated to the United States in 1990 and in 2023 became Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, notably the first Salvadoran bishop in the country. Bishop Menjivar attended St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He attended the North American College in Rome and obtained a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome ("Angelicum") in 2002. He pursued licentiate studies at the Pontifical Scalabrinian Institute for Pastoral Theology for Human Mobility in Rome before his ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on May 29, 2004.

Bishop Menjivar's assignments in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington have included posts as parochial vicar at Mother Seton Catholic Church in Germantown; St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Bethesda; the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington; and as pastor of Our Lady Queen of the Americas Catholic Church in Washington. From 2017 to 2023, he served as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills. He speaks English, Spanish, and Italian.

Bishop Brennan who has served the WV diocese since August 22, 2019, expressed his confidence in Bishop-designate Menjivar's leadership. "Many faithful across the diocese and I have prayed to God for a true shepherd of the people to lead our diocese into the future. I truly believe God has answered our prayers with the appointment of Bishop Evelio Menjivar," Bishop Brennan said.

To read the full press release on the appointment of Bishop Menjivar, please visit dwc.org.



*The Most Reverend
Evelio Menjivar-Ayala*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 9	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi	Their Loving Family
Sunday, May 10	8:30 am	Soul of Sam Fazzalore.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Monday, May 11	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 12	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 13	5:00 pm	Soul of Brian Dorsey.....	Tammy & Larry Dale
Thursday, May 14	12:00 pm	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Friday, May 15	9:00 am	Soul of Rosemarie Myers.....	Sue Greco
Saturday, May 16	4:00 pm	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Sunday, May 17	8:30 am	Our Neighbors in Need.....	Anonymous



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients who celebrated their sacrament last Sunday! Shown here with Fr. Thomas are (front, l to r) Kinsley Ellifritz, Patrick Nugent, Cael Feaster and Kinsley Smith; (back) Katie Kuhn (catechist), Fr. Thomas, Ariya Amoroso and Jean Harber (catechist).



Celebrating the Class of 2026!

If you or a family member (spouse, child, grandchild, etc.) are graduating, we want to share the good news! This can be kindergarten, middle school, high school, college or trade school. Please submit a photo and the following information to the Parish Office by phone or email no later than Monday, May 18.

- Graduate Name
- School
- Degree (if applicable)
- Relationship to Parishioner



Our parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) programs are open to anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. The program is ongoing and new members can start at anytime to begin their faith journey! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Parish Office or OCIA Coordinator Nancy Starcher (304-813-0313).



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus Assumption Council annual baby bottle fundraiser begins this weekend! Pick up an empty bottle as you leave church today, collect your spare change over the next six weeks, and return it on Father's Day weekend. All dollars raised will benefit the James Isaac House, a pregnancy resource center in Keyser.

Your Faithful Stewardship

May 2-3, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,567
Loose Donations	\$596
Repairs & Maintenance	\$660
Votive Candles	\$72
Poor Box	\$56
Total	\$5,951

Attendance

Saturday, 5/2	83
Sunday, 5/3	145
Total	228

April Balance Sheet

Income	\$22,355
Expenses	\$15,368
Balance	\$6,987

Liturgical Minister Schedule

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

Saturday, May 23

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis
 EMs: Jean Harber, John Gustafson (c), Karen Yowler (c)
 Cantor: Michael Dupuis
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, May 24

Lector: Paul Bogdan
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EMs: Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 14 Joanne Stickley
 May 21 Meredythe Barrick