

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

*January 1, 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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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

On New Year's Day, Catholics will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with a feast. This celebration is the octave of Christmas. An octave is an eight-day extension of the feast. In the modern Roman Calendar, only Christmas and Easter have an octave. This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "Mother of God." Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption.

The honoring of Mary as the "Mother of God" can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary. However, in 1751, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. This was because of a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity. Eventually, the feast was expanded to include other countries. In 1914, the feast started to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church. In 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar. He replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the calendar year. May Mary, the holy mother of God, intercede for us in our needs all throughout the New Year.

*I wish you a Happy New Year!*

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
January 8, 2023**  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
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, as she is often called, 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](http://setonshrine.org)



*Feast Day: January 4*



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Max Ellifritz, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer\*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Esther

Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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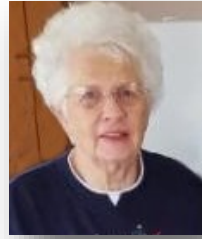
## Celebrating Fr. Thomas!



Fr. Thomas will celebrate the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on January 4 and his birthday on January 10. Our parish family will gather at St. Mary's Hall to celebrate both of these happy occasions on Saturday, January 7.

A reception will be from 5-5:30 (BYOB), followed by a winter barbeque of pulled pork, potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw, catered by Rebekah Rhodes.

There is no charge for dinner, but a free will offering will be appreciated by the Ladies Guild to help offset the cost. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 304-788-2488 (leave a voice mail) or send an email to [acckwv@gmail.com](mailto:acckwv@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday, January 3.



## Barbara Mary Grubbs

Born into Life  
September 28, 1934  
Born into Eternal Life  
December 14, 2022

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



Morgan Gustafson, a first grade student in our CCD program, had the honor of carrying Baby Jesus to the manger during the processional of the 4 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass. Morgan is the daughter of John and Candace Gustafson.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>			
Saturday, December 31	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....	Sue Greco
Sunday, January 1	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan.....	Margaret McGee
		Soul of Domenick Greco.....	Sue Greco
Monday, January 2	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 3	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 4	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Tammy Dale
		Soul of John Turner .....	Dena Turner
Thursday, January 5	12 noon	Soul of Jean Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Soul of Karen Patterson .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Norma Clark .....	Jean Harber
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study follows Mass on Thursdays!</i>	
Friday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi .....	Dena Turner
		Souls of George & Jennie Ebner .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Joanne Stickley .....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, January 7	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Robert E. Fazzalore.....	The Fazzalore family
		Soul of Patrick Miller.....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Norma Clark .....	Jean Harber
Sunday, January 8	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Fr. Thomas.....	Assumption Parish

## Memorial Mass for Fr. Ivan

Our parish family will gather to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Ivan on Saturday, January 14, at 11 a.m.

Fr. Ivan faithfully served Assumption Parish—and all of us—in countless ways during his time here. This special Mass will give us an opportunity to gather in remembrance and honor of him.

Please help spread the word to others who knew and loved him but may not receive our parish communications!



*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 2023!*

## Collections & Attendance

**December 24-25, 2022**

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$4,200
Loose Donations.....	\$1,172
Holiday Flowers .....	\$27
R&M.....	\$10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,409</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Catholic Charities WV.....	\$690
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### Attendance

Christmas Eve, 4:00.....	95
Christmas Eve, 6:30.....	92
Christmas Day.....	27
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>214</b>

## Scripture Study Resumes This Week

The weekly "Sunday Scripture Study" will resume this Thursday, January 5, following the noon Mass. The class focuses on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading and how the message can be applied to our everyday lives. Everyone is welcome to this great way to start the new year!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, January 7

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
EM: Jean Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

### Sunday, January 8

Lector: Sally Maybury  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Tina Stephen  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

### Saturday, January 14

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, January 15

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Abby & Libby Del Signore  
EM: David Minnich  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

## 2023 Offertory Envelopes

There has been a delay in printing and shipping of our 2023 offertory envelopes. Until they are received, please use a plain envelope and write your name or envelope number on it, along with the amount enclosed. Thank you for your patience!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ASSUMPTION  
COUNCIL 10545

Meetings Every First  
Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Advertise here!** Call or email the Parish Office to reserve your space which helps to offset the cost of printing our bulletins and worship aids!

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**  
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

**AED UNIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

**FIRST AID KIT**  
Wall outside the restroom

