

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



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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Office Hours:

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

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Pentecost Sunday

Do we know and experience in our own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17). Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2). Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and set our heart ablaze with the fire of your love that we may serve you in joy and freedom.

Readings for Next Sunday,

May 26, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

Saint of the Week... St. Bernardine of Siena

Most saints suffered great personal opposition and even persecution. However, Bernardine was more like a human dynamo who took on the needs of the world. He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, and attracting crowds of 30,000.

Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

At age 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town. Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol - IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek - in Gothic letters on a blazing sun.

As General of a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life and died in 1444 while traveling at the age of 64. St. Bernardine is the patron of advertising and public relations.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: May 20



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, 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.

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





Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients who celebrated their sacrament last Sunday! Shown here with Fr. Thomas and Deacon Larry are (l to r) Morgan Gustafson, Remy Kuhn, Hazel Costello, Liam Dupuis, Kayla Getson, Keyan Ross, Charlotte Delilo, Benjamin Burdock and Lucas Dupuis.

Special thanks to catechists Jean Harber and Rosie Landis for preparing them for this blessed occasion!



Mary Balassone

Born into Life
November 26, 1930
Born into Eternal Life
May 15, 2024

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

Friends will be received on Monday, May 20 from 11-1 with a funeral service at 1:00, all at Markwood Funeral Home.

Bishop Brennan and Fr. Thomas

Co-Presenters at LARCUM WV Conference

Fr. Thomas will join Bishop Brennan to co-present the Roman Catholic point of view of the conference theme, "Holy Communion, Contemporary Questions."

LARCUM WV is a four-partner conference held in West Virginia. The partners are Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist, with presenters from each of the four traditions.

The annual conference, which began more than 40 years ago, will be held May 20-22 at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston.



Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses next weekend (May 25-26).

Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date | Time | Intention | Offered by |
|-------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|
| Saturday, May 18 | 4:00 p.m. | Living & Deceased Members of the Hammel Family | Sue & Jean Harber |
| | | Intentions of Linda Marsh | Margaret McGee |
| Sunday, May 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Our CCD Graduates | Assumption Parish |
| Monday, May 20 | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday, May 21 | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday, May 22 | No Mass | | |
| Thursday, May 23 | 12 noon | Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk | Cathy Pardee |
| | | Souls of John & Hazel Coffman | Cindy & Jim Alt |
| | | Soul of Gloria Cleveland | Jean Coviello |
| Friday, May 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Living and Deceased Members of the Delilo & DiCesare Families | Palma & Dino Devic |
| | | Intentions of Julie Alt | Mike & Rosie Landis |
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| Saturday, May 25 | 4:00 p.m. | The Harber Family | Jean Harber |
| | | Intentions of Marsha Gifford | Margaret McGee |
| Sunday, May 26 | 8:30 a.m. | Soul of Marianna Daskal | Jim Daskal |
| | | Intentions of Julie Alt | Mike & Joanne Stickley |

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

Note: There will be no Mass on Wednesday this week while Fr. Thomas is in Charleston participating in the LARCUM conference.



NEWS FROM
Assumption Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will host a baby shower to benefit the James Isaac House on Sunday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. All members of our parish are invited to attend and to bring a wrapped gift (suggestions are listed below).

The James Isaac House is a pro-life organization with offices in Keyser, Petersburg, Kingwood and Oakland. The services they offer include pregnancy and parenting counseling and mentoring as well as material assistance.

Current needs for The James Isaac House:

- Diapers (size 4 and up)
- Diaper Bags
- Baby Wipes
- Changing Pads (small)
- Crib Sheets (neutral)
- Baby Bottles (new only)
- Grooming Kits
- Car Seats (new only)
- Clothing (sizes newborn through 4T for boys and girls, both summer and winter).

Note...items can be gently used but bottles and car seats must be new.

To learn more about The James Isaac House, visit tjihouse.org.

Your Faithful Stewardship

May 11-12, 2024

Offertory

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| Offertory Envelopes..... | \$3,215 |
| Loose Donations..... | \$420 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$40 |
| Total..... | \$3,675 |

Attendance

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| Saturday, May 11..... | 72 |
| Sunday, May 12..... | 180 |
| Total..... | 252 |

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Fund from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people in the U.S. and abroad. To learn more, visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

thank you

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Jubilee Core Meeting

Members of the Jubilee Core Committee are reminded of the meeting on Thursday, May 23, at 1:00 in St. Mary's Hall. Thank you!

Support Group Being Considered

Deacon Larry would like to start a support group for anyone with a recent or distant loss, such as a spouse, parent, child, job or whatever else one is feeling. To acknowledge the difficulty that we are going through and to hear that we are not alone is a way that the Lord strengthens us and gives us hope for the future. The group would meet monthly on a mutually convenient day and time, and the gathering would be confidential. If someone would prefer, Deacon could meet one-on-one. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Larry directly at LawrenceVHammel@gmail.com or call his cell 512-605-8399.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 25

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
EMs: Mere Barrick, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, May 26

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EMs: Beverley Iser, Kelley Kuhn (c), Pam Williams (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Saturday, June 1 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c) & Alan Taylor (c)
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Kenny Brant & Bob Yowler

Sunday, June 2

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EMs: Tina Stephen, Rosie Landis (c), Pam Williams (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 23 Joanne Stickley
May 30 Cindy Alt



Jubilee Weekend is August 9-12, 2024!

Invitations will be mailed soon!

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Amaya Bartlett is graduating from Keyser High School where she was a member of the volleyball team for all 4 years, basketball team for 2 years, and track team for 1 year. She has lettered in all 3 sports. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.7, has completed multiple AP classes, and was a dual enrollment student through Potomac State College. She has been on the honor roll all 4 years and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. Amaya is a Promise Scholar and a Climb Higher Scholarship recipient. She was also recently named a nominee for the prestigious Katharine Church Award.

Throughout high school, she's been an active member of many clubs including: Key Club, Student Council, Drama Club, Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, and Keyser Krazies. She is a Teacher Cadet at Keyser Middle School. She also was the class president her junior year. She has participated in County Math Field Day and has volunteered by grading papers at Math Field Day as well. She was also crowned 4th runner up in the annual Miss Golden Tornado Pageant. Last summer she was chosen to attend WV Rhododendron Girls State and was elected as a member of the House of Representatives in the first ever joint session with Mountaineer Boys State. She is a member of the Ohio & WV Youth Leadership Association and Youth Government. She is a junior ambassador for the Aubrey Stewart Project.

Outside of school, she has volunteered at Cinderella's Closet, Keyser Healthcare Center, Keyser Middle School, Keyser Primary School, Krispy Kreme Fundraiser at KPS, the annual Ed Kelley Luncheon, Class Night 2023, served on Prom Committee 2023, as well as many volunteer programs through Key Club such as: Wounded Warrior Project, Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Angel Tree Stockings. She is also an active member of our church; she has been a greeter, lector and is a sponsor for one of the children joining our church through OCIA. She also was a volunteer coach for our parish's K-4 church league basketball team this past season.

After graduation, Amaya plans to attend Potomac State College majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Maria Delilo and Randolph Bartlett and sister to Jakob, Autumn, and Olyvia Hardman. She is also the granddaughter of Eugene and Charlotte Delilo.



Joshua Shoemaker is graduating from Keyser High School. He is a Goldsworthy Scholar, a Potomac State College Climb Higher Scholarship recipient and has been awarded the Promise Scholarship.

Joshua was a four year member of the football team, a three year member of the baseball team, and a two year member of the basketball team. He was a member of the 2023 State Runner Up Class AA Baseball team. He has been on the honor roll all four years and is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Math/Science Honor Societies. During his time at KHS he's been awarded Student of the Month, voted sophomore class President and Keyser Krazies President, and has been a member of Key Club, Student Council, FFA, and Drama Club. Joshua has volunteered at Energy Express and has coached the Assumption K-4 Church League team for the past two years.

After graduation Joshua plans to attend Potomac State College and major in Business. He is the son of Cory and Mandy Shoemaker.



Austin Smith is graduating from Keyser High School. He has been on the Honor Roll all 4 years and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member the Keyser Krazies.

Austin has been a member of the football team for all 4 years and the track team for 2 years. In his senior year of football, Austin was named an All-PVC player.

Austin's future plans are to attend Potomac State College then West Virginia University to become a high school English teacher. He is the son of Casey and Nyssa Smith and brother to Alyson and Aleah Smith.



Jack Stanislawczyk is graduating from Keyser High School where he played football and basketball and ran track all four years. He was a member of Key Club, Student Council, Chick-Fil-A Leadership Academy, and National Honor Society. He was recently named a nominee of the prestigious J. Edward Kelley Award.

Jack plans to attend Fairmont State University in the fall and pursue a career in education. He is the son of Jeffrey and Allison Stanislawczyk.



Earlier this spring, our Grades 7-8 religious education class hosted a soup kitchen for the needy in our community. The students made good use of the kitchen at St. Mary's Hall and made three kinds of soups - chicken noodle, vegetable and potato. They also included slices of bread and cookies with each to-go package.

While the group was supervised by their catechists, Joe Maybury and Kelley Kuhn, the kids did all the work themselves, including all the planning of the event, cleaning and cutting the vegetables and other ingredients, and clean up. They provided warm meals to more than 40 people.

Thank you to our amazing parishioners who responded to the request for monetary donations to help offset the cost of the event. Not only did your generosity cover all the grocery and other supplies needed, the students were also able to make a \$600 donation to the Faith in Action Food Pantry!

The students in the 7-8 grade class include River Cameron, Evelyn Cole, Libby DelSignore, Eric Hatfield, James Maybury, Nick McKenzie, Benjamin Mele, Charlie Oglesbee, Neva Pritts, Aleah Smith, Don Starcher, Reed Starcher and Hunter Welch. Great job!!



Shown here the night of the Soup Kitchen are (l to r) Kelley Kuhn, Ian Smith, Aleah Smith, Don Starcher, Evelyn Cole, James Maybury, Joe Maybury and Charlie Oglesbee.



◀ Don Starcher adds ingredients to the stock pot.



▲ Eric Hatfield packages slices of bread to accompany the soup.



▲ River Cameron peels a potato to be added to the soup.



Shown here with the donation for the Food Pantry are (l to r) Neva Pritts, Aleah Smith, Libby DelSignore, Anthony Mele, James Maybury and Charlie Oglesbee.



Knights of Columbus NEWS

Assumption Council Knights of Columbus have announced the recipients of Knight Family of the Quarter and Knight of the Month:

Leslie E. Halapy and his wife Mary Lou have been named Knight Family of the Quarter. The Halapys have been strong supporters of the council. As Grand Knight of our Council, Les has been instrumental in keeping the council involved and productive serving the Parish, the community and the goals of the Knights of Columbus. In addition to the help Mary Lou has provided to the Knights, she gives her time and talent to making handmade caps for patients dealing with the side effects of chemotherapy. Les and Mary Lou demonstrate by their actions the values of a good Catholic family.

Michael S. Stanislawczyk has been named Knight of the Month for April. Mike takes the time and effort to be involved in all activities of our council. As the Family Director he works closely with youth of our Parish. Two of the major projects he chairs for the council are the "Warm the Children" Program and Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Mike has provided leadership for these programs for many years and both of them have been very successful in benefiting those in need. Congratulations Mike for your hard work and dedication to these valuable programs which touch the lives of many young children.

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

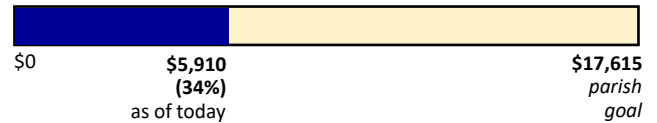
Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? Our OCIA program is for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated about the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs and assist you with the process.



Assumption Parish



Our 2024 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 refinishing the pews which have been dulled due to frequent cleaning and sanitizing during the pandemic.

When you give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, you directly impact the lives of thousands of West Virginians near and far. We hope to surpass our CSA goal this year before the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in August which is when we will celebrate our Jubilee year finale. What a wonderful testament that would be to the blessings of our past and promise of our future!

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

Quo Vadis Retreat

Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

Noon on June 17
through 1pm on June 20

Priest Field Pastoral Center
Kearneysville, WV

Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including:

Prayer • Kayaking • Discernment
Camp Fire • Games

Opportunities for Charitable and Spiritual
Works of Mercy

The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests
and seminarians from the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

RETREAT IS FREE!!!

To Register, scan the QR code or visit WVPriests.org





Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

To understand the things of God

Understanding

To grasp the mysteries of faith

Counsel

To make wise decisions

Fortitude

To strengthen your will

Knowledge

To enlighten your mind

Piety

To love and serve God

Fear of the Lord

To respect God's majesty over all things