

# Assumption Catholic Church

34 James Street, Keyser, WV 26726

acckwv@gmail.com

assumptionkeyserwv.org

304.788.2488

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

*December 25, 2022*



# Merry Christmas!

**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

**Fr. Thomas A. Sebastian, Pastor**  
tanatharackal@gmail.com, 681.404.2521

**Rev. Mr. Larry Hammel, Deacon**  
LawrenceVHammel@gmail.com

**Kelli Wittman, Office Manager**

**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

**Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist**

**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

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

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Christmas

Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you read the news today - the "good news" of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary who was born for us and for our salvation? The word gospel literally means good news! Jesus' birth in Bethlehem fulfilled the prophecy that the Messiah would descend from David and be born in David's city, Bethlehem (Isaiah 9:6-7, Micah 5:2-4).

Why was it necessary for the Word of God to become flesh? We needed a savior who could reconcile us with God. Throughout the ages Christians have professed the ancient Nicene Creed: "He became man for our sake and for the sake of our salvation." The eternal Word became flesh for us so he could offer his life as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world through the shedding of his blood on the cross. The Word became flesh to show us the infinite love and tender mercy of God for us sinners. God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us - his beloved Son Jesus. What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. This day the Holy Spirit invites us to make haste - as the shepherds of Bethlehem did - to adore Jesus our King and Messiah. The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (Romans 5:2-5).

*I wish you all a Merry Christmas!*

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
January 1, 2023**  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### Collections & Attendance

**December 17-18, 2022**

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,265
Loose Donations.....	\$829
Holiday Flowers.....	\$270
Votive Candles.....	\$39
Poor Box .....	\$98
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,501</b>

#### Attendance

Saturday, 12/17 .....	65
Sunday, 12/18.....	98
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>163</b>

### Holy Moments



"Holy Moments, A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life" is the latest book written by Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic and is our Christmas gift to our parish family. Copies are available in the vestibule as you leave the church. *Merry Christmas!*



### Christmas Collection

A Diocesan collection is taking place at all Christmas Masses across the state for Catholic Charities West Virginia. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this most important appeal! A separate basket is available.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, December 31

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Meredythe Barrick  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

#### Sunday, January 1

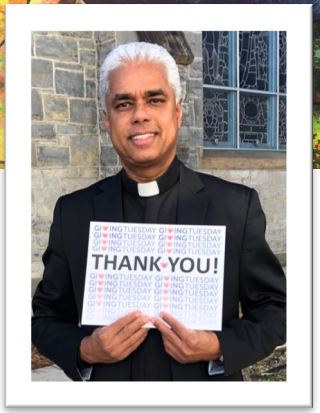
Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EM: Nancy Starcher  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

### Reminder to K of C Members

All Knights are reminded to turn in all 300 Club tickets to Mike Landis by December 31. The drawings begin on January 5.

### Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed the week of December 26. Kelli will be working from home; emails will be checked regularly and voice mails periodically. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.



My most gracious thanks to all who supported our parish this year through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. I am excited to tell you that, for the second year in a row, we have exceeded our goal! As of today, over \$19,000 has been received (our goal was \$18,140).

As you know, the first 50% received toward the goal helps support Catholic education, evangelization, and outreach efforts across our Diocese. All dollars received after that first 50% comes back to our parish. Our project priorities for this year's appeal are the installation of air conditioning in St. Mary's Hall and resealing our parking lots.

It is important to mention that we also benefit from those dollars that stay at the Diocese. Most recently, we received a grant from them that covered half of the AC project in St. Mary's Hall. That project was completed just last week. Resealing of our parking lots is planned for this spring.

Again, I thank you for supporting our parish not just through this annual appeal, but in all the other ways you respond to God's call by sharing your time, talent and resources. No matter what is asked, you always come through. I am so grateful.

I wish all of you and your families a most wonderful Christmas. May the Lord Jesus bless you in 2023!

*Fr. Thomas*

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>			
Saturday, December 24	4:00 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family .....	Assumption Parish
	6:30 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family .....	Assumption Parish
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
Sunday, December 25	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family .....	Assumption Parish
Monday, December 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 28	No Mass		
Thursday, December 29	No Mass		
<i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>			
Friday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased DeMasi family.....	Dena Turner
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean Alt
<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



Patricia Ansel, 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.

\*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)



*The flowers that decorate the altar are in memory of these loved ones of our parishioners.*

Norris & Helen Alt  
 Tracy & Ashley Alt  
 Joe & Jackie Altobello  
 Doug Avers  
 Dorothy Barrick  
 Marshall & Dorothy Beal  
 Jim Bell  
 Bonnie Blacka  
 Royce Breedlove  
 Eleanor Broadwater  
 Katherine Burgess  
 Frank & Mary Calemine  
 Peter J. Centofonti Sr.  
 Vincent & Nataline Centofonti  
 Ben Charba  
 Jim & Mary Charba  
 John & Hazel Coffman  
 Dennis & Hallie Collins  
 Max & Mary Criser  
 Charlene Dawson Curlee  
 Carmela & Larry Demasi  
 James Demasi  
 Herman & Edith Dishong  
 Angela M. Dorsey  
 Bob & Virginia Dorsey  
 James & Inez Dorsey  
 John T. & Mary B. Dorsey  
 James & Dolores Fairall  
 Nancy Faulk  
 The Finnell family  
 The Fraley family

Dwain & Betty Gable  
 Paul & Carol Goldsworthy  
 Joseph Gratto  
 The Greco family  
 Ida Hurney  
 Regina Kelley & family  
 Henry Kenner family  
 Tracy & Toots Kiddy  
 Scott Kinnie  
 Lauren Elizabeth Klatt  
 Paul Kuhn Sr.  
 Paul Kuhn Jr.  
 Lena & Elden Landis  
 Mario & Evelyn Launi family  
 Fred Layman  
 Fr. Ivan Lebar  
 Victor & Crystelle Marsh  
 Victor Marsh  
 Terry & Dub Martin  
 Giles & Carmen Maurey  
 Mildred & Joe Maybury  
 Brian Todd McLaughlin  
 The Melber family  
 Marian Miller  
 Paul Miller  
 Rosemarie & Bob Myers  
 The Myers family  
 Tim & Ginny Newlin  
 The Nyman family  
 Karen Patterson

Jordan Douglas Placka  
 The Raschella family  
 Hazel & Don Ravenscroft  
 Donnie Ravenscroft  
 Doug Ravenscroft  
 Mary Ann Rhodes  
 Dawn Rissell  
 Bill & Joan Roach  
 Edith & Emmed Ross  
 John & Concetta Ross  
 The Sagal family  
 Eugene Secrist  
 Paul Shannon  
 Helen & J.C. Shay  
 Gerald Shillingburg  
 George Smith family  
 Don Starcher  
 Bob Stephen  
 John L. Stephen  
 Margie Stephen  
 Anne & Toby Stickley  
 Teresa & Stan Szafran  
 The Taylor family  
 Jim Thompson  
 Paul & Hazel Wade  
 Wilbur Wade  
 Donald Wagoner  
 E.G. & Geraldine Walker  
 Lonnie White  
 Madeline & Joseph Williams  
 The Wittman family

*We thank the Woodworth family and Flying W Farms for supplying our beautiful poinsettias!*



**PLACKA**  
**STORAGE**  
**BUILDINGS**

4514 Northwestern Tpk.  
 Burlington, WV  
 304-289-3716  
 plackastoragebuildings.com

♥

**MARY KAY**

*Ann Marie DeMasi*

**Independent Beauty Consultant**  
 304.790.2620  
 mk0895annie@gmail.com  
 www.marykay.com/annmariademasi

  
**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

