



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 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, 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, 10 a.m.



## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Easter

Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee - and right after they had spent a whole night of futile fishing? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great catch of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord.

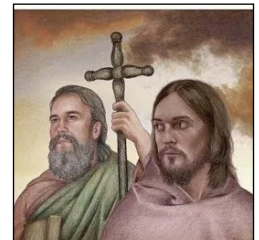
The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy. Do we run to the Lord Jesus as Peter did when we meet setbacks and disappointments, and when our faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us fresh hope in his promises for us.

Readings for Next Sunday,  
May 11, 2025  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
John 10:27-30

## Saint of the Week... Sts. Philip and James

**Philip:** Philip came from the same town in Galilee as Peter and Andrew. Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was.

**James, Son of Alphaeus:** We know nothing of this man except his name and the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of his disciples. This James is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.



Feast Day: May 3

On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little" (Jn 6:7). This story shows how it was necessary for these men who were to be the cornerstones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded that holiness is entirely the gift of God. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, and announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Brian Alt, Chuck\* & Jan Biser, 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, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin,

Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, 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, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Cheryl Smith, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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## Eucharistic Procession Held



Nearly 100 faithful members participated in the Eucharistic Procession held following the 8:30 Mass last Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday. The procession departed the church and headed down James Street, then followed West Piedmont Street to Mineral Street to St. Cloud Street, returning to the Church. Thank you to everyone who participated in this public witness to the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!



Our new electronic church sign was installed just before Easter! The sign, which was partially funded through the Capital Matching Grant program offered by our Diocese, will replace

the existing change letter style sign that is more than 35 years old. Planned as part of our Sesquicentennial anniversary, the sign will serve as a constant reminder of our wonderful jubilee celebration!

## Teacher Appreciation WEEK

Thank you to all of our religious education teachers for sharing the light of your faith with our children!

Julie Alt	Jeff Kuhn	Joe Maybury
Marie DelSignore	Katie Kuhn	Sally Maybury
Jean Harber	Kelley Kuhn	Jane Placka
		Rebekah Rhodes

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Linda Marsh
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Dena Turner & Mary Shannon.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, May 4	8:30 am	The Fazzalore Family .....	The Fazzalore Family
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Margaret McGee.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, May 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 7	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Catherine Rice .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, May 8	12:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Barbara Gratto .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Friday, May 9	9:00 am	Intentions of our Daily Mass Prayer Warriors .....	Anonymous
		Soul of Bill Stine .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Sue Harber .....	Trina Melody
Saturday, May 10	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	The House & Trezise families
		Intentions of Peggy Dyer .....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, May 11	8:30 am	All Mothers.....	Assumption Parish

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



*Congratulations to CCD senior Abby DelSignore who was the winner of the prestigious Katharine Church Award. She is shown here with her parents Marie and Tony DelSignore. This award is presented annually to a senior girl at Keyser High School who has proven herself academically and athletically and who has also displayed integrity and leadership in her high school career.*

### CCD Dates to Remember!

- May 4 Last Class/Registration for Next Year
- May 11 First Holy Communion
- May 18 Senior Graduation

### NEWS FROM *Assumption Ladies Guild*

The Ladies Guild will meet on Friday, May 9 at 10:30 am at Queen's Point Coffee Shop to discuss ideas for upcoming activities and events. All ladies of our parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, May 10

- Lector: Bill Lupis
- Servers: Martin Alt & Eric Hatfield
- EMs: Norma Clark, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
- Cantor: Julie Alt & Mike Dupuis
- Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

#### Sunday, May 11

- Lector: Mike Landis
- Servers: Abby DelSignore & Pippa Dolechek
- EMs: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka (c), Pam Williams (c)
- Cantor: Patrick George
- Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

#### Saturday, May 17

- Lector: Sue Harber
- Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
- EMs: Eric Hatfield, Alan Taylor (c), Janet Corley (c)
- Cantor: Anita Tetreault & Linda Marsh
- Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

#### Sunday, May 18

- Lector: Alan Taylor
- Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
- EMs: Pam Williams, Rosie Landis (c), Tina Stephen (c)
- Cantor: Julie Alt
- Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

#### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

- May 8 Meredythe Barrick
- May 15 Jean Harber

## Your Faithful Stewardship

April 26-27, 2025

#### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,323
Loose Donations.....	\$320
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,643</b>

#### Attendance

Saturday, 4/26.....	68
Sunday, 4/27.....	125
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>193</b>

### Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the first quarter of 2025, your donations provided over \$1,100 to the Mineral County Family Resource Network to assist with their many programs that serve our local community. Poor Box donations made this quarter will benefit Food for Thought and Helping Hands of the Potomac Highlands.



*I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.*

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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.