

Assumption Catholic Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 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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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus brings? It is the good news of peace - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of hope - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of truth - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of promise - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of immortality - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of salvation - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

In announcing the good news, Jesus makes two demands: repent and believe! Repentance requires a change of course - a turning away from sin and disobedience and a turning towards the Lord with faith and submission to his word of truth and righteousness. The Holy Spirit gives us a repentant heart, a true sorrow and hatred for sin and its bad consequences (Romans 6:23), and a firm resolution to avoid whatever would lead us into sin. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see our sin for what it is - rebellion and a rejection of the love of God. Do we want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in us the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for our lives.

Readings for Next Sunday,
January 29, 2023
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saint of the Week

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

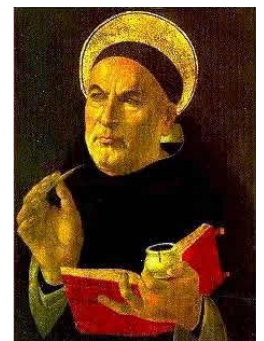
Thomas was born in 1225 in what is now known as the Lazio region of Italy. His parents were well-off, but as the youngest son he was expected to enter the monastery. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he studied with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason pervade his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

St. Thomas Aquinas died on March 7, 1274. He is the patron saint of Catholic schools and students.

Sources: catholic.org and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: January 28

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

Have you joined FORMED yet? When you do, you'll gain access to more than 4,000 Catholic movies, books, talks and even cartoons! There is definitely something for everyone, and it's free to each of our parishioners!

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- Visit signup.formed.org
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching and listening!

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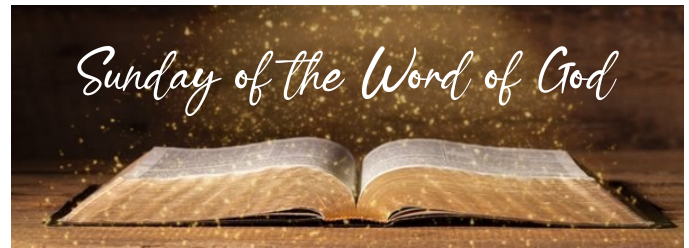
Thank you Fr. Giles (and Henry) for returning to us while Fr. Thomas is away!

Fr. Giles will arrive in Keyser around noon on the Saturdays he is celebrating Mass here (through February 12). If anyone would like to make an appointment with him, contact the Parish Office.

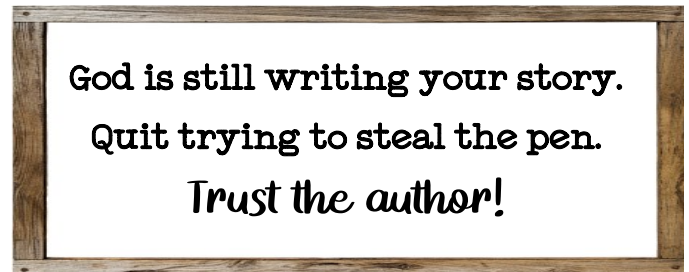
Fr. Thomas safely reached his home in India Tuesday night our time. We'll miss him, but are grateful for the time he will be spending with his family and friends.

Here are weekday Mass times in the area since we will not be having daily Masses for several weeks:

Mondays	8:30 a.m.	St. Gabriel, Barton
Tuesdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	12 noon	Our Lady of Grace, Romney
	12 noon	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
Wednesdays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St. Peter, Westernport
Thursdays	8:30 a.m.	St. Michael, Frostburg
	6:30 p.m.	St. Anthony, Ridgeley
Fridays	8:00 a.m.	Annunciation, Fort Ashby
	8:30 a.m.	St Peter, Westernport



Today we celebrate "Sunday of the Word of God." Instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, this day is an opportunity to encounter the beauty of God's word as proclaimed in the Scriptures. To allow us to enter into such an encounter, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a Sunday Seminar series. You can access it at catholic.bible.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, January 21	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar.....	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
		Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Sunday, January 22	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto.....	Jan Chiccehitto
Monday, January 23	No Mass		
Tuesday, January 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, January 25	No Mass		
Thursday, January 26	No Mass		
Friday, January 27	No Mass		
Saturday, January 28	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Martin W. Willis.....	Mary Alexander
		The Harber Family	Jean Harber
Sunday, January 29	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick & family
		Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody

Please note there are no weekday Masses or Scripture Study classes while Fr. Thomas is away.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis*, 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, Jeff Roth, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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

Go Cougars!



Shown here are members of the Assumption Cougars basketball team in the primary school division of the Keyser Area Rec League. If you want to catch them in action, they play at 11:15 a.m. on these Saturdays: January 28, February 11, and February 18. All games are played at the old Keyser High School and spectator admission is just \$3.



Each game begins with a prayer!



Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2023

5:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Hall

All CCD students in grades 5-12 are invited and encouraged to attend!



Knight of the Month

David S. Dunn has been honored as the Assumption Council Knight of the Month for December. Dave has been an active member of the council for many years and has held several offices, including Grand Knight, and currently serves as Deputy Grand Knight. He is the leader and chairman of the Baby Bottle drive and Tootsie Roll drive. Dave is also active in our community as a volunteer at Potomac Valley Hospital. Congratulations, Dave, and thank you for your contributions to the Knights, our parish and our community!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 28

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Alan Taylor
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale

Sunday, January 29

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Tina Stephen
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, February 4

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Meredythe Barrick
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, February 5

Lector: John Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Kelley Kuhn
Cantor: Candace Lowery
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Poor Box Donations in 2022

Thanks to your generous poor box donations, we provided nearly \$3,000 to our local community in 2022! Recipients were the Faith in Action Food Pantry and Catholic Charities WV. Donations this quarter will go to the Food Pantry.

Collections & Attendance

January 14-15, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes \$2,165
Loose Donations..... \$398
Total \$2,563

Diocesan Collection

Church in the Developing World \$113

Attendance

Fr. Ivan Memorial Mass.....45
Saturday, 1/1464
Sunday, 1/1597
Total 161

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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

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Wall outside the restroom

