

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 5, 2023**

*This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased;*

# *Listen to Him*

MATTHEW 17:1-9

***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, 6:00 p.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: Second Sunday of Lent

Are we prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory, he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: Follow me, obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom. Your name too will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory, a crown that awaits each one of us if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

Luke's Gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Are we spiritually awake? We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called to be witnesses of his glory. The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do we seek his presence with faith and reverence? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory.

Readings for Next Sunday,

March 12, 2023

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-42

### Saint of the Week: St. Perpetua

"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"

So writes Perpetua: a young, beautiful, well-educated noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus. Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at age 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: "What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby. Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua refused to renounce her Christian faith. For her unwillingness, she was sent with several companions to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua was beheaded.

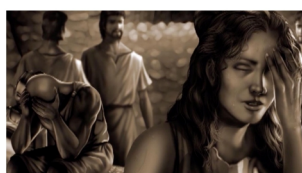
St. Perpetua is the patron saint of widows and mothers of diseased sons.

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



Feast Day: March 7

### THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



#### The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina

Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions



#### Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

### Register for **FREE** Today!

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org)
- Enter our parish zip code (26726)
- Enter your name and your email address
- Start watching!

**Take FORMED  
with you on your  
Lenten journey!**

## Installation of Fr. Thomas as Pastor

While Fr. Thomas has been caring for us as a Pastor since his arrival here, his official title has been "Administrator." However, Bishop Brennan recently formally appointed him as Pastor of both Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes!

**We will celebrate with an Installation Mass on Thursday, March 16, at 12 p.m. presided by the Very Rev. Timothy Grassi, Vicar Forane of the Martinsburg Vicariate.**

We invite all of you to attend the Mass and celebrate this moment for Fr. Thomas and for our parish. A luncheon will follow in St. Mary's Hall. Please sign up in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

## Securing Our Church, Protecting Our People

In an effort to keep our church and all who attend Mass here safe, we will begin securing the doors to the church while Mass is being held. The doors will be locked approximately 10 minutes after Mass begins (in case anyone is running late). Please note that the door is locked from the outside only; it can be opened from the inside at all times if someone needs to leave early or in case of an emergency. This change will begin the weekend of March 18-19.

## Safe Environment Training Update

Thank you to everyone who successfully completed their Safe Environment training before March 1!

There are still a few people who have not yet completed the training, and we need you to do so as soon as possible. A Diocesan-wide audit is scheduled for later this month. While we don't know if our parish will be included in the audit, we need to be prepared.

If you are a volunteer, which includes catechists, lectors, adult altar servers, extraordinary ministers, greeters, cantors and choir members, eucharistic ministers to the nursing home and homebound, Knights of Columbus, and Ladies Guild members, please log on to the VIRTUS system as soon as possible to complete the required training which includes electronic acknowledgment of three diocesan policies, completion of online video training, and an application for a background check.

Even if you have had training in the past, there are new components that are now required. To access the system, visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

Thank you again for helping to ensure our parish compliance in this important program!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 4	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Andrea Barrick .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, March 5	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Kay Frances Fazzalore.....	The Fazzalore Family
Monday, March 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 8	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Robert E. Dorsey.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, March 9	12 noon	The Wise & Calemine Families .....	Jean Harber
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study following Mass</i>	
Friday, March 10	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Brother Luke Stone.....	Dena Demasi-Turner
		<i>Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>	
Saturday, March 11	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Richard Gibson and the Intentions of Kathleen Gibson.....	Mary Shannon
Sunday, March 12	8:30 a.m.	Young People of Our Parish.....	Assumption Parish

*Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.*



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Judy Davis\*, Cathy Dorsey, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schulle, 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, Courtney Whiteman.  
\*Resident of Stonerise Keyser (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 5

Youth Group meeting at 4 p.m. at Grace.

Thursday, March 9

Sunday Scripture Study following the noon Mass.

Thursday, March 9

Joint meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee at 5:00 in St. Mary's Hall.

Friday, March 10

Stations of the Cross led by the Parish Council.

Sunday, March 12

Turn clocks ahead one hour!

Thursday, March 16

Installation of Fr. Thomas as Pastor of Assumption and Our Lady of Grace parishes at the noon Mass.

Friday, March 17

Stations of the Cross led by the Finance Committee.



*These new religious articles are now in the display cases in the vestibule. To make a purchase, see any member of the Ladies Guild or contact the Parish Office. The prices are on the items.*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED!**

Bishop Brennan this week lifted some of the safety protocols put in place during COVID-19. One of these is reinstating the distribution of the Sacred Cup, beginning at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 6. Therefore, we will be needing three Extraordinary Ministers per Mass instead of just one. If you would like to serve in this liturgical ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

**Collections & Attendance**  
**February 25-26, 2023**

**Offertory**  
 Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,580  
 Loose Donations..... \$802  
**Total..... \$3,382**

**Earthquake Relief ..... \$1,713**

**Attendance**  
 Saturday, 2/25 ..... 67  
 Sunday, 2/26 ..... 110  
**Total..... 177**

**Upcoming Diocesan Collection**  
 A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund which provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our diocese, like Fr. Giles. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service our priests have given us and thank them in this very important way.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, March 11**  
 Lector: Anita Tetreault  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis  
 EM: Meredythe Barrick  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

**Sunday, March 12 (Youth Mass)**  
 Lector: CCD students  
 Servers: CCD students  
 EM: Mike Landis  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: CCD students

**Saturday, March 18**  
 Lector: Karen Yowler  
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
 EM: Sue Harber  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

**Sunday, March 19**  
 Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
 Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore  
 EM: Rosie Landis  
 Cantor: Candace Lowery  
 Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore

**Stonerise EM**  
 March 9 Cindy Alt  
 March 16 Meredythe Barrick



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.