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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Second Scrutiny

March 15, 2026



The Light of the World

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, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus approached the blind man (John 9:1-41) he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. This pool of fresh flowing water was one of the landmarks of the city of Jerusalem. This pool was likely used as a ceremonial bath of purification for people who were going up to the Temple to worship.

What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Augustine of Hippo remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ...You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin." Let us pray: Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do.

Readings for Next Sunday,
Fifth Sunday of Lent,
Third Scrutiny
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

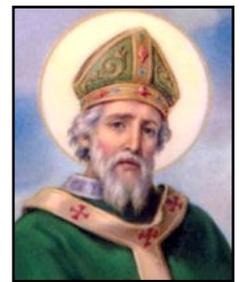
Saint of the Week... St. Patrick

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, but he found his faith while being held as a prisoner in Ireland. Born in Britain to wealthy parents, at age 16 Patrick and some of his father's slaves were captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered from hunger and cold. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace. Six years later, Patrick escaped and returned to Britain.

Later, an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Once he was ordained a priest, he did return to Ireland and began ministering and converting. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity.

While legends about Patrick abound, the truth is best served by his two greatest qualities: humility and courage. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided his life. St. Patrick's feast day is celebrated on March 17, the date of his death in circa 493. He is the patron saint of Ireland and engineers.

Source: franciscanmedia.org, catholic.org, history.com



Feast Day: March 17



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn

Harbaugh, Bob Harman, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggleman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis, Davis Wilson.

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This Week's Birthdays

March 17	Tom Burdock Palma Devic
March 20	Charlie Oglesbee
March 21	Tom Denne Aleah Smith
March 22	Lois Ravenscroft

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

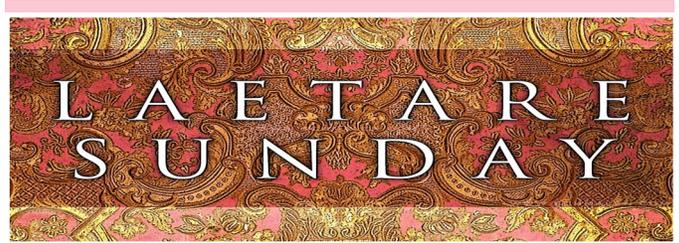


Thank you to Sue Harber, Morgan Gustafson and John Gustafson who assisted with the Stations of the Cross last week! All parishioners— adult or child—are invited to participate in this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Rosie Landis at 304-790-4406.

Join us every Friday during Lent for Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations which will be led this week by members of the Knights of Columbus.



Our parish welcomed Robert Augustus DelSignore through the Sacrament of Baptism last month! He is shown here with Fr. Thomas and his godmother Briana Rotruck, parents Giovanna Castiglia and Logan DelSignore, and godfather Christopher Claudio.



The Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint of the season and is known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare (pronounced lay-TAH-ray) is Latin and means "rejoice." Laetare Sunday provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



Easter Flower Offering

The annual Easter Flower collection is underway. Please be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory of (a list will be included in the Easter bulletin). Names can be accepted through March 29.

Did You Know?

The white lily represents purity, hope, renewal and spring. In Christian tradition, it is associated with the Virgin Mary and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Angel Gabriel presented Mary with a white lily at the Annunciation, which is depicted in our stained glass window just outside the Sacristy.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 14	4:00 pm	Intentions Melissa Stanislawczyk	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
Sunday, March 15	8:30 am	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich	The Minnich Family
		Intentions of Beverley Iser	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, March 16	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 17	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 18	5:00 pm	Soul of Patricia Perkins.....	Tammy & Larry Dale
Thursday, March 19	12:00 pm	Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber.....	The DeMasi Family
		Intentions of Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco & Margaret McGee	Sue & Jean Harber
		Soul of Sam Fazzalore	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 20	6:00 pm		
Saturday, March 21	4:00 pm	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Deceased Members of the John Ross family	Carole Rhodes
Sunday, March 22	8:30 am	The Hoover-Dickel Families	St. Thomas Cemetery



Congratulations to our Assumption basketball team in the youth division of the Keyser Area Rec League for their outstanding season!

Food and Toiletry Drives Underway

As part of their community service requirement, our Confirmation candidates are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Faith in Action food pantry, along with a toiletry drive to benefit the Family Crisis Center. Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office now through March 27. Thank you for supporting our young people and their project!

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 7-8, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,423
Loose Donations.....	\$775
Repairs & Maintenance	\$5
Easter Flowers.....	\$15
Total	\$3,218

Attendance

Saturday, 3/7	80
Sunday, 3/8.....	90
Total	170

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund	\$1,290
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Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (March 22) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.

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A sincere thank you from the Ladies Guild to everyone who made a donation or who supported the baked potato sale!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 21

Lector: Cathy Pardee
 Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
 EMs: John Gustafson, Karen Yowler (c), Jean Harber (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: tbd

Sunday, March 22

Lector: Mike Landis
 Servers: Jane Placka, Eric Hatfield Jr. & Nick McKenzie
 EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Jane Placka (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Saturday, March 28

Lector: Tess Maybury
 Servers: Sue Harber & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: Bill Lupis, Eric Hatfield (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, March 29

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Jude Barrick, Tucker Newlin & Harper Newlin
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Beverley Iser (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 19 Meredythe Barrick
 March 26 TBD

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass 8:00 pm	8:30 am
MARCH 29	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5



FIRST DAY OF
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 MARCH 20