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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025



FEAST OF THE *Presentation of the Lord*

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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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: The Presentation of the Lord

The story of the Presentation of the Lord reminds us of faith, trust, and God's promises. Mary and Joseph, as faithful parents, brought baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God. This was part of the Jewish law that required every firstborn son to be dedicated to the Lord. They also offered two small birds, showing their humility and trust in God, even though they were poor. At the Temple, two special people recognized Jesus as the Savior: Simeon and Anna. Simeon was a devout man who had waited for the Messiah. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would see the Savior before he died. When Simeon saw Jesus, he held Him and praised God, saying that Jesus was the "light for all nations" and the glory of Israel. Anna, a prophetess who was very old, spent her days worshiping, fasting, and praying in the Temple. When she saw Jesus, she thanked God and told others about Him.

This story is a lesson for us. Like Mary and Joseph, we are called to dedicate our lives to God and trust in His plans. Simeon and Anna show us the power of waiting patiently and staying close to God in prayer. As we reflect on this event, let us ask God for the faith to see His presence in our lives, the courage to share His light with others, and the patience to trust His timing in all things.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 9, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Saint of the Week... St. Agatha

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. She was born around 231 in Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God.

Having consecrated her virginity to God at a young age, she resisted the advances of a Roman prefect sent by the emperor Decius to govern Sicily. Her profession of faith and rejection of the prefect resulted in her brutal torture, during which her breasts were cut off (a condition often reflected in her iconography). During her imprisonment, she famously had a vision of St. Peter the Apostle, who is said to have comforted her and healed her wounds with his prayers. She was then sent to the stake, but according to some accounts, as soon as the fire was lighted, an earthquake occurred, causing the people to insist upon her release; she allegedly died in prison around the year 251.

St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, breast cancer patients, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast day is celebrated on February 5.

Source: brittanica.com



Feast Day: February 5



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

Only Four Days Left! Just 40% of our parishioners have completed the survey!

Help us strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future by completing the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today! The deadline to make your voice heard is Thursday, February 6.

- It takes just 10 minutes!
- All responses are anonymous!
- Not online? Paper copies are available in the Vestibule!
- Thank you!



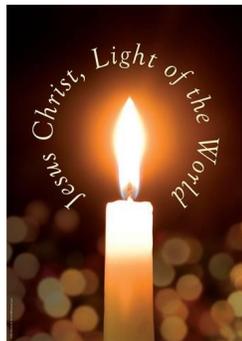
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World Day for Consecrated Life



World Day for Consecrated Life is being celebrated in parishes around the world this weekend.

We give thanks for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life. In a special way we thank and pray for Fr. Thomas, Fr. Giles and all the priests, brothers and sisters who have served our parish over the last 150 years!



Did You Know?

The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, forty days after Jesus' birth. That feast day is also known as "Candlemas Day," the day on which candles are blessed

symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, just as those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all people. Pope St. John Paul II instituted this day of prayer in 1997.

The Light of the World

Parish Office Now Located at St. Joseph House

Thank you to all those who helped last Sunday with the final step in moving our parish office to St. Joseph House! For those who may not know, that is the white house located on the upper side of the church which the parish has owned since the late 1970s.



Why the move?

You may be wondering why the office was moved after having been located in the Rectory for decades. There are multiple reasons:

- Allow the Rectory to become a residence only, separating Fr. Thomas' workspace from his home space
- Make better use of an under-utilized building, increasing its value, usefulness and long-term viability
- Provide a larger, improved office space which is more welcoming and accessible for parishioners, including chairs for visitors and a small group meeting space.

The renovations, all of which were completed by parish volunteers, include installation of a restroom on the main floor, new laminate flooring in the kitchen, new exterior doors, new window blinds and a fresh coat of paint.

We look forward to everyone seeing our new office! We will have an open house once Fr. Thomas returns from vacation.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, February 1	4:00 pm	Soul of Sandra Calemine	Carole Rhodes
		Intentions of Bob Konka.....	Bob Konka
Sunday, February 2	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick.....	Rene Trezise
Monday, February 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 4	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 5	No Mass		
Thursday, February 6	No Mass	<i>see note below</i>	
Friday, February 7	No Mass		
Saturday, February 8	4:00 pm	Intentions of Mike & Joanne Stickley	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Brent Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, February 9	8:30 am	Soul of Bro. Luke Stone, TOR	Assumption Parish

Note: We will gather in the church each Thursday at 11 am while Fr. Thomas is away to pray the Rosary. Please join us!

Last Chance for Orders!

This Sunday, February 2 is the last day to place your orders for meatball subs, meatballs and sauce, and pies! Order forms for both are available in the Vestibule.

Meatballs

The Ladies Guild/K of C meatball sale will be held after Mass on Saturday, February 8. Available are meatball subs (\$8) and four meatballs in sauce (\$5). For more information, contact Rosie Landis 304-790-4406.

Pies

The Ladies Guild "The Pie Shoppe" pies will be available for pick up on Friday, February 14. A variety of 9-inch pies and other items are available. For more information, contact Robin McDowell 304-813-0790.

Your Faithful Stewardship

January 25-26, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,765
Loose Donations.....	\$989
Votive Candles	\$133
Poor Box	\$230
Total	\$3,117

Attendance

Saturday, 1/25	81
Sunday, 1/26	101
Total	182

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions.



Attention All Volunteers! Important Safe Environment Training

Last year, Bishop Brennan announced some changes to the Safe Environment education requirements for all employees and volunteers in the Diocese. One of these is that the video training module is now required to be completed yearly (instead of watch-it-once-and-you're-done as it was previously).

If you serve our parish in ANY capacity and haven't completed the training in the last 12 months, you are most likely due for refresher training. To determine your compliance status, log in to your VIRTUS account or contact the Parish Office.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers for the important role they play in the success of our parish, and we thank you for helping us to remain in compliance with this most important program which helps to ensure the safety of our children.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 8

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Sue Harber, Paul Bogdan, Morgan Gustafson
EM: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, February 9

Lector: Alan Taylor or Pam Williams
Servers: Abby DelSignore, Pippa Dolechek, Nick McKenzie
EM: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis (c), Beverley Iser (c)
Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, February 15

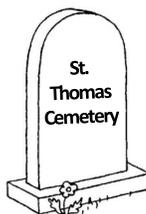
Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sue Harber and Micah Alt
EM: Mere Barrick, Karen Yowler (c), Jean Harber (c)
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, February 16 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
Servers: CCD students
EM: Tina Stephen, Kelley Kuhn (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Greeters: CCD students
Cantor: Julie Alt

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 6 Meredythe Barrick
February 13 Jean Harber



Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by February 16. Thank you!

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.