

Assumption Catholic Church

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*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 3, 2024**



Jesus answered and said to them,  
“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

JOHN 2:19

***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: Third Sunday of Lent

When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time, he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This psalm was understood as a Messianic prophecy. Here the disciples saw Jesus more clearly as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do we recognize the indwelling presence of God within us through the gift and working of his Holy Spirit? The Lord Jesus wants to renew our minds and to purify our hearts so that we may offer God fitting worship and enjoy his presence both now and forever. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill us with a holy desire and burning zeal for his holiness and glory to grow in us and transform the way we think, act, and live as a son or daughter of God. Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you open wide the door of your Father's house and you bid us to enter confidently that we may worship in spirit and truth. Help us to draw near to your throne of mercy with gratitude and joy.

### Readings for Next Sunday, March 10, 2024

2 Chronicles 36:14-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

## Saint of the Week... St. Frances of Rome

Born of wealthy parents, Frances felt a calling to religious life early in her youth, but her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. As she became acquainted with his family, Frances discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannozza, set out together with their husbands' blessings to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When her resources had been exhausted, she went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and she then opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more convinced that this way of life was necessary for the world, and soon was given permission to organize a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society, serving the poorest of the poor.

In 1925 Pope Pius XI declared Frances the patron saint of automobiles because of a legend that an angel used to light the road before her with a lantern, keeping Frances safe from harm.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [saintfrancesofrome.org](http://saintfrancesofrome.org)

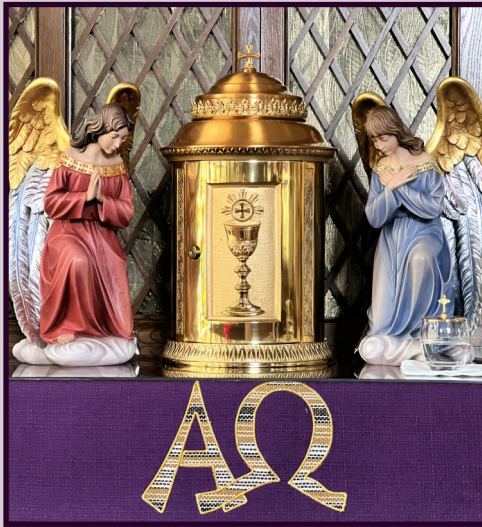


Feast Day: March 9



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



Our parish received this beautiful tabernacle as a gift from the family of Bob Pliska. Mr. Pliska was a long-time member of Our Lady of Grace parish who passed away in December. He and his late wife Ruth spent their lives helping and giving to others, and we are grateful to be the recipients of their family's generosity! Mr. Pliska's daughter, Terry McGee, is the Office Manager at Our Lady of Grace.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Our Holy Helpers at last Friday's Stations of the Cross were Kennedy Stephen, Harper Newlin and Morgan Gustafson. All three girls are students in our Grades 1-2 CCD class.



Join us every Friday during Lent for Mass at 6:00 followed by the Stations!



### Jubilee Event on March 11

We are excited to welcome Fr. Jojan Joseph, CST back to our parish!

Fr. J.J. will be with us on Monday, March 11, for the next in our schedule of events to help us celebrate our Jubilee year.

His presentation will discuss "The Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood: Why Women are Not Ordained in the Catholic Church." The program will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in St. Mary's Hall. Mark your calendars now!



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 2	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Sauer .....	Assumption Knights of Columbus
		Intentions of Toni Shillingburg .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, March 3	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Melissa Stanislawczyk .....	Linda Marsh
Monday, March 4	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 5	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 6	5:00 p.m.	The Hoover-Dickel Family .....	St. Thomas Cemetery
		Intentions of Andrea Barrick .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, March 7	12 noon	Soul of Angela Dorsey .....	Marion Dorsey
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Marg Quinn
Friday, March 8	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Richard Gibson .....	Kathleen Gibson
		Soul of Rosalee Freeman .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 9	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Gwendolyn DeMasi .....	Her Loving Children
		Soul of Joe Harber .....	Mary Lambert
Sunday, March 10	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Robert & Kay Fazzalore .....	The Fazzalore Family
		Intentions of Angela Bowers .....	Linda Marsh

Stations of the Cross will be prayed following Mass on Fridays during Lent.

**PRAY.  
FAST.  
GIVE.**

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be reminded of Pope Francis' advice:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.*

## Your Faithful Stewardship

February 24-25, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,200
Loose Donations.....	\$755
Votive Candles.....	\$279
Poor Box.....	\$164
Easter Flowers.....	\$25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,423</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 2/24.....	82
Sunday, 2/25.....	98
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>180</b>

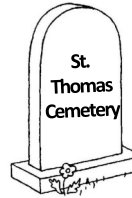
### Diocesan Collection This Weekend

A second collection is being taken this weekend for the Priests' Health and Retirement Association which provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of our diocese. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.



## Help Keep Our Prayer List Up to Date!

Our parish prayer list is shared weekly in the bulletin (see page 2, bottom) and email message, as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it. To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket. Thank you!



### Cemetery Flowers

If you have Christmas or winter flowers at St. Thomas Cemetery that you would like to keep, please remove them by March 10. Thank you!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, March 9

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)  
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Kraus  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, March 10

Lector: Mike Landis  
Servers: Jude Barrick & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Mike Landis, Tina Stephen (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)  
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Saturday, March 16

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Sue Harber & Beverley Iser  
EM: Karen Yowler, Bob Yowler (c), Mere Barrick (c)  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler  
Cantor: Julie Alt

### Sunday, March 17 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students  
Servers: CCD Students  
EM: David Minnich, Rosie Landis (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
Greeters: CCD Students  
Cantor: Patrick George

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 7 Cindy Alt  
March 14 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.