



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 26, 2026**



*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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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Old Testament often describes God as the shepherd of his people, Israel. In Psalm 23:1 we read, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Likewise, Psalm 100:3 reminds us, "We are his people and the sheep of his pasture." The Messiah is also portrayed as a shepherd who cares for God's people. Isaiah 40:11 says, "He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms." Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd who is ready to risk his life to search for and save the lost sheep (Matthew 18:12; Luke 15:4). What can the image of a shepherd teach us about God and our relationship with him? At the end of each day, the shepherd would lead his sheep into a safe place for the night. The sheep recognized the voice of their shepherd and came when he called them. The shepherd knew his sheep so well that he often called each one by name. In a sense, the shepherd himself became the door through which the sheep passed for safety.

The Scriptures describe God as a shepherd who gives security and peace to his people. Even the leaders of God's people were called shepherds. Numbers 27:17 says they were to lead the people so that the community of the Lord would not be like sheep without a shepherd. Just as a shepherd watches over and protects his flock from danger, Jesus watches over his people as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do we turn to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and receive from him the strength and courage we need to live and serve as his disciples?

### Readings for Next Sunday,

May 3, 2026

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

## Saint of the Week... St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena was born in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. She grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. She disappointed her parents by cutting off her hair in protest to being encouraged to improve her appearance to attract a husband.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at age 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." There are debates over whether or not St.

Catherine was given a ring, and she often claimed that it was invisible. In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. Catherine allegedly was given the stigmata, but like her ring, it was visible only to her. She established a monastery for women, and is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue. These works were so influential that she would later be declared a Doctor of the Church.

At age 33 Catherine became ill, possibly because of her habit of extreme fasting. Her illness accelerated, leading to a stroke and death a week later on April 29 which is now her feast day. St. Catherine is the patron saint of Italy, fire prevention and miscarriages. She is often depicted with a lily to symbolize her purity.

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



Feast Day: April 29



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Marshal Clarke\*, 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, 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 Riggelman, 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, Fred Wilson.

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## This Week's Birthdays

April 28	Fr. Giles Ashlee Newlin
April 29	Jason Blacka
April 30	Tony DeSignore Margaret McGee
May 2	Phillip Mele

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.

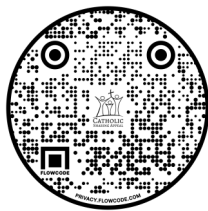


The annual Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA). It's something you hear us talk about year after year, but you may not know how it directly impacts not only our neighbors across West Virginia, but our parish as well. Your generosity to the CSA in recent years has enabled us to install air conditioning in St. Mary's Hall and to offset the cost of relocating the parish office.

As you know, the first 50 percent of donations toward our goal are used to support the ministries, Catholic school students, and outreach efforts throughout West Virginia. Everything donated after we reach 50 percent comes directly back to our parish. What you may not realize is that we also receive part of that first 50% through grants and other shared ministries. Notably for this year, we received a CSA grant to replace the vinyl flooring at St. Mary's Hall.

**When you give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, you directly impact the lives of thousands of West Virginians near and far. Our CSA goal this year is \$21,100.**

This year at our parish, we will use our Catholic Sharing Appeal dollars to assist with the cost of replacing the air conditioning system in the church. To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website at [dwc.org/csa](http://dwc.org/csa), or use your smartphone to scan the QR code shown here. Your support today will help us reach our goal!



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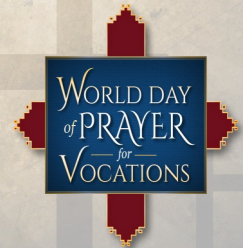


Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmation students who received the Sacrament last Sunday! Shown here with the Most Rev. Mark Brennan are (seated) Tess Maybury, Pippa Dolechek, Aleah Smith; (standing) Reed Starcher, Brant Pritts, Bishop Brennan, Tucker Newlin, Jude Barrick, Daniel Mangold, Alex Mangold and Maddox Cameron. Thank you to their sponsors, parents and grandparents, and a special thanks to their catechists Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury for helping to prepare them for this holy moment in their lives of faith!

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
April 26, 2026**

*Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations.*

*May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen.*



**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 25	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi .....	Their Loving Family
Sunday, April 26	8:30 am	Intentions of Jim & Cindy Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, April 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 29	5:00 pm	Soul of Nancy Howard.....	Tammy & Larry Dale
Thursday, April 30	12:00 pm	Soul of Betty McAvoy .....	Art DeMasi
Friday, May 1	9:00 am	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Saturday, May 2	10:00 am	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes ( <i>Keyser Healthcare Center</i> )	
	4:00 pm	People of Assumption & Our Lady of Grace Parishes	
Sunday, May 3	8:30 am	Soul of Karen Patterson .....	Esther, Molly & Linda



### First Friday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, May 1. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.

### Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, April 30. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Marianna Bamburg, Charlotte Delilo, Judy Dolechek, Jean Harber, Joe Maybury, Robin McDowell, Geoff Newlin, Alan Taylor and Rene Trezise.

### Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated. Names can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone or email by Monday, May 18, or by dropping a note in the offertory basket.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, May 2

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

#### Sunday, May 3 (First Holy Communion)

Lector: TBD  
Servers: Nick McKenzie, Eric Hatfield II & Remy Kuhn  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Nancy Starcher (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

#### Saturday, May 9

Lector: John Gustafson  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan  
EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), TBD (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

#### Sunday, May 10

Lector: TBD  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EMs: Rosie Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), David Minnich (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

#### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

April 30 Jean Harber  
May 7 Cindy Alt

### Attention Volunteers! VIRTUS Safe Environment

ASSUMPTION PARISH  
COMPLIANCE STATUS:  
**59%**

All those who serve our parish in certain roles are required to maintain compliance with the VIRTUS Safe Environment platform. The roles are limited to:

- Catechists (including OCIC)
- Adult altar servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only to the nursing home or homebound (if you serve at the altar compliance is not required)

Both a background check and awareness training must be completed every three years, and many of our volunteers are now due for renewal. Thank you to those who have already taken the necessary steps. Please take a few minutes this week to log in to your VIRTUS account to complete the necessary steps. Thank you!

## Your Faithful Stewardship

April 18-19, 2026

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$5,440
Loose Donations.....	\$917
Votive Candles .....	\$132
Easter Flowers.....	\$15
Poor Box .....	\$152
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,556</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 4/18 .....	69
Sunday, 4/19 .....	88
Sunday 4/19 (Confirmation) .....	83
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>240</b>



I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord:  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

JOHN 10:14