



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 16, 2025**



*"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."* LUKE 9:35

*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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**Patrick George, Organist**

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief of course! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Are we prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white (Luke 9:28). In the Gospel account Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles - Peter, James, and John.

Luke's Gospel account 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. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are we spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory.

## 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](http://franciscanmedia.org), [catholic.org](http://catholic.org), [history.com](http://history.com)

Readings for Next Sunday,  
Third Sunday of Lent,  
First Scrutiny  
Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-8  
John 4:5-42



Feast Day: March 17



Brian Alt, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey

Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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# Assumption Kids Taking it to the Hoop!



▲ The Assumption basketball team in the primary division of the Keyser Area Rec League were runners-up in the league championship last week, fighting their way back as a No. 8 seed! Congratulations to our young parishioners on the team: Charlotte Delilo, Isla Delilo, Lucas Dupuis, Evelyn Helmick (granddaughter of Kathy Weber), Remy Kuhn, Harper Newlin, Keyan Ross, and Kasen Smith. They are coached by Josh Shoemaker, Amaya Bartlett and Owen Sweitzer.



The Keyser ► High School Lady Tornado qualified for the WV Class

AAA state basketball tournament, representing their school in Charleston for the second year in a row! Fr. Thomas is shown here celebrating their sectional title victory last week with players Ava Barrick and Abby Del Signore and cheerleader Kerri Wittman.



► Congratulations to the Keyser 6th grade boys basketball team on their tournament championship in Petersburg last weekend! Our members of the team are Jude Barrick and Maddox Cameron and coach Brent Barrick.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 15	4:00 pm	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....	Kelli Wittman
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	The House & Trezise Families
Sunday, March 16	8:30 am	Soul of Al Martin Jr. ....	Lynn McQuinn
		The Marsh, Roach & Miller Families.....	Linda Marsh
Monday, March 17	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 18	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 19	5:00 pm	Soul of James Lambert .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, March 20	12:00 pm	Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley .....	Anonymous
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	The Collins Family
Friday, March 21	6:00 pm	Soul of Rosalee Freeman .....	Carole Rhodes
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, March 22	4:00 pm	Soul of James Lambert .....	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, March 23	8:30 am	The Fazzalore Family .....	The Fazzalore Family

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

# Open House

## Parish Office Open House

Come see the recent renovations at St. Joseph House and our new Parish Office! The office will be open after both Masses this weekend. Stop by for light refreshments and a look at the new space!

## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Mass on Fridays is at 6 p.m. (instead of 9 a.m.) and will be followed by the Stations of the Cross. Leading the stations this week are members of the Finance Committee.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

March 1-2, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,037
Loose Donations.....	\$1,192
Easter Flowers.....	\$110
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$45
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,384</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 3/8.....	91
Sunday, 3/9.....	87
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>178</b>

### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A second collection is scheduled for next weekend to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA). This is a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way.



## Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (March 23) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.

## Food Drive Underway

As part of their community service requirement, our Confirmation candidates are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Faith in Action food pantry. Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office now through April 6. Thank you for supporting their project!

*Almsgiving opportunity!*

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, March 22

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II  
EM: Mary Wagoner, Eric Hatfield (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Sunday, March 23

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser & Nick McKenzie  
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)  
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant  
Cantor: Patrick George

### Saturday, March 29

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson  
EM: Janet Corley, Mary Wagoner & Bill Lupis  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, March 30

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Nancy Starcher, Kelley Kuhn (c), David Minnich (c)  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach  
Cantor: Julie Alt

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 20 Meredythe Barrick  
March 27 Jean Harber

The Lord is my  
light & my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?