

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus explained to Nicodemus that the "Son of Man" must be "lifted up" to bring the power and authority of God's kingdom to bear on the earth (John 3:14). The title, "Son of Man," came from the prophet Daniel who describes a vision he received of the Anointed Messiah King who was sent from heaven to rule over the earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Traditionally when kings began to reign, they were literally "lifted up" and enthroned above the people. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be recognized as the Anointed King when he is "lifted up" on the cross at Calvary. Jesus died for his claim to be the only begotten Son sent by the Father in heaven to redeem, heal, and reconcile his people with God.

The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual power and gifts, especially the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence, to enable us to live in his strength as sons and daughters of God. Do we thirst for the new life which God offers us through the transforming power of his Holy Spirit?

Readings for Next Sunday,

March 17, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34

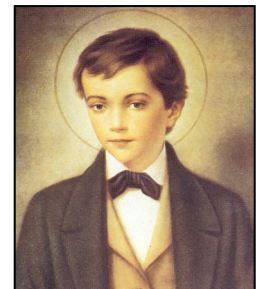
Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Saint of the Week... St. Dominic Savio

So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined Saint John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed Don Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. All the members save one, Dominic, would, in 1859, join Don Bosco in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.



Feast Day: March 9

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. Sure of his impending death, Dominic asked his parents to call for a priest. After making a last confession he fell asleep. Hours later he awoke and said to his father, "Goodbye, Dad, goodbye...oh what wonderful things I see!" Dominic died minutes later. It was March 9, 1857, and Dominic was just 14 years old. Saint John Bosco himself wrote the account of Dominic's life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. Saint Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 9.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



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)



Welcome Fr. J.J.!
Jubilee Event on Monday



Please join us this Monday, March 11, for a special presentation by Fr. Jojan Joseph, CST!

Fr. J.J.'s topic is the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood, and will answer the question about why women are not ordained in the Catholic church. The program will begin at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall

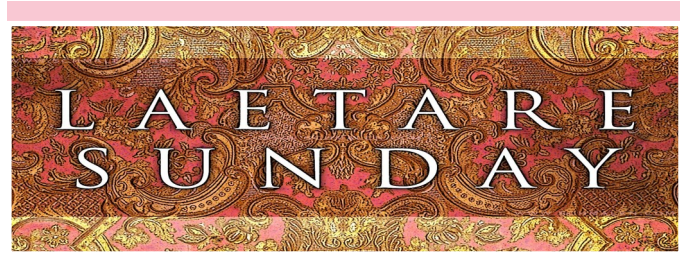
followed by a dessert reception.



Fr. Giles and Henry extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone at Assumption Parish for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to both of them during their weekends here! It is much appreciated.

Easter Flower Offering

The annual Easter Flower collection is slated for next weekend. 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 24.



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.

Thank you to Isla, Charlotte and Cecelia Delilo who assisted with the Stations of the Cross last week! They are the granddaughters of Charlotte & Eugene Delilo.



Join us every Friday during Lent for Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations!


Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
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
Monday, March 11	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 12	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 13	5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Pliska & McGee families	Assumption Parish
Thursday, March 14	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Friday, March 15	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
		Souls of Frank & Mary Calemine	Carole Rhodes
Saturday, March 16	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Alston Bruce Martin	Lynn McQuinn
		Intentions of Darlene "Bitsy" Brown	Linda Marsh
Sunday, March 17	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers	Their Loving Family
		Soul of Mary Ella Minnich	Doug Minnich

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, March 11, 6 p.m.
Presentation by Fr. Jojan Joseph, CST
- Friday, March 15, 6 p.m.
Mass + Stations of the Cross *(led by Parish Council)*
- Sunday, March 17
Youth Mass and Donut Sunday
- Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m.
Lenten Penance Service
- Thursday, March 21, 5 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting
- Friday, March 22, 6 p.m.
Mass + Stations of the Cross *(led by CCD students)*
- Sunday, March 24, 3 p.m.
Community Easter Egg Hunt @ Keyser Middle School
(Hosted by the Assumption-Grace Youth Group)
- Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Holy Thursday
- Friday, March 29, 7 p.m.
Good Friday
- Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m.
Easter Vigil
- Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
Easter Masses
- Sunday-Tuesday, April 7-9
Retreat with Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!
Please join us after Mass next Sunday (March 17) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event.

Jubilee Fundraiser Reminder!
The Mary Kay online party hosted by Ann Marie DeMasi continues through the end of March!



<https://marykayapp.page.link/NFZD>
or contact Ann Marie directly
304-790-2620 or mk0895annie@gmail.com

- Liturgical Minister Schedule**
- 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
- Saturday, March 23**
Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Mary Wagoner, Eric Hatfield (c), Alan Taylor (c)
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell
Cantor: TBD
- Sunday, March 24**
Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Jane Placka, Nancy Starcher (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
Cantor: TBD
- Keyser Healthcare Center EM**
March 14 Merydythe Barrick
March 21 Stacey Rhodes

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 2-3, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,055
Loose Donations.....	\$694
Easter Flowers.....	\$75
Total	\$3,824

Attendance

Saturday, 3/2.....	76
Sunday, 3/3.....	115
Total	191

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Priests' Health & Retirement	\$676
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February Balance Sheet

Income*	\$24,405
Expenses	\$14,315
Balance	\$10,090

*includes Catholic Sharing Appeal distribution

