

Assumption Catholic Church

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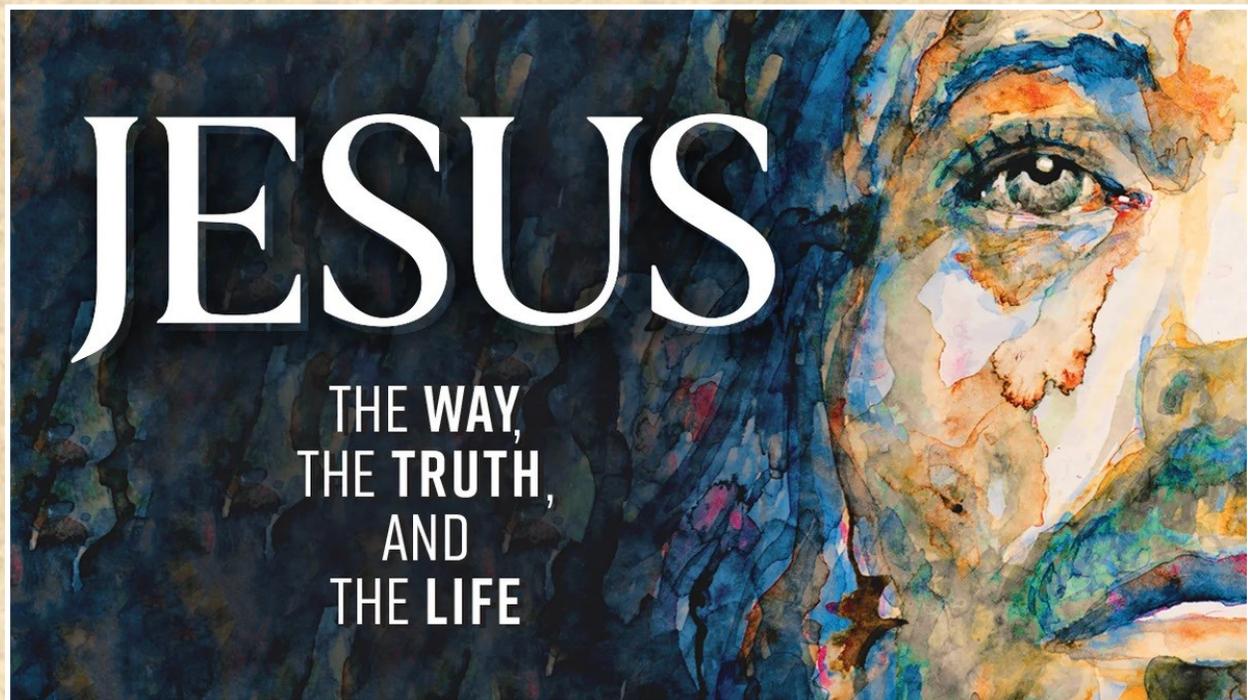
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023



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, 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, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Easter

The disciples were surprised that Jesus was going to his Father's house and would return to take them with him. And they were even more surprised when Jesus said he expected them to know the way to the Father's house. Jesus' answer to their question, "show us the way," was both a reminder that his disciples should trust their Master and Teacher to show them the way, and a challenge for them to recognize that Jesus had intimate knowledge of God and where God came from. Jesus made a statement that invoked the very name which God had revealed to Moses, "I am who I am" (Exodus 3:14), and he made three claims which only God could make. He stated unequivocally to his disciples: "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**" (John 14:6).

Jesus proclaims: I am the Way. He alone knows the way to the Father because he has been with the Father from the beginning - before time and creation ever existed. The Lord Jesus gives us more than a road map and guide book. He personally is the way to the Father's kingdom, and we cannot miss it if we follow him. Jesus proclaims that he is the Truth. Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, I am the Truth. He possesses in himself the fulness of truth. Jesus claims to be one with the Father and to speak the truth which proceeds from the Father. Jesus also proclaims that he is the Life. He not only shows us the path of life (Psalm 16:11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give - abundant life that lasts forever. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, give us the necessary grace to comprehend the mystery of your way, your truth and your life.

Readings for Next Sunday,
May 14, 2023
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Saint of the Week ... St. Matthias

According to the Acts of the Apostles, during the days after the Ascension Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—about 120 of Jesus' followers. Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. They prayed and drew lots; the choice fell to Matthias.

St. Matthias was present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. Aside from this, little is known of the rest of Matthias' life. According to one tradition, he preached for a time in Jerusalem and eventually he was stoned and beheaded (he is often portrayed holding an axe, the instrument of his death). Another tradition claims he preached the Gospel to the barbarians and cannibals in the interior of Ethiopia and was crucified.

His feast was originally celebrated on February 24 but in 1969 it was moved to May 14 to be celebrated outside of Lent. St. Matthias is the patron of carpenters, tailors, and in prayers for perseverance and for hope.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and saintmatthias.org



Feast Day: May 14



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The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

Brother Francis: He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection

Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation which includes an animated presentation of key points in the life of Jesus Christ, His Death on the Cross, triumph over death, and Ascension to the Father. Steeped in scripture and instruction, *Brother Francis: He Is Risen!* is a wonderful reminder of the reality of God's power and presence!

New Sanctuary Lamp

Just before Easter, this beautiful new Sanctuary Lamp was installed in our church. The Roman Missal states that a lamp be near the tabernacle



“fueled by oil or wax, and should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ.” The Sanctuary Lamp is kept burning day and night. It is an emblem of Christ’s abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration.

Let not
Your heart
be troubled... | JOHN 14:1

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 6	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Mary Ellen Shockley Hall	Alt & Stickley Families
		Intentions of Fran Bodkin	Linda Marsh
Sunday, May 7	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Larry Demasi.....	Dena Turner
Monday, May 8	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 10	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Krista Taylor.....	The Harber Family
		Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Thursday, May 11	12 noon	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased	
		Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Friday, May 12	9:00 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, May 13	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Margaret McGee	The Harber Family
Sunday, May 14	8:30 a.m.	All Mothers, Living & Deceased.....	Assumption Parish

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

Teacher Appreciation WEEK

Thank you to all of our religious education teachers for sharing the light of your faith with our children!

Julie Alt	Jean Harber	Joe Maybury
Meredythe Barrick	Bob Konka	Jane Placka
Abby Del Signore	Jeff Kuhn	Landon Rhodes
Carlie Del Signore	Kelley Kuhn	Rebekah Rhodes
Marie Del Signore		

Sesquicentennial Jubilee Celebrating Our History

One responsibility of the Jubilee Commemorative Book committee is to present our church history, both in word and in pictures. If you have photos or other mementos of historical events, weddings or other sacramental celebrations, please submit them to the Parish Office. We can accept digital formats or actual photos, and all items will be returned. If you have other questions or would like to join the committee, please reach out to Pam Williams or Lauren Ellifritz who are the committee chairs.



Happy Birthday Margaret!

Our friend and parishioner Margaret McGee celebrated her 88th birthday on April 30. She was treated to dinner and cake at the Candlewyck by her friends!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Members of Knights of Columbus Assumption Council will be distributing baby bottles after both Masses next weekend to raise money for the James Isaac House, a pregnancy resource center in Keyser. Over the following six weeks, collect your spare change and place it in the baby bottle. Then return it to church on Father's Day weekend (June 17-18). Thank you!



Ladies Guild Spring Fling

All ladies of our parish are invited to a Spring Fling on Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. There will be refreshments, wine, cheesecake and a presentation by parishioner and Mary Kay consultant Ann Marie DeMasi. Come join us for a fun and fantastic evening!



Our parish is holding an athletic shoe drive fundraiser to support activities planned for our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration. To participate, simply donate any gently worn or new sneakers...any size, any condition! This sneaker recycling program helps keeps sneakers out of landfills and helps us earn money too!

The fundraiser begins now and will continue until the fall. Simply take a look in your closets, collect any athletic shoes you or your children no longer wear, and donate them! Invite your friends and neighbors to participate too! Shoes can be dropped in a tote in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Remember, the only shoes that we can accept are athletic shoes.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 13

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, May 14 (First Holy Communion)

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
EM: Rosie Landis, David Minnich (c), Mike Landis (c)
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, May 20

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Cathy Pardee, Janet Corley (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, May 21 (CCD Graduation)

Lector: Kerri Wittman & Celia Cole
Servers: Abby Del Signore & Gwyneth Hatfield
EM: Pam Williams, Julie Alt (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
Greeters: Amaya Bartlett & Emerald Welch
Cantor: Julie Alt & Nancy Starcher

Stonerise EM

May 11 Dave Dunn
May 18 Pam Williams

Collections & Attendance

April 29-30, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,515
Loose Donations.....	\$582
R&M.....	\$15
Total	\$3,112

Attendance

Saturday, 4/29.....	68
Sunday, 4/30.....	89
Total	157

April Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$19,057
Expenses.....	\$19,878
April Balance	-\$821

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.