

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



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: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Do we recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives? Blessed are you if you see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith." The word "blessed" [*makarios* in Greek] literally means "happiness" or "beatitude." It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life. There is a certain paradox for those "blessed" by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. What a marvelous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leaped for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Do we live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with us through his Holy Spirit?

**Readings for next Sunday,
December 26, 2021**
Feast of the Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52



Saint of the Week ... St. John of Kanty

John Cantius, born in 1390, grew up in Poland and became a priest and teacher at the University of Krakow. He was a serious man and a good teacher. He ate no meat, slept on the floor, and rested little. Though John was hard on himself, he was patient and kind to his students, who loved him in return. Some jealous faculty members, however, had him removed. John was sent to do parish work, but he was not acquainted with such duties. Although the people liked him for his generous spirit, John was not successful as a parish priest.

John returned to the university to teach Scripture. The material he taught was not remembered as much as his holiness. He was known everywhere for his humility and spontaneous generosity. He gave everything to people who were poor and kept only the clothes he most needed. Four times he made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, carrying his luggage on his back. When John died on Christmas Eve at age 83, people had already claimed him as a saint.

While many may not know a lot about St. John of Kanty, Pope John Paul II had a deep and life-long devotion to this professor saint who was born just 13 miles from the Holy Father's own birthplace.

St. John of Kanty is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Source: loyolapress.com and stjohnkanty.com



Feast Day: December 23



Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Kathy Jenkins, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Esther Shockey, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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St. Mary's Hall Upgrades

This has been quite a year for our St. Mary's Hall! Earlier in the year the hardwood floor in the main hall was refinished, new carpeting was installed in the hallways and stairs (a 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal project), and new curtains were hung on the upstairs windows.

More recently, the Ladies Guild purchased new blinds for the main hall windows. And last week, thanks to the generosity of a parish family, much needed new stage curtains and valances were installed in the main hall.

St. Mary's Hall has long been a vital part of our parish. Thank you to all those who contributed to or helped with these upgrades, ensuring the hall's availability for more CCD classes, bereavement dinners, spaghetti dinners, social gatherings, and future generations of our Assumption Parish family!



Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation provides hope, safety, food and care.

A Diocesan collection will take place at all Christmas Masses for Catholic Charities West Virginia. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this important appeal!

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

CatholicCharitiesWV.org

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 18	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family	The Harber Family
Sunday, December 19	8:30 a.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
Monday, December 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 22	5:00 p.m.	Soul of John Turner	Dena Turner
		Soul of Brian Dorsey	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
		Intentions of Elizabeth & Triston Marshall	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, December 23	12 noon	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
		Soul of Mick Greco and the Intentions of Suzan Grieco and Lisa Schurg	Sue Greco
Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family	
	6:00 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family	
Christmas Day	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family	
Sunday, December 26	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Terrence Gamblin	Beverley Iser
		Intentions of Meredythe Barrick	The Barrick Family

NOTES:

- There will be no 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25
- There will be no weekday Masses on December 29 and 30
- Mass on Friday, December 31 for the Solemnity of Mary will be at 4 p.m. (no 9 a.m. Mass that day)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 6, 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Synodal Listening Session

This session will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together.

Friday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

Celebrating Fr. Thomas

Our parish will gather on Friday, January 7, to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and the anniversary of his priestly ordination. More details will be shared soon!

Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24 through January 2. Kelli will be working remotely the week of December 27.

Collections & Attendance

December 11-12, 2021

Offertory

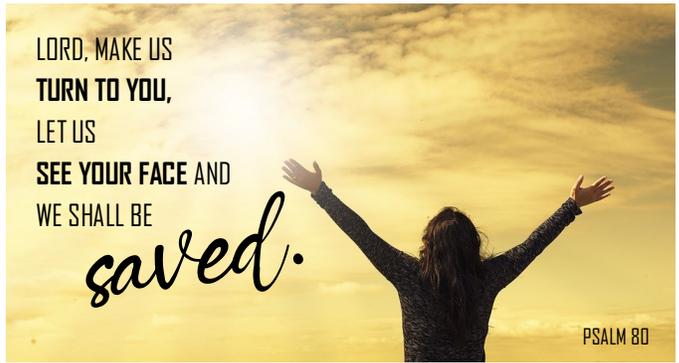
Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,210
Loose Donations.....	\$1,023
Holiday Flowers.....	\$192
Total.....	\$4,425

Attendance

Saturday 12/11.....	49
Sunday 12/12.....	82
Total.....	131

Diocesan Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$560
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Please Register for Christmas Masses

Online

<https://signup.com/go/LNZufWb>

Email

acckwv@gmail.com

Phone

304-788-2488

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Sunday, December 26

Lector:	Pam Williams
Servers:	Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie
EM:	Mike Landis
Cantor:	Anita Tetreault
Greeter:	Nancy Starcher

Mass Intentions for 2022

As a reminder, we are still accepting Mass intention requests for the year 2022. Masses can be offered for a variety of reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed. If you would like to schedule a Mass in 2022, please contact the Parish Office. The typical stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

