



Assumption Catholic Church

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Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025



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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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: The Ascension of the Lord

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do we believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform our lives?

Readings for Next Sunday,
June 8, 2025
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Saint of the Week... St. Justin Martyr

Justin was born circa 105 AD. He was a Palestinian of Greek parentage, beginning his life in present day Nablus, 40 miles north of Jerusalem. In Jesus' time, the area had been a part of Samaria. A well educated young man, Justin tried various schools of thought and experimented with several different philosophies of his day. Eventually, he met one of the early Christians and began a study of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures at Ephesus. At the age of 30, he accepted the gift of faith and was baptized.

Continuing in his chosen vocation as a philosopher, Justin traveled from place to place, thinking, writing, speaking, arguing and defending Christian beliefs. Unfortunately, only fragments of his many writings have survived. Among these are brief descriptions of the Mass and Baptism.

In the custom of his time, Justin, as an established philosopher and teacher, founded a school at Rome. He was eventually denounced as a Christian by Crescens, a pagan philosopher whom he had beaten in debate.

Justin and six other Christians (five men and a woman) were put to death in 165 by beheading, after they refused to offer sacrifice to the gods at Rome. His response to the command of Rusticus the Prefect to worship the idols was a simple statement: "No right minded person forsakes the truth for falsehood."

The emblems of St. Justin are a quill pen and an ax or sword, denoting his writer's vocation and his martyr's death. His feast day is June 1 and his proper scripture is 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. He is revered as the patron saint of lecturers.

Source: sjmtx.com



Feast Day: June 1



Chuck* & Jan Biser, 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, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, 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, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Ron & Barbara Willis.

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

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Congratulations to these young members of our parish who qualified for the West Virginia high school state track and field meet held last weekend in Charleston!

Caleb Blacka (discus); **Celia Cole** (pole vault); **Deacon Stanislawczyk** (pole vault); **Abby DelSignore** (200m, 4x100m, 4x200m); **Ava Barrick** (4x400m, 4x800m); **Kerri Wittman** (4x200m, 4x400m, shuttle hurdle relay); **Evelyn Cole** (300m hurdles; shuttle hurdle relay); **Benjamin Mele** (4x800m).

Support Group Meetings at Assumption

Deacon Larry will begin leading support group meetings at our parish monthly. The sessions are for anyone who has suffered any type of loss, not necessarily just death, and participants can choose whether or not to share with the group. The first meeting will be held next Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 pm in St. Mary's Hall.



Kara Beth Taylor

Born into Life
March 12, 1971

Born into Eternal Life
May 16, 2025

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here on Tuesday. Please keep Kara's father, daughter, and all her family and friends in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Karas soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Parish Council Vote Next Weekend

We will vote for new Parish Council members at Masses next weekend (June 7-8). All adult parishioners are eligible to cast a vote for three (3) persons. The nominees are listed below for your prayerful consideration:

Marianna Bamburg
Norma Clark
Robin McDowell

Frances Rosedale
Rene Trezise

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 31	4:00 pm	Intentions of Marion Dorsey	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, June 1	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick	Jane & Doug Placka
		Soul of Catherine Rice.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, June 2	No Mass		
Tuesday, June 3	No Mass		
Wednesday, June 4	No Mass		
Thursday, June 5	No Mass		
Friday, June 6	No Mass		
Saturday, June 7	10:00 am	<i>Mass at Keyser Healthcare Center</i>	
	4:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Charles Potts.....	Margaret McGee
Sunday, June 8	8:30 am	Soul of Sam Lyons	Frances Lyons
		Intentions of James Tetrick.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Peggy Dyer.....	Margaret McGee

Note: There will be no weekday Masses this week while Fr. Thomas attends a Diocesan Priest Retreat.

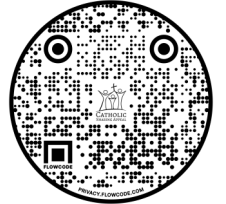


The annual Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA). It's something you hear us talk about year after year, but you may not know how it directly impacts not only our neighbors across West Virginia, but our parish as well. Your generosity to the CSA in recent years has enabled us to offset the cost of our jubilee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

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 that offset the costs of relocation the Parish Office to St. Joseph House.

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 \$18,400.

To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website at dwc.org/csa, or use your smartphone to scan the QR code shown here. Your support today will help us reach our goal!



Aim your camera at the flowcode.

Your Faithful Stewardship

May 24-25, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,021
Loose Donations	\$590
Total.....	\$2,611

Attendance

Saturday, 5/24.....	78
Sunday, 5/25.....	121
Total.....	199

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Peter's Pence collection which supports the universal church and the work of the Holy See.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, June 7

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: Mike Landis, Bill Lupis (c), & Alan Taylor (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, June 8

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EMs: Mike Landis, Rosie Landis (c), Beverley Iser (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, June 14

Lector: Cathy Pardee
 Servers: Alan Taylor & John Gustafson
 EMs: Cathy Pardee, Janet Corley (c), Norma Clark (c)
 Cantor: Mike Dupuis
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, June 15

Lector: Pam Williams
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Kelley Kuhn (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

June 5 Bob Konka
 June 12 Joanne Stickley

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
 a blare of trumpets
 for the Lord!

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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.