



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**June 29, 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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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

This Sunday we joyfully celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two pillars of our Christian faith. Though they came from very different backgrounds, both apostles dedicated their lives to Jesus and helped build the Church we love today. Saint Peter was a humble fisherman named Simon until Jesus called him to leave his nets behind. Jesus gave him a new name, Peter, which means "rock." Even after Peter denied knowing Jesus three times in a moment of fear, Jesus forgave him and restored him. Peter went on to preach boldly about the Risen Lord, performing miracles and guiding the first Christian communities in Jerusalem and beyond. His simple love and courage remind us that God's mercy can turn our weaknesses into strengths. Saint Paul began as Saul, a man who opposed Jesus and persecuted early Christians. On the road to Damascus, he experienced the light of Christ and heard His voice. This life-changing encounter transformed Paul into a passionate missionary. He traveled thousands of miles, visiting towns and cities, sharing the Gospel with Jews and Gentiles alike. Through letters to the churches he founded, Paul taught about God's love, the power of grace, and the unity we share in Christ.

Both Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome around the year 64 AD, giving their lives rather than denying their faith. Their witness shows us that following Jesus is a journey of trust, humility, and hope. They remind us that no matter our mistakes or past failures, God can use us to bring His love to others. On this feast day, let us ask Saints Peter and Paul to pray for us. May we, like them, be courageous in sharing our faith, generous in forgiving others, and joyful in living the Gospel each day. May their example strengthen our parish as we continue to grow together in Christ.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

July 6, 2025

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-9

## Saint of the Week... St. Thomas the Apostle

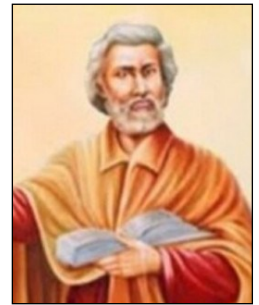
Thomas was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said he was returning to Judea to visit his sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany him on the trip which involved certain danger because of mounting hostility.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus told the disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

However, Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded: the nail marks in his hands and wound in his side.

When the Apostles were dispersed after Pentecost, Thomas was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, preaching the faith to the Malabar coast which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. He is the patron saint of India, Pakistan, and architects and construction workers.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)



Feast Day: July 3



Chuck\* & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Emma Courtney, 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, Jean Harber, 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, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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

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COMPLIANCE STATUS:  
64%**

All volunteers are asked to complete their Safe Environment training as soon as possible!

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## Special Collection for West Virginia Flood Relief

While recovery efforts continue after the severe flash flooding event that occurred in Ohio and Marion counties recently, Bishop Mark Brennan has asked all parishes in the Diocese to conduct special collections this weekend and next weekend to support those efforts.

Checks should be made payable to Assumption Parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the Diocese website at [dwc.org/disaster-relief](http://dwc.org/disaster-relief). All dollars collected will remain in West Virginia and will be managed by Catholic Charities West Virginia. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need in our great state, and please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters.

*Thank you*

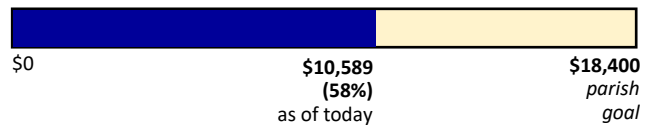


## First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, July 4. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



### Assumption Parish



We are already past the 50% mark, so that means all future donations come back to our parish! Please return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

[www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate)

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, June 28	4:00 pm	Souls of Jane & Charles House.....	Rene Trezise
		Soul of Ron Willis .....	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, June 29	8:30 am	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, June 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 1	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 2	5:00 pm	Soul of Joe Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
Thursday, July 3	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
		The Willis & Balassone families .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		People of Assumption Parish .....	Assumption Parish
Friday, July 4	9:00 am		
Saturday, July 5	10:00 am	<i>Mass at Keyser Healthcare Center</i>	
		Souls of Mary B. Dorsey & Helen Alt.....	Assumption Parish
	4:00 pm	Souls of Jackie & Oscar Gustafson & Don Starcher .....	John Gustafson
		Soul of Fred Selders .....	The House/Trezise family
Sunday, July 6	8:30 am	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn

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





Today's Gospel is depicted in one of our beautiful stained glass windows. One of our smaller windows, the "Keys to the Kingdom" can be found outside the confessionals. It shows St. Peter accepting the keys from Jesus in front of a lush countryside. Notice the confessional kneeler at the top of the window.

It was a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kady and Emil Paul Nefflen.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

June 21-22, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes ..... \$1,910  
 Loose Donations ..... \$255  
**Total..... \$2,165**

### Attendance

Saturday, 6/21 ..... 71  
 Sunday, 6/22 ..... 78  
**Total..... 149**

## Get Well Wishes

Anyone who would like to send former parishioner Danny Staggers a get well note while he is a rehabilitation patient can send it here:

Canterbury Center  
 80 Maddex Drive, Rom 301  
 Shepherdstown, WV 25443

## Upcoming Support Group Meeting

Our next monthly grief support group will be next Saturday, July 5 from 2:30-3:30 in St. Mary's Hall, led by Deacon Larry. This is for anyone of any faith who has experienced any type of loss.

## K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held June 19, 2025

<b>\$100 Winners</b>	<b>\$50 Winners</b>	<b>\$25 Winners</b>
Bob O'Brien	Art DeMasi	Remy Kuhn
Mary Lou Halapy	Bruce Johnson	Denny Dolechek
		Della Shoemaker

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, July 5

Lector: Bill Lupis  
 Servers: Rosie Landis & Remy Kuhn  
 EMs: Cathy Pardee, Katie Kuhn (c), John Gustafson (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

### Sunday, July 6

Lector: Mike Landis  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
 EMs: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

### Saturday, July 12

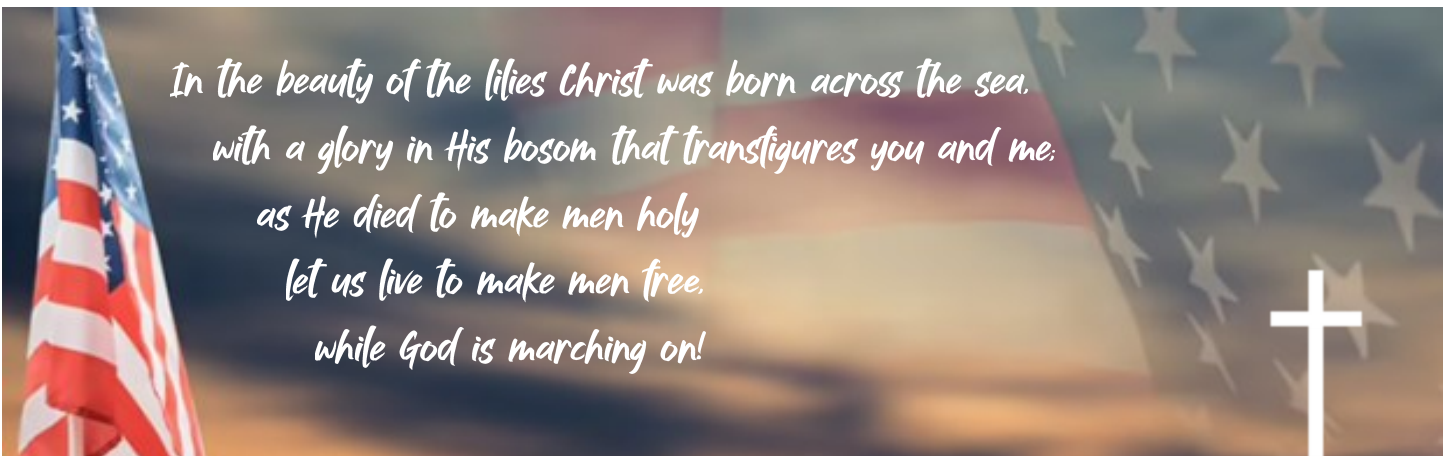
Lector: Karen Yowler  
 Servers: Sue Harber & John Gustafson  
 EMs: Eric Hatfield, Karen Yowler (c), Kathy Finnell (c)  
 Cantor: Michael Dupuis  
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, July 13

Lector: Alan Taylor  
 Servers: Beverley Iser, Lucas & Liam Dupuis  
 EMs: Nancy Starcher, Rosie Landis (c), Dave Minnich (c)  
 Cantor: Patrick George  
 Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

July 10 Pam Williams



*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
 with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
 as He died to make men holy  
 let us live to make men free,  
 while God is marching on!*