



Assumption Catholic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

THE GIFT OF *peace*



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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Sixth Sunday of Easter

In his farewell discourse Jesus grants *peace* as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The *peace of Christ* is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and strengthens us with his gifts and supernatural virtues which enable us to live as wise and holy disciples of Christ.

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul, describes some of the key character traits which form us into true people of peace: Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. If anyone loves it, he will be an heir of God, while anyone who despises it rebels against Christ. Anyone who has received this peace should keep it, and one who has destroyed it should look for it, while anyone who has lost it should seek it. For if anyone is not found with it, he will be disinherited by the Father and deprived of his inheritance." (*Sermon 174.1*)

Readings for Next Sunday,

June 1, 2025

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

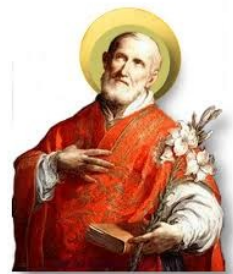
Saint of the Week... St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri, a Christian missionary and priest, was born in Florence on July 21, 1515. From a very young age, Philip was known for being cheerful and obedient. At age 18, Philip went off to live with a wealthy family member to assist with and possibly inherit the family business. Soon after his arrival, Philip experienced a mystical vision, which he eventually spoke of as his Christian conversion. He lost interest in owning property or participating in the business. He felt a call from the Holy Spirit to radically live for and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Philip had a knack for starting up conversations and leading his listeners to consider a new and better way of life. He easily caught others' attention with his warm personality and incredible sense of humor. His customary question was, "Well, brothers, when shall we begin to do good?" In short, Philip was an evangelist. He loved to share the Gospel and help people to find or rediscover their faith in Jesus Christ. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1551.

At age 80, after spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. He is the patron saint of Rome, US Special Forces, humor and joy.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholic.org



Feast Day: May 26



Brian Alt, 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.

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Local Pilgrimage Planned

As part of the Church's Jubilee celebration, our parish will make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of SS. Peter & Paul Church in Cumberland, a pilgrimage site for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. We will meet in the parking lot across from our church on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. and carpool to the Shrine. If you prefer to drive on your own, the address is 125 Fayette St., Cumberland. Mass time is 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Note that there will be no Mass at our church on May 28 so that Fr. Thomas can participate in the Pilgrimage.



Congratulations to our CCD graduates Gwyneth Hatfield and Abby DelSignore who are shown here with Fr. Thomas following last Sunday's Mass. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and may they always know Assumption Parish as their home!



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Thomas will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses this weekend (May 24-25).



On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Jesus Christ.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice and seek an end to violence and conflict around the world. Amen.

Happy Memorial Day!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, May 24	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	The Bernal Family
		Intentions of Alfred "Puff" DeMasi	His loving family
		Intentions of Irene Okel	Linda Marsh
Sunday, May 25	8:30 am	Souls of Alice & John Kazlo	The Trezise Family
		Souls of Mary & Margie Meyers	Susan Helmick & friends
		Intentions of Julie Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, May 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, May 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, May 28	No Mass		
Thursday, May 29	12:00 pm	Soul of Earlene Rosedale.....	Frances Rosedale
		Intentions of Sue Harber	Mary Shannon
Friday, May 30	9:00 am	Souls of Fr. Ivan, Joe Quinn & Herman Wise	St. Thomas Cemetery
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

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



Our parish Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC) programs are ongoing and open to anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic.

These are programs for:

- Unbaptized adults or children over age 7 seeking baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church
- Adults or children over age 7 baptized in another Christian faith seeking full communion with the Catholic Church
- Baptized Catholic adults or children over age 7 who were never catechized in their faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Parish Office or OCIA Coordinator Nancy Starcher (304-813-0313).

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 on Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 pm in St. Mary's Hall.

Your Faithful Stewardship

May 17-18, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,570
Loose Donations.....	\$800
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$60
Total.....	\$3,430

Attendance

Saturday, 5/17.....	85
Sunday, 5/18.....	119
Total.....	204

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for Catholic Relief Services. Fund from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people in the U.S. and abroad.



The Ladies Guild is tentatively planning a fun spring activity open to all ladies of the parish! We will gather to paint a flower pot, led by local artist Lynn Smith, and enjoy light refreshments this Thursday, May 29 at 6 pm in St. Mary's Hall. Cost is \$15 per person to cover the supplies. You are welcome to bring a friend! We must have at least 10 people attend, so if you are interested please sign up this weekend in the Vestibule or contact Dianne Smith (304-813-1640) by Monday, May 26.



Knights of Columbus NEWS

Reminder to All K of C Members

Please turn in all 300 Club tickets to Mike Landis by May 31!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 31

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Alan Taylor, Sue Harber & Morgan Gustafson
 EMs: Sue Harber, Cathy Pardee (c), Norma Clark (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, June 1

Lector: TBD
 Servers: Beverley Iser & Liam Dupuis
 EMs: Dave Minnich, Jane Placka (c), Pam Williams (c)
 Cantor: Michael Dupuis
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

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

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

May 29 Cindy Alt
 June 7 Bob Konka