

Assumption Catholic Church



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Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024



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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a special day for Christians around the world. It is a time to remember and celebrate the incredible love and forgiveness that God has for all of us. On this day, we reflect on the mercy and compassion that God offers to each and every one of us, no matter our past mistakes or shortcomings. One of the most important aspects of Divine Mercy Sunday is the opportunity for confession and reconciliation. It is a chance for us to acknowledge our faults and ask for God's forgiveness, knowing that He will always forgive us if we come to Him with sincere hearts.

In addition to seeking forgiveness, Divine Mercy Sunday is also a time to extend mercy and compassion to others. Just as God shows us mercy, we are called to show mercy to those around us – forgiving others who have wronged us and offering a helping hand to those in need. Throughout the day, many churches hold special services and prayers to honor Divine Mercy Sunday. These services often include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a prayer that focuses on God's mercy and forgiveness. But Divine Mercy Sunday is not just a single day of celebration – it is a reminder of God's mercy that we can carry with us every day of the year. It is a reminder to be grateful for the love and forgiveness that we receive from God and to share that love and forgiveness with others. So, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us take time to reflect on God's incredible mercy and love, and let us strive to live lives filled with mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

Readings for Next Sunday,

April 14, 2024

Acts 3:13–19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Saint of the Week... St. Teresa of Los Andes

One needn't live a long life to leave a deep imprint. Teresa of Los Andes is proof of that. As a young girl growing up in the early 1900's in Santiago, Chile, Juana Fernandez read an autobiography of a French-born saint, Thérèse, popularly known as the "Little Flower." The experience deepened her desire to serve God and clarified the path she would follow. At age 19 Juana became a Carmelite nun, taking the name of Teresa.

The convent offered the simple lifestyle Teresa desired and the joy of living in a community of women completely devoted to God. She focused her days on prayer and sacrifice. "I am God's," she wrote in her diary. "He created me and is my beginning and my end." Toward the end of her short life, Teresa began an apostolate of letter writing, sharing her thoughts on the spiritual life with many people. At age 20 she contracted typhus and quickly took her final vows. She died a short time later, during Holy Week.

Known as the "Flower of the Andes," Teresa remains popular with the estimated 100,000 pilgrims who visit her shrine in Los Andes each year. Canonized in 1993 by Pope John Paul II, she is Chile's first saint and is the patron of young people and the sick.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: April 12



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Larry Hammel, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



Note of Thanks

My heartfelt thanks to all of our music ministers for their hard work and commitment this Easter season: Julie Alt, JoAnn Burnett, Patrick

George, Mike Labonte, Candace Lowery, Linda Marsh, Nancy Starcher, Anita Tetreault and Haleigh Welch. I enjoy working with each of you!

We always welcome new voices. If you would like to join our music team, please let me know!

Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director

Welcome!

We welcome Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend as well as leading a 3-day mission which will begin Sunday evening. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the retreat which is being held as part of our ongoing Jubilee celebration.

The schedule and topic for each evening of the retreat are:

Sunday, April 7

5:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Holy Hour and Conference

"Nature of Marriage and Gift of Sexuality"

Monday, April 8

5:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass followed by the Mission Conference

"God Elevates Marriage to a Sacrament"

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass followed by the Mission Conference

"Living a Holy and Successful Marriage"

7:00 pm Refreshments in St. Mary's Hall

As we enter the Easter season, we hope you will take advantage of this retreat for a fresh start in your spiritual lives! All ages are invited!



Marianne Hammel

Born into Life
January 2, 1940

Born into Eternal Life
March 20, 2024

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 12 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney. A bereavement lunch will follow in the church hall. Parishioners from Assumption are welcome. If you plan to attend, please call or email Kelli no later than Monday, April 8.

Religious Articles from Belarus

A sister from St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, will be at our parish before and after Mass this Thursday, April 11, with a display of religious articles and souvenirs available for sale from their convent to support the vulnerable people they care for.

St. Elisabeth Convent is a Christian community that supports a large psychiatric hospital, maintains an orphanage for children with mental and physical disabilities, and runs a rehabilitation center and a shelter for the homeless. They will be visiting parishes across our diocese over several weeks.

To learn more about St. Elisabeth Convent or to see some of the items they make, visit <https://obitel-minsk.org/>

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, April 6	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Rosalee Freeman.....	Barbara Tenney
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, April 7	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Nancy Starcher	Sue & Jean Harber
Monday, April 8	6:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi & Turner families.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Tuesday, April 9	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Wednesday, April 10	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Soul of Jim Thompson.....	Georgia Thompson
Thursday, April 11	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		The Travis & Barrick Families	Howard & Karen Barrick
Friday, April 12	No Mass		
Saturday, April 13	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mary Andrews.....	K of C Assumption Council

Jubilee AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

St. Mary's Hall
Doors Open 4:30 pm
Auction Begins 5:30 pm

*The final fundraiser for our 150th Jubilee celebration...
you don't want to miss this one!*



This beautiful jewelry set and this decorative sign are just two of the items that will be offered at our Jubilee Auction! Other items so far include handmade home décor items from The Old Country Door, a selection of toys, or RAKE IN THE DOUGH with a new rake



filled with scratch off tickets! Keep watching for more items!

Donations Still Welcome!

We are still accepting donations of new and unused items to be auctioned, big or small! Items can be left in the Vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office through April 14. If you have any questions, please call or text Julie Alt at 304-790-5950.

Join the Fun!

This event is sure to be a fun and entertaining one with our parish family and friends! Cost is \$10 at the door and includes pizza, nachos and drinks. Children 18 and under who are not bidding are free.



Your Faithful Stewardship

Holy Week 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,190
Loose Donations.....	\$673
Votive Candles.....	\$145
Poor Box.....	\$114
Total	\$3,122

Diocesan Collection

Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land.....	\$480
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Attendance

Easter Vigil.....	72
Easter Sunday, 7 am.....	37
Easter Sunday, 8:30 am.....	169
Total	278

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for three (3) new members of the Parish Council. All registered and active members of the parish are eligible to be nominated. Names can be submitted to the Parish Office by phone or email by Monday, April 22, or by dropping a note in today's offertory basket.

We thank the three outgoing members whose terms are expiring: Paul Bogdan, Mike Fleming and Pam Williams. Other council members are Charlotte Delilo, Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Jean Harber, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher and Tina Stephen.



Youth Group Food Drive

Our Youth Group is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local Faith in Action Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or at the Parish Office anytime

between now and April 21. The members are also distributing flyers in local neighborhoods; if you receive one at home this is the same food drive. Thank you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 13

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Sue Harber & Jane Placka
EMs: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Jean Harber (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, April 14

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Rosie Landis (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Saturday, April 20

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
EMs: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, April 21 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Pam Williams (c), Jane Placka (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: CCD Students

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

April 11 Joanne Stickley
April 18 Cindy Alt

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.