

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!*

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 18, 2020**



**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Registration required  
for weekend Masses.*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue (Mt.22:15-21). The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. So, Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do we acknowledge that our life and everything we possess belongs to God and not to ourselves? And do we give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

*"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God."*

### Readings for Sunday,

**October 25, 2020**

Exodus 22:20-26

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40



## Saint of the Week

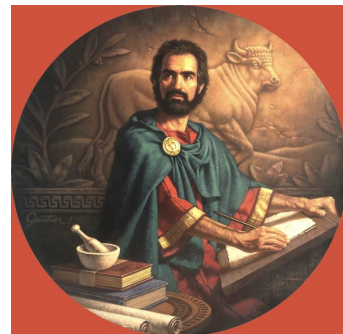
### Saint Luke, Evangelist and Gospel Writer

Saint Luke was one of the four Evangelists but not one of the twelve apostles. Like Saint Mark, Luke was not among that select group who walked step by step alongside Jesus as he journeyed through Palestine. Luke was more likely a disciple of Saint Paul, who mentions a Luke who accompanies him on his missionary journeys.

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

St. Luke is often shown with a winged ox, recognized as the animal of sacrifice, because his Gospel emphasizes the atonement made by Christ's sacrifice of himself on the cross. Saint Luke is the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, artists and painters, brewers, butchers, and notaries.

Sources: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org), [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life), [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)



*Feast Day: October 18*

*On the cover: This beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother—which normally resides in the rectory—has been placed on the altar of our church for the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. We received the statue in 1996 as a gift in memory of Carole Athey.*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, October 17

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the  
Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families

### Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. - Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families

### Monday, October 19

No Mass

### Tuesday, October 20

No Mass

### Wednesday, October 21

6:00 p.m. - Joe Clark †

### Thursday, October 22

12 noon - Al Martin †

### Friday, October 23

9:00 a.m. - Mildred Willis †

### Saturday, October 24

4:00 p.m. - Deceased Members of the  
Harber Family

### Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. - Joe Balassone †



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our parish will celebrate by reciting the rosary - with a special intention for relief from the coronavirus - prior to each Mass beginning Thursday, October 22 and continuing until Saturday, October 31. We will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. (On the days there are no Masses, we will begin at 9 a.m. in the church.)

*Everyone is welcome to participate!*

## Prayer List

Jennifer Boling	Viola Huffman
Wanda Bruno	Dennis McGann
Bobby Dorsey	Sue Spotts
Joe & Barbara Gratto	Maleigha Taylor
Sue & Mick Greco	Bonnie Whetzel
Helen Holder	

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.

## Church League Basketball Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions related to the disease, the Keyser Area Ministerial Association has made the decision to cancel church league basketball for the 2020-2021 season.

## Collections & Attendance:

### Week Ending October 11, 2020

Offertory Envelopes ..... \$3,727

Loose Donations ..... \$666

**Total ..... \$4,393**

**Diocesan Collections ..... \$40**

Saturday Attendance ..... 39

Sunday Attendance ..... 46

**Total ..... 85**

*Thank you*

*Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the Word of Life.*

## KNIGHTS @ WORK!



*These three hard-working members of the Knights of Columbus—Mike Landis, Jeff Kuhn and Denny Dolechek—spend countless hours keeping our St. Thomas Cemetery beautifully manicured. Thanks guys, we appreciate you so very much!*

## Upcoming Lector/Cantor Schedule

- Saturday, October 24 ..... Kenny Brant (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)
- Sunday, October 25 ..... Alan Taylor (L)  
Julie Alt (C)
- Saturday, October 31 ..... Doug Minnich (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)
- Sunday, November 1 ..... Kelley Kuhn (L)  
Nancy Starcher (C)
- Saturday, November 7 ..... Karen Yowler (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)
- Sunday, November 8 ..... Derek Stephen (L)  
Julie Alt (C)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.*

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

10-18-2020

Here Am I,  
Send Me

***“Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat...are all of us.”***

***- Pope Francis***

*To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513 or contact local law enforcement. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by clergy, religious or lay personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Additional resources can be found on the Diocese website at [dwc.org/accountability](http://dwc.org/accountability).*