

Assumption Catholic Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

*Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me
receives the one who sent me.*

MATTHEW 10:41

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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Patrick George, Organist

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who or what takes first place in our lives - in our daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he chooses to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin and death.

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. We can allow many different things to take control of our lives and possess us - such as greed and lust for power, possessions, and wealth. But only God's love can set us free to love as he loves - with mercy, kindness, goodness, patience, perseverance, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). If we pursue the love of God and put his kingdom first in our lives, then he will give us everything we need to sustain us now and, in the future, as well. Who is the Lord and Master of our lives?

Readings for Next Sunday,
July 9, 2023
Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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, builders and construction workers.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and catholic.org



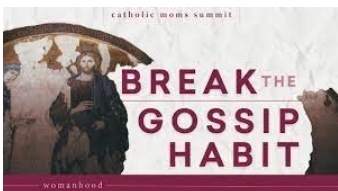
Feast Day: July 3



From the *Catholic Moms Summit* series:

"How To Break the Gossip Habit Before it Breaks You"

Is gossip America's true favorite pastime? Author Patti Maguire Armstrong encourages you to break the gossip cycle in our world by holding up a mirror, allowing you to see yourself, and learn to spread positivity and love, just as Jesus taught. This video is only 15 minutes long!



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Jubilee Planning Continues

The planning for our parish's 150th anniversary which will begin this fall and continue through next year is well underway! You will be hearing much more about the events planned throughout our jubilee year that will make this milestone meaningful and memorable for everyone.

We have adopted the scripture reading, "**Do whatever He tells you**" (Jn 2:5) as our jubilee theme. These words of our Blessed Mother at the wedding feast of Cana points the way to being at the heart of Jesus. Let us rejoice in being invited by Mary to do the Lord's will, becoming faithful and beloved disciples of Jesus.



With these guiding words in mind, we begin our fund raising for our jubilee celebration this weekend with a raffle of the beautiful handmade floral grapevine cross shown here. A donation of any amount gives you a chance to win the cross. Members of the Fundraising Committee will be available after Masses this weekend and next weekend to accept your donations. The winner will be drawn at the next fund raiser which is a hot dog sale on July 15.

Parish Council Vote Results

Congratulations to our three new Parish Council members who were elected following the vote last weekend: **Charlotte Delilo, Jean Harber** and **Geoff Newlin**. We thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve our parish, and extend our gratitude to Janet Corley and Lauren Ellifritz who are the two outgoing council members. Additional thanks to all parishioners who participated in the election; 113 votes were cast.

Farewell Fr. Paul!

Fr. Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, CST will be permanently returning home to India later this month. He will celebrate Mass at Our Lady Of Grace Church in Romney on Tuesday, July 18 at 12 noon and a reception will follow the Mass. Our Lady of Grace has kindly invited Assumption parishioners who would like to say farewell to Fr. Paul. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office by July 12.

CPR and AED Instruction Next Sunday

Our parish will be offering training in hands-only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), as well as instruction in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on Sunday, July 9, following Mass. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the vestibule.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of William Roach.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts.....	Tom & Kathy Finnell
Monday, July 3	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 4	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 5	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Dustin Kesner.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, July 6	12 noon	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Domenick Greco	Sue Greco
Friday, July 7	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jeremy Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, July 8	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Larry Demasi	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Bob Harman.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 9	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Jean Harber, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

Congratulations to Assumption Religious Education student and KHS sophomore Celia Cole who won first place at the National Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint competition this week! She will now represent the USA at the world championship next month! She is the daughter of Jenny & John Cole and the granddaughter of Cindy & Jim Alt. Great job Celia!



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 8

Lector: Karen Yowler
 Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
 EM: Rosie Landis, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, July 9

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
 EM: Julie Alt, Tina Stephen (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
 Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Saturday, July 15

Lector: Kerri Wittman
 Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
 EM: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, July 16

Lector: Paul Bogdan
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
 EM: Nancy Starcher, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Stonerise EM

July 6 Joanne Stickley
 July 13 Cindy Alt

Your Stewardship

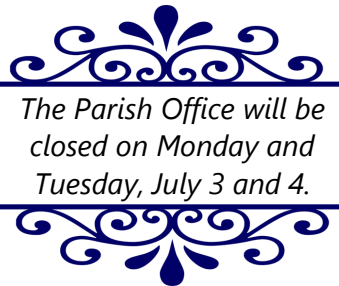
June 24-25, 2023

Offertory

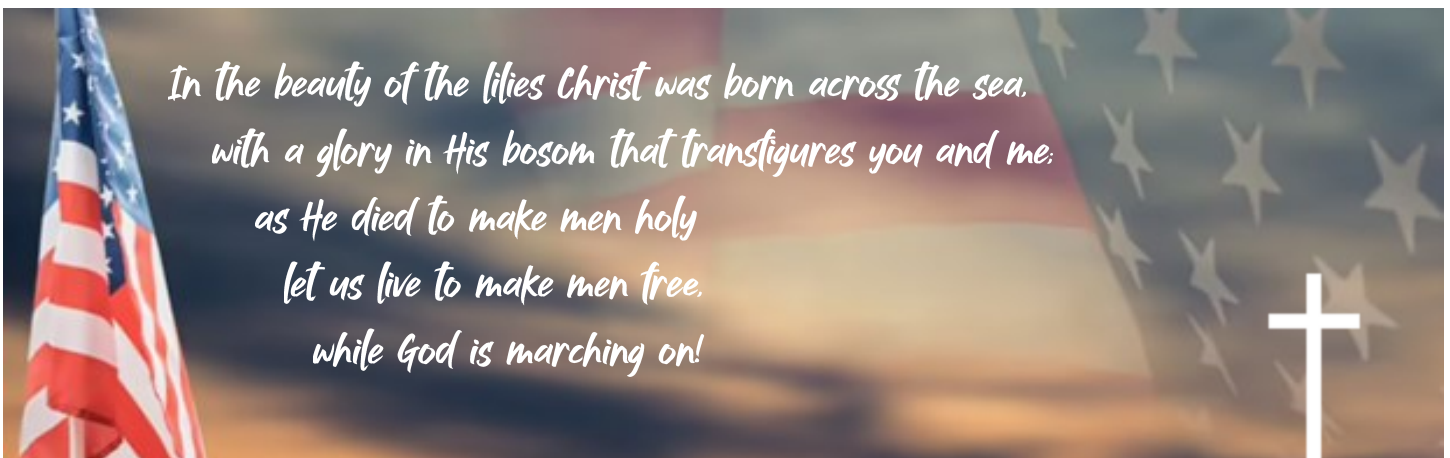
Offertory Envelopes \$1,760
 Loose Donations..... \$976
Total \$2,736

Attendance

Saturday, 6/24 66
 Sunday, 6/25 91
Total 157



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4.



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.