

Assumption Catholic Church



*Do whatever he tells you.* JOHN 2:5

## Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 20, 2023**



# GREAT FAITH

***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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**Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education**

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What did Jesus mean by the expression "throwing bread to the dogs" (Mt. 15:21-28)? The Jews often spoke of the Gentiles with arrogance and insolence as "unclean dogs" since the Gentiles did not follow God's law and were excluded from God's covenant and favor with the people of Israel. For the Greeks the "dog" was a symbol of dishonor and was used to describe a shameless and audacious woman. There is another reference to "dogs" in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not give to dogs what is holy" (Matthew 7:6). Jesus tests this woman's faith to see if she is earnest in receiving holy things from the hand of a holy God. Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith - "even the dogs eat the crumbs."

Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own, and she was willing to suffer rejection in order to obtain healing for her loved one. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May I trust you always and pursue you with indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all evil and harm.

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
August 27, 2023**  
Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

## Saint of the Week... St. Pope Pius X

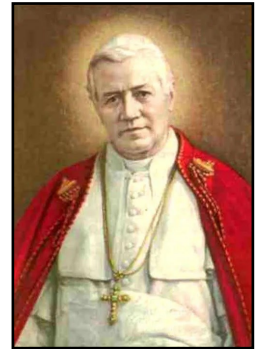
Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto in 1835 to a poor Italian family, the second of 10 children. In 1903 at the age of 68, he became Pope Pius X—the 257th pope of the Catholic Church and one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Pius was particularly devoted to Mary; his encyclical *Ad Diem Illum* expresses his desire through Mary to renew all things in Christ, which he had defined as his motto in his first encyclical. Pius believed that there is no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal.

Pius rejected modern interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to publish the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was a pastoral pope, encouraging personal piety and a lifestyle reflecting Christian values. Saint Pius also placed renewed liturgical emphasis on the Eucharist, saying, "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." To this end, he encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist would eventually earn him the honorific of "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament."

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began. He is the patron saint of First Communion and pilgrims.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org) and [stpiusxparish.net](http://stpiusxparish.net)



Feast Day: August 21



## Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

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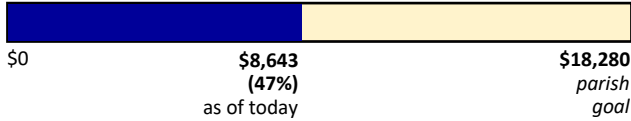
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## Assumption Parish



**We are past the midpoint of the year but not in our Catholic Sharing Appeal!** Remember, once we pass 50 percent, all dollars donated will come back to our parish.

This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our 150th jubilee year which will begin this fall and continue into 2024.

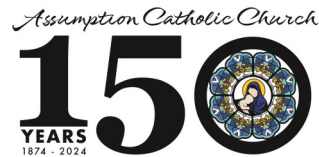
Our thanks to those who have already supported this year's campaign. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please complete the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website at [dwc.org/csa](http://dwc.org/csa). Your support today can help us reach our goal!

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



### CCD Teacher Needed

Our parish is in need of a CCD teacher for the Grades 3-4 class (approximately six students). If you would like to share your faith with the young people of our parish in this way, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



Aim your phone's camera here for all Jubilee information!

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date                 | Time      | Intention                                 | Offered by         |
|----------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|
| Saturday, August 19  | 4:00 p.m. | The Wise & Calemine Families.....         | Jean Harber        |
|                      |           | Intentions of Dennis & Cathy Miller ..... | Linda Marsh        |
| Sunday, August 20    | 8:30 a.m. | Soul of Sue Ann Spotts .....              | Carla & John Masee |
| Monday, August 21    | No Mass   |   |                    |
| Tuesday, August 22   | No Mass   |   |                    |
| Wednesday, August 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Soul of Anita Martel .....                | Tammy Dale         |
| Thursday, August 24  | 12 noon   | Intentions of Gina DeMasi .....           | The DeMasi family  |
| Friday, August 25    | 9:00 a.m. | Intentions of Gina DeMasi .....           | The DeMasi family  |
| Saturday, August 26  | 4:00 p.m. | The Harber Family.....                    | Jean Harber        |
|                      |           | Intentions of Karin Burner.....           | Linda Marsh        |
| Sunday, August 27    | 8:30 a.m. | Soul of Jordan Placka.....                | Jane & Doug Placka |

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, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Jean Harber, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



The following is a thank you message received from Dinah Courier, Director of Food for Thought:

*Members of Assumption Church, Thank you for your generous contribution to Food for Thought. With caring people like you, we are able to serve children in seven Mineral County schools. We provide nearly 15,000 food bags each school year, so we truly appreciate your support.*

Food for Thought received approximately \$750 from our poor box donations received in the second quarter. In addition to monetary support, we also collect non-perishable food items for this local organization. Some ideas include individual-sized apple sauce, pudding cups, crackers, cookies and pasta cups, cereal and granola bars, instant oatmeal, ramen noodles, and Pop Tarts. A collection box is available in the vestibule.

### Youth Choir Forming

We are forming a youth choir! Members will learn a special song which will be sung at our Jubilee picnic as well as upcoming Youth Masses. There will be just four practices: every Thursday at 4 p.m., August 24-September 14. Contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215 or just come to the first practice!

*Adult choir members are always welcome!*

## Your Stewardship

August 12-13, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,420  
Loose Donations..... \$963  
**Total .....\$3,383**

### Attendance

Saturday, 8/12 ..... 83  
Sunday, 8/13 ..... 199  
**Total ..... 182**

### Diocesan Collection Today

A Diocesan collection is taking place this weekend for the Education of Seminarians in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

### July Balance Sheet

July Income..... \$29,864  
June Expenses..... \$12,547  
**Balance .....\$17,317**



### It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (August 20) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month's event.

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## MARY KAY Fundraiser Continues

Mary Kay Consultant and fellow parishioner Ann Marie DeMasi is hosting an online party with a portion of all sales benefitting our jubilee celebration. Everyone is invited to participate, including family and friends both near and far! Please use and share the link or QR code below or contact Ann Marie directly at 304-790-2620 or mk0895annie@gmail.com.



<https://marykayapp.page.link/viWL>

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, August 26

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Mary Wagoner (c)  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

#### Sunday, August 27

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Dave Minnich, Julie Alt (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### Saturday, September 2 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Kenny Brant  
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan  
EM: Rosie Landis, Mike Landis (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Dave Dunn  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

#### Sunday, September 3

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Abby DelSignore & Tess Maybury  
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Jane Placka (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### Stonerise EM

August 24 Cindy Alt  
August 31 Meredythe Barrick

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

MATTHEW 4:23

