

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***February 20, 2022***



***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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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace: treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated...with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saints and sinners alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return!

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace have power to heal and to save from destruction. Do we know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness for overcoming evil with good? Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart free with your merciful love that nothing may make me lose my temper, disturb my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.

### Readings for next Sunday,

February 27, 2022

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

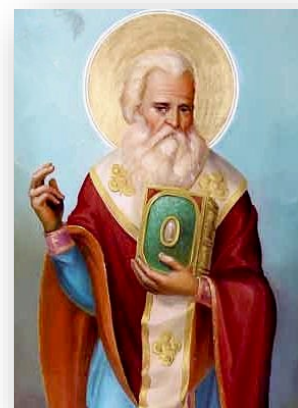
Luke 6:39-45

## Saint of the Week: St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna in what is now western Turkey, was a disciple of Saint John the Apostle and a friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. He was a highly revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

At age 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved and fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 155. St. Polycarp is the patron saint of relief from earaches.



Feast Day: February 23

Source: [fanciscanmedia.org](http://fanciscanmedia.org)



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 Love one another

As we look forward to the start of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday (March 2), take some time to reflect on these words of Pope Francis.

**Do You Want to Fast This Lent?**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*

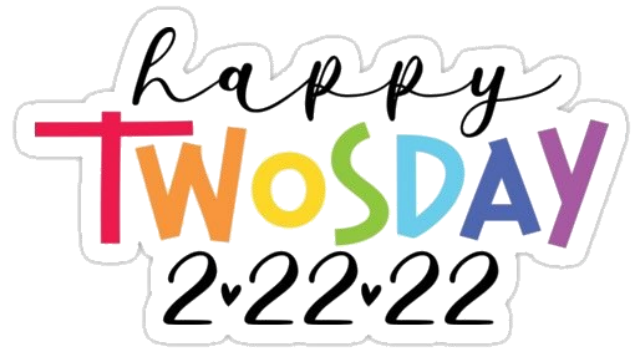
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

*Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.*

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

*Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, February 24. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Paul Bogdan, Janet Corley, Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Lauren Ellifritz, Mike Fleming, Jean Harber, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Pam Williams.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, February 19	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise.....	Jean Harber
		Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, February 20	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Regina Kelley.....	The Kelley Family
		Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	James Daskal
Monday, February 21	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 22	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 23	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
Thursday, February 24	12 noon	The Barrick & Travis families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Friday, February 25	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Dustin J.R. Kesner.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, February 26	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family.....	Sue Harber
Sunday, February 27	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor .....	Assumption Parish

as I have loved you.

JOHN 13:34



## Collections & Attendance

February 12-13, 2022

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,035
Loose Donations.....	\$1,229
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$70
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,334</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Church Missions in the U.S.....	\$385
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### Attendance

Saturday 2/12 .....	81
Sunday 2/13 .....	66
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>147</b>

## Warm the Children Donations

**Did you know?** The Knights of Columbus accepts new winter clothing donations year round for the Warm the Children organization and stores the items until next year's campaign.



Now is a great time to purchase these items since coats and other items are being marked down to very low prices. It's also a great way to get a head start to your Lenten almsgiving! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or at the church when you come to Mass.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, February 26

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

### Sunday, February 27

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Abby & Libby DelSignore  
EM: Kelley Kuhn  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### Saturday, March 5

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Mike Landis & Alan Taylor  
EM: Mike Landis  
Cantor: to be named  
Greeter: Bill Lupis

### Sunday, March 6

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Mike Landis, James Maybury, Nick McKenzie  
EM: Mike Landis  
Cantors: to be named  
Greeters: Kelley & Katie Kuhn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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#### Introduction to Prayer Online Course

March 7-April 9

*Underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, this free course is offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation. This course explores prayer as essential to our lives as Christian people. It will explore the qualities, forms and expressions of prayer that help to form and sustain our lives as Catholics. To register contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).*

#### Camp Carlo Summer Adventure Camp

*A Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth from grades 3-12. Week-long camps are held from June 26 until July 23, based on ages. Register by June 1 to receive the early bird rate of \$275. For more information, visit [CampCarloWV.org](http://CampCarloWV.org).*

#### Retreat for Grieving Parents

*Co-hosted by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, this one-day retreat for grieving parents will be held on Saturday, July 16 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Morgantown. This spiritual retreat is for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. For more information or to register, visit [emfgp.org](http://emfgp.org).*

The Lord is  
kind and  
merciful

Psalm 103