

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



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. (1st Friday, 12 noon)

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the message of the parable of the vineyard (Mt.21:33-43)? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent. Why did this parable cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Let us pray today: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits which you have given us. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, and live according to your holy will.

Readings for Next Sunday,

October 15, 2023

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Saint of the Week... Pope Saint John XXIII

The firstborn son of a farming family in a town near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

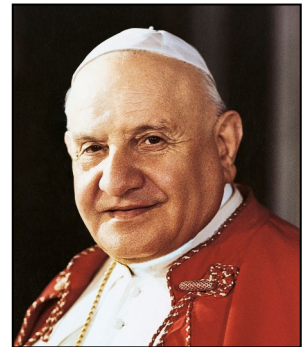
After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper. His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war.

In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. At age 78, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

"Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963 at the age of 81. Few people had as great an impact on the 20th century than Pope John XXIII. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: October 11

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Jesus and the Eucharist Study Series

If you haven't been able to join us for the *Jesus and the Eucharist* small group study series in person, you can find the first two videos on FORMED (search for *Jesus and the Eucharist*). If you haven't signed up for FORMED yet, visit signup.formed.org to start watching (it's completely free!).

Once you're caught up, consider joining us for the remaining in-person sessions which will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:00 in St. Mary's Hall through November (excluding November 1).



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**Knights of
Columbus®**

On Columbus Day we celebrate both the anniversary of Christopher Columbus landing in the Americas as well as the charitable organization named for him. We thank the Knights of Columbus for their good works, both locally and around the world!

**IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10545**

<i>Frank Albanese</i>	<i>Bob Dorsey</i>	<i>Francis "Moe" Kruk</i>	<i>Thomas Sauer</i>
<i>Norris Alt</i>	<i>Bobby Dorsey</i>	<i>Fr. Ivan Lebar</i>	<i>Roger Shockey</i>
<i>Ora Altobello</i>	<i>Don Dorsey</i>	<i>Mike Mayolo</i>	<i>Frank Spano</i>
<i>William D. Benton</i>	<i>Francis Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Ralph McIntyre</i>	<i>Joseph Stanislawczyk</i>
<i>Frank Calemine</i>	<i>Robert Flanagan</i>	<i>Phillip Mele</i>	<i>Steve Stanislawczyk</i>
<i>Guerino Calemine</i>	<i>Joseph Gooding</i>	<i>Robert Melody</i>	<i>John Stephen</i>
<i>Louis Calemine</i>	<i>Thomas Harbaugh</i>	<i>Edward Murphy</i>	<i>Bro. Luke Stone TOR.</i>
<i>James Cirillo</i>	<i>Gilbert Harber</i>	<i>Thomas O'Connor</i>	<i>James Thompson</i>
<i>Joseph Clark</i>	<i>James Hofstad</i>	<i>Jordan Placka</i>	<i>John "Jack" Whisner</i>
<i>John Coffman</i>	<i>Selby Jacobs</i>	<i>Bro. Stan Prenatt TOR</i>	<i>Herman Wise</i>
<i>William Davis</i>	<i>Joseph Kady</i>	<i>Francis "Joe" Quinn</i>	
<i>James "Paz" DeMasi</i>	<i>Phillip Kelly</i>	<i>John Raschella</i>	
<i>Anthony DiBacco</i>	<i>Peter Kostick</i>	<i>Ralph Rice</i>	

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 7	4:00 p.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Rita Grubbs.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, October 8	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of K of C Council 10545.....	Brother Knights
Monday, October 9	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 10	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 11	5 p.m.	Soul of James Ogden.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, October 12	12 noon	The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Nancy Howard.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Friday, October 13	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Harold Travis.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, October 14	4:00 p.m.	Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families.....	Linda Marsh
		Deceased Members of the Martin Family.....	Lynn McQuinn
Sunday, October 15	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Karen Patterson.....	Linda Marsh

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, Palma Devic*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Rosalee Freeman*, 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)*



Vicariate Pastoral Council Vote

This weekend we will be voting for two individuals who will represent our parish on the Martinsburg Vicariate Pastoral Council. That council will be made up of representatives from all parishes in the vicariate. From that group, three persons will be elected to represent the vicariate on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Those representatives will work with Bishop Brennan in developing pastoral priorities and plans to further the mission of Christ in our state.

The following individuals have agreed to be nominated from our parish. Please vote for two on the ballot you received from the greeters and drop it in the offertory basket. Thank you!

- Kenny Brant
- Sue Harber
- Mike Landis
- Doug Minnich
- Pam Williams

Your Faithful Stewardship

September 30-October 1, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,170
Loose Donations.....	\$898
Votive Candles.....	\$68
Poor Box.....	\$81
Total.....	\$4,217

Mission Collection

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.....	\$1,138
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Attendance

Saturday, 9/30.....	65
Sunday, 10/1.....	133
Total.....	198

September Balance Sheet

September Income	\$17,683
September Expenses.....	\$38,688*
Balance	-\$21,004

*includes annual property insurance premium and organ rebuild project

Thank You

Pastor Appreciation Dinner

There is still time to sign up for our second annual Pastor Appreciation Dinner!

Hosted by the Ladies Guild, the dinner will be held Thursday, October 12 at the Candlewyck Inn. Social hour will begin at 5:00 and the buffet dinner will begin at 6:00. The meal will include stuffed chicken breast, pork loin, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$33 (adult) and \$16.50 (child) and includes the buffet, tax and tip.

If you are able to join us, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, October 9!

Mass Intentions for 2024

Our Mass Intentions calendar is now open for calendar year 2024. Masses can be offered for a variety of reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed. If you would like to schedule a Mass in 2024, please contact the Parish Office. The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.



**ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
76%**

If you volunteer in **ANY** role in our parish but haven't completed Safe Environment training in the past year, you are part of the missing 24%! To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

***The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes.***

MATTHEW 21:42



You are graciously invited to the Assumption Parish

Teaching Mass Series

Understanding and Celebrating the Eucharist

Presented by Fr. Giles LeVasseur



The Eucharist is the heart and soul of our Catholic Faith, yet many of us stopped learning about the Eucharist after we received our First Communion. While appropriate for age 7, our lives have changed and those teachings are no longer sufficient. We are not the same. Our world is not the same. We have known joys and sorrows. As wounded and broken sinners, we are called to God's table with our faith family to grow in love, forgiveness, healing, celebration, and commitment. These Masses will help us learn more about the Eucharist, the Sacrament so many Catholics take for granted rather than as granted.

This four-part series of Teaching Masses will include a 10-minute presentation by Fr. Giles prior to certain parts of the Mass. While these four Masses cannot truly contain all the teachings (which a greater understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist would require), our hope is that it will ignite in you a continuing desire to learn more, especially during this year of Eucharistic Revival. The Teaching Masses will take place at both the Vigil and Sunday Masses.

October 14-15, 2023

Introductory Rites

We as Catholics are gathered into the real presence of the One who calls us together, the Lord Jesus who is with us. Fr. Giles will discuss the Opening Ritual, Penitential Rite, Praise of God and Introductory Prayer. There will be a 10-minute presentation and explanation of these beginning Mass parts.

November 11-12, 2023

The Liturgy of the Word

This Mass will focus on the Liturgy of the Word. Are we willing to listen to the One who wants us to hear, learn, and grow in the real presence of Jesus our teacher? Mass will begin as usual; a 10-minute presentation will be given on The Word at that point in the Mass.

December 9-10, 2023

Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 1

What will I offer as a sign of my real presence to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? A 10-minute presentation on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will be given at this point in the Mass.

January 20-21, 2024

Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 2

What am I (we) asked of and promising to the Lord, whose real presence has been given to each of us in the Eucharist? How do I take this out into the world? How do I live the Eucharist? A 10-minute presentation will be given at the end of Mass followed by the blessing and final hymn.



Operation Christmas Child

The Knights of Columbus have coordinated Operation Christmas Child at Assumption Church for over 10 years! The generous donations from our parishioners have helped to share the message of the Gospel of Jesus with boys and girls around the world.

This year, we are encouraging people to build a shoebox online. This method is very simple for the user, and the box is packed for easier passage through customs in hard-to-reach nations of the world. You still get to choose whether your box is for a boy or girl as well as the age group. For \$25, your box will include an essential pack with items like a hairbrush, toothbrush, tablet, pencils and crayons, plus one "wow" item, three small toys, and two accessory items (there are options that you get to choose to make it more personal). It also includes the shipping costs. And as a bonus, you don't have to try to fit all your items into the box!!

However, if you prefer to pack a traditional box, those will be available soon.

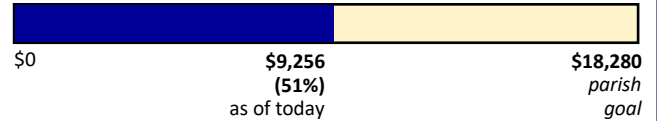
Use the link or QR code below to begin building your shoebox online. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Stanislawczyk at 304-813-3426. Thanks for your continued support!



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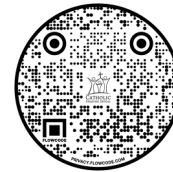
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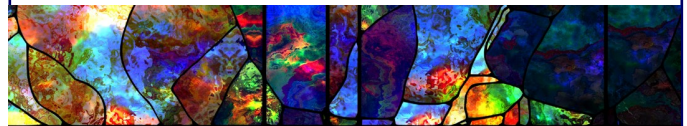
We are now past the 50% mark!

As our 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign continues, remember that since we have raised 50% of our goal, all donations now come back to our parish!

This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our year-long 150th jubilee celebration. To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, scan the QR code, or visit the CSA website below.



www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

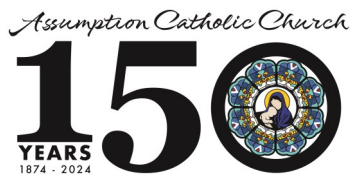


Let us Pray,

Use me God,
show me how to give generously,
pray purposefully, and serve joyfully
for a purpose greater than myself.

Amen.





Celebrating Our Sesquicentennial Jubilee!



Sunday, October 15, 2023
St. Mary's Hall
Doors Open 3:30 pm
Competition 4:30 pm

Join us for the Assumption Parish Team Trivia Night on Sunday, October 15 at St. Mary's Hall!

The questions will cover a variety of topics...you need not be Catholic to play or win! Teams can be 4-6 people; individual players will be placed on a team. Cost is \$15 per person at the door which includes pizza, nachos and drinks. Doors open at 3:30; the competition begins at 4:30.

While reservations are not required, if you would like to reserve a table please contact Julie Alt (304-790-5950) or Rosie Landis (304-790-4406).



What is the name of the exercise that combines a squat, a pushup and a jump in the air?

Check next week's bulletin for the answer!

Answer to last week's practice question:

Which 1970s American sitcom was based on the British program, "Till Death Us Do Part?"

► All in the Family

Other attractions at the Trivia Night:

- Winner of the \$500 Sheetz gas/gift card will be drawn
- A raffle of several themed baskets donated by our CCD families will begin:
 - Holiday Baking
 - Christmas Gift/Wrap
 - Beverage/Coffee and Tea
 - Household Cleaning
 - West Virginia Mountaineers
- Tips for local gifts cards and other gift items
- Door prize



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

Thanksgiving Holiday Pies

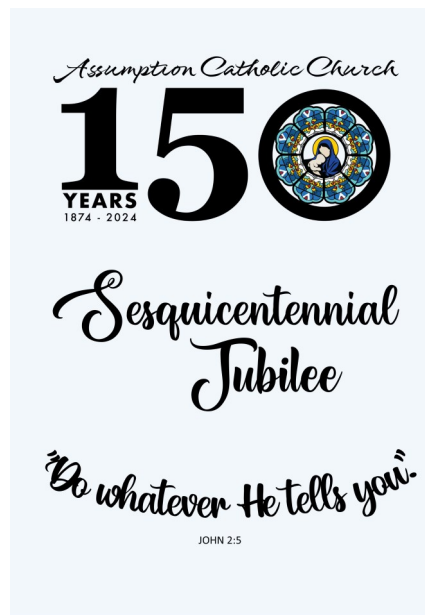


It's time to start thinking about your Thanksgiving holiday pies...and the Jubilee Fundraising Committee is here to help!

The committee is selling pies from The Pie Shoppe. These are 9-inch pies and come in the following flavors: chocolate, coconut cream, lemon meringue, apple, blackberry, blueberry, cherry, cherry crumb, dutch apple, peach, raisin, razzleberry, pumpkin and a pumpkin roll. Cost is \$12 each.

The delivery dates are Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12 at St. Mary's Hall. The pies can be refrigerated for up to 5 days or frozen for up to 2 months.

A member of the fundraising committee will be available at Masses the next two weekends to take orders and collect payment. An order form to take with you will also be available for anyone who is able to sell additional pies to friends, family members or coworkers. Order deadline is Monday, October 30. Orders can also be placed by contacting the Parish Office or Robin McDowell at 304-813-0790.



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11, 2023, 6 p.m.
"Jesus and the Eucharist"
Small Group Series #3
St. Mary's Hall

October 12, 2023, 1 p.m.
Jubilee Core Committee Meeting
St. Mary's Hall

October 12, 2023, 5 p.m.
Pastor Appreciation Dinner
Candlewycck Inn

October 14-15, 2023
Teaching Masses with Fr. Giles

October 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Mass / Donut Sunday

October 15, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
Team Trivia Competition
St. Mary's Hall

October 18, 2023, 6 p.m.
"Jesus and the Eucharist"
Small Group Series #4
St. Mary's Hall

October 25, 2023, 6 p.m.
"Jesus and the Eucharist"
Small Group Series #5
St. Mary's Hall

October 25-27, 2023
No Weekday Masses
(Diocesan Priest Retreat)

October 29, 2023
Youth Group Meeting
St. Mary's Hall

November 1, 2023, 6 p.m.
All Saints Day
Holy Day of Obligation



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (October 15) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.

Thank you

Thank you to all the members of my parish family for their prayers, messages and donations since Matthew's house fire. Both he and I are most grateful for your wonderful acts of kindness.

Linda Marsh

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Jubilee Core Meeting

A reminder to members of the Jubilee Core Committee of the meeting on Thursday, October 12, at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Each committee should have a representative attend.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 14

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
EM: Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell
Cantor: Anita Tetreault/Linda Marsh

Sunday, October 15 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students
Servers: CCD Students
EM: Julie Alt, Kelley Kuhn (c), David Minnich (c)
Greeters: CCD Students
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, October 21

Lector: Anita Tetreault
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Eric Hatfield, Mere Barrick (c), Janet Corley (c)
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, October 22

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Tina Stephen, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Stonerise EM

October 12 Mere Barrick
October 19 Stacey Rhodes



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