

# Assumption Catholic Church

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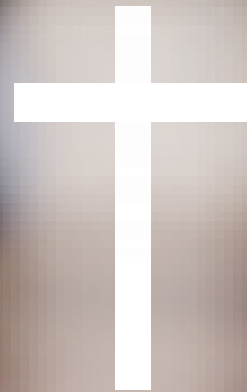
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*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 19, 2021*



*If anyone wishes to be first,  
he shall be the last of all  
and the servant of all.*

MARK 9:30-37

***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, 6:00 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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

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

When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest. But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart, seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served but to serve (Mt. 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way: pride, self-seeking glory, egoism, narcissism, self-centeredness, vanity etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Cor. 4:7). Are we ready to humble ourselves and to serve others as Jesus did?

**Readings for Sunday,  
September 26, 2021**  
Numbers 11:25-29  
James 5:1-6  
Mark 9:38-48



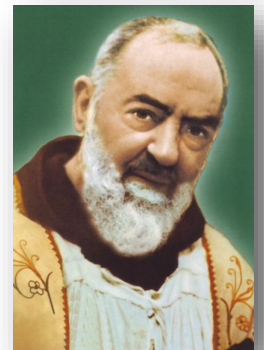
### Saint of the Week ... St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910. He spent many hours every day hearing confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as "a poor brother who prays." "Prayer is the greatest weapon we have," he said. It is "a key to open the heart of God."

Padre Pio was drafted during World War I but was discharged in 1917 after being diagnosed with tuberculosis.

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who 30 years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. Many years later, Fr. Wojtyła wrote to Padre Pio, asking him to pray for a friend of his who was very ill with cancer. She was cured.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968, at the age of 81. He was proclaimed a saint in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, "The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord."



*Feast Day:  
September 23*

## Catechetical Sunday September 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role each of us plays in passing on our faith. In a special way today, we thank those who have answered the call in sharing God's word with the children of our parish:

### Pre-K and Kindergarten

Claire Del Signore and Rebekah Rhodes

### Grades 1 and 2

Jean Harber and Esther Shockey

### Grades 3 and 4

Nancy Starcher and Meredythe Barrick

### Grades 5 and 6

Julie Alt and Jane Placka

### Grades 7 and 8

Kelley Kuhn

### Grades 9 and 10

Jeff Kuhn and Bob Konka

### Grades 11-12

Joe Maybury



*Naomi Jean Dorsey*

Born into Life  
May 21, 1927  
Born into Eternal Life  
September 9, 2021

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Naomi's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

*Mrs. Dorsey was interred at St. Thomas Cemetery on Wednesday, September 15.*

## Update on CCD Classes

After much prayer and careful consideration, we have made the decision to delay the start of our religious education year to late October (tentatively Sunday, October 24), due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in our area. Updates and additional information will be shared as that date gets closer.

Additionally, the cleaning of St. Mary's Hall will not take place this Sunday.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 18	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joseph Willis.....	Mary Balassone
Sunday, September 19	8:30 a.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman .....	Cindy & Jim Alt
Monday, September 20	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 21	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 22	6:00 p.m.	Soul of James DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon
Thursday, September 23	12 noon	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean Alt
Friday, September 24	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Sam Tom Sauer .....	K of C Council 10545
Saturday, September 25	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber Family.....	The Harber Family
Sunday, September 26	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Jordan Placka .....	Jane & Doug Placka



## Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Aaron Martin, Paul Miller, Kyeran Leigh Nelson, Esther Shockey, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, and Maleigha Taylor.

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



## Assumption Parish



Thank you to all those who have already contributed! Remember, since we are past the 50% mark, all dollars now received come back to our parish!

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

## Collections & Attendance September 11-12, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$1,880
Loose Donations .....	\$255
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$120
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,255</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Scholarship	
Membership Drive .....	\$268

### Attendance

Saturday 9/11 .....	56
Sunday 9/12 .....	72
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>128</b>

### August Balance Sheet

August Income.....	\$17,171
August Expenses .....	\$12,216
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$4,955</b>

### Diocesan Collection Next Weekend

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend to benefit The Catholic University of America. A separate basket will be available for this appeal.



*May your blessings be as countless  
as the autumn leaves.*

*Autumn begins September 22*

## NEWS FROM Assumption Ladies Guild

Plans had been made to resume Ladies Guild meetings this fall. However, due to the rise of COVID infections in our area, it has been decided to wait and reassess the situation in one month. In the meantime, stay safe!

### Poor Box Donations

Thanks to your generous donations to our poor box, we have provided over \$2,000 to the Faith in Action Food Pantry and Catholic Charities WV this year to date. The beneficiary for poor box contributions this quarter is Warm the Children.

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, September 25

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Kathy Finnell  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

#### Sunday, September 26

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Mike Landis, Rudy & Pippa Dolechek  
EM: Kelley Kuhn  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk

#### Saturday, October 2

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Mike Landis, Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: to be named

#### Sunday, October 3

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt, Gwyneth Hatfield  
EM: Mike Landis  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: to be named

Please note that all liturgical ministers serving on the altar (Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers) must wear a mask in accordance with Bishop Brennan's request. Thank you for your cooperation in this act of Christian charity!