

Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021



*A Matter
of the Heart*

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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive. Do we allow any sinful desires to enter the door of our heart and mind? Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enable us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do we believe in the power of God's love to change and transform our hearts?

Readings for Sunday, September 5, 2021

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37



Saint of the Week ... St. Giles

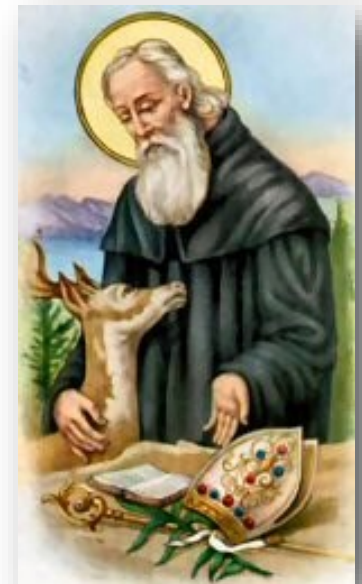
Despite the fact that much about Saint Giles - also known as Giles the Hermit - is shrouded in mystery, we can say that he was one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages. Likely, he was born in the first half of the seventh century in southeastern France. That is where he built a monastery that became a popular stopping-off point for pilgrims making their way to the Holy Land. Sadly, this pilgrimage center that once drew so many fell into disrepair some centuries after Giles' death.

St. Giles is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, and is invoked against the plague, epilepsy, mental illness, nightmares, and for a good confession. He was the only non-martyr among the fourteen.

St. Giles is the patron of beggars, the disabled, disasters and the poor. His feast is celebrated on September 1.

We pray: Lord, may we find grace through the intercession of thy blessed confessor Giles. That what we cannot obtain through our own merits might be given us through his intercession. Amen.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: September 1

Special Collection Next Weekend to Support Efforts in Haiti

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti, Bishop Mark Brennan has joined Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, asking all faithful to consider donating to a special emergency collection to provide aid to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and future disasters. This collection will take place at weekend Masses on September 4-5 across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The August earthquake killed more than 1,200 Haitian people and injured upwards of 5,700 others, leaving an overwhelming trail of destruction and rubble for a people who are hurting due to the socio-economic and political instability in their country.

There will be a special basket available for these donations. Checks should be made payable to Assumption Church with "disaster relief" noted on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this special collection and for your continued prayers for the people of Haiti.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRENNAN

Bishop Brennan asks that all those in attendance at Mass wear a mask, other than children under the age of 2.

Thank you for your cooperation in this act of Christian Charity.



Voices Needed!

We are planning to bring back our choir in time for the Advent season and will begin practicing as soon as it is safe to do so.

But we need your voice! If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no evening Mass on Wednesday, September 1.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 28	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber family.....	The Harber Family
Sunday, August 29	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Jordan Placka	Doug & Jane Placka
Monday, August 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 31	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 1	No Mass		
Thursday, September 2	12 noon	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
		Dena Turner's Intentions.....	Mary Shannon
Friday, September 3	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Jean Quinn	Marg Quinn
Saturday, September 4*	10:00 a.m.	Stonerise Keyser residents & staff.....	Assumption Parish
Saturday, September 4	4:00 p.m.	Soul of James Hartman & family	Patricia Hartman
Sunday, September 5	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	Nancy Starcher

*Mass is celebrated at Stonerise Keyser nursing home at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month



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

Collections & Attendance August 21-22, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,200
Loose Donations.....	\$710
Total.....	\$2,910

Attendance

Saturday 8/21	70
Sunday 8/22	87
Total.....	157

thank you!



Prayer List

Patricia Ansel	Helen Holder*
Jennifer Boling	Aaron Martin
Bobby Dorsey	Paul Miller
Barbara Gratto	Esther Shockey
Beth Grayson	Sue Spotts
Sue Greco	Bill Stine
Barbara Grubbs*	Maleigha Taylor
Eddie Halterman	

To have a name added to the prayer list, please call or email the Parish Office, or drop a note in the offertory basket.

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

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner this Wednesday, September 1. Serving times are 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children.

Upcoming Pastoral Needs Survey

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese.

You will have the option of completing the survey electronically or via a paper survey which will be available beginning next weekend. The survey will run for two weeks.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 4

Lector: Kenny Brant
Servers: Knights of Columbus members
EM: Alan Taylor
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, September 5

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Beverley Iser and Jane Placka
EM: Tina Stephen
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Mike & Rosie Landis

Saturday, September 11

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Jean Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, September 12

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Pam Williams
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Jeff & Kelley Kuhn