

# Assumption Catholic Church

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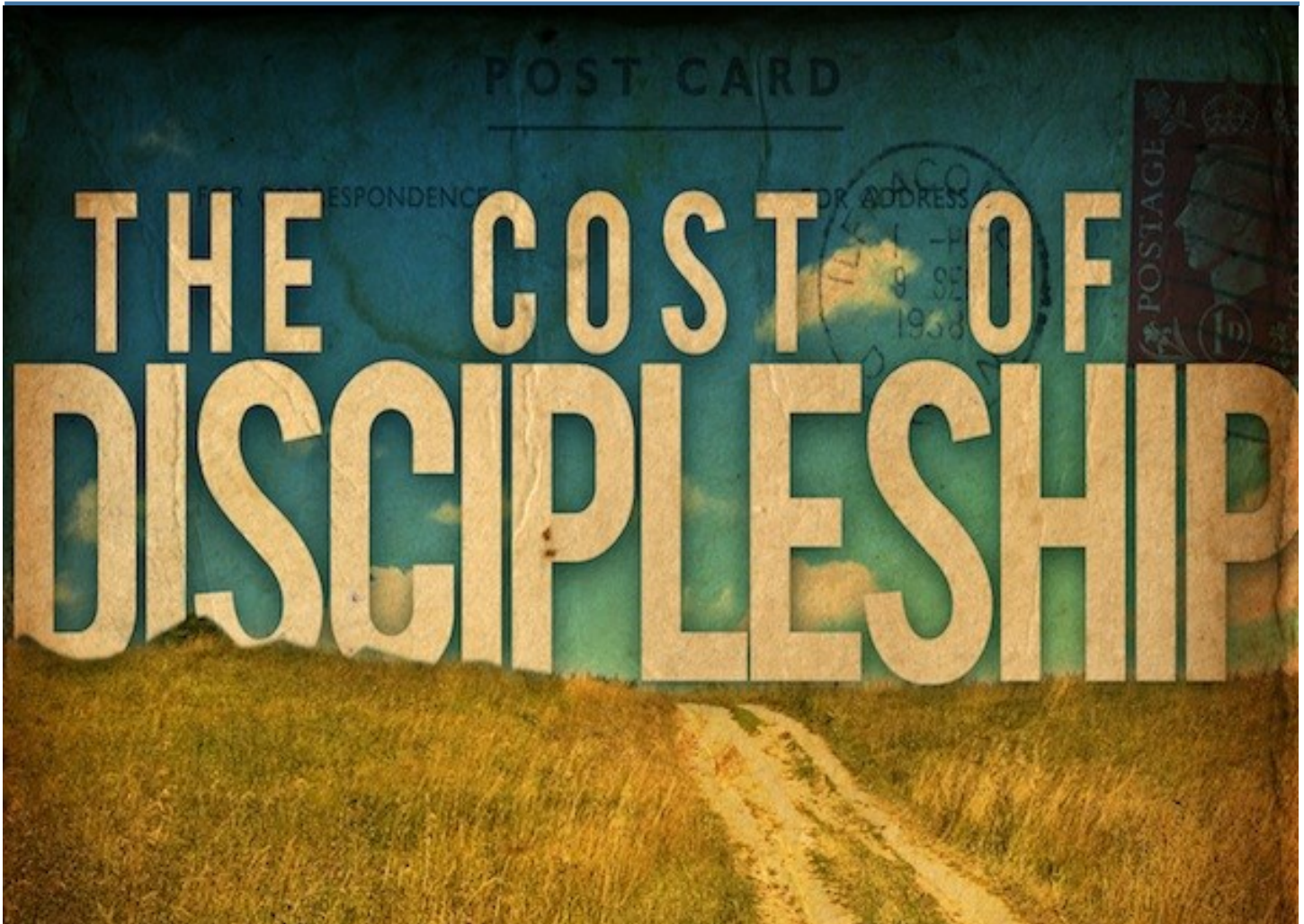
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*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 4, 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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:27). Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from slavery to sin and everything that would keep us from his love, truth, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin and death, and glory for our sake as well. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we too must "count the cost" and say yes to his call to "take up our cross and follow him."

What is the "way of the cross" for us today? It means that when our will crosses with God's will, then His will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice: the sacrifice of laying down our life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible for us is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Christ who cleanses us and makes us a new creation in him. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Do we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our heart and transform our life with the overflowing love and mercy of God? Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what they love first and foremost. If we choose for the Lord Jesus and put our trust in him, He will show us the path that leads to true joy and happiness with our Father in heaven.

### Readings for Next Sunday, September 11, 2022

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

## † Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing those events are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. However, an angel revealed to Anne and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com



Feast Day: September 8



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Judy Davis\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Larry Hinkle, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Amber Linkswiler, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Eileen Passauer\*, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts\*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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## Outreach to Potomac State College Students

As part of our parish outreach to Catholic students attending Potomac State College, we participated in the school's Community and Student Involvement Fair held on campus last week.



Shown here are Parish Council members Janet Corley and Paul Bogdan who greeted the students that stopped by our table and shared with them a flyer (shown at right) which included information on our Mass times and how closely located we are to campus.

They also extended invitations for them and a friend to have dinner at St. Mary's

Hall following Mass on Wednesday, September 14. **Any of our parishioners who are students, faculty or staff at the college are encouraged to attend as well!** Please call or email the Parish Office by September 12 if you are able to come. Our tentative plan is to host the students for dinner once a month throughout the school year if this first one is successful.

Thank you to Paul and Janet for representing our parish and to Nancy Starcher for coordinating our outreach efforts.



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 3	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Jean Quinn .....	Marg Quinn
		Soul of Nataline Centofonti .....	Barbara Centofonti
Sunday, September 4	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin .....	Nancy Starcher
		Intentions of Dena Turner.....	Puff & Ann Marie DeMasi
Monday, September 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 7	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Susann & Larry Martin.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Fr. Ivan .....	Margaret McGee
Thursday, September 8	12 noon	Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
		Soul of Marianna Daskal .....	James Daskal
Friday, September 9	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
		Soul of Carol Del Signore.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, September 10	4:00 p.m.	Members of the Harber Family.....	Sue Harber
		Intentions of Mary Shannon .....	Joanne & Mike Stickley
Sunday, September 11	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Paul, Goldie & Ellis Trezise.....	Rene Trezise

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*





**Choir to Resume Weekly Practice**

Following its summer break, our choir will resume practicing each week on Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning September 8. If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, September 10**  
 Lector: Doug Minnich  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
 EM: Meredythe Barrick  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

**Sunday, September 11**  
 Lector: Pam Williams  
 Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek  
 EM: Nancy Starcher  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

**Saturday, September 17**  
 Lector: Anita Tetreault  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
 EM: Sue Harber  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

**Sunday, September 18**  
 Lector: Sally Maybury  
 Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
 EM: Pam Williams  
 Cantor: Julie Alt  
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel



**Collections & Attendance**  
**August 27-28, 2022**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,065
Loose Donations.....	\$345
Votive Candles.....	\$85
Poor Box.....	\$95
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>

**Attendance**

Saturday, 8/27 .....	56
Sunday, 8/28 .....	81
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>137</b>

*Thank you*

*To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.*

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