

Assumption Catholic Church



*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 1, 2023**

## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

*It's not what you say,  
it's what you do.*

MATTHEW 21:28-32

***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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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom (Mt.21:28-32). The father amply provided for his sons everything they needed.

Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work. The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father, but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear: good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible: indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom. We can lose that treasure if we refuse the grace - the free gift of God's blessing and strength - which the Lord Jesus has won for us through his victory on the cross. The Lord Jesus fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit who works in and through us for the glory of God. Do we seek to please God and respect his will and loving plan for our lives?

### Readings for Next Sunday,

October 8, 2023

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

## Saint of the Week... St. Therese of Lisieux

"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world.

Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Her parents, Louis and Zélie, were beatified in 2008 and canonized in 2015. She is the patroness of florists, missionaries, pilots and priests. She is also the patroness of the priest congregation to which Fr. Thomas belongs (CST stands for Congregation of Sactae Thérèse, or Little Flower Congregation).

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



Feast Day: October 1



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### Thérèse

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Thérèse Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her "Little Way."



*Sisters of Charity*  
OF NAZARETH

Today we welcome Sister Susan Gatz of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Based in Kentucky, Sr. Susan will speak at our Masses this weekend on behalf of their ministries in Belize, India, Nepal, Botswana, Kenya and the home missions of the United States.

Our prayers, encouragements and the collection being taken up align our parish in a very particular way with the work of their Sisters in mission. A separate basket is available for this collection; checks may be made payable to Assumption Church.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Throughout our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month, beginning this Friday, October 6.

The day will begin with the Holy Rosary at 11:30, followed by Mass at 12 noon, Adoration beginning at 12:30, closing with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00. Please join us for all or part of the day!



Our Jubilee candle was lit for the first time at the Masses last weekend. The lighting honor went to Marion Dorsey (left) and Art DeMasi (right), two of our longest-standing parishioners. The candle will remain lit throughout our Jubilee year.

### Jesus and the Eucharist Study Series



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

Our *Jesus and the Eucharist* study series will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:00 in St. Mary's Hall. If you weren't able to attend last week, we encourage you to watch the first video online and join us this week for the second video!

You can find the first video on FORMED (search for *Jesus and the Eucharist*). If you haven't signed up for FORMED yet, visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) to start watching (it's completely free!).

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 30	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Intentions of Gina DeMasi .....	The DeMasi Family
Sunday, October 1	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Gwen DeMasi .....	Her Loving Husband & Family
		Soul of Sam Lyons.....	The House & Trezise Families
		Intentions of Lynn McQuinn .....	Lynn McQuinn
Monday, October 2	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 3	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 4	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Barbara & Glen England.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of James Ogden.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, October 5	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
Friday, October 6	12 noon	Soul of Joe Balassone .....	Mary Alexander
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 Cuncil 10545 .....	Brother Knights

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)

## Pastor Appreciation Dinner

Reminder! Our second annual Pastor Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 12 at the Candlewyck Inn. Cost is \$33 (adult) and \$16.50 (child) and includes the buffet meal, tax and tip. Please purchase tickets from the Parish Office **by October 5.**

## REMINDER!

### CCD classes begin this Sunday, October 1!

Students are also reminded to bring in your donations for the raffle baskets by October 8! Totes are available in the vestibule and St. Mary's Hall.

Pre-K/K	Holiday Baking
Grades 1/2	Christmas Gift/Wrap
Grades 5/6	Beverage/Coffee and Tea
Grades 7/8	Household Cleaning
Grades 9-12	WVU

## Your Faithful Stewardship

September 23-24, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,180
Loose Donations.....	\$356
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,536</b>

### Diocesan Collection

Catholic University of America.....	\$389
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### Attendance

Saturday, 9/23 .....	66
Sunday, 9/24 .....	117
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>183</b>



### Join Our New Facebook Page!

Assumption Parish now has its very own Facebook page!

One of the goals for our Jubilee plan is outreach to former parishioners who have moved away and nearby Catholics who are no longer practicing their faith. We have created this new Facebook page to make it easier for people to find us. It will also help to eliminate any confusion about whether posted events are happening here or at Our Lady of Grace. The new group is **Assumption Catholic Church, Keyser WV.**



Mark your calendars now for the Assumption Parish Team Trivia Night on Sunday, October 15 at St. Mary's Hall!

Questions will come from 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).



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

*Check next week's bulletin for the answer!*

*Answer to last week's practice question:*

**Which West Virginia city is known as the "Jewel City?"**

► Huntington

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, October 7

Lector:	Alan Taylor
Servers:	Mike & Rosie Landis
EM:	Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mike Landis (c)
Greeters:	Kathy & Tom Finnell
Cantor:	Linda Marsh

### Sunday, October 8

Lector:	Derek Stephen
Servers:	James & Tess Maybury
EM:	Nancy Starcher, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)
Greeters:	Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk
Cantor:	Julie Alt

### 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

### Stonerise EM

October 5	Cindy Alt
October 12	Mere Barrick

*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.*