



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2024



Be Opened!

MARK 7:34

May you find Christ here...may you take 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: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we expect the Lord Jesus to treat us when we ask for his help? Do we approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man, who is deaf and has speech impediment, Jesus shows his politeness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of onlookers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command, the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? St. Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of the man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit." The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion, and he invites us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do we show kindness and compassion to our neighbors and do we treat them with politeness and respect as Jesus did?

Readings for Next Sunday,
September 15, 2024
 Isaiah 50:4c-9a
 James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35

Saint of the Week ... 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: Sept. 8



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Steve Brill, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*,

Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Jeremy Taylor, Maleigha Taylor, Doris Tetreick, Courtney Whiteman.

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Assumption Parish



Please help us reach our goal before September 20 when our parish officially turns 150! You can return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Changes Announced for Safe Environment Training

Earlier this year, Bishop Brennan announced some changes to the Safe Environment education requirements for all employees and volunteers in the Diocese.

Going forward, the video training modules will now need to be completed yearly (instead of watch-it-once-and-you're-done as it was previously), as well as completion of short monthly bulletins.

The first step toward this new requirement is ensuring that everyone has completed the most current training module. For our parish, there are a few people who completed the video training a number of years ago which still resulted in compliance...until now. If you fall into this category, you will receive an email this week with a link to the updated training.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers for the important role they play in the success of our parish, and we thank you for helping us to remain in compliance with this most important program which helps to ensure the safety of our children.



Almighty God, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness and health.

May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



In honor of Grandparents Day, enjoy this photo of Jeff and Remy Kuhn with Fr. Thomas! This grandfather-grandson combo served Mass for the first time together last Sunday.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 7	4:00 pm	Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Mary Balassone	The James Maybury Family
Sunday, September 8	8:30 am	Soul of Bob Melody	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, September 9	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 10	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 11	5:00 pm	The Hoover-Dickel Family	St. Thomas Cemetery
		Soul of Kenny Barrett	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, September 12	12:00 pm	The Calemine & Wise Families	Jean Harber
		The Arnold & Dayton Families.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, September 13	9:00 am	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families	Dean & Kathy Alt
Saturday, September 14	4:00 pm	Soul of Rosalee Freeman	Barbara Tenney
		The Harber Family.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, September 15	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Ilario Fazzalore Family	The Fazzalore Family
		Soul of Clodagh (Quinn) Phelan	Marg Quinn

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

LOL (Light of Life) Radio Ministry

LOL Radio operates four Catholic radio stations in West Virginia and has been approved by the FCC to put up a station in Keyser. LOL radio's mission is to "proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43). Visit lolradio.org to learn more about their ministry. LOL Radio is looking for a place to install an antenna and a small space to house the equipment necessary to run the station. The station will be operated remotely from Morgantown. If you are willing to let them put up an antenna on your property (preferably on a hilltop) and have a small space (a closet or the corner of a room) to put a computer, transmitter and a mixer please contact Bob Carubia at 304-598-0026.



Parent Meeting
 Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.
 St. Mary's Hall

First Sunday of Classes
 Sunday, September 22, 2024
 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 31-September 1, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,110
Loose Donations.....	\$342
Repairs & Maintenance	\$598
Total	\$4,050

Attendance

Saturday, August 31	71
Sunday, September 1.....	105
Total	176

August Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$18,794
Expenses	\$25,084
Total.....	-\$6,290

Save the Date!

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 2. More details coming soon!

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation
 Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage
 Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick
 Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children
 Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA program is for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments
 Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs and to help you through the process.

Feast of the Exultation of the Cross

Mass will be offered on Saturday, September 14 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church in Romney for the Souls of the Preborn who were lost through abortion. Mass will be followed by a Rosary at the Memorial to the Unborn adjacent to the Church. Fr William J Kuchinsky will be the celebrant. A Relic of the True Cross will be available to venerate.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 14
 Lector: Sue Harber
 Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: Alan Taylor, Jean Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, September 15
 Lector: Kelley Kuhn
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie
 EMs: Dave Minnich, Charlotte Delilo (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, September 21
 Lector: Cathy Pardee
 Servers: Martin & Micah Alt
 EMs: Bill Lupis, Eric Hatfield (c) & Karen Yowler (c)
 Cantor: Julie Alt
 Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, September 22
 Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk
 Servers: James & Tess Maybury
 EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Tina Stephen (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

Keyser Healthcare Center EM
 September 12 Dave Dunn
 September 19 Pam Williams