

Assumption Catholic Church

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023



**SO DON'T
BE AFRAID;**
you are worth more
than many sparrows.

MATTHEW 10:31

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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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's heart, mind, and soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of cowardly fear and sinful pride that refuses to do what is right, good, and just - especially in the face of opposition and evil.

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God, he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do we trust in God's grace to carry our cross for Jesus' sake? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to be your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the new life, joy and victory you have won for us through your cross and resurrection.

Readings for Next Sunday, July 2, 2023

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Saint of the Week ... St. Irenaeus

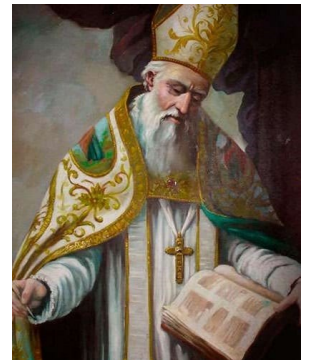
While information about St. Irenaeus' life is limited, we do know that he was born in or near Proconsular Asia in the first half of the second century. What is certain is that while still very young, Irenaeus had seen and heard the holy Bishop Polycarp at Smyrna. During the persecution of Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus was a priest of the Church of Lyons.

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secret," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

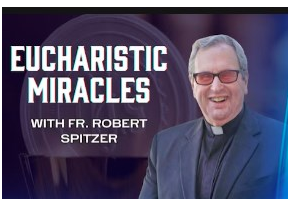
The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: June 28

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**



The Chris Stefanick Show: The Incredible Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? In this episode of the *Chris Stefanick Show*, Fr. Robert Spitzer tells us about the incredible science behind these miracles. You'll also get a primer on the metaphysics of the Eucharist, what "transubstantiation" means and the incredible stories of several Eucharistic miracles. According to Stefanick, "Hearing Fr. Spitzer talk about these topics was incredibly helpful for my faith, and I hope it will be so for you, as well." This video is just 35 minutes long.

Check out FORMED today for more free programs on the Eucharist and so many other topics! There is something for everyone!

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ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

- 1—Thank you!
- 2—You must complete Safe Environment Training!

We are still working to ensure that all of our parish volunteers are Safe Environment compliant.

You may be thinking that you don't teach CCD classes so you don't need to complete the training.

That is not the case! If you volunteer for our parish, in most all cases you need to be trained (catechists, lectors, adult altar servers, extraordinary ministers, greeters, cantors and choir members, sacristans, eucharistic ministers to the nursing home and homebound, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild members).

 **VIRTUS® Training** The training includes electronic acknowledgment of three diocesan policies, completion of online video training, and an application for a background check.

We are grateful that so many of you take an active role in serving God and our parish, and we thank those who have already completed the training. If you are not yet compliant, please take a few minutes to complete the required components.

To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
53%**



Parish Council Vote

Please cast your vote for new Parish Council members today!

All adult parishioners are eligible to vote for three (3) persons. If you did not receive a ballot on your way into the church, please see one of the greeters.

Completed ballots can be dropped in one of the offertory baskets.

CPR and AED Instruction Coming to Our Parish!

Our parish will be offering training in hands-only Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), as well as instruction in the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The training will be held in the church on Sunday, July 9, following the 8:30 Mass. The instructor is Ellen Barnard, Certified Cardiographic Technician at WVU Medicine, Potomac Valley Hospital. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the vestibule.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, June 24	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of Sue Ann Spotts	Mary Lambert
Sunday, June 25	8:30 a.m.	The Myers & Raschella Families.....	Kelli & Harry Wittman
Monday, June 26	No Mass		
Tuesday, June 27	No Mass		
Wednesday, June 28	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Lynn McQuinn
Thursday, June 29	12 noon	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	Assumption Parish
Friday, June 30	9:00 a.m.	People of Our Parish	Assumption Parish
Saturday, July 1	4:00 p.m.	Soul of William Roach.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 2	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts	Tom & Kathy Finnell

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, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

LET YOUR *faith*
BE BIGGER THAN YOUR FEAR

Stewardship

June 17-18, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes..... \$2,925

Loose Donations..... \$294

Total..... \$3,219

Attendance

Saturday, 6/17..... 76

Sunday, 6/18..... 83

Total..... 159

Diocese Offers "Courage Apostolate"

Courage Apostolate is a ministry for Catholics with same-sex attraction who are striving to live faithfully to the teachings of Christ and His Catholic Church. Courage meets monthly in Morgantown for prayer, fellowship and support. The heart of Courage is the belief that sanctity is possible in everyday life. Through the Courage Apostolate those persons experiencing same-sex attractions are encouraged to deepen their Christian discipleship through participation in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly through the frequent reception of the Eucharist and frequent confession, as well as through a regular prayer life, witness, counsel, service, and self-giving. If you are interested in learning more, visit dwc.org/courage-apostolate/ or email couragedwc@gmail.com.

Parish Prayer List

Our parish prayer list is shared weekly in the bulletin and parishioner email message, as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it. To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket.



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Support our parish by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal

dwc.org/CSA

Aim your camera at the flowcode

Training for Extraordinary Ministers

A training session for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, or anyone who would like a refresher, will be held on Saturday, July 1, following the 4 p.m. Mass.

K of C 300 Club Raffle Winners

Drawing held June 15, 2023

\$100 Winners

Andy Fazzalore
Joe Maybury

\$50 Winners

Stephen Brant
Bob Avers

\$25 Winners

Tom Finnell
Jean Harber
Holly Oglesbee

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 1

Lector: Anita Tetreault
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Cathy Pardee, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, July 2

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Abby & Libby Del Signore
EM: Pam Williams, David Minnich (c), Jane Placka (c)
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, July 8

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
EM: Rosie Landis, Bob Yowler (c), Karen Yowler (c)
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, July 9

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
EM: Julie Alt, Tina Stephen (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Stonerise EM

June 29 Pam Williams
July 6 Joanne Stickley