



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

Whoever causes one of these little ones
who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him
if a great millstone were put around his neck
and he were thrown into the sea. MARK 9:42



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." (Mark 9:42). Was Jesus exaggerating when he urged his followers to use drastic measures to avoid evil and its harmful consequences? Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The Greek word for temptation (*scandalon*) is exactly the same as the English word scandal. The original meaning of scandal is a trap or a stumbling block which causes one to trip and fall. The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he or she in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. Do we set a good example for others to follow, especially the young?

Readings for Next Sunday,

October 6, 2024

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

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



Feast Day: October 1



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, 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, Graydon Shade, 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 Tetrick, Courtney Whiteman.

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



Mission Collection Set For Next Weekend

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has an annual program which allows pre-assigned missions to visit parishes throughout the state to help support their important programs.

This year, our mission appeal will support the Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) which is Fr. Thomas' religious order in India.


This special collection will support their new Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Center for differently-abled individuals. Please take a few minutes to read the appeal letter enclosed with the bulletin and prayerfully consider supporting this appeal next weekend.

Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of the upcoming Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all God's creations, our parish will hold a Blessing of the Animals service. Fr. Thomas will offer a special blessing for our beloved pets who demonstrate so selflessly the unconditional love of God.




The event will take place on Saturday, October 5 at 11 a.m. in the lawn between the church and the rectory. Cats, dogs, hamsters, birds...all animals are welcome (and all should be appropriately leashed or crated).



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

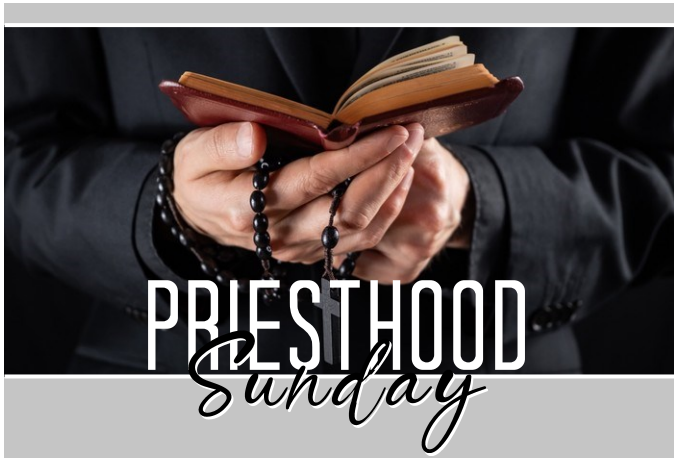
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, October 4. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



The Assumption Council Knights of Columbus donated \$2,000 to the James Isaac House in Keyser. The Knights raised the money from their baby bottle campaign supported by our parishioners. Accepting the check is Valerie Walker; presenting the check is Mike Landis and Dave Dunn.

Mass Schedule and Intentions			
Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 28	4:00 pm	Soul of Luisa Corpus Esteban	Diana Myers
		Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, September 29	8:30 am	Soul of Jordan Placka.....	Doug & Jane Placka
Monday, September 30	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 1	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 2	5:00 pm	Souls of Joe & Jean Quinn.....	Mary Shannon
		Soul of Anita Martel	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, October 3	12 noon	Soul of Angela Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Mary Shannon
Friday, October 4	9:00 am	Soul of Helen Holder.....	Mary Shannon
		Souls of James & Inez Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
Saturday, October 5	4:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of Joseph "Buster" Metz	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Sunday, October 6	8:30 am	Soul of Laura Wilson	Linda Marsh
		Deceased Members of the Delilo & DiCesare Famiies	Palma & Dino Devic

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



Today we celebrate “Priesthood Sunday,” a special day set aside to honor priests and to reflect on the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

We thank Fr. Thomas - and all the priests who have served our parish over our 150 years - for his faithful and selfless service. We pray that he will be strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help him continue to serve God’s people with joy.

*“The priest is not a priest for himself,
he is a priest for you.”*
- St. John Vianney

Your Faithful Stewardship

September 21-22, 2024

Offertory

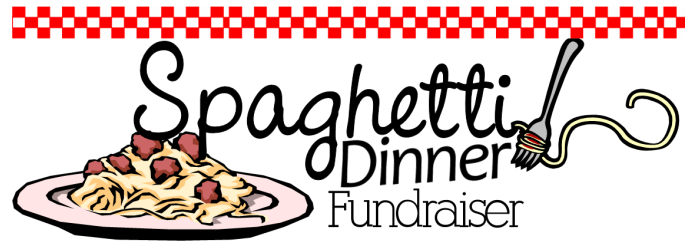
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,340
Loose Donations.....	\$613
Votive Candles	\$131
Poor Box	\$210
Total.....	\$3,294

Attendance

Saturday, September 21.....	83
Sunday, September 22.....	108
Total	191

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for the Catholic University of America. Located in the nation’s capital, this research university helps students to serve the Church and nation as Catholic leaders of tomorrow. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.



The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 2 at St. Mary’s Hall. Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out); eat in or carry out. Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Donations of cakes or other desserts are welcome! Those can be dropped off at the hall anytime the day of the dinner.

Location Change for Fr. Giles Party

For those who are attending the party to celebrate Fr. Giles’ 40th ordination anniversary, the location has changed. The event will now be held at the Our Lady of Grace social hall. The date and time has not changed: Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 pm.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 5

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EMs: Jean Harber, Janet Corley (c) & Alan Taylor (c)
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, October 6

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
EMs: Nancy Starcher, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Saturday, October 12

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
EMs: Bill Lupis, Mere Barrick (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, October 13

Lector: Geoff Newlin
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Pam Williams (c), Julie Alt (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

October 3 Cindy Alt
October 10 Meredythe Barrick