



Assumption Catholic Church

34 James Street, Keyser, WV 26726

acckwv@gmail.com

assumptionkeyserwv.org

304.788.2488

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



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

Fr. Thomas A. Sebastian, Pastor

tanatharackal@gmail.com, 681.404.2521

Rev. Mr. Larry Hammel, Deacon

LawrenceVHammel@gmail.com

Kelli Wittman, Office Manager

Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education

Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist

Patrick George, Organist

Office Address

50 James Street

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why did Jesus relate fire from heaven with costly division on the earth (Luke 12:49-53)? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives. When Jesus spoke about division within families, he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. To place any relationship above God is a form of idolatry.

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel us to put God first in all we do (2 Corinthians 5:14)? Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will.

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 24, 2025

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-13

Luke 13:22-30

Saint of the Week... St. Bernard of Clairvaux

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.



Feast Day: August 20

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came August 20, 1153. He is the patron saint of beekeepers and candlemakers.

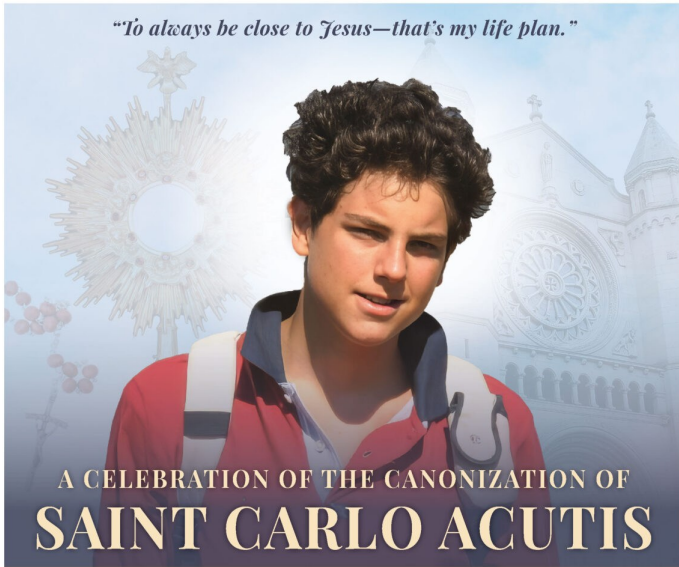
Source: franciscanmedia.org



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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

"To always be close to Jesus—that's my life plan."



A CELEBRATION OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Join us as we give thanks to God for the canonization of *Saint Carlo Acutis*, the first millennial saint—an ordinary teenager with extraordinary faith.

◆ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 7:00 P.M.**
Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality Movie
 Pizza, popcorn & drinks provided

◆ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | 10:30 A.M.**
 MASS OF THANKSGIVING
The highlight of our weekend celebration!
 A reception will follow the Mass, featuring Carlo's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
 Share your photos with #CarloCanonized

Cathedral of St. Joseph
 1300 Eoff Street
 Wheeling, West Virginia

Please RSVP at DWC.ORG



Celebrate the Canonization of Carlo!

Join the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Cathedral of St. Joseph to celebrate the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis on September 6-7 at the Cathedral in Wheeling.

Following the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 6 enjoy pizza, popcorn, and the movie - *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. The movie will be shown in the courtyard adjacent to the Cathedral.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, join us for 10:30 am Mass to honor the official canonization day of St. Carlo in Rome. There will be a reception with light refreshments to follow. Both days will also feature the holy teen's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Camp Carlo information, and more to make this canonization weekend fun and memorable.

Faithful from around our state are invited to participate! If you are able to attend, please RSVP by visiting dwc.org/carlo-acutis/canonization/.

"To always be close to Jesus—that's my life plan."

- St. Carlo Acutis

Mass Schedule and Intentions

| Date | Time | Intention | Offered by |
|----------------------|----------|--|------------------------|
| Saturday, August 16 | 4:00 pm | Soul of Fred Selders..... | Larry & Theresa Keller |
| | | Soul of Ron Willis..... | Sue & Jean Harber |
| Sunday, August 17 | 8:30 am | Souls of John & Hazel Coffman..... | Cindy & Jim Alt |
| | | Soul of Sam Lyons..... | Frances Lyons |
| | | Intentions of Denny Dolechek & Mike Landis | S&J |
| Monday, August 18 | No Mass | | |
| Tuesday, August 19 | No Mass | | |
| Wednesday, August 20 | 5:00 pm | Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley | Anonymous |
| Thursday, August 21 | 12:00 pm | Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk..... | Cathy Pardee |
| | | Intentions of Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco and Margaret McGee | S&J |
| Friday, August 22 | 9:00 am | Soul of Leslie Schoppert | Rene Trezise |
| Saturday, August 23 | 4:00 pm | Soul of Ron Willis..... | Sharon Kelley |
| | | The Wise & Calemine Families | Jean Harber |
| Sunday, August 24 | 8:30 am | Soul of Thomas Vazhayil..... | Dena DeMasi |
| | | Soul of Chuck Biser | Sue & Jean Harber |

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



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (August 17) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month.



A Journey of Faith

Our parish's new class for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin Sunday, September 7 following the 8:30 Mass.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, encourage them to attend! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time to meet with Fr. Thomas prior to September 7 if possible.

A video series will be utilized for this educational and reflective journey that all Catholics would enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend the September 7 event to learn more.

NEWS FROM

Assumption Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet this Tuesday, August 19 at 11 a.m. at Queens Point Coffee to discuss and plan upcoming events. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend! And if you can't attend but would like to be involved, please contact president Dianne Smith (304-813-1640).



Knights of Columbus NEWS

The Assumption Council is looking for volunteers to serve as pall bearers when a family is unable to provide them. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Dave Dunn (304-788-0693). You do not need to be a Knight to participate in this ministry!

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 9-10, 2025

Offertory

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Offertory Envelopes | \$2,355 |
| Loose Donations | \$185 |
| Total..... | \$2,540 |

Attendance

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Saturday, 8/9..... | 89 |
| Sunday, 8/10..... | 90 |
| Total..... | 179 |

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken today for the Education of Seminarians in our diocese. A separate basket is available for this appeal.

July Balance Sheet

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Income | \$34,239 |
| Expenses..... | \$30,554 |
| Balance | \$3,685 |

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 23

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: Karen Yowler, Kathy Finnell (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

Sunday, August 24

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Saturday, August 30

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
EMs: John Gustafson, Cathy Pardee (c), Katie Kuhn (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: tbd

Sunday, August 31

Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk
Servers: Mike Landis & Jane Placka
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Nancy Starcher (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: tbd

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 21 Joanne Sticklely
August 28 Pam Williams

