

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023



MATTHEW 18:15-20

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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship (Mt.18:15-20)? If we feel we have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately, to the individual who has done the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon such stubborn and obstinate offenders and treat them like social outcasts.

In Jesus' time, the tax-collectors and gentiles were regarded as outcasts. However, we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors and other public sinners, and ate with them, and even praised them at times! So, Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration.

Readings for Next Sunday,
September 17, 2023
Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Saint of the Week... St. John Chrysostom

John was born in 347 in Antioch, Syria, to a high-ranking military officer and was raised as a Christian by his widowed mother. Although he studied law under the distinguished rhetorician Libanius, he gave up his profession to study theology, ultimately becoming an ascetic hermit-monk.

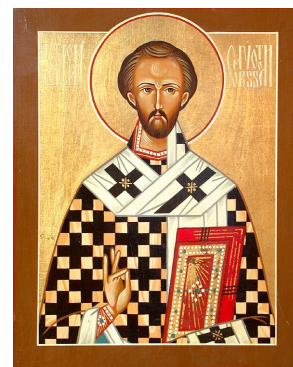
When his health began to suffer, he returned to Antioch and was ordained a deacon in 381 and a priest in 386. Over the next 12 years he established himself as a great preacher. The zeal and clarity of his homilies were so appealing, especially to the common people, that he was given the Greek surname "Chrysostom," meaning "golden mouthed."

John was concerned for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the needy and oppressed and spoke out against the abuse of wealth. In his eloquent, moving and repeated insistence on almsgiving, he taught that what was superfluous to one's reasonable needs should be given away.

In 398 John was called to Constantinople to be its archbishop, much against his will. He gained a large following among the people, but his teachings on the misuse of riches angered the wealthy and influential. He was banished from the city in 403 and was kept in confinement in Armenia. Even in exile, he found it possible to continue corresponding with his supporters, thus maintaining some influence over them. For this he was to be moved to an even more remote place at the eastern end of the Black Sea, but he did not survive the exhausting journey and died in 407 at the age of 60.

St. John Chrysostom is the patron saint of orators, preachers and speakers.

Source: *Britannica.com*



Feast Day: September 13

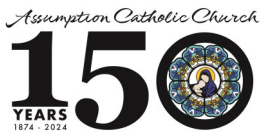
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Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



**Jubilee Celebration Begins
Sunday, September 17!**



**Teaching Mass Series
Starts September 24**

Opening Mass and Parish Picnic

Join us next Sunday, September 17, for the official start of our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration! Our parish family will gather at Brookdale Farm for a special Mass and parish picnic. If you are able to attend, please sign up in the vestibule with the number of people attending and the covered dish you will bring.

Save the date

Parish Trivia Night

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 15, when our parish will host a Trivia Night to benefit our Jubilee celebration!

More details will be shared soon, but start forming your team now! Questions will be from a wide range of subjects.



Aim your phone's camera here for more Jubilee information!

Fr. Giles has graciously agreed to present a Teaching Mass Series as part of our parish celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival. The Eucharist is the heart and soul of our Catholic Faith, yet many of us stopped learning about the Eucharist after we received our First Communion. While appropriate for age 7, our lives have changed and those teachings are no longer sufficient.

Watch for information on "Jesus and the Eucharist," a small group educational series being offered at our parish beginning September 27!

Fr. Giles will make a 10-minute presentation prior to certain parts of the Mass on four dates (both the Vigil and Sunday Masses). More details are included in the flyer you received with the bulletin.

Please join us and if you have a friend or family member who is no longer practicing their faith, bring them with you!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 9	4:00 p.m.	Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
		Soul of Sam Lyons.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, September 10	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts	Carla Masee, Debbie Almos & Annie Montgomery
Monday, September 11	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 12	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 13	5:00 p.m.	The Hoover-Dickel Family.....	St. Thomas Cemetery
		Intentions of Alfred DeMasi.....	The DeMasi Family
Thursday, September 14	12 noon	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Toni Shillingburg	Sheila Golden
Friday, September 15	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Calemine & Circosta Families.....	Carole Rhodes
		Soul of Sam Lyons.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, September 16	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of Rita Grubbs	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, September 17	8:30 a.m.	People of Assumption Parish.....	Assumption Parish

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*, 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)*



ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
63%

If you volunteer in **ANY** role in our parish but haven't completed Safe Environment training in the past year, you are part of the missing 37%! To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

Your Stewardship

September 2-3, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,435
Loose Donations.....	\$1,077
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$504
Total.....	\$4,016

Attendance

Saturday, 9/2.....	66
Sunday, 9/3.....	113
Total.....	179

August Balance Sheet

August Income.....	\$19,337
August Expenses.....	\$18,018
Balance.....	\$1,319



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.

Reminder...

Donations for Local Recovery Facilities

We continue to accept donations for The Stagers Recovery House and Hope Meadows Recovery Complex, both located in Keyser. These facilities offer residential programs for women in recovery from alcohol or drug dependency and are part of Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc. Donations can be shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant and feminine products. Donations can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule through next Sunday.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 16

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Jean Harber (c)
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, September 17

Lector: Don Starcher / Pam Williams
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka, Nick McKenzie
EM: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka (c), David Minnich (c)
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, September 23

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c), Mere Barrick (c)
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, September 24 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
Servers: CCD students
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Tina Stephen (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Julie Alt

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Sept. 14 Dave Dunn
Sept. 21 Pam Williams



Assumption Parish

\$0	\$8,912 (49%) as of today	\$18,280 parish goal
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Our 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign continues. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish! This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our 150th jubilee year which will begin this fall and continue into 2024. To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website below.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate