

Assumption Catholic Church



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



Our Generous
GOD

MATTHEW 20:1-16

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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Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education

Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist

Patrick George, Organist

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job (Mt. 20:1-16). No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a lifetime for him, and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and passion and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

Readings for Next Sunday,

October 1, 2023

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-5

Matthew 21:28-32

Saint of the Week... Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - The Archangels

Angels are messengers from God. Three of the special messengers mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The names of each of these archangels tell us about the work God gave them to do.

Michael's name means "who is like God." God gave Michael the responsibility of protecting us as God protects us.

Gabriel's name means "hero of God." Gabriel is God's hero because he communicates God's message to people. We remember Gabriel best for being the angel who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of God's only Son.

Raphael's name means "God has healed." In the Bible, Raphael heals a blind man and is said to have stirred the water in a pool where Jesus healed a paralyzed man.

On the feast day of the archangels, we remember that God's messengers guide us in our journey to everlasting life with our Father. We can pray to Michael when we face temptation. We can ask Gabriel to help us say "yes" to God as Mary did so many years ago. We can pray to Raphael when we are ill or know someone who is in need of healing.

We honor the archangels as saints. They remind us that God is always with us and loves us so much that he gives us special helpers to light and guide us to him.

Source: saintsresources.com



Feast Day: September 29



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Who Are The Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



How to Become a Saint

We are all called to become saints! Listen to Fr. Josh Johnson of the Diocese of Baton Rouge dive into this call and show that anyone can become a saint when they allow God to transform them.



Sisters of Charity
OF NAZARETH

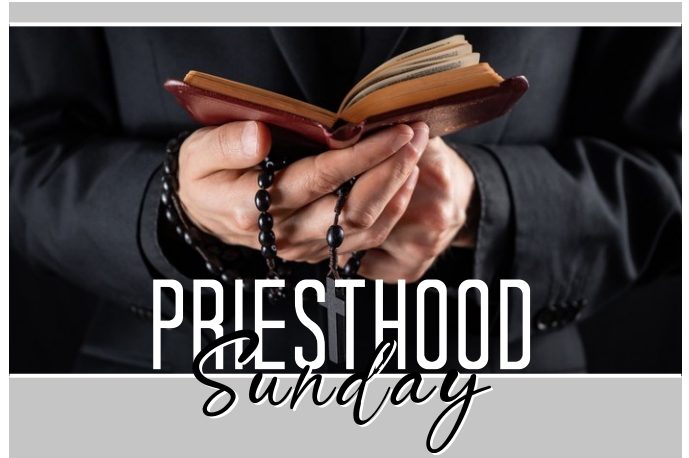
**Mission Appeal
Next Weekend**

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN) have been invited to speak at our parish as part of the annual diocese-wide Missionary Cooperation Plan.

Sister Marian Stenken, SCN will speak at both Masses next weekend, September 30-October 1, on behalf of the SCN ministries which began in the United States in 1812, expanded to India in 1947, Belize in 1975, Nepal in 1979, Botswana in 2000 and Kenya in 2021.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth were founded in Kentucky. Through their ministries of healthcare, education and social service, SCNs carry the message of Christ's love to those who most need help throughout the world.

The Sister will share stories about their ministries here in the U.S. as well as their foreign missions and invite us to be a part of their ongoing commitment by participating through our prayers and financial assistance. A special collection will be taken for their missions. To learn more about the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, visit www.nazareth.org.



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

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 23	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family Soul of Kristen Collodi-Black	Jean Harber Mary Lambert
Sunday, September 24	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon	Assumption Parish
Monday, September 25	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 26	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 27	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Courtney Shook	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, September 28	12 noon	Soul of Barbara Grubbs Intentions of Lynn McQuinn	The Barrick Family Lynn McQuinn
Friday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Jordan Placka	Jane & Doug Placka
Saturday, September 30	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs Intentions of Gina DeMasi	Howard & Karen Barrick The DeMasi Family
Sunday, October 1	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Gwen DeMasi Intentions of Lynn McQuinn	Her Loving Husband & Family Lynn McQuinn

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-Schwillie, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Cooper Shobe, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Mike Staggers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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

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WHO DO WE APPRECIATE?

FR. THOMAS!

Join us for our second annual Pastor Appreciation Dinner as we celebrate and honor Fr. Thomas for his loving service to our parish and all of us!

Hosted by the Ladies Guild, the dinner will be held Thursday, October 12 at the Candlewyck Inn. Social hour will begin at 5:00 and the buffet dinner will begin at 6:00. The meal will include stuffed chicken breast, pork loin, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, tossed salad, rolls and dessert.

If you are able to join us, please purchase a ticket from the Parish Office by October 5. Cost is \$33 (adult) and \$16.50 (child) and includes the buffet, tax and tip.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Jesus and the Eucharist Study Series

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to be a part of "Jesus and the Eucharist," a small group educational series which will provide a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

The sessions will be led by Nancy Starcher, our parish point person for the Revival, along with our parish core team: Charlotte Delilo, Jean Harber, Sue Harber, Rosie Landis and Linda Marsh.

An overview of the entire Jesus and the Eucharist study can be found on the next page. ➡

The first session will be held this Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. The remaining classes will be held each Wednesday evening through November 15 (excluding November 1).



Religious Education CCD Classes Begin Next Sunday!

We are excited to begin a new year of religious education for the young people of our parish! We have 62 students enrolled!

Classes will begin next Sunday, October 1. The first semester schedule was distributed at the parent meeting and is also available on our parish website. Some special dates to remember:

- October 15 Youth Mass / Fr. Giles Teaching Mass
- November 12 Youth Mass / Fr. Giles Teaching Mass
- December 10 Youth Mass / Fr. Giles Teaching Mass
- December 24 Christmas Pageant

As a reminder, classes are held on Sundays immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and conclude at 10:30 a.m.

Parents are also reminded to bring items for your student's class raffle basket by October 8. Those can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule. Thank you!

Let your light shine before others.

MATTHEW 5:16

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday which gives us an opportunity to thank those who have answered the call of sharing God's word with the children of our parish:

Director of Religious Education

Kelley Kuhn

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Rebekah Rhodes

Grades 1 and 2

Jean Harber
Rosie Landis (aid)
Abby Del Signore (student aid)

Grades 3 and 4

Sally Maybury
Celia Cole (student aid)

Grades 5 and 6

Marie Del Signore and Julie Alt
Jane Placka (aid)

Grades 7 and 8

Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury

Grades 9-12

Jeff Kuhn

Youth Group Coordinator

Jill Blacka

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

Every parish across the country is invited to host the Jesus and the Eucharist study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God’s saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7).

Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less.

BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF EACH SESSION:

Session 1: What’s Our Story?

The Bible is the story of God’s love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by his love, and transforms us in his love.

Session 2: Who Is Jesus?

Jesus is both God and man, therefore he reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15) He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

Session 3: Am I Saved?

Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our “yes.”

Session 4: Why a Church?

Jesus didn’t simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into his likeness.

Session 5: God Is With Us

God’s presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus established the Eucharist to give us strength and accompany us at every moment of our earthly journey.

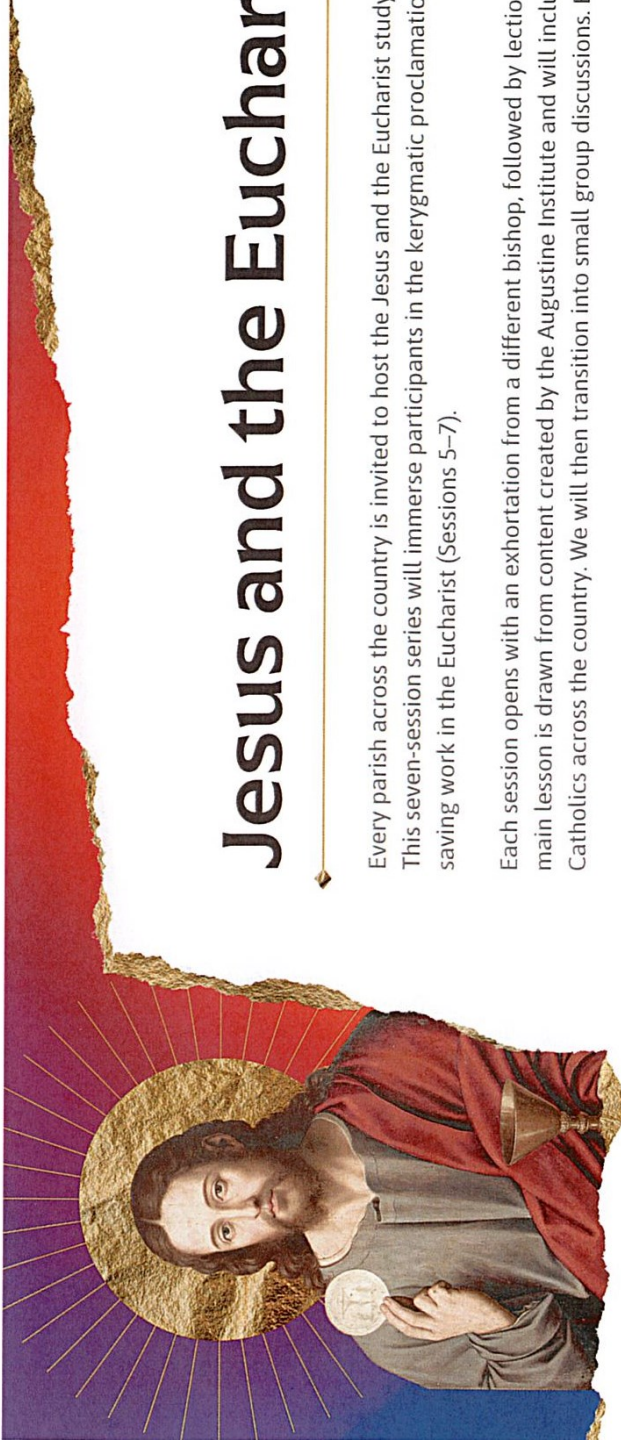
Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist

The story of the Eucharist can be traced throughout Scripture. From Genesis to the present day, this session explores how the Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Through the generosity of our donors, the content of this study is available free of charge. Additionally, we will be providing you with support to help you and your team be successful in hosting this series at your parish. Visit the Parish Point Person Portal at eucharisticrevival.org/parishpointperson to access trainings, invitation templates, and other support materials.



ASSUMPTION PARISH Trivia? NIGHT?

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ONLY!

Join us on Sunday, October 15 at St. Mary's Hall for an evening of fun and fellowship when Assumption Parish hosts a Trivia Night!

Start forming your team now! Gather your friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, in laws, outlaws...anyone who can help your team win! And while there might be a bible question or two, the categories will cover a wide range of topics. You need not be Catholic to participate (or win)!

Cost is \$15 per person at the door which includes pizza, nachos and drinks. Teams can range from 4-6 people. Doors open at 3:30; the competition begins at 4:30.

There will also be tip jars, raffle tickets for a \$500 Sheetz gas/gift card, basket raffles and more! All proceeds benefit our 150th Jubilee Celebration.

While reservations are not required, if you would like to reserve a table please contact Julie Alt (304-790-5950) or Rosie Landis (304-790-4406).

THIS WEEK'S
PRACTICE
QUESTION

Which West Virginia city is known as the "Jewel City?"

Check next week's bulletin for the answer!

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150
YEARS
1874 - 2024



The weather may have been damp but our spirits were not!

Shown here are pictures from last Sunday's Jubilee kick-off event at Brookdale Farm. About 100 parishioners and their families brought their rain jackets and umbrellas to enjoy our first official celebration marking the 150th anniversary of our parish. Special guests included our former associate administrator Fr. Binoy Thomas who traveled all the way from India, and several parishioners from Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney.

We began the afternoon with Fr. Thomas celebrating Mass, and followed with lunch and fellowship. Special thanks to the event chairpersons Tammy Dorsey-Dale and Nancy Starcher, along with all the committee members, who helped to make the day both beautiful and memorable!



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



Get Your Jubilee On!



The Jubilee Fundraising Committee will be selling t-shirts and hats featuring our 150th logo and motto after both Masses this weekend and at Donut Sunday.



A limited number of all items are on hand, but if they don't have your size or style an order form will be available. Shirts come in sizes Adult Small-5X and Youth XS-XL.



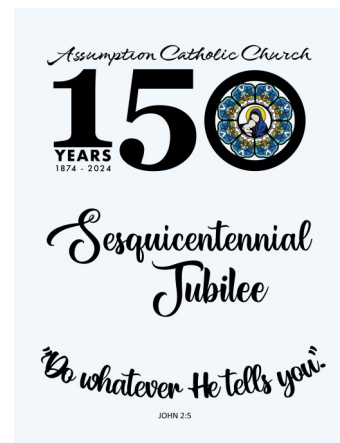
The shirts are \$20 each and the hats are \$15 each. Payment can be cash or check payable to "Assumption Parish."

Also available will be raffle tickets for a \$500 Sheetz gas/gift card. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at the Trivia Night on October 15.

All proceeds from these fundraisers will help offset the costs associated with our ongoing Jubilee events.



We so appreciate the generosity and excitement you've shown to help make all of our fundraising projects successful!





**ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
73%**

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 27%! 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 16-17, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,090
Loose Donations.....	\$711
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$75
Total.....	\$2,876

Attendance

Saturday, 9/16.....	58
Sunday, 9/17.....	37
Sunday, 9/17 @ Brookedale Farm.....	96
Total.....	191

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken today 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.



Knights of Columbus News

Assumption Council has announced their honorees for the month of August:

Art DeMasi has been named Knight of the Month.

Art has been a faithful supporter of the parish for a very long time. He regularly participates in the Rosary when led by the Knights. He also offers to serve at Mass when needed. Congratulations to Art for his lifetime of support and dedication to our parish!

David Webb and his wife Mary Kaye Staggers

have been named Knight Family of the Month. Dave is always there to support Knight activities. He is an avid supporter of youth in our community and was responsible for the set up of the Knights Fishing Derby. Mary Kaye is the leader of a church cleaning team and helps with many other parish activities, as well as being a member of the Ladies Guild.

Congratulations Art and Dave and Mary Kaye!



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (September 24) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month's event.

New Music in the Order of Mass

This weekend we will begin learning new music for the parts of the Mass we sing. "Why are they changing?" you might ask. "I like the ones we're singing now."

It's recommended that Mass settings change between Ordinary Time and other liturgical seasons like Advent, Lent and Easter. So while we will be learning new parts, the ones we currently know and love will come back other times of the year.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in learning these new selections!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 30

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Jean Harber, Eric Hatfield (c), Janet Corley (c)
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Sunday, October 1

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Rosie Landis, Julie Alt (c), Mike Landis (c)
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant
Cantor: Patrick George

Saturday, October 7

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mike Landis (c)
Greeters: Kathy & Tom Finnell
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, October 8

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Nancy Starcher, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)
Greeters: Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk
Cantor: Julie Alt

Stonerise EM

Sept. 28 Joanne Stickley
October 5 Cindy Alt

THE *Last* WILL BE *First*

AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST

MATTHEW 20:16