

Assumption Catholic Church



*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2023**



*Take up your cross and follow me.*

MATTHEW 16:24-26

***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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**Kelli Wittman, Office Manager**

**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: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the way to glory and victory in the kingdom of God? Jesus told his disciples that he must first suffer rejection, be crucified, and then rise again on the third day. In so many words he explained that there could be no victory and no glory without the cross. Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death on the cross caused his disciples great dismay and disbelief. Peter, who was often the first to react to whatever Jesus had to say, wanted to protect Jesus from any threat or harm. That is why he rebuked the very thought of Jesus having to face rejection, condemnation, and crucifixion.

Jesus knew that the cross was the only way he could ransom us from slavery to sin with the price of his blood which was shed for our freedom. Through his sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus defeated Satan who held us in bondage to sin and condemnation. And Jesus defeated the power of death and overcame the grave through his resurrection. His death on the cross, won pardon for the guilty, freedom for the oppressed, healing for the afflicted, and new life for those condemned to death. His death makes possible our freedom to live as the adopted sons and daughters of the merciful Father in heaven. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with His will, then His will must be done! Are we ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
September 10, 2023**  
Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

## Saint of the Week... Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing those events are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. However, an angel revealed to Anne and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

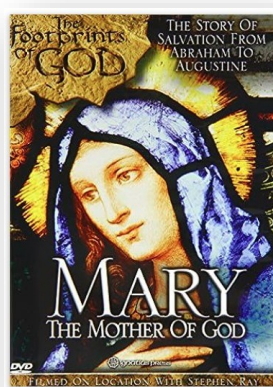
Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

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### **Mary, the Mother of God**

*The Story of Salvation from Abraham to Augustine*

She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more.



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

Join us on 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.

Schedule of Events

- 1:00 Arrival
- 1:30 Mass\*
- @ 2:30 Lunch
- 3:00 Games and more!

*\*The Mass at Brookdale Farm will fulfill your Sunday obligation; however, the 4:00 Vigil Mass and 8:30 Sunday Mass will still be held.*



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

# Happy Labor Day!

*"Come to me, all you  
who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28



## Parish Prayer List

Our parish prayer list is shared each week in both the bulletin and *The Weekly Word* email message, as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it at the bottom of this page. To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 2	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Judy Williams.....	Rebecca & Kay Horan
Sunday, September 3	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Ginny & Tim Newlin.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Gina DeMasi .....	The DeMasi Family
Monday, September 4	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 5	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 6	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased	
		Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
		Soul of Brian Dorsey.....	Tammy Dale
Thursday, September 7	12 noon	Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Dena Turner .....	The DeMasi Family
Friday, September 8	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Bob Melody.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Soul of Ursula Haught .....	Dena Turner
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

*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)*

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

If you volunteer in **ANY** role in our parish but haven't completed Safe Environment training in the past year, you are part of our missing 37%!

**ASSUMPTION PARISH  
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE  
STATUS:  
63%**

**If you received an email on Wednesday, August 30 from the parish with the subject, "Action Required: Safe Environment Compliance," there is at least one segment of the training that you need to complete.**

To access the training, follow the link in the email or visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer. All parishes must achieve 100% compliance by the end of the year. Thank you for your help!

## Your Stewardship

August 26-27, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,145
Loose Donations.....	\$725
Votive Candles .....	\$87
Poor Box .....	\$78
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,035</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 8/26 .....	69
Sunday, 8/27 .....	87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>156</b>



Reminder! Our athletic shoe drive fundraiser is still going on to support activities planned for our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration. To participate, simply donate any gently worn or new sneakers...any size, any condition! Take a look in your closets, collect any athletic shoes you or your children no longer wear, and donate them! Shoes can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Remember, the only shoes that we can accept are athletic shoes.

## CCD Parent Meeting

A new year of religious education will be starting soon, and the first event is a parent meeting next Sunday, September 10, in St. Mary's Hall immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

There are some temporary changes to the schedule this year due to Jubilee events, so it is mandatory that one parent or other adult family member attend this meeting. It will be a short meeting, but full of important information. Registration forms will be available if your child is not already registered.

**Special Note for Parents of Seniors:** please bring your senior student with you to the meeting! Other students are welcome but not required to attend.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, September 9

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber  
EM: Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)  
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, September 10

Lector: Mike Landis  
Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek  
EM: Julie Alt, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka  
Cantor: Patrick George

### 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

### Stonerise EM

Sept. 7 Stacey Rhodes  
Sept. 14 Dave Dunn



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.