



# Assumption Catholic Church

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*May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ To The World!*

***Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**October 4, 2020**



**The kingdom of God  
will be taken away  
from you and given  
to a people that will  
produce its fruit.**

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

*Mass registration is currently required*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the message of the parable of the vineyard (Mt.21:33-43)? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent.

Why did this parable cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise, trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end. Let us pray today: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits which you have given us. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly, and live according to your holy will.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

**October 11, 2020**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-10

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## Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - October 7

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7, was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam.

Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "Help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen.

In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity.

Source: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)



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*October...Month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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*NOTE: There will be no weekday Masses on October 7, 8 and 9. Mass intentions for these days will be satisfied at the Masses Fr. Thomas offers on those days during the Diocesan priest retreat.*



May God bless our CCD students, parents and teachers as we begin a new year of religious education! Classes begin virtually this Sunday, October 4.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, October 3**

4:00 p.m. - Herman Wise †

**Sunday, October 4**

8:30 a.m. - Joe Balassone †

**Monday, October 5**

No Mass

**Tuesday, October 6**

No Mass

**Wednesday, October 7**

No Mass - James DeMasi †

**Thursday, October 8**

No Mass - Deceased Members of the Hoover & Dickel Families

**Friday, October 9**

No Mass - Harold Travis †

**Saturday, October 10**

4:00 p.m. - Carrie Barrick's Intentions

**Sunday, October 11**

8:30 a.m. - Deceased Members of K of C Council 10545

**Participants Needed for Vicariate Pastoral Council**

Two persons from our parish are needed to represent us on the Vicariate Pastoral Council. That council will be made up of representatives from all parishes in the Martinsburg Vicariate. From that council, three people will be selected to represent the Vicariate on the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for this role, please contact the Parish Office.

**Upcoming Lector/Cantor Schedule**

- Saturday, October 10 .....Alan Taylor (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)
- Sunday, October 11 .....John Bogdan (L)  
Julie Alt (C)
- Saturday, October 17 .....Celia Cole (L)  
Anita Tetreault (C)
- Sunday, October 18 .....Mike Landis (L)  
Nancy Starcher (C)
- Saturday, October 24 .....Kenny Brant (L)  
Linda Marsh (C)
- Sunday, October 25 .....Alan Taylor (L)  
Julie Alt (C)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement.*

**Collections & Attendance:**

**Week Ending September 27, 2020**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,320
Loose Donations.....	\$1,157
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,477</b>

**Diocesan Collections..... \$458**

Saturday Attendance .....	34
Sunday Attendance .....	37
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>71</b>





The Knights of Columbus Council 10545 held an "Adopt A Highway" clean-up along Harley O. Staggers Sr. Drive in Keyser last Saturday. Shown here are the Knights who participated: (left to right) Denny Dolechek, Alan Taylor, Kenny Brant, Bill Smith IV, Tony Taylor, Paul Bogdan, John Bogdan, and Mike Fleming. Not shown is Charles Hartman.



We thank the Knights for all the ways they support our parish and community!

## Upcoming Sacraments Course

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has partnered with Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer internet-based, distance-learning programs that support both catechists and those seeking to deepen their faith.

The upcoming five-week course will run from October 18 through November 21 and is a look at the history and theology of the sacraments. Beginning with a look at the Liturgy, we will then explore Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation (the sacraments of Initiation). We will then look at the sacraments of healing, that is, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Finally, we will examine the sacraments of communion, also known as the Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

This course is a hybrid model. It is composed of both weekly live two-hour Zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences.

This course is underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoiciu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) with your name, address, and phone number. The last day to register is Friday, October 16.



## Fun Facts About October

- The name "October" is derived from the word "octo," Latin for eight, because in the Roman calendar it was the eighth month.
- October ends on the same day of the week as February every year.
- More U.S. presidents were born in October than any other month; only five first ladies were born in October.
- People born in October fall under the zodiac signs Libra and Scorpio.
- The birthstone for October is the pink tourmaline and the opal; the traditional flower for October is the marigold.
- Special occasions in October include Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Fire Prevention Week (week of 10/4), Columbus Day (10/12), National Boss's Day (10/16) and Halloween (10/31).



O Lord, God of hosts, restore us;  
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

Psalm 80