



Assumption Catholic Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025



*The one who
humbles himself
will be exalted.*

Luke 18:14

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

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (Proverbs 3:34). Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer (Luke 18:9-14). Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. He does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge God's mercy and saving grace. I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit (Isaiah 57:15). God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do we humbly seek God's mercy and do we show mercy to others, especially those we find difficult to love and to forgive?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
November 2, 2025**
Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saints of the Week... Sts. Simon and Jude

The togetherness of Saints Simon the Zealot and Jude Thaddeus was destined to be: both apostles preached the words of God in Persia. Perhaps they listened to the teachings of Jesus side by side. In the listing of apostles in the New Testament, their names always followed each other.

Simon, who was born in Cana, Galilee, is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. In their desire for a free and independent Jewish state, Zealots refused to pay taxes.

Jude is named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels except where all the apostles are mentioned. Jude actually had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Jude, which means "God be praised," was the son of Alphaeus and Clopas, the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jude's brother was James the Less, also an apostle.

St. Simon is the patron saint of couriers, tanners and sawyers. St. Jude is the patron saint of impossible cases.

Sources: franciscanmedia.org and businessmirror.com



Feast Day: October 28



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, 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, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Rhonda Martin, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, 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, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis.

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

All Souls Day Remembrances

Our parish will remember our lost loved ones in several ways on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November:

All Souls Day Remembrances

Extra "All Souls Remembrance" forms are available in the Vestibule if you missed them last week. Please list those family members and friends whom you want to be remembered at Masses during the month of November and drop them in the offertory basket.

Photos of Deceased Loved Ones

Submit photos of your deceased loved ones to be included on a display in the church. Photos can be submitted to the Parish Office in person or by email or dropped in the offertory basket by tomorrow, 10/27.

Memorial Candles

Personalized memorial candles can be purchased that will be lit in your loved ones' memory in the Sanctuary throughout the month of November. The candle will then be yours to keep. Cost is \$5 per candle; envelopes are located in the Vestibule (cash or check payable to Assumption Church).

Welcome!



Our parish welcomed sweet Barrett Kreed Cameron through the Sacrament of Baptism last week! Shown here with Fr. Thomas are godfather Colton Brafford, parents Caitlin & Josh Cameron, and godmother Nyssa Smith.

We offer our prayers to Barrett and his family and look forward to helping him grow in his faith!

You are a **Child of God**
You are *wonderfully* made,
dearly loved, and *precious*
in **His** sight.

- Psalm 139

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 25	4:00 pm	Soul of Ron Willis	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Soul of Brian Alt	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Soul of Lance Lupis	Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner
Sunday, October 26	8:30 am	Soul of Krista Taylor	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon	Assumption Parish
Monday, October 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 29	5:00 pm	Intentions of Bob Harman	Linda Marsh
Thursday, October 30	12:00 pm	Intentions Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco & Margaret McGee	S&J
Friday, October 31	9:00 am	Soul of Todd Myers	Margaret McGee
Saturday, November 1	10:00 am	Mass at Keyser Healthcare Center Residents of Keyser Healthcare Center	Assumption Parish
	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		Deceased Members of the Barrick & Travis families	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, November 2	8:30 am	Intentions of Deacon Larry	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Soul of Helen Fitzwater	Mike & Robin McDowell
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas	Mike & Joanne Stickley

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

Thank You from Deacon Larry

Dear Assumption Family,

I am very touched and humbled by your love as you celebrated my 90th birthday on October 11th.

Thank you for accepting me over these past years.

May our loving Lord continue to sustain and protect you!

With Peace and Joy, Larry

Pie Orders Due October 31!

The Ladies Guild pie sale fundraiser closes this Friday, October 31. Order forms are available in the Vestibule and payment can be dropped in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office.

A variety of pie flavors, as well as pumpkin rolls, are available. All items are \$15 each. Pick up date is Tuesday, November 11 from 4-6 pm at St. Mary's Hall.

Your Faithful Stewardship

October 18-19, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,390
Loose Donations.....	\$1,012
Total.....	\$4,402

Diocesan Collection

World Mission Sunday	\$667
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Attendance

Saturday, 10/18.....	68
Sunday, 10/19.....	133
Total.....	201

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The Ladies Guild is proud to host a breakfast honoring the veterans of our parish and their families! The event will be held on Sunday, November 9 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Invitations have been mailed.

If you are a veteran but did not receive an invitation, please contact the Parish Office so we can include you in this and future events!

Donations of Sweet Potatoes

The Faith in Action Food Pantry will be preparing 300 Thanksgiving food boxes for local families in need. Our church has been asked to donate canned sweet potatoes (any brand). Please help us help our neighbors! Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office. Thank you!



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, November 1

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis & Harper Newlin
EMs: Bill Lupis, Alan Taylor (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, November 2

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis
EMs: Mike Landis, Tina Stephen (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Saturday, November 8

Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Rosie Landis and John & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: TBD, TBD (c), Norma Clark (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, November 9

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EMs: Jane Placka, Pam Williams (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

October 30 Pam Williams
November 6 Mere Barrick



Assumption Parish

\$0	\$13,003 (71%) as of today	\$18,400 parish goal
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Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish! Return the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website listed below, or drop a check made payable to "Catholic Sharing Appeal" in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

**DON'T FORGET
TO FALL BACK!
November 2, 2025**

