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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Assumption Catholic Church

150
YEARS
1874 - 2024



Do Whatever He Tells You. JOHN 2:5



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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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: The Jubilee Year

In Scripture, we see the Israelites emphasize certain days of the week, certain holidays and observances throughout the year, and even certain years (Exodus 20:8-11). The Year of Jubilee, which came every 50th year, was a year full of releasing people from their debts, releasing all slaves, and returning property to those who owned it (Leviticus 25:1-13). This year was also dedicated to rest. During this year, the Israelites were not supposed to reap or harvest; it was a time for people to return to their families and loved ones.

During the Day of Atonement (Numbers 36:4), blowing a ram's horn would indicate the start of the year of Jubilee. So why did this happen during the fiftieth year? The Bible places a special emphasis on the number 7. After all, there are seven days in a week, and the seventh day is supposed to be the Sabbath, a day dedicated to rest and worship: $7 \times 7 = 49$ years. So, after seven years of Sabbaths, we reach the 50th year. A year dedicated to rest, the restoration of property, and freeing people from debts, servitude, and slavery.

It is important to note that God owns everything. Anything he has given to us, such as resources, crops, etc., belongs to him. Therefore, the Israelites would dedicate this year of rest to him, acknowledging that God would provide for their needs. From a practical standpoint, it also makes sense in terms of the land. Vegetation won't grow if people overwork the land. Therefore, by instituting years of rest, the land has time to recover and produce a bountiful harvest in future years to come. In fact, the Israelites went into captivity because they didn't observe these resting years (Leviticus 26). Because they didn't trust that God would provide, and dedicate time to resting, they reaped the consequences. God also instituted the Year of Jubilee as a foreshadowing for his future work on the cross. Jesus relieves us of all spiritual debts and our slavery to sin by His death and Resurrection. We are freed from both and can commune with our heavenly family.

This matters because God takes rest seriously. He doesn't want his people to make work an idol, thinking that if they plant and harvest enough, they can provide for their needs on their own. In the same way, he wants us to dedicate time to step away from the computer and spend time in worship instead. Sometimes this looks like dedicating a specific day to God or a 24-hour period. Other times it looks like avoiding email or the computer for a day to spend our time focusing on God instead of worrying about the next paycheck. No matter what rest looks like, God wants us to trust him each week, each month, and each year.

Although we can't celebrate a year of Jubilee as non-Israelites in modern society, we can dedicate our year to the Lord. We can find times to rest, forgive others of their moral debts (however they have wronged us), and let God move so we don't overwork ourselves. And we can remember that through Jesus' work on the cross, we can have the chance to experience an eternal Jubilee in heaven. I wish you all a Happy Jubilee Year!

Readings for Next Sunday, September 24, 2023

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Our Jubilee Prayer

Most generous and merciful Father, we thank you for 150 years of grace and blessings upon Assumption Parish and its faithful people, both past and present.

In this year of jubilee, we ask you to rekindle in our hearts the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, to enlighten our minds with your Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hands for your service.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of our parish, hear our prayers and aid us on our journey to the kingdom where you live and reign Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Our Jubilee Begins!

Our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration officially begins this weekend! Some reminders for those attending the Mass and picnic at Brookdale Farm on Sunday:

- Please arrive at 1 p.m. so that vehicle unloading and parking can be complete before Mass begins at 1:30 p.m.
- Each family is asked to bring a covered dish to share and drinks for your own family. Fried chicken will be provided.
- Activities will be available that will require a wrist band at no cost to our families.
- The address is 369 Georges Run Road, Keyser.



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



Jesus & the Eucharist Study

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.

Each session will be full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from bishops across the country. The sessions will be led by Nancy Starcher who is our parish point person for the Revival, along with members of our parish core team. **The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall.** Please join us!

First Teaching Mass Postponed

The first Teaching Mass announced last week is being postponed due to a scheduling conflict with Fr. Giles. A new schedule will be shared as soon as its available.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
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
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Monday, September 18	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 19	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 20	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Joseph W. Willis	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Sandra Dorsey Kirtley	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, September 21	12 noon	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
Friday, September 22	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Harry Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Intentions of Dena Turner	The DeMasi Family
Saturday, September 23	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family	Jean Harber
		Soul of Kristen Collodi-Black.....	Mary Lambert
Sunday, September 24	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	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.

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**ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
69%**

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 31%! 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 9-10, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,501
Loose Donations.....	\$705
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$100
Poor Box.....	\$215
Votive Candles.....	\$83
Total.....	\$3,604

Attendance

Saturday, 9/9.....	72
Sunday, 9/10.....	104
Total.....	176

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next Sunday 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.



The Assumption-Grace Youth Group will start its 2023-24 season on Sunday, September 24, from 4:30-6 p.m. at Grace Church. There will be dinner, an activity, and information on upcoming fall events. The Youth Group is open to all CCD students in grades 5-12, and you're welcome to bring a friend!



*May your blessings be as countless
as the autumn leaves.
Autumn begins September 23*



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next 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.

Seeking Nominations for Diocesan Pastoral Council

In 2020, Bishop Brennan established a Diocesan Pastoral Council which gives the laity of the Diocese a voice in developing pastoral priorities, initiatives and plans to further the mission of Christ within the Diocese. Since the Council was starting anew at that time, staggered terms were assigned to the first members.

We are now at the point where we need to form new Vicariate Councils who will then elect new representation to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Therefore, each parish within the Vicariate will elect two parishioners from which those three representatives will be chosen.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for the council or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office by September 27.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 23

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis
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: CCD students
Cantor: Julie Alt

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

Stonerise EM

Sept. 21 Pam Williams
Sept. 28 Joanne Stickley