

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

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

MATTHEW 11:28



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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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "little children" in the sense that they see purely and simply without any pretense or falsehood. They instinctively recognize their utter dependence and reliance on others - especially those who can teach and form them to live strong, healthy and mature. No one can grow in wisdom and maturity unless they are willing to be taught and formed in how to live wisely and to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood.

True humility frees us to pursue what is good, right, holy, and true. Scripture tells us that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6). Only the humble in heart can receive the wisdom which comes from God and the understanding of God's perfect goodness and plan for our lives. Do we acknowledge our utter dependence on God and do we trust him with our whole heart, mind, and being? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, give me the child-like simplicity and purity of faith to gaze upon your face with joy and confidence in your all-merciful love. Remove every doubt, fear, and proud thought which would hinder me from receiving your word with trust and humble submission.

**Readings for Next Sunday,
July 16, 2023**
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Saint of the Week ... St. Maria Goretti

Maria was born in Italy in 1890. As the daughter of a poor tenant farmer, she had no chance to go to school and never learned to read or write. On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by her simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her attacker, and her devout welcoming of her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly, until one night he dreamt of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to Maria grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she became the youngest saint to be canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the crowd in attendance and cried tears of joy.

St. Maria Goretti's feast day is celebrated on July 6, the date of her death. She is the patron saint of chastity, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: July 6



Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights of her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

There are multiple videos available on the life of Maria Goretti. Simply log in to FORMED and enter "Maria Goretti" in the search bar!

Visit
SIGNUP.FORMED.ORG
and start watching
for free today!

Jubilee Raffle Continues



The Jubilee raffle of this beautiful handmade floral grapevine cross continues this weekend! A donation of any amount gives you a chance to win the cross. Members of the Fundraising Committee will be available after both Masses to accept your donations. The winner will be drawn at the next fund raiser which is a hot dog

sale on July 15.

Jubilee Hot Dog Sale

The Jubilee Fundraising Committee will be holding a hot dog sale on Saturday, July 15 following the 4:00 Mass in St. Mary's Hall. Hot dogs with toppings of your choice, chips, soda and bottled water will be available for a free will offering. Eat in or take out. Some beautiful handmade jewelry will also be available for purchase!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Letters were recently sent to several parishioners requesting their participation on a Core Team for the Eucharistic Revival. Few have accepted this invitation to participate. If you received a letter and have forgotten to respond, there is still time to join! We need active members to explain the Revival and coordinate planned activities. Little time is required after an initial organizational meeting. Please consider joining our team by calling or emailing the Parish Office by Tuesday, July 11. If you did not receive a letter and would like more information about the Core Team, call or see Nancy Starcher, our Parish Point Person for the revival.

CPR Class Rescheduled



The CPR class scheduled for this Sunday has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 8	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Larry Demasi	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Bob Harman.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 9	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Mike & Rosie Landis.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Monday, July 10	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 11	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 12	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Nancy Starcher	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, July 13	12 noon	Intentions of Jean Harber	The DeMasi Family
Friday, July 14	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased	
		Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Saturday, July 15	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Lorenzo Grubbs	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 16	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Rosie Landis.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

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, 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, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon,

Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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



**ASSUMPTION PARISH
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE
STATUS:
53%**

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 47%!

To access the training, visit virtusonline.org. Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (July 16) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month's event.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 15

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Bill Lupis, Mary Wagoner (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Sunday, July 16

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Nancy Starcher, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
Cantor: Julie Alt

Saturday, July 22

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Mere Barrick, Norma Clark (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, July 23

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie
EM: Dave Minnich, Jane Placka (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
Cantor: Linda Marsh

Stonerise EM

July 13 Cindy Alt
July 20 Mere Barrick

Farewell Reception for Fr. Paul

Fr. Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, CST will be permanently returning home to India later this month. He will celebrate Mass at Our Lady Of Grace Church in Romney on Tuesday, July 18 at 12 noon and a reception will follow the Mass. Our Lady of Grace has kindly invited Assumption parishioners who would like to say farewell to Fr. Paul. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the vestibule or contact the Assumption Parish Office by July 12.

Your Stewardship

July 1-2, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes \$3,751
Loose Donations..... \$897
Total \$4,648

Attendance

Saturday, 7/1..... 92
Sunday, 7/2..... 81
Total 173

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. All funds collected will be divided equally between these two appeals. For more information, visit usccb.org/cc or usccb.org/cchd.

June Balance Sheet

June Income.....\$16,202
June Expenses.....\$11,917
Balance..... \$4,285

Prayer for Travelers

The season of summer brings with it the opportunity for trips and vacations. As so many of our parish family and friends take some time away for rest and relaxation, we offer this prayer for them as they travel.

*Almighty and merciful God,
who has commissioned your angels
to guide and protect us,
may they be our companions
from our setting out until our return.
Clothe us with their invisible protection;
keep from us all danger of collision,
of fire, of explosion, of falling;
and finally, having preserved us
from all evil, and especially from sin,
guide us to our heavenly home. Amen.*

