

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord***

***August 6, 2023***



*This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.*

MATTHEW 17:1-9

***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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**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: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Before His transfiguration, in St. Luke's gospel we read: "While he was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white." In other words, He prayed. By means of prayer, Jesus is glorified and His appearance changes. Prayer transforms and changes us. When we pray, we cannot live a life of revenge, jealousy or anger. Prayer will certainly change our hearts and our outlook in life. We become holy through our prayers. Prayer helps us to become more loving and wiser. Through prayer we come closer to God. Prayer gives us strength to go on with our life.

We may feel that we are not alone because God is with us. Prayer makes us move on. Meeting God in prayer is important. If our prayer does not change us anymore, reflect for a moment, what is wrong with my prayer. So, let us listen to Jesus, the transfigured one, in prayer and follow faithfully and religiously as transfigured people of God. Praying is not trying to get God on our side, but making sure that we are on God's side, and bring us closer to Him who lives within our heart.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

**August 13, 2023**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

## Saint of the Week... Saint Lawrence

St. Lawrence is another saint about whom almost nothing is known, but is one who has received extraordinary honor in the Church since the 4th century. We know almost nothing, yet the greatest fact of his life is certain: he died for Christ.

Lawrence was a Roman deacon, charged with responsibility for the material goods of the Church and distribution of alms to the poor. According to legend, when Lawrence knew he would be arrested, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence and said, "I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures; the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with him - only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words."

Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church."

The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it, and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

St. Lawrence's Feast is celebrated on August 10, the date of his death. He is the patron saint of cooks, deacons, and the poor.

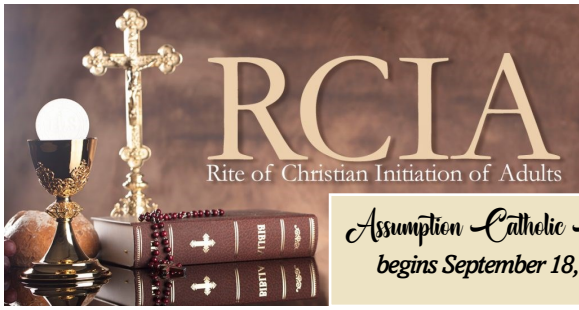
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Feast Day: August 10



**The Lord is King,  
the Most High over all the Earth.** PSALM 97



*Assumption Catholic Church  
begins September 18, 2023*

Our parish will be offering RCIA classes—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—beginning this fall!

The classes will be open to anyone, already Catholic or not yet Catholic, who would like to learn more about the faith. For non-Catholics, this is the process through which you can enter the Church.

Nancy Starcher has graciously answered the call to be the catechist for this RCIA process. An informational session will be held after Mass on Sunday, August 13. If you or someone you know may be interested, please come to the meeting. If you have questions beforehand, contact Nancy at 304-813-0313.

**IMPORTANT!**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE A  
PARISH REGISTRATION FORM**

As we approach the start of our Jubilee year and all the events and communications included with it, we want to ensure everyone is officially registered with the parish and that we have current and correct information. Even if you have been a parishioner here your whole life, please complete a new form!

Registration forms are available from the greeters or in the vestibule. Completed forms can be left in the tray also located in the vestibule. Each family should complete a form; children age 18 or older should complete a separate form. Please return all forms by Sunday, August 20. Thank you!



**Jubilee Kick-Off Mass and Picnic  
Sunday, September 17, 2023  
Brookedale Farm  
More details coming soon!**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, August 5	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, August 6	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill
		Soul of Don Starcher .....	Nancy Starcher
		Soul of Carol DeSignore.....	The DeSignore Family
		Intentions of Art DeMasi.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Monday, August 7	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 8	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 9	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Sauer .....	K of C Council 10545
		Soul of Janice Youngblood .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, August 10	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		The Harber Family .....	Jean Harber
Friday, August 11	9:00 a.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Deacon Larry Hammel .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Saturday, August 12	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Peter Centofonti .....	Barbara Centofonti
		Intentions of Brent & Meredythe Barrick .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, August 13	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Jane & Charles House.....	The House Family

*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, 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)*

# Your Stewardship

July 29-30, 2023

## Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,185
Loose Donations.....	\$1,917
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,102</b>

## Attendance

Saturday, 7/29.....	65
Sunday, 7/30.....	97
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>162</b>

thank you!



Congratulations to **Celia Cole** for placing 3rd this week at the Microsoft Office Specialist World Competition! She qualified by placing first in the National Competition held earlier this summer. Celia is the daughter of

Jenny & John Cole and the granddaughter of Jim & Cindy Alt.



## Baby Bottles are Missing!

We are missing many of the baby bottles that were distributed this spring to raise money for the James Isaac House, a crisis pregnancy center in Keyser. If you still have yours, please return it to the vestibule or the Parish Office by Sunday, August 20. Thank you!

# One Million ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE  
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



Visit [dwc.org/onemillionrosaries](http://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries) to make a pledge and discover additional resources such as free apps, prayer cards, guides, coloring pages, and more.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, August 12

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Alan Taylor, Bill Lupis (c), Mary Wagoner (c)  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, August 13

Lector: John Bogdan  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Charlotte Delilo, Nancy Starcher (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Greeters: Michael & Sonja Stanislawczyk  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher

### Saturday, August 19

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber  
EM: Eric Hatfield, Mere Barrick (c), Janet Corley (c)  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher

### Sunday, August 20

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Rosie Landis, Tina Stephen (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Stonerise EM

August 10 Pam Williams  
August 17 Joanne Stickley

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.