



Assumption Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

JESUS SAID
“GO AND
LIKewise”

LUKE 10:37



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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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told a parable (Luke 10:25-37) to show how wide God's love and mercy is towards every fellow human being. Jesus' story of a brutal highway robbery was all too familiar to his audience. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho went through a narrow winding valley surrounded by steep rocky cliffs. Many wealthy Jews from Jerusalem had winter homes in Jericho. This narrow highway was dangerous and notorious for its robbers who could easily trap their victim and escape into the hills. No one in his right mind would think of traveling through this dangerous highway alone. However, why did the religious leaders refuse to give any help when they saw a half-dead victim lying by the roadside? Didn't they recognize that this victim was their neighbor? And why did a Samaritan, an outsider who was despised by the Jews, treat this victim with special care at his own expense as he would care for his own family? Jesus makes the despised Samaritan, the merciful one as an example for the status conscious Jews.

What does Jesus' story tell us about true love for one's neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second, our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus showed us the depths of God's love and compassion, by sharing in our suffering and by offering his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins upon the cross. Are we ready to embrace the cross of Christ, to suffer for His sake, and to spend our time and energy out of love for our neighbor?

Readings for Next Sunday,

July 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

Saint of the Week... St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint, was born in 1656. Her name is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.

Kateri contracted smallpox at the age of four which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth; she was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Her entire family died during the smallpox outbreak, so Kateri was raised by her uncle, a Mohawk chief.



Feast Day: July 14

Kateri was known as a skilled, diligent and patient worker. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to marry. At age 19, she converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her parents and neighbors. Some started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community.

Kateri was known for her steadfast devotion. She would often put thorns on her sleeping mat. She also fasted frequently, and when she did eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. In addition to being devout, she was also very sickly, and her practices of self-mortification and denial did not help her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

Source: catholic.org



Chuck & Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, 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, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, 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, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

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



**ASSUMPTION PARISH
COMPLIANCE STATUS:
87%**

If you are a volunteer in ANY role and have not viewed a Safe Environment video in more than a year, please log in to your account to become compliant!

www.virtusonline.org



**Diocese of
Kumbakonam**

Welcome!

**We welcome Fr. John Kennedy
back to Assumption Parish!**

Fr. Kennedy is with us this weekend as part of our Diocese's annual mission cooperative program which allows pre-assigned missions to visit parishes throughout the state to help support their important programs.

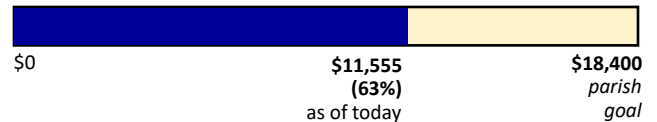
Fr. Kennedy will be sharing with us the mission activities of the Diocese of Kumbakonam in India. Nearly all of their projects depend solely on donations from this mission program. Please prayerfully consider a donation to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ and the important work the Diocese of Kumbakonam is doing. Checks should be made payable to Assumption Parish with "Mission Appeal" noted in the memo. A separate basket is available.

Parish Office Hours Week of July 14

The Parish Office hours for the week of July 14 will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12. Kathy Finnell will be covering the office while Kelli is on vacation.



Assumption Parish



We are already past the 50% mark, so that means all future donations come back to our parish! Please return the pledge card you received in the mail or visit the CSA website listed below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 12	4:00 pm	Soul of John T. Dorsey Sr.....	Mary Lambert
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
		Intentions of Rosie Landis	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, July 13	8:30 am	Soul of Dr. Robert McCoy.....	Frances Rosedale
Monday, July 14	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 15	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 16	5:00 pm	Intentions of Elizabeth Golden Anastasia	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Thursday, July 17	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of the Daily Mass Prayer Warriors	Anonymous
Friday, July 18	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Barrick & Travis families	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, July 19	4:00 pm	Soul of Donald Wagoner	Mary Wagoner
		Soul of Brian Alt.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		The Delilo, DiCesare & Felice families	Palma & Dino Devic
Sunday, July 20	8:30 am	Soul of Linda Lupis	Howard & Karen Barrick
		The Wise & Calemine Families	Jean Harber

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

Your Faithful Stewardship

July 5-6, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$4,115
Loose Donations	\$747
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$25
Votive Candles	\$314
Poor Box	\$464
Total.....	\$5,665

Diocesan Collection

WV Flood Relief	\$1,039
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Attendance

Saturday, 7/5.....	103
Sunday, 7/6.....	105
Total.....	208

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend to support the Catholic Communications Campaign and the Campaign for Human Development.

June Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$18,938
Expenses.....	\$11,723
Balance	\$7,215



Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (July 20) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 19

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II
EMs: Bill Lupis, Alan Taylor (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, July 20

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
EMs: Mike Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, July 26

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Norma Clark, Karen Yowler (c), Kathy Finnell (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, July 27

Lector: Michael Stanislawczyk
Servers: Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie & Pippa Dolechek
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Dave Minnich (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

July 17 Meredythe Barrick
July 24 Cindy Alt

Charles Town, WV Retreat

with

Immaculée

JULY 25-26, 2025
ST. JAMES THE GREATER



49 Crosswinds Dr.
Charles Town, WV 25414

Friday, July 25, 2025

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration/Fellowship
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Retreat Begins / Session 1
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Break/Book Signing
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Session 2/7 Sorrows Rosary

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Mass
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Session 3/Procession to Mary
(Bring Flower from Home for Consecration to Mary)
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Break/Book Signing
11:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Session 4
12:30 p.m. - Retreat Ends

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Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process.