



Assumption Catholic Church

34 James Street, Keyser, WV 26726

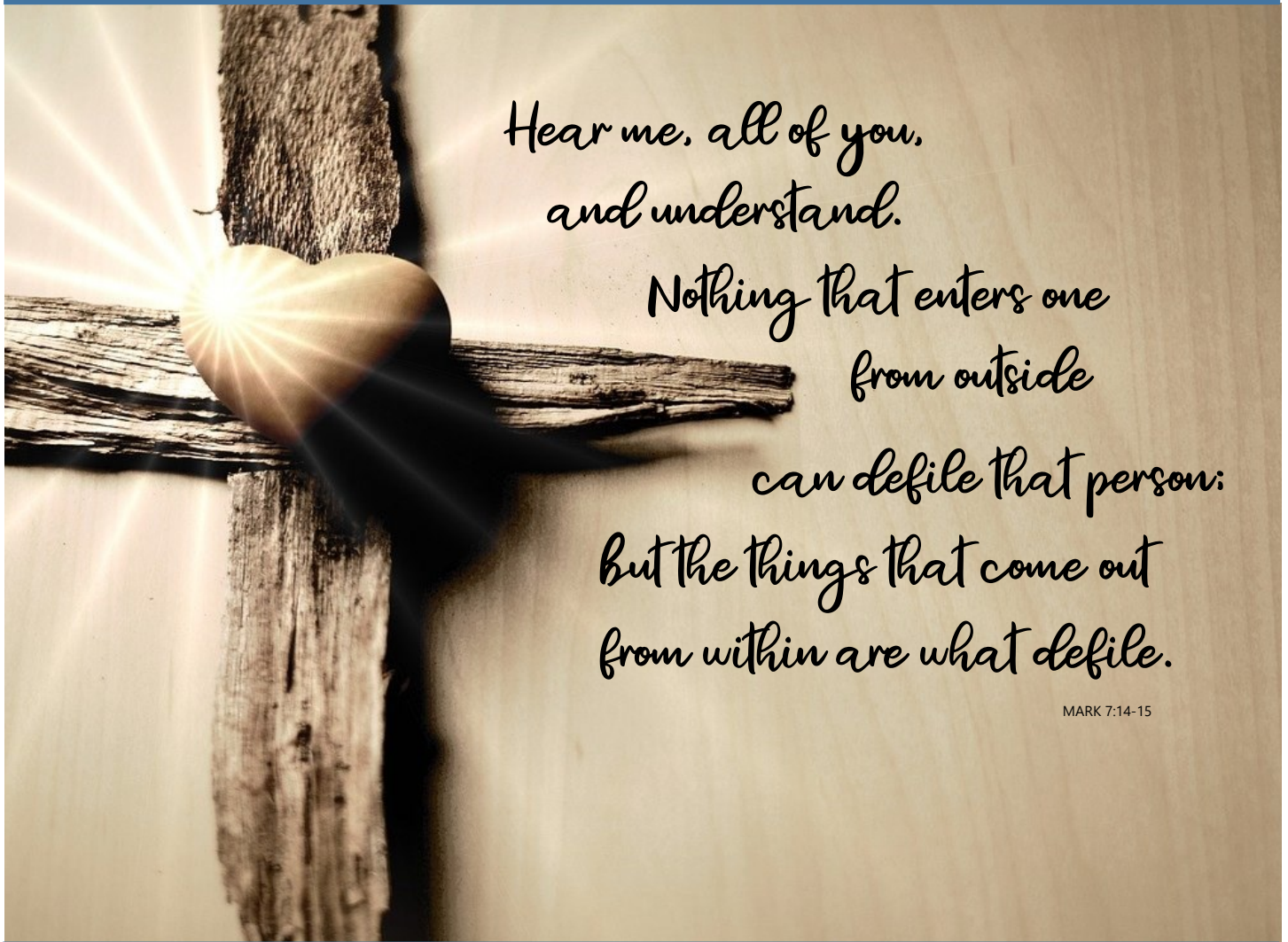
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024



*Hear me, all of you,
and understand.*

*Nothing that enters one
from outside*

*can defile that person:
but the things that come out
from within are what defile.*

MARK 7:14-15

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, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive. Do we allow any sinful desires to enter the door of our heart and mind? Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enable us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do we believe in the power of God's love to change and transform our hearts?

Readings for Next Sunday, September 8, 2024

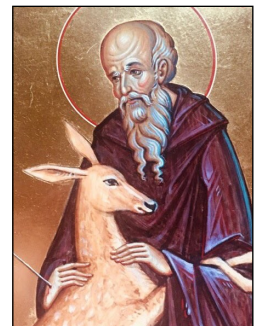
Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Saint of the Week... St. Giles

While there is not much known about St. Giles, he was a popular saint during the Middle Ages. Born in the seventh century somewhere in southeastern France, he is said to have longed for solitude. He sought this solitude in the woods where according to some stories his sole companion was a deer.

Discovered out as a holy man and while not giving up his solitude allowed for several companions to join him in a monastery he founded. Many pilgrims stopped there enroute to Compostela in Spain as well as the Holy Land.

Throughout England, various hospitals and churches were dedicated to St. Giles. There is also a section of Brussels that is named after him. He is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, a source for those suffering from epilepsy, mental illness and nightmares, and for a good confession. He is commonly depicted with a deer.



Feast Day: Sept. 1

Source: catholicsaintmedals.com



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Steve Brill, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*,

Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Jeremy Taylor, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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





First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, September 6. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



Labor Day Mass

Monday, September 2, 2024
9 a.m.
St. Thomas Cemetery

Please bring your own chair. In case of rain, Mass will be held at the church.



Message from Fr. Giles

Congratulations to all of the wonderful members of Assumption Parish on your Sesquicentennial

Jubilee! I apologize that I was unexpectedly unable to join you at the Jubilee Mass and finale celebration, but know that I am always with you in spirit. Congratulations again on such a wonderful accomplishment and year of excellent celebration!



Ordination Anniversary Party for Fr. Giles

A reminder of the 40th Ordination Anniversary party for Fr. Giles on Sunday, October 6 at 12:30 the South Branch Inn in Romney. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Vestibule between now and September 15.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 31	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi.....	Their Loving Family
		Intentions of Jeremy Taylor	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Sunday, September 1	8:30 am	Souls of Ginny & Tim Newlin	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Linda Davis-Kyle	Mike & Joanne Stickley
<i>Labor Day, Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery</i>			
Monday, September 2	9:00 am	People of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, September 3	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 4	5:00 pm	Soul of Angela Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		The Travis & Barrick Families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Thursday, September 5	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Jean Quinn	Marg Quinn
Friday, September 6	9:00 am	Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Saturday, September 7	4:00 pm	Soul of Fr. Ivan Lebar	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Mary Balassone	The James Maybury Family
Sunday, September 8	8:30 am	Soul of Bob Melody	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Martin & Julie Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

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

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 5. Any parishioner who has a topic for the council to discuss may contact the Parish Office or any Council member: Charlotte Delilo, Judy Dolechek, Tammy Dorsey-Dale, Jean Harber, Joe Maybury, Geoff Newlin, Nancy Starcher, Tina Stephen and Alan Taylor.

Feast of the Exultation of the Cross

Mass will be offered on Saturday, September 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church in Romney for the Souls of the Preborn who were lost through abortion. Mass will be followed by a Rosary at the Memorial to the Unborn adjacent to the Church. Fr William J Kuchinsky will be the celebrant. A Relic of the True Cross will be available to venerate. We pray also for those wounded by abortion and in need of healing.

Support Group Meeting Set

The next support group meeting for those dealing with any type of loss will be on Tuesday, September 24 at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney. The meeting will be led by Deacon Larry. Fr. Thomas will celebrate the daily Mass at 12 p.m.

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 24-25, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,430
Loose Donations.....	\$572
Poor Box	\$562
Votive Candles.....	\$283
Repairs & Maintenance	\$50
Total.....	\$3,897

Attendance

Saturday, August 24.....	82
Sunday, August 25.....	76
Total.....	158



Save the Date!

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 2. More details coming soon!



New Voices Welcome!

Following its summer break, our choir will resume practicing each week on Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning September 12. New voices are welcome! If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 7 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EMs: Bob Yowler, Karen Yowler (c) & Mere Barrick (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, September 8

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Jane Placka, Beverley Iser & Liam Dupuis
EMs: Mike Landis, Jane Placka (c), Kelley Kuhn (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, September 14

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
EMs: Alan Taylor, Jean Harber (c), Janet Corley (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, September 15

Lector: Kelley Kuhn
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie
EMs: Dave Minnich, Charlotte Delilo (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: TBD
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

September 5 Stacy Rhodes
September 12 Dave Dunn

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.