

# Assumption Catholic Church

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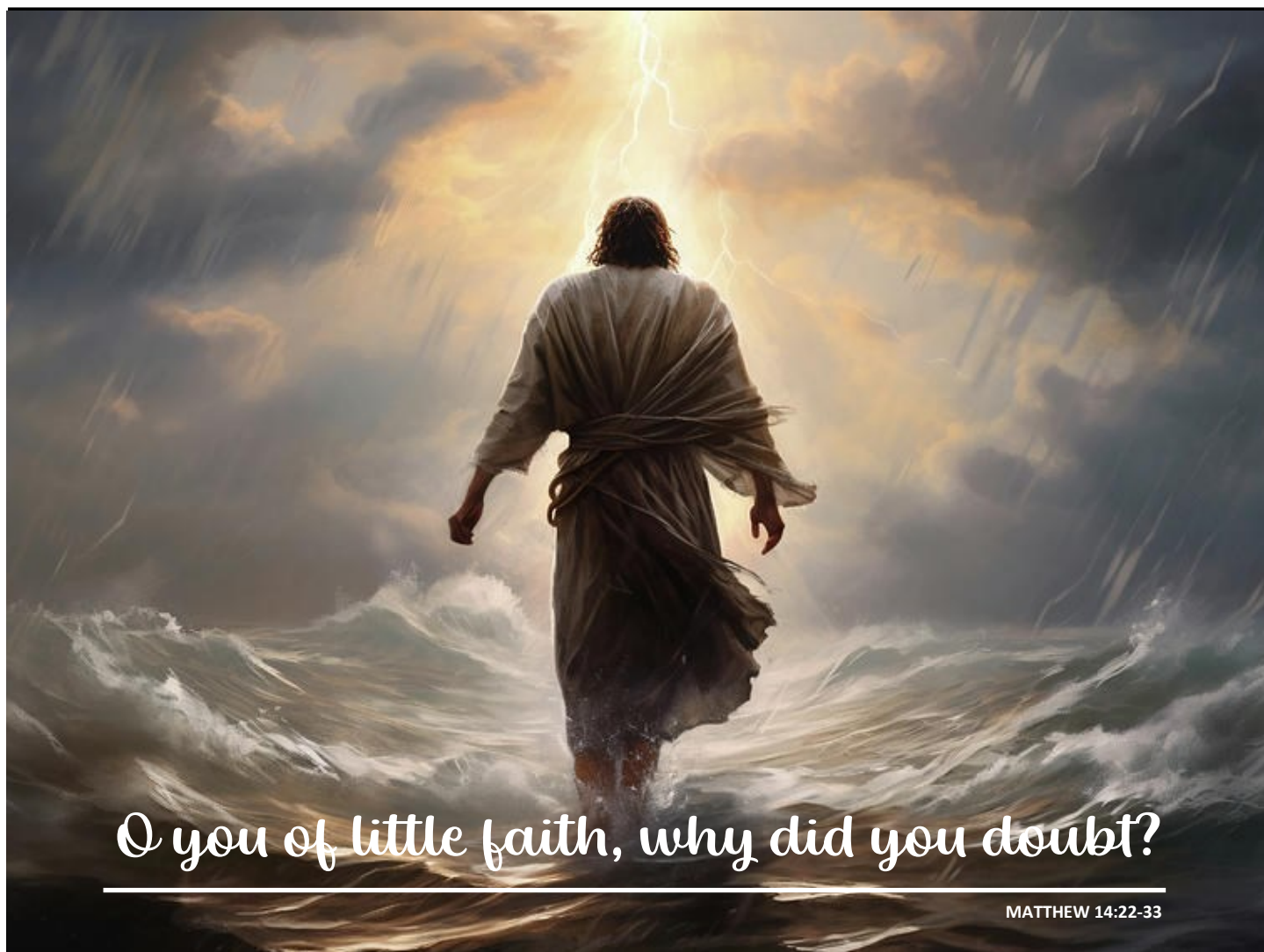
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***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 13, 2023***



*O you of little faith, why did you doubt?*

MATTHEW 14:22-33

***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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The dramatic incident on the sea of Galilee revealed Peter's character more fully than others (Mt.14:22-33). Here we see Peter's impulsiveness - his tendency to act without thinking of what he was doing. He often failed and came to grief as a result of his impulsiveness. In contrast, Jesus always bade his disciples to see how difficult it was to follow him before they set out on the way he taught them. A great deal of failure in the Christian life is due to acting on impulse and emotional fervor without counting the cost. Peter, fortunately in the moment of his failure clutched at Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm us, when disease and fear of death hover us, how do we respond? With faith and hope in God's love, care and presence with us? Let us pray: Lord Jesus, help me to trust you always and to never doubt your presence and your power to help me. In my moments of doubt and weakness, may I cling to you as Peter did. Strengthen my faith that I may walk straight in the path you set before me, neither veering to the left nor to the right.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

August 20, 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

## Saint of the Week ... Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

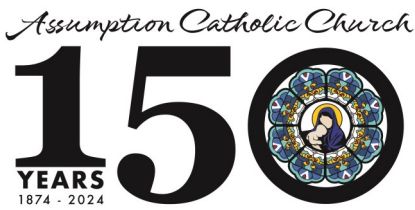
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### **Mary of Nazareth**

*Mary of Nazareth* is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. Parental guidance suggested.

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[SIGNUP.FORMED.ORG](http://SIGNUP.FORMED.ORG)  
and start watching  
for free today!



This week we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the beautiful patroness of our parish. The feast day also marks the beginning of our Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year!

*Holy Mass*  
*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
 6:00 p.m.  
*Holy Day of Obligation*



As you know, we have been busy planning an exciting and meaningful year of celebration. We will be sharing the details with all of you very soon, but we need your help with something very important. We will be reaching out to past parishioners to join us in the celebration as well. **Do you have a friend, neighbor or family member who lives nearby but no longer practices their faith?** Let us know so we can include them in our outreach efforts. Call or email the parish office with their name and mailing address, or just drop a note in the offertory basket.

*Registration*  
 Complete a parish registration form! Forms are available in the vestibule and can be returned there too. Everyone needs to complete one!

*MARY KAY*  
 The Mary Kay online party continues through August 31!  
 Place an order at <https://marykayapp.page.link/viWL>

*gotsneakers?*  
 A Sneaker Recycling Organization  
 Take a look in your closets for athletic shoes your family no longer wears and donate them! Shoes can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule.



<b>Mass Schedule and Intentions</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
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
Monday, August 14	No Mass		
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>			
Tuesday, August 15	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Jordan Placka.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Sue Harber .....	Linda Marsh
Wednesday, August 16	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Thursday, August 17	12 noon	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman.....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Intentions of Toni Shillingburg .....	Sheila Golden
Friday, August 18	9:00 a.m.	The John Ross Family.....	Carole Rhodes
Saturday, August 19	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
		Intentions of Dennis & Cathy Miller.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, August 20	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts .....	Carla & John Masee

*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, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.  
 \*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

## Our Newest Liturgical Minister

Libby Del Signore is shown here with Fr. Thomas following Mass last Sunday which marked her first time proclaiming the scripture readings. Libby is an Assumption CCD student and an 8th grader at Keyser Middle School. She is the daughter of Tony & Marie Del Signore. *Great job Libby!*



## Choir to Resume Weekly Practice

Following its summer break, our choir will resume practicing each week on Thursdays at 4 p.m., beginning August 17. 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.



### Youth Choir Forming

All CCD students are invited to join our new youth choir! They will learn a special song which will be sung at our Jubilee picnic as well as at Youth Masses. You only need to commit to four practices, every Thursday at 4 p.m. from August 24 through September 14. Contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215 or just come to the first practice!

## Your Stewardship

August 5-6, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$4,000
Loose Donations.....	\$514
Votive Candles.....	\$137
Poor Box .....	\$168
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,819</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 8/5.....	66
Sunday, 8/6.....	110
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>176</b>

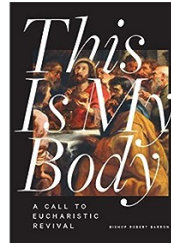
### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Education of Seminarians in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



## Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (August 20) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this month's event.



*This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival* is being distributed following Mass today as a gift from the Assumption Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus. Written by Bishop Robert Barron, the book offers an analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

## CCD Teacher Needed

Our parish is in need of a CCD teacher for the Grades 3-4 class (approximately six students). If you would like to share your faith with the young people of our parish in this way, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### 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

### Saturday, August 26

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Mary Wagoner (c)  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

### Sunday, August 27

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Dave Minnich, Julie Alt (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel  
Cantor: Julie Alt

### Stonerise EM

August 17 Joanne Stickley  
August 24 Cindy Alt