

*Assumption Catholic Church*



*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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***Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***November 5, 2023***

Stay  
Humble

MATTHEW 23:1-12

***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: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus talks about leaders who say one thing but do another (Matthew 23:1-12). They love to show off and want others to think highly of them. But Jesus tells us not to be like that. Instead, He wants us to be genuine and humble. It is not about having fancy titles or wanting praise from people. It is about serving others without expecting anything in return. Jesus reminds us that being great means being a helper. If we think too highly of ourselves, we might miss the real point. But if we stay humble, we will find true greatness. So, let us not just talk about doing good; let's actually do it. And let us remember that it is better to be genuine and kind than to be showy.

Do I do good things to show off or because it is the right thing to do? How can I help others without wanting something in return? What does it mean to be humble in my daily life? Do I focus too much on what others think of me? How can I be more like the helpful, humble person Jesus talks about?

### Readings for Next Sunday,

**November 12, 2023**

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

## Saint of the Week... St. Leo the Great

Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great."

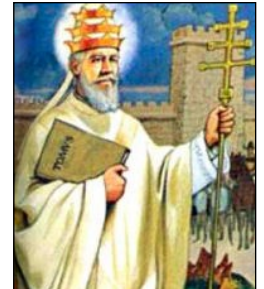
St. Leo the Great had become a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, and was elected as Pope in 440. He saw it as a privilege to sit in the Chair of St. Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He worked diligently as "Peter's successor." Over time, Leo became known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church.

Pope St. Leo focused heavily on the pastoral care of his people. He inspired and helped to foster charitable work in areas of Rome affected heavily by famine, refugees and poverty. To him, being a Christian was not only about embracing the fullness of the Gospel theologically but living it out in a world filled with hurt, suffering and needs.

Leo was renowned for his profoundly spiritual sermons. With his words, Leo could reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. It was his reputation as an "instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness" that helped him become one of the greatest popes in the history of the Church.

Leo died on November 10, 461. He wished to be buried as close as possible to St. Peter's tomb. His body was first laid in the entrance of St. Peter's basilica but was later moved inside the basilica in 688.

Source: catholic.org



Feast Day: November 10

## Celebrating Our CCD Kids!

Congratulations to Ava Barrick who qualified to compete in the WV state high school cross country meet...as a freshman! She is shown here with her parents Mere and Brent Barrick.



Congratulations to Jude Barrick, Maddox Cameron and Tucker Newlin whose team recently won the 12U soccer championship AND had an undefeated season! Their team was coached by our own Brent Barrick and Geoff Newlin.

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**150**  
YEARS  
1874-2024

## Jubilee Fundraiser Reminders

Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased a pie for the Jubilee fundraiser! We sold over 325 pies!! They will be available for pick up at St. Mary's Hall next weekend on Saturday (11/11) from 3-5 p.m. and Sunday (11/12) from 9-11 a.m. Special thanks to Robin McDowell for coordinating this project!

Ann Marie DeMasi, fellow parishioner and Mary Kay consultant, will also be at the hall during the pick-up times. Mary Kay skin care and makeup will be displayed to help with your Christmas gift ideas. There will also be a "try me" color bar for lips, eyes, and cheeks, plus special edition items too! Stop by for a few minutes to chat, play in makeup, and/or plan your own facial or party.\* Need to grab your pies and run? Call or email Ann Marie 304.790.2620 or mk0895annie@gmail.com

\*If you currently have a MK lady, simply let Ann Marie know! She'll be happy to help with any questions you may have and of course you're welcome to play at the color bar!

MARY KAY

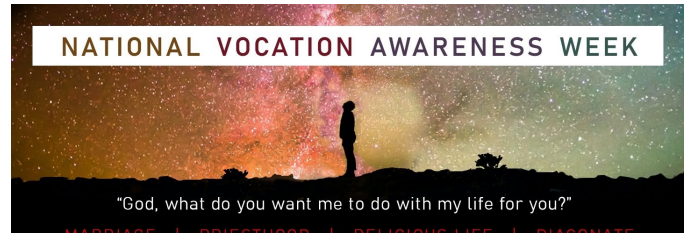


As part of our National Eucharistic Revival activities and in conjunction with our Jubilee celebration, Fr. Giles will celebrate both Masses next weekend for the second in our Teaching Mass Series, "Understanding and Celebrating the Eucharist."

Next week's focus will be on the Liturgy of the Word. Are we willing to listen to the one who wants us to hear, learn and grow in the real

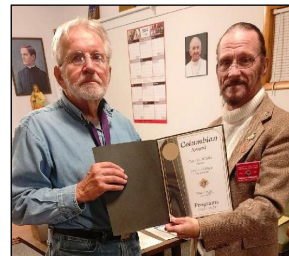
presence of Jesus our teacher? The Mass will begin as usual; Father will give a 10-minute presentation on The Word at that part of the Mass.

**Are You Ready to Know?  
Are You Ready to Grow?**



National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. Please ask our Lord for more priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our community, and respond genuinely to the gift of vocation.

**Assumption Council Receives Award**



Les Halapy (left), Grand Knight of Assumption Council, accepts the Columbian Award from Pat Narango, Grand Knight of the St. Vincent DePaul Council in Berkeley Springs. Our Knights received the award in

recognition of their many service programs in support of community, faith, family and life. We appreciate the many ways our Knights are always there to support our parish and local community!

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 4	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Joan Roach .....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, November 5	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Anna & Wilbur Myers.....	Virginia Collins
Monday, November 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 8	No Mass		
Thursday, November 9	12 noon	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh Families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Soul of William Price .....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Friday, November 10	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Dorothy Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Soul of Anna Catherine Hall.....	Linda Marsh
Saturday, November 11	4:00 p.m.	All Veterans.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, November 12	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Joe & Jean Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Intentions of Bob Harman .....	Margaret McGee

Note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday, November 8.

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, Palma Devic\*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Rosalee Freeman\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Margie Konka, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, 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)

## In Thanksgiving ... Ways to Give

As we begin the season of thanksgiving, our parish currently has many projects that allow us to give to those in need.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program. While traditional boxes are available in the vestibule, you can also build a shoebox online! Use the link or QR code for the online option. If you pack a traditional box, those must be returned to the church or the Parish Office by November 14. Questions? Contact Michael Stanislawczyk at 304-813-3426. <https://sampur.se/3Qv4UWA>



### Warm the Children Donations

The Knights are also collecting new and unused winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and underclothes which will be donated to Warm the Children. Donations can be for boys and girls ages newborn through 18 and can be dropped off at the church or the Parish Office by the beginning of December.

### Youth Group Food Drive

Our Youth Group is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local Faith in Action Food Pantry to help with their Thanksgiving boxes. Some suggestions include mashed potato flakes, boxed dressing, gravy (jar or packet), cornbread mix, evaporated milk, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and cake or brownie mixes. Donations can be left in the vestibule or at the Parish Office through next Sunday, Nov. 12.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

October 28-29, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,195
Loose Donations.....	\$733
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,933</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 10/28.....	67
Sunday, 10/29.....	108
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>175</b>

### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A second collection is scheduled next weekend for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.



ASSUMPTION PARISH  
VIRTUS COMPLIANCE  
STATUS:  
**82%**

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 18%! **We must reach 100% by the end of the year!** To access the training, visit [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Please contact the Parish Office if you have questions or need access to a computer.

NEWS FROM

## Assumption Ladies Guild

The famous Ladies Guild pre-Thanksgiving bake sale will be held after both Masses November 18-19. Baked goods can be dropped off that Saturday between 2-4 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Please plan to stop in and help support the Ladies Guild!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, November 11

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor  
EM: Mere Barrick, Janet Corley (c), Eric Hatfield (c)  
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Sunday, November 12 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students  
Servers: CCD students  
EM: Rosie Landis, Kelley Kuhn (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Greeters: CCD Students  
Cantor: Julie Alt

### Saturday, November 18

Lector: Celia Cole  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EM: Norma Clark, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler  
Cantor: Julie Alt

### Sunday, November 19

Lector: John Bogdan  
Servers: Abby Del Signore & Pippa Dolechek  
EM: Jane Placka, Tina Stephen (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)  
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

### Stonerise EM

November 9 Joanne Stickley  
November 16 Cindy Alt

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.