



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

For the
Son of Man
did not come
to be served but to
serve

MARK 10:45



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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honored by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives as we please as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus, of course! When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would teach and exercise spiritual authority on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last! Jesus wedded authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility. Authority without love is over-bearing and slavish. Position without respect and concern for the subordinate is demeaning and rude. And service without generosity and sacrifice is cheap and unkind.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives and all that they possess! Jesus used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations. Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, make me a servant of love for your kingdom, that I may seek to serve rather than be served. In flame my heart with love that I may give generously and serve joyfully for your sake.

**Readings for Next Sunday,
October 27, 2024**
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Saint of the Week... St. Jean de Brebeuf

St. Jean de Brebeuf was a Jesuit missionary who became the patron saint of Canada. Large and handsome, his presence commanded attention. He was a brilliant student and gifted linguist.

Born in Normandy, France in 1593, Jean entered the Society of Jesus in 1617, was ordained a priest in 1623, and arrived in New France in 1625. Even though he was weakened by tuberculosis, he evangelized the Hurons for a quarter of a century. He lived with them, embraced their customs, and mastered their language.

In 1647, peace was made between the French and the Iroquois, who were competitors with the Hurons in the fur trade and their bitter enemies. The Iroquois, determined to destroy the Huron confederacy, destroyed all villages and missions. They seized St. Jean de Brebeuf and his companions, and tortured them to death. They endured stoning, slashing with knives, a collar of hot tomahawks, a baptism of scalding water, and burning at the stake. Because Jean showed no signs of pain, they then ate his heart.

St. Jean de Brebeuf was canonized in 1930, along with seven other Jesuit martyrs of North America.

Sources: britannica.com and ignatianspirituality.com



Feast Day: October 19



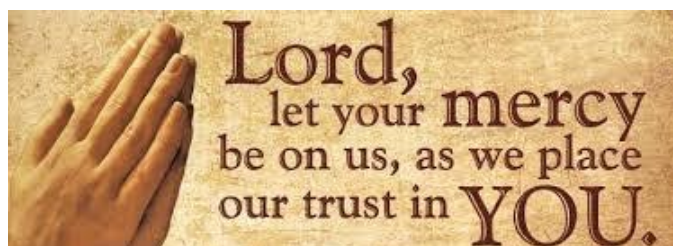
Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn

Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, 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, Graydon Shade, 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, Doris Tetric, Courtney Whiteman.

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Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the third quarter of 2024, your donations provided \$850 to Catholic Charities West Virginia which assists our neighbors in need in Mineral and Hampshire counties. Poor Box donations made this quarter will benefit the Faith in Action Food Pantry.



Pastor Appreciation

Join us for our third annual Pastor Appreciation Dinner as we celebrate and honor Fr. Thomas for his loving service to our parish and all of us!

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild, the dinner will be held Wednesday, October 30 at St. Mary's Hall, catered by Flying W Farms. Following the 5 p.m. Mass we will gather for some social time. Dinner will be served between 6:00-6:15 p.m. and will include pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and butter, tossed salad, and assorted cakes and pies for dessert, as well as iced tea and coffee. Feel free to bring any other beverages you might like.

If you are able to join us, please sign up in the Vestibule by Friday, October 25. Price is \$24 per person which includes tax and tip. Payment can be made at the door the night of the dinner. Checks can be made payable to Assumption Ladies Guild.



Disaster Relief Special Collection Oct. 26-27
CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA'S HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND

Checks for this special collection should be made payable to Assumption Catholic Church with "disaster relief" on the memo line.



A day to remember our Baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all!

The second collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. A separate basket is available for this important collection. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for 2025

Our Mass Intentions calendar is now open for calendar year 2025. Masses can be offered for a variety of reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has passed. If you would like to schedule a Mass in 2025, please contact the Parish Office. The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 19	4:00 pm	Intentions of Gloria DeMasi and the DeMasi Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Karin Burner.....	Linda Marsh
Sunday, October 20	8:30 am	Intentions of Jeff & Kelley Kuhn.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Todd & Linda Carnell.....	Linda Marsh
Monday, October 21	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 22	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 23	No Mass		
Thursday, October 24	No Mass		
Friday, October 25	No Mass		
Saturday, October 26	4:00 pm	Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi.....	Their Loving Family
		The Calemine & Wise Families.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, October 27	8:30 am	Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family	Sue & Jean Harber

Note: There will be no weekday Masses this week while Fr. Thomas is away attending a Diocesan Priest Retreat.

K of C Winter Service Projects



Warm the Children

The Knights of Columbus are once again collecting new and unused winter jackets, hats, gloves and scarves, as well as undergarments and socks to donate to the local Warm the Children campaign. Donations for both boys and girls ages newborn through 18 are needed. These donations can be dropped off at the church or at the Parish Office.



Operation Christmas Child

This year donating a Christmas shoebox will be easier than ever. To build a shoebox online, visit our very own Assumption Church/K of C 10545 Build a Shoebox website: <https://sampur.se/45Supad> (or scan the QR code shown here).

For \$25, you get to choose boy or girl, the age range, as well as the accessories to be included. It also includes the shipping costs.



If you still prefer to pack a traditional box, a limited number of OCC shoeboxes will be available in the Vestibule soon, or any average sized shoebox can be used. Filled boxes should be returned to the church or Parish Office by November 18.

If you have any questions about either project, please contact Michael Stanislawczyk at 304-813-3426.

Your Faithful Stewardship

October 12-13, 2024

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,935
Loose Donations.....	\$295
Repairs & Maintenance	\$20
Total	\$3,250

Attendance

Saturday, October 12.....	56
Sunday, October 13.....	96
Total	152

Upcoming Diocesan Collections

The annual collection for World Mission Sunday is being taken this weekend.

A special collection to assist in humanitarian relief for those impacted by the recent hurricanes will be taken next weekend.



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (October 20) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship and the start of another year of religious education! Thank you to the Finance Council for hosting this month's event.

All Souls Day Reminders

All Souls Day Remembrances

Remembrance forms can be dropped in the offertory basket. Additional forms are available in the Vestibule.

Photos of Deceased Loved Ones

These should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, October 27.

Memorial Candles

Envelopes to purchase a personalized memorial candle for your loved one can be found in the Vestibule. Cost is \$5 (cash or check payable to Assumption Church).

Support Group Meeting Set

The next support group meeting for those dealing with any type of loss or other issues will be on Tuesday, October 29 at 10:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Romney. The meeting will be led by Deacon Larry. The regular Mass at 12 pm will follow.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 26

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Martin & Micah Alt
EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, October 27

Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

Saturday, November 2

Lector: Bill Lupis
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Mere Barrick, Bob Yowler (c) & Karen Yowler (c)
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, November 3

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn, Abby Del Signore
EMs: Tina Stephen, Pam Williams (c), Dave Minnich (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

October 24 Dave Dunn
October 31 Pam Williams