



# Assumption Catholic Church

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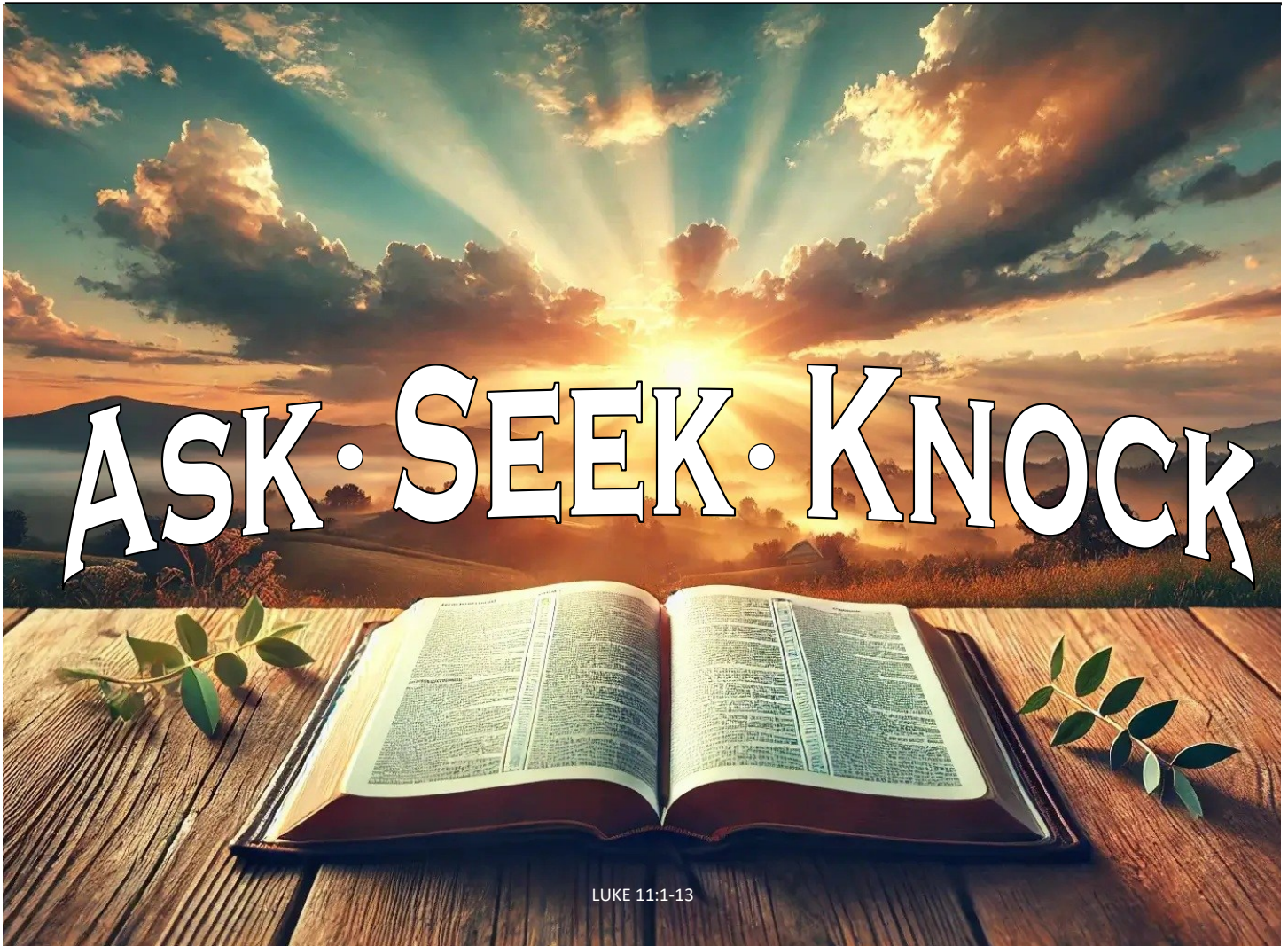
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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 27, 2025**



LUKE 11:1-13

*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: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do we pray with joy and confidence? The Jews were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the Rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for Rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer (Luke 11:1-4). When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father (Matthew 11:27). In the Lord Jesus Christ, we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God (John 1:12-13; 3:3).

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his atoning death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same. Jesus' prayer includes a petition that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us (Matthew 6:14-15). God's grace frees us from every form of anger, resentment, envy, and hatred. Are we ready to forgive others as the Lord Jesus forgives us?

Readings for Next Sunday,  
August 3, 2025  
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## Saint of the Week... Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part."

In 2021 Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, replacing the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone.

St. Martha is the patron saint of cooks, homemakers and restaurant servers. Martha, Mary and Lazarus together are the patron saints of siblings.

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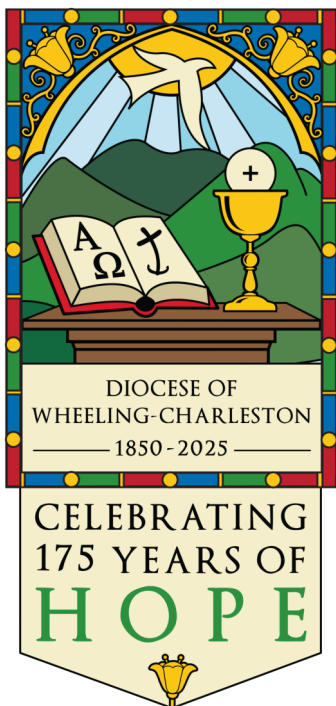
Feast Day: July 29



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, Cindy Mills, 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.

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Our Diocese is celebrating its 175th anniversary!

Visit [dwc.org/175th](http://dwc.org/175th) to see the calendar of events, learn more about the history of our diocese, and access resources related to the celebration. Content and events will be added throughout the year.

**A special event is planned for Friday, August 22, 2025 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.** On this day we will celebrate the 6th anniversary of Bishop Brennan as the Bishop of

our diocese as well as officially kicking off the anniversary celebration with a festive Mass at 12:05 pm followed by a luncheon in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central. Faithful from around our state are invited to attend!

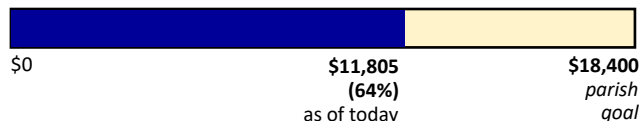


### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, August 1. Join us for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by Adoration from 9:30-10:30.



### 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](http://www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate)

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 26	4:00 pm	Souls of Krista Kay Taylor and Krista Ann Taylor.....	Alan Taylor
		Soul of Augustus Jackson.....	Linda Marsh & Flo Welch
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, July 27	8:30 am	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner.....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, July 28	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 29	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 30	5:00 pm	Soul of Tom Harman.....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Thursday, July 31	12:00 pm	Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley.....	Anonymous
Friday, August 1	9:00 am	Intentions of Denny Dolechek.....	Assumption Parish
Saturday, August 2	10:00 am	<i>Mass at Keyser Healthcare Center</i>	
		Soul of Brother Luke.....	Assumption Parish
	4:00 pm	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
Sunday, August 3	8:30 am	Soul of Ron Willis.....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	Bernard & Margaret Daughtery
		Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	Jim Daskal

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



## Seeking Volunteers for OCIA Program

Our parish is in need of volunteers to work with our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program. The

time commitment is up to you; you can help as often or as occasionally as it fits your schedule.

If you feel called to share your faith or your experience with others who are contemplating joining the Catholic Church, please contact program coordinator Nancy Starcher (304 813 0313).

## Upcoming Support Group Meeting

Our next monthly grief support group meeting will be next Saturday, August 2 from 2:30-3:30 in St. Mary's Hall, led by Deacon Larry. This is for anyone of any faith who has experienced any type of loss.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

July 19-20, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,715
Loose Donations.....	\$504
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,219</b>

### Mission Appeal

Diocese of Kumbakonam.....	\$5,287
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### Diocesan Collection

Catholic Communications Campaign/ Campaign for Human Development.....	\$226
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### Attendance

Saturday, 7/19 .....	89
Sunday, 7/20 .....	79
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>168</b>



## VIRTUS® Changes to Safe Environment Compliance

Our Diocese has made some revisions to its safe environment compliance parameters which became effective July 1, 2025. These revisions allow our diocese to be better aligned with norms across the U.S.

**One of the changes impacts parishes in a big way: the volunteer roles that are required to be VIRTUS compliant have been greatly reduced.** The following volunteer roles are the only ones that are now included in the program: catechists, OCIC, adult altar servers, and those who minister to the homebound and nursing home residents.

Another change is the frequency that affected volunteers must renew their compliance. Background checks and awareness training (watching the video) are now required just every three years.

These changes bring our parish very close to 100% compliance. Volunteers who still need to complete one of the components will receive an email reminder from the parish this week.

**ASSUMPTION PARISH COMPLIANCE STATUS: 87%**

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, August 2

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Katie Kuhn, John Gustafson (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

### Sunday, August 3

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EMs: Pam Williams, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: John & Debbie Krumpach

### Saturday, August 9

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Janet Corley, Sue Harber (c), Eric Hatfield (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, August 10

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

July 31 Joanne Stickley  
August 7 Mere Barrick