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Mass Schedule

Sat Vigil:

4:00pm

(virtual livestream)

Sun:

8:00am, 10:30am

Tues & Thurs:

8:00am

Reconciliation

Sat: 3:00 p.m.

@ the Church or

Anytime by appointment

Parish Clergy & Staff

Fr. Jeff Gubbiotti, Pastor

Fr. David Madejski,

Parochial Vicar

Deacon Larry Yergeau

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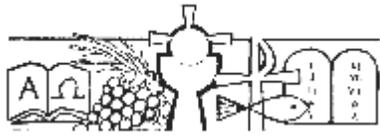
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May 23, 2021



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13



Mass Intentions

- Sat May 22 PENTECOST VIGIL**
 4:00pm **Margaret Novinsky** - by John & Lucille McGuire and Robert & Michelle Garry
- Sun May 23 PENTECOST SUNDAY**
 8:00am **Arthur S. Gaudreau** - by family
 10:30am **Robert DeVyllder** - by Margaret Sullivan
- Mon May 24** No Mass
- Tues May 25 In honor of St. Lucy** - by Maria DiSorbo
- Wed May 26** No Mass
- Thurs May 27 Rita Bujnovski** - by family
- Sat May 29 MOST HOLY TRINITY VIGIL**
 4:00pm **Joan Fitzgerald** - by family
- Sun May 30 FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
 8:00am **Wade Prajer** - by the Petronchak Family
 10:30am **Kateri Baron** - by Ron & Lorraine Greski

Parish Calendar of Events and Meetings



Church of the Assumption

Join us on the Parish Facebook Page:
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Confessions held every **Saturday at 3 p.m.** in the main church or by appointment.



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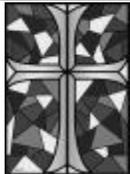
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In Remembrance

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by family



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Robert V. Dinsmore

May he rest in the peace of Christ.



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Sunday, June 6th

2 p.m.

St. Mary's Church,
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*If you are visiting, we pray the time you spend here enriches your faith;
if you are looking for a new parish, now is the time to belong!*

**We invite those who regularly attend Mass
but are not officially registered to join and belong!**

Our new parishioner registration forms are on the church radiators
or via email: welcome@assumptionansoniamchurch.org

May 16, 2021 * The 7th Sunday of Easter

Romans 8:26—“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.”



Dear Parishioners in Christ,

As I write you this letter, we find ourselves in the original novena of the Church—the 9 days between the Ascension of Jesus and the Solemnity of Pentecost. Just as the apostles prayed and waited for the gift of the Paraclete to come to them, we pray and wait for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Spirit is the very bond of communion between the Father and the Son, so as we receive Him, especially in the sacraments of the Church, God’s own love is poured into our lives—what a gift!

The past 14 months have been incredibly challenging for all of us on so many different levels. We continue to pray for an end to the Covid pandemic and for all those who have impacted by it. Now that there are signs of hope that things are improving, the bishops of Connecticut have made a heartfelt invitation to return to our regular worship with the Sunday Mass so that we can be healed and strengthened by the Holy Eucharist—the Source and Summit of our faith. The letter, inserted in last weekend’s bulletin, is a great resource for mediation as it speaks about the importance of the Mass and can even be shared with friends or family members who may have fallen away from regular Mass attendance to invite them back home. As the weeks have gone by and more and more parishioners return to church, it brings us great joy—like a big family reunion. At the same time, I recognize that there are some of our brothers and sisters who unable to be with us in person due to physical inability or caring for a loved one with a special vulnerability. So, for them, we will continue to live-stream the Mass for now. But for those who are able to come in person, we can’t wait to see you again as we gather around the altar (our family table) and receive the nourishment of God’s Word and Body together. Re-starting a good habit can be hard (like going to the gym), but it really is worth the effort.

Even as we rejoice in making this invitation to return to Mass, our parishes in Ansonia are facing another challenge—the reality of the shortage of priests in our Archdiocese. Without priests, there is no Eucharist; so please join me in praying for ordinations of new priests for our local church. Even as we pray, we recognize we are just at the beginning of seeing how our shortage will impact the ability to staff our parishes going forward. Just in these next two years, 13 priests are scheduled to retire and only 2 are on track to be ordained. As was announced a few weeks ago, our parochial vicar, Fr. David, will be leaving Ansonia on May 26 to serve in his next assignment in the town of Southington, where one of the local pastors (Fr. May) is retiring. At this time, we are not expecting that any other priest would be available for assignment here in Ansonia. So that leaves one pastor to serve two parishes—The Church of the Assumption and Holy Rosary.

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I am very blessed to have two awesome communities of faith to serve, both with dedicated staff and wonderful volunteers that will make the job much easier for me. However, I am only one man and can't be two places at the same time, so our first challenge is to look at the weekend Mass schedule and figure out a way that it can be celebrated by one priest. I formed a "think tank" comprised of people from both parishes to help me discern the next best steps. We had a number of different ideas and I truly appreciate the openness, support, and the spirit of collaboration that characterized our meetings.

Given the fact that many of our parishioners are just returning to Sunday worship after the pandemic and I want to make it as easy as possible, I have decided to establish a temporary schedule that we can hopefully maintain through the next several months with the help of visiting clergy. Each parish would still retain 3 weekend Masses and have only a slight adjustment on the Sunday Mass times. This approach, however, will not be sustainable in long term, so we will need to reduce the total number of Masses eventually. As we move through these upcoming months, counts at Masses will be taken so that we have solid data to help us in our discernment and we will revisit ideas for a modified schedule in the fall.

Beginning the **weekend of June 12/13**, this will be the weekend schedule in place for our two parishes:

The Church of the Assumption

Saturday -- 3:00 Confessions, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary

Saturday -- 3:00 Confessions, 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. & 12 Noon

With this schedule, we will need a visiting priest to cover the Saturday Vigil Mass and one Sunday Mass on a rotating basis. There may be some bumps in the road along the way as we navigate this challenge, so I appreciate your understanding and prayers. If, for some reason, the Mass time at the other parish than the one you usually attend is more convenient, please feel welcome to go to that church. It may be a chance to meet new people and any offering envelope will be sent to the church where you are a registered parishioner.

As we move through these summer months and, hopefully, life gets somewhere near normal, we look forward to seeing you again and even welcoming new parishioners and families into our parishes. I hope to organize a number of outdoor events this summer, so please check the parish websites for updates and details. Thank you for your support over this time of transition. Please don't forget to pray for me and for your fellow parishioners. May Holy Spirit empower us all to be witnesses to Christ's Resurrection, each in our own ways, and may our Blessed Mother Mary, patroness of both of our parishes, intercede for us and lead us to her Son.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeff



Assumption School's first grade class did a wonderful job honoring Mary at our May Crowning.

'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'

(Thank you to the Drenkhahn family for the photos)



**Thank you, Fr. David, for serving our parish!
May God bless you always as you embark on your new assignments!**



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