

# Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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*“Ad Jesum per Mariam”  
To Jesus through Mary.*

## Clergy/Lay Leadership

Rev. Peter A. Cipriani, Pastor

Rev. Michael Flynn, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Marcel Saint Jean, In Residence

Deacon Raymond John Chervenak

Deacon Robert McLaughlin

Michael Cooney, Director of Music

## Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9 AM 10:30 AM  
and 12:00 PM (Subject to change)

Morning Daily Mass: (Mon.-Sat.) 7:30 AM

Evening Daily Mass: (Mon.-Fri.) 5:30 PM

Holy Days: See Bulletin for schedule

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM or by appointment.

Every Thursday: 7-8:00 PM

## Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet

7 AM Monday-Saturday, Rosary

8 AM First Saturday of each month, Rosary

3 PM Monday-Friday, Divine Mercy  
Chaplet and Rosary

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of each month from 8 AM

Friday to 7:15 AM Saturday. To volunteer

contact Grand Knight, Michael Lauzon at  
(203) 817-7528 or email [mplauzon1@aol.com](mailto:mplauzon1@aol.com).

## Novenas

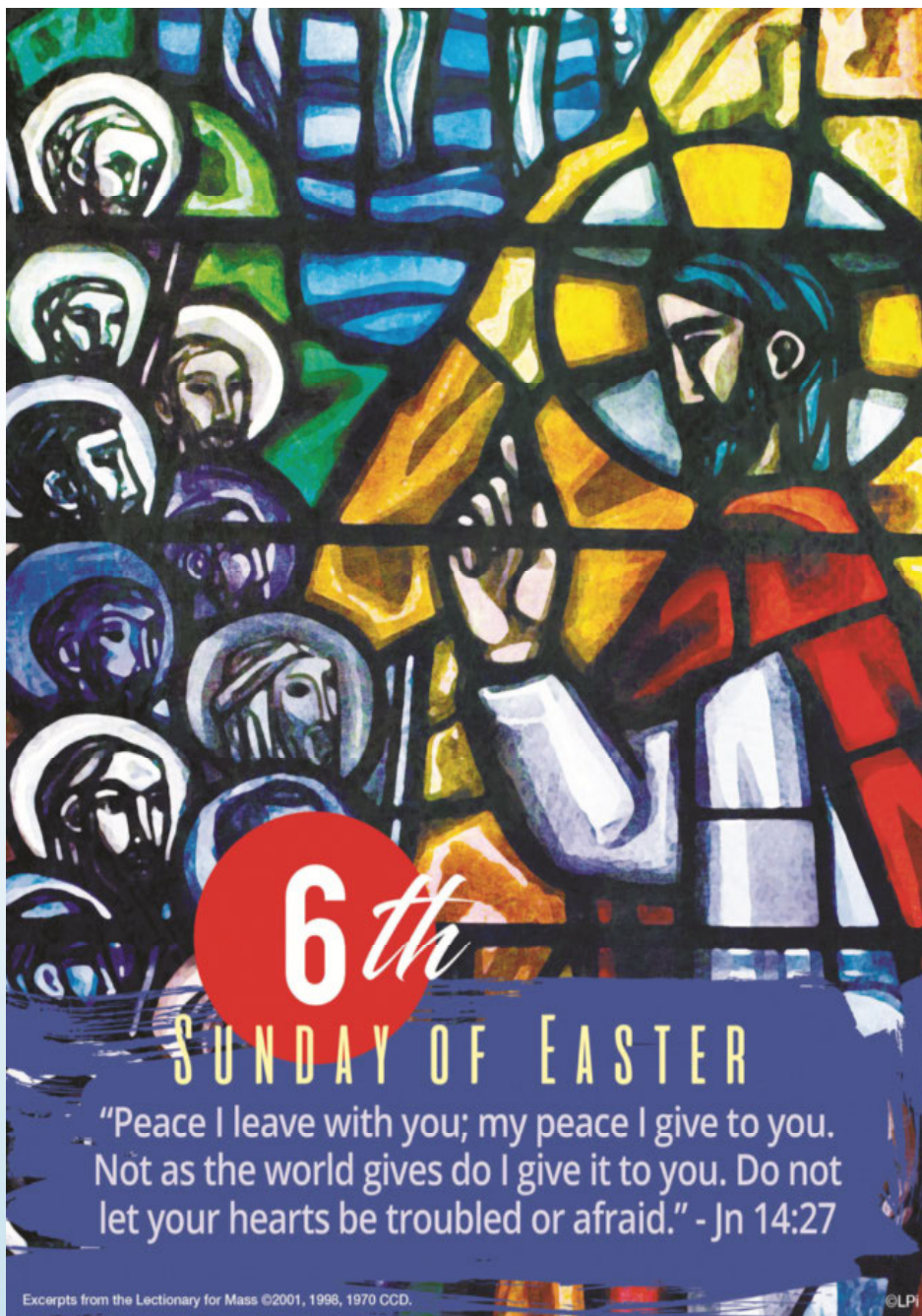
Miraculous Medal-8 AM. Monday

Saint Joseph-8 AM. Wednesday

Divine Mercy-8 AM. Friday

## Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register at the Rectory or go to our website for a registration form. If you move to another parish, or change your address, notify the Rectory.



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## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic becomes a part of this process, as can any adult Catholic who has not received all the Sacraments of initiation. For further information contact the Faith Formation office.

## Sacrament of Baptism

This Sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 PM. It is required that parents participate in a Pre-Baptismal class. Classes are held on the third Saturday of the month. Registration is required by calling the parish office.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible so as to ensure a proper time and adequate preparation for this Sacrament. Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounters are required.

## Anointing of the Sick Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

This Sacrament of healing expresses the love of God and our Church for our sick, our shut-ins and the elderly, unable to come to Church. For the dying, please contact the Rectory immediately. For the confined, the elderly and our shut-ins, whether at home, or in the hospital, please inform the Rectory.

## From The Pastor's Desk

### - Marian Easter -

**Easter is the season of seeing...when by way of faith...the eyes of our souls are opened really really wide and we are able to see and understand things more clearly and with more hope, peace, comfort and joy.**

Easter reminds us of the primary reason for why we exist...to see God...and not just look at Him as one would a photo of someone who has passed away or moved away, but to see and be with Him and enjoy His presence forever as we would people we love at a family celebration gathering.

Can we even begin to imagine, for example, the first time Jesus' Apostles saw Him after He had risen from the dead, after the initial shock of thinking He was a ghost...they must have jumped Heaven high out of their sandals, so overjoyed were they to see their Messiah and BFF.

The seeing of God we refer to as the Beatific or Beautiful Vision. We all know the effect that beauty can have on us, an incredible beach sunrise or sun-set, walking through a museum, a garden, going to a prom, a wedding. Or ask any parent what the most beautiful moment in his or her life is...I would hope...that first time and every time thereafter they held in their arms their child or children.

Or prior to that even happening when coming down aisle, and that veil is lifted, any married man would and must say...his most beautiful moment...gazing upon the face of his blushing bride...who together would create the most beautiful moments of holding those children.

I love that the last book of scripture is referred to as the Apocalypse, not as in brain eating end of the world Zombies, but more significantly, it means "to lift the veil". In a Wedding Ceremony when the veil is lifted...the bridegroom beholds Heaven in Feminine Human form...it is his beatific vision moment.

Which is why so often at a Funeral, families choose this beautiful passage from that same last book of Scripture: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race...God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Behold I make all things NEW...it doesn't get any more new than Easter when we are all given a new lease on everlasting life. When we die, the veil that separates earth from Heaven is lifted and we behold the greatness of God. And this is the great lesson of the Woman who is the Masterpiece of God's Beauty...the fullness of God's grace... The Blessed Virgin Mary.

And how does Mary celebrate this greatness of God's Godness? It's what so many people do when they are super happy, they don't just hum a tune, they sing! And that is precisely what Mary does to express her joy in God, she sings the beloved Hymn the *Magnificat*, which means "to magnify", after the first verse: "my soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord."

And how does a soul magnify the greatness of God and hence its own greatness? As knowledge enhances the quality of the mind...love enhances the quality of the heart...and nutrition the quality of the body...it is beauty that enhances the quality of the soul...again with eyes which are referred to as the windows of the soul; therefore, no one was able to see more beauty in this world than Mary whose eyes were constantly looking through a pure filter of beauty.

And this remains one of the great lessons of Easter, how is it that we see God, how is it that we see each other, the world, myself in the mirror...despite it being Easter, despite people passing away...is my life the same...will it remain the same?

Or will I now look upon the world through the eyes of the Risen Christ, who has empowered me to see differently and understand more clearly what is truly important, and not take for granted the beauty of this world, a beauty most evident in the faces of those I see each day or see in my mind by way of memories, prayers or longing to see again.

This past Monday our recent First Communion Children participated in the Mary May Crowning, evident by the very beautiful statue of Mary beside the Altar. If we are to enhance the experience of beauty in our lives and invite into our hearts its power to transform us into a beautiful beacon of living light in a world too quickly being plunged into a moral cesspool of terrible darkness, let us often look to images of Mary. Have them present and seen in our homes, where we work, in our cars...let our hearts be crowned with the love of Mary that we might then look her compassion upon the world, radiate it forth from those hearts. As this Beatitude reminds us: "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God"

Devotion to Mary, looking often and praying before images of Mary, will soften our hearts making them more pure more chaste more noble so that we can look and live her compassion and beauty in this world...so desperate for authentic beauty.

Easter is the celebration when life is magnified by the greatness of God...in His glorified body, now all our senses are magnified and glorified...and because they are...how is it that we will look out upon the world...how is it we will now experience the world?

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022**

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM  
Friday, 9 AM to 12 PM

**Assumption Catholic School**

Mrs. Stacy Clements, Principal - (203) 334-6271  
Grades: Pre-K 3 through 8 Hours: 8:40 AM - 3 PM  
Before and After School Programs Available  
(Before School program begins at 7:00 AM and After School program ends 5:30 PM)

**Faith Formation**

Mr. Frank Macari, Director - (203) 367-1108  
Email address: Our.lady.assumption@snet.net  
Tuesday Classes For Grades 1-5 from 4:15-5 PM  
For Grades 6-8 from 7-7:45 PM  
Office of Faith Formation Hours: Weekdays 10 AM - 3 PM  
and Tuesdays 10 AM-5:30 PM (during school year)

**Parish Finance Council**

Our parish Finance Council is a consultative body of lay persons established to advise the pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the church. The chairman is Ron Fiske, (203) 330-0375.

**Parish Activities**

**American Heritage Girls Troop #4862:** Monthly (except summer), 3rd Saturdays, 2:30 PM, parish center. For girls ages 5-18. Jillian Plomin at jplomin@gmail.com.

**Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker:** Monthly, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month following 7:30 AM Mass. Cleans and beautifies the Sanctuary and chapels in the church.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Friday, 8:00 PM, parish hall.  
**Narcotics Anonymous** Wednesday 7:30 PM, parish hall.

**Bible Study:** Thursdays, 9:15 AM and 7 PM, parish center. Study sessions will be posted in our bulletin. Currently suspended.

**Choir: Adults:** Wednesday, 7 PM in the church.

**Resurrection Choir:** Sings at funeral Masses.  
Contact Michael Cooney, Director of Music, at (203) 572-2213 or email music@olaffld.org for details.  
Currently suspended

**Knights of Columbus:** Monthly, 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 PM parish hall. Grand Knight Michael Lauzon at (203) 817-7528 or email mplauzon1@aol.com.

**Parish Nurses:** Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, Sept. to June, at 7 PM St. Vincent Medical Center

**Blood pressure screening:** Currently suspended

**Sisters in Faith:** Monthly, 2nd Monday, 7 - 9 PM, parish hall, except July & August. Ministry for women of Assumption Church. Mary Garbe at marygarbe@gmail.com.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 21st**

4:00 p.m. Charles Garbarini

**Sunday, May 22nd**

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Samsel

9:00 a.m. Charles Guerra

10:30 a.m. Joanna Miska

12:00 p.m. Albert Tomis

**Weekday Masses**

Mon. 5/23 7:30 a.m. Jean Coyle

5:30 p.m. Antoniette Pellegrino

Tues. 5/24 7:30 a.m. Olsen & Cuccaro families

5:30 p.m. Daniel Callahan

Wed. 5/25 7:30 a.m. Patrick Carolan, III

5:30 p.m. Leonard DeSavia

Thurs. 5/26 7:30 a.m. Luisa Marie Vaz &

Fernando Rodrigues

12:10 p.m. James W. McLaughlin

5:30 p.m. Christopher Robles

Fri. 5/27 7:30 a.m. Margaret Petrone

5:30 p.m. Kensi Melo

Sat. 5/21 7:30 a.m. Judith Ann Koproski

**Saturday, May 28th**

4:00 p.m. Paul Gardella, Jr.

**Sunday, May 29th**

7:30 a.m. Helen Wojna

9:00 a.m. Leonard Iwanski, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Jose Fraga

12:00 p.m. Deceased Military Heroes



*Our Sanctuary Light  
will burn this week  
In loving memory of  
Charles Garbarini*

*Our Devotional Light  
will burn this week  
In remembrance of  
Charles Guerra*



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Mary Alberico

Paul Alvarez

Fr. Ronald Amiot

Josephine Amiot

Christopher Amiot

Ellie Art

Rita Bellavance

Michael Black

Eleanor Bruckmann

Steve Bruneau

Ken Burns

Bella Burns

Francisca Campos

Joan Carpenter

Letitia Ciccio

Lucille Costello

Marilyn Croce

Phil DeFelice

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Michael Devaney

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David Van Vlack

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Peter Zaleski

May 14/15

2022

Weekend Offertory: \$4,422.00  
 Online Giving: \$2,425.00

*There is one collection for Ascension of the Lord Holy Day and our second collection next weekend is for the Catholic Communication Campaign*

Thank You



The Diaconate Formation Program supports the vocation and ministry of the deacon, beginning as an Inquirer through his journey to ordination and beyond. The Dioceses of Bridgeport provides an integrated four-and one-half year program that is structured around the four pillars of human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral dimensions-all supported through gifts of the Bishop's Appeal.

Through prayer, study, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, the candidate undergoes a transformation of heart and mind as he prepares himself to be minister of the Word, Altar, and Charity. There are now 47 active deacons, 39 retired, most who continue to serve, and 8 men in formation. Our discussions with those interested in knowing more about our formation program is ongoing. When you give to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the formation of men who serve in our parishes and communities throughout the diocese for many years to come. Through the Bishop's Appeal, our men in formation are accompanied and supported, without the financial burden to fulfill their "call" to diaconate. This allows the men to focus on their studies and discern their vocation in preparation for supporting their assigned parishes upon ordination. Deacon Jerry Lambert, Director of the Diaconate and is serving at St. Theresa Parish, Trumbull.

**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**

**2022 Bishop's Appeal as of May 6, 2022**

ABA Goal:	\$123,900
Total Pledged:	\$78,495 (63%)
Donors to Date:	174 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2022BishopsAppeal.org](http://2022BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

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**This is a young adult only event**

**DONATE Online**

We realize many of our parishioners are still not be able to attend Mass regularly, please consider making your offertory through Online Giving. Please visit our website and click on the Tab "Donate" and create an account.



**Ascension of the Lord**

Thursday, May 26th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass schedule is:

- 5:30 p.m. Vigil 5/25
- 7:30 a.m.
- 12:10 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Will take place on **First Friday, June 3rd**, following the 7:30 AM Mass and will conclude on **First Saturday, June 4th**, prior to the 7:30 AM Mass. **Due to 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM Masses the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at these times.** All are welcome to spend an hour with Jesus.





**A Time to Remember**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its **Annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29th at the 12:00 PM Mass.** The Service is "To Honor the War Dead of our Country" with Fr. Peter Cipriani celebrating Mass and Deacon Ray Chervenak assisting.

A military salute will follow on the Church grounds including prayers, flag ceremony, and placing of wreath. All are invited to attend.

The Knights also ask for your assistance in acknowledging those men and women of "OUR" parish now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Please submit this information to us indicating branch of service and rank in the **offertory collection or by calling Fred Coseglia at 203-371-8181.**

Listing of all service personnel will be in our Church bulletin and acknowledged at our annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 29th, at the Noon Mass.

**Father's Day Remembrance**

If you would like to memorialize and honor your father, both living and deceased this **Father's Day, June 19** with his name in our bulletin, please send in your offertory and name before **June 13th.** Father's Day envelopes are included in your envelope packet and through online giving.

**Parishioner's Corner**

Looking for some further outstanding reflections on the Sunday Mass Reading? Please visit Assumption's own Dr. Frank DeStefano's wonderful "*Sunday Sunday*" blogs at <https://doctorfrank.blogspot.com/>.



*Remembering our mothers*

**Addendum**

*In Honor of*

- Lauren Cuda
- Julie Iassogna
- Lee Kaminski
- Marianne LaPointe
- Katelyn Hayes Moore
- Mothers in Waiting

*In Memory of*

- Joyce Bruno
- Eleanor Cuda
- Ann C. Desio
- Anne Dunleavey
- Mary A. Iassogna
- Susan Tomas Ko
- Ellen MacWilliams
- Henrietta McMenamin
- Elizabeth Moore
- Dorothy Samsel
- Rosalia Samsel
- Mary Wargo



**6th Annual Sword & Shield Golf Classic  
Hosted by Knights of Columbus  
Council 11077 & Council 14360**

**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Place:** Brownson Country Club, Huntington, CT

**Cost:** \$200 / Person OR \$800 / Foursome

No golf option, Pool / Dinner / Open Bar is \$80.00 / Person

**9:30 AM** Registration / Coffee / Breakfast, Putting Contest

**11:30 AM** Shotgun Start

**4:00 PM** Appetizers / Open Bar

**5:00 PM** Prizes / Awards Ceremony/ Dinner / Raffle

**Player Fee includes:** Breakfast Buffet, 18 Holes of golf, Best ball format, Water / Soda/ Beer & Snacks on the course, Open Bar reception, Dinner, Awards, On-course contests, and MORE.

Proceeds to benefit multiple Fairfield County Charities supported by the Knights of Columbus, including St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Malta House, Coats for Kids, Homes for the Brave, Al's Angels, VA Hospital, and more. Please visit <https://www.swordsheildgolf.com> for additional information.

We are registering now for Sponsor and Player opportunities. Forms are available at <https://olaffid.org/> under the Parish Life tab, then Knights of Columbus Annual Sword and Shield Golf Classic, and click on links. Forms are also available in the church vestibule. Please contact Co-Chairman, Please contact Co-Chairman Greg Matera by email at [greg.mtra@yahoo.com](mailto:greg.mtra@yahoo.com) or call (203)209-2164 or **George Ribellino** by email [gribellino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gribellino@sbcglobal.net) or call (203) 856-7101, for more information.





### Altar Server Invite!

*Jesus says: I have come not to be served but TO SERVE!*

Other Reasons for becoming an Altar Server.

**You learn why we do everything in the Mass:** Sure, swinging the censer (the smelly incense thing) is kind of fun but why is it that we do it? By becoming an altar server you begin to learn these things and it makes all the symbols of the Mass so much more understandable and interesting.

**You get fully involved in the Mass and get more out of it:** When you start to understand why we do something you get so much more from it. By focusing and understanding what's going on, the Mass can then lead you into a much deeper relationship with God and you feel the impact of Mass far greater!

**You learn some fantastic life skills:** Communication, teamwork, perceiving what needs to be done and doing it, punctuality, self-confidence, and the list goes on. Serving on the altar is a great place to start building these skills.

**You become more involved in the community:** By taking up a responsibility at Mass you start to recognize more and more people in the church in general. This slowly changes your experience of the church community, from a group of random people you stand next to at Mass, to a large and diverse family who you care for more deeply and will increase your love and concern for the global Church family as well.

**It helps you discern your vocation (purpose in life) better:** Every vocation (whether marriage, consecrated singlehood, religious life or priesthood) is awesome and leads us to a greater and deeper understanding and relationship with God and others. Altar Serving is a great way to begin to see that beauty more fully.

Any child in 3rd grade or higher is eligible to serve at God's altar. Parents, if your son or daughter is interested, please email **Janet Gardella** at [janetgardella@optonline.net](mailto:janetgardella@optonline.net) or call the office at 203-333-9065. A date for the training will be determined.



### All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner

You are invited to an all you can eat pasta dinner at **Holy Cross Church, 750 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield on Saturday, June 4th at 6:00 PM. Cost of tickets:** Adults are \$20; Children (5-12) \$5, and under age 5 Free. All tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting **Holy Cross parish office** at 203-372-4595. Menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, soda and BYOB.

### Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/John 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Luke 24:46-53
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/ Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/ Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/John 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 7:55-60/Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/John 17:20-26

### Communion Antiphon

**“The Holy Spirit will teach you all the things I have said to you.”  
- Psalm 51:3a**

### Pennsylvania Amishlands

Join Father Marcel Saint Jean on a trip to the Pennsylvania Amishlands **on June 29 to 30, 2022**, featuring Sight & Sound's "DAVID". This is a 2 days, 1 night trip. The price is \$315 per double occupancy. For more information and flyer, contact **Father Marcel directly at 203-434-7208, or send email to: [marcelsaintjean@gmail.com](mailto:marcelsaintjean@gmail.com)**.

### People of Hope-31 Day Formation Event

Throughout the month of May, the Institute for Catholic Formation will host a 31-day formation event for anyone who wishes to be a better parent, catechist, teacher, or ministry leader. More than 70 workshops will be held at various times in May and the Rosary will be prayed every night at 7:00 PM. Registration is now open and there is no cost to participate. For more details and required registration visit [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org).

### Young Catholic Professionals Event

Please join Young Catholic Professionals for an Executive Speaker Series event featuring Thomas G. Kolenberg, Senior Vice President at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, on **Friday, June 10th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Mater Salvatoris School in Stamford**. Topics will include how to live out your faith in everyday life, how to set the tone for organizational culture as a Catholic leader and what it takes to show patience in your career with the goal of always bettering yourself. Please RSVP for free admission at: <https://www.ycpcfairfieldcounty.org/events/executive-speaker->



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