

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.

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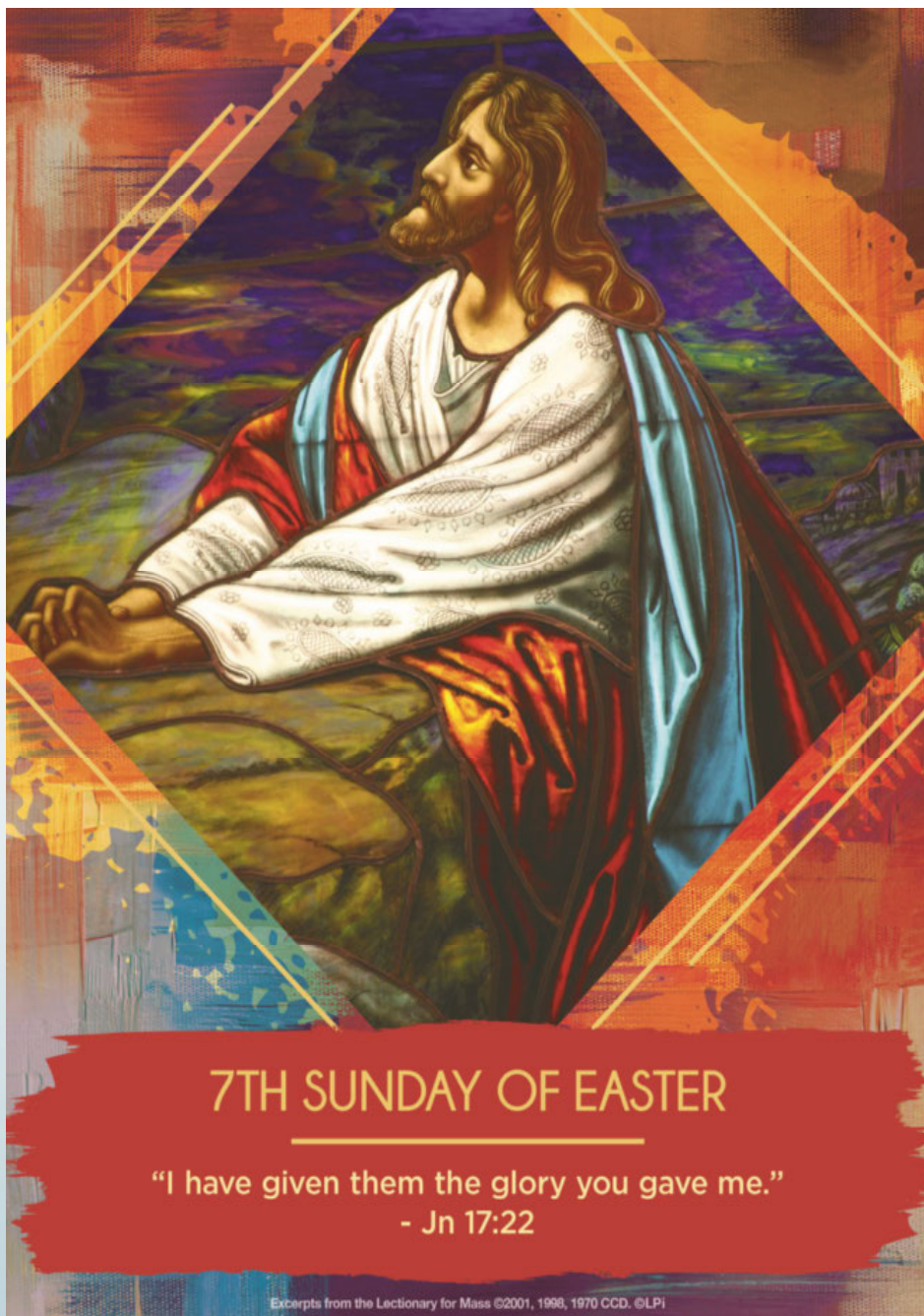
Miraculous Medal-8 AM. Monday

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.



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*“I have given them the glory you gave me.”
- Jn 17:22*

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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 - Ascension Every Day -

Why is the Ascension an event every bit as significant as Easter?

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples during forty days, speaking about the kingdom of God. We are somewhat familiar with the Kingdom of God when we recite the Our Father: "Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

In that one statement, Jesus is elevating earth to the status of Heaven. And this is the nature of the Ascension it is less about a physical elevation and more about a moral elevation, by way of the Ascension we are elevated from the status of sinners to children of God redeemed in Christ, why we can with confidence say and pray Our Father.

Perhaps this example from bygone TV days might help our understanding. How many of you remember the hit show *The Six Million Dollar Man* that came out in 1974, or the more abbreviated title... *The Bionic Man*?

Steve Austin is an astronaut who is seriously injured when his spaceship crashes. Austin undergoes a government-sanctioned surgery, which rebuilds several of Steve's body parts with machine parts, making him cyborg-like. When Steve recovers, his machine parts enable him to have superhuman strength and speed, as well as other powers. With these powers, Steve goes to work for the Office of Scientific Information, battling evil for the good of mankind.

Remember the tag line: "Steve Austin, astronaut. A man barely alive."

Oscar Goldman: "We can rebuild him. We have the technology. We can make him better than he was. Better, stronger, faster."

What a great description of Redemption, it is a rebuilding project which concludes with Jesus ascending into Heaven...returning to the Father to announce: "Mission Accomplished."

Sin had all but destroyed us...inflicting on us what could have been a most fatal and mortal wound, permanent death or worse the permanence of hell.

Perhaps the Redemption Tag line might run like this: "...insert your name...humans...men and women barely alive soon to die because of sin."

God the Father: "We can rebuild them...I have the Son, He can make them better...stronger...holier."

Having ascended to His Mighty Throne on High...let us try to imagine what this homecoming must have been like. When Christ initially left that throne prior to His conception in the womb of Mary...He was the invisible Son of God, when He returned He was the now visible and glorified Son of Man...what's different?

He left as God and returned as both God and Man, so

that, when the Father sees Jesus standing before Him in all OUR glorified Humanity, He sees in that Human Face... your face, my face, all our faces.

In and through Christ, Man has been rebuilt, better stronger holier than ever before, but rather than the bells and whistles of fancy technology, we were rebuilt by the Body of Christ broken on the Cross...the blood of Christ spilled to the last drop from that broken body on the Cross.

And rather than working for the government, battling evil for the good of mankind, as disciples commissioned to go as Jesus insists into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature, we are laborers who must build up the body of Christ to battle evil for the good of all creation.

Though six million dollars is quite the price tag then and now for anything or anybody, we have been rebuilt with a price beyond calculation, as Saint Peter reminds us in Scripture: "realize that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb."

Our redemption was purchased at the cost of the life of Christ who because He is God having infinite dignity has infinite value; therefore, purchased at so great a price as we see from this Cross, we too have a value that is infinite.

This is how God the Father now sees us in His Son who has assumed His throne beside Him, and how it is we must see each other standing beside each other in this life...encouraging and supporting each other collaborating with each other in building up the body of Christ and His Kingdom here on earth.

As Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us: Through the incarnation, the Son of God in a certain manner united Himself with every human being, and the nature of that union, you have an extraordinary experience of in Holy Communion, except, we are now united with the Risen Christ, we are filled with the power of His Resurrection so that we might be that force for good in this world.

That being in possession of more than superhuman strength, being in possession of Divine strength...we can do as Jesus promises: in my name you will drive out demons, You will pick up serpents with your hands, and if you drink any deadly thing, it will not harm you. You will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

We are more than bionic men and women, we are divine men and women with an infinite power at our disposal to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth in preparation for the life of the world to come.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 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 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

Weekday Masses

Mon. 5/30 7:30 a.m. Lachance & Grodin families
 5:30 p.m. Bob Lenihan
 Tues. 5/31 7:30 a.m. Luisa Marie Vaz & family
 5:30 p.m. George Zamarly, Sr.
 Wed. 6/1 7:30 a.m. Eileen McAdams
 5:30 p.m. James Cleary
 Thurs. 6/2 7:30 a.m. Tommy Traynor
 5:30 p.m. John Knapik
 Fri. 6/3 7:30 a.m. John Flanagan, Jr.
 5:30 p.m. Lachance & Grodin families
 Sat. 6/4 7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Vanessa Cipriani

Saturday, June 4th

4:00 p.m. Jennie Garbarini.

Sunday, June 5th

7:30 a.m. Christopher Robles
 9:00 a.m. Ralph Cipriani
 10:30 a.m. Alfredo Villaflor, Sr.
 12:00 p.m. Frank Ostrosky



*Our Sanctuary Light
 will burn this week
 For the unborn, stillborn, deceased
 infants & their families*

*Our Devotional Light
 will burn this week
 In remembrance of
 Emery Wach*



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Mary Alberico	Phil DeFelice	Rita Meyers
Paul Alvarez	Mary DeLorenzo	Frank Minardi
Fr. Ronald Amiot	Michael Devaney	Christian Morales
Josephine Amiot	Tricia Duffy	Leroy Moye
Ellie Art	Sandy Erickson	Sue Neri
Rita Bellavance	Diane & Anthony	Louis Pisani
Michael Black	Gilbertie	Gerry Ressigie
Eleanor Bruckmann	Vincent Gordon	John Salgado
Ken Burns	Holly Graham	Ann Samperi
Bella Burns	Leanne Gransden	Dana M. Shocker
Francisca Campos	Amy Hanson	Susan Torney
Joan Carpenter	Harold Liskov	David Van Vlack
Letitia Ciccio	Fr. George Mansour	Patty Vitola
Lucille Costello	Robyn McDaniel	K.J. Webb
Marilyn Croce	Allison McGrath	Peter Zaleski



May 21/22

2022

Weekend Offertory: \$5,831.00
 Online Giving: \$2,484.00

There is no second collection next weekend.

Thank You



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.

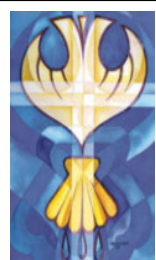


The Catholic Academy of Bridgeport is one school on four campuses in the inner city of Bridgeport - St. Andrew, St. Ann, St. Augustine and St. Raphael—and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Its mission is to provide a Christ centered, academically rigorous learning environment where cultural diversity is welcomed, Catholic values taught and all faiths celebrated. Students are nurtured, encouraged and challenged in preparation for a successful life of leadership and service.

This year the Academy will serve 900 children. Despite tuition being only \$5,150 a year, 85% of families cannot afford this so the school must award more than \$2 million annually in financial assistance. More than 80% of students perform at grade level compared with only 23% in the Bridgeport public school system, and 100% of student's graduate high school compared with barely 70% of Bridgeport public school students.

Donations to the Bishop's Appeal enable inner-city youth to become faith-filled, industrious, responsible and well-educated adults. Our world and the Church need these young students to excel academically and to develop a strong and active faith in God..



Newly Baptized:

Last weekend we welcomed

Avery Jean Calderaro
Hannah Rose Erlingheuser
Penelope Ann Hathaway
Jacob Coyle Medoff

into the Roman Catholic Faith, through the saving waters of Baptism.

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/>.

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.

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.

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 or call the office at 203-333-9065. A date for the training will be determined.



Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

Please join us for our Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession **following the 12:00 PM Mass on June 19th.**

What is a Eucharistic Procession? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. A Eucharistic procession, therefore, is a public witness of the veneration toward the most holy Eucharist, conducted through public streets, though in this instance in and around our parking lot.

It takes place in this way: A consecrated host – that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity – is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession. Like a pilgrimage, a Eucharistic procession normally starts at one holy place and ends at another. This earthly journey reminds the Catholic faithful of their spiritual journey toward eternal life with God.

By processing with the Holy Eucharist in a reverent, prayerful and joyful manner, Catholics can honor Christ in the Eucharist and serve as witnesses to the intimate presence of God in the world and in each individual. Processions powerfully display the Incarnation, or God becoming human, and thus speak of his merciful love for all who journey to eternal life with him.

Memorial DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday dating back to 1967, a day originated from the Civil War to honor both the Union and Confederate war dead. Thankfully, since then it has been observed and recognizes all Americans who lost their lives in military conflict. They "answered the call" and we enjoy the many blessings of freedom. Yes, they epitomized duty, honor, courage. It is only fitting that we pause and in our humble way say "THANK YOU".

We find it appropriate to list below a few Memorial Day quotes which honor our heroes.

"May we never forget freedom isn't free." (Author Unknown)

"We don't know them all. But, we owe them all." (Author Unknown)

"Home of the free because of the brave." (Author Unknown)

"Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

"Glory lights the soldier's tomb and beauty weeps the brave."

(Joseph Rodman Drake, Early American Poet.

We must also remember our Country's "MISSING IN ACTION" and "PRISONERS OF WAR", as well as all the servicemen and women who have come back home suffering the horrors of war. Their lives have been forever changed.

To all of our fallen heroes, we say "THANK YOU" again.

"WE CAN'T BRING THEM BACK, BUT WE CAN REMEMBER THEM."

Pray for Peace.

SK Fred J. Coseglia, Past Grand Knight
Chairman, Memorial Day Service

SK Michael P. Lauzon, Grand Knight

HONOR "OUR" MILITARY

Listed below are Our Lady of the Assumption Parish family members presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. We have much to be thankful for. We salute them and thank them for their service.

*CAPT John J. Adams,
U.S. Army*

*2ND LT Matthew R. Coppola,
U.S. Army*

*SGT Allan McDaniel III,
U.S. Army*

*COL Thomas M. Armas,
U.S. Marine Corps*

*STAFF SGT Christopher DeSiena,
U.S. Marine Corps*

*Specialist Amanda McDaniel,
U.S. Army*

*CAPT Jeffery Boda,
U.S. Coast Guard*

*CAPT Mark Evan Long,
U.S. Air Force*

*MAJOR Thomas C. Opalak,
U.S. Army*

*CAPT Andrew Vimini,
U.S. Army*



**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.swordsheldgolf.com> for additional information.

We are registering now for Sponsor and Player opportunities. Forms are available at <https://olaffld.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 or call (203)209-2164 or **George Ribellino** by email gribellino@sbcglobal.net or call (203) 856-7101, for more information.



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.

St. Anthony Italian Festival

The Original Italian Festival is back for 2022 with plenty of delicious Italian food, rides, entertainment and family friendly Fun! All are welcome.

Friday, June 17th – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 18th – 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, June 19th – 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Special Sunday Outdoor Mass & Procession at 11 a.m. with BISHOP CAGGIANO celebrating the Mass.

Readings for the Week

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
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ John 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/John 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/John 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ John 21:15-19
Saturday:	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7/John 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5/ Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/John 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9/Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ezekiel 37:1-14/Joel 3:1-5/Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Romans 8:22-27/ John 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17/John 20:19-23 or John 14: 15-16, 23b-26

Communion Antiphon

"Father, I am coming to you; keep them from evil, alleluia." - Psalm 122:1

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**.

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.

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 PM. – 8 PM 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.yc Fairfield County.org/events/executive-speaker-series>.

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