

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.

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.



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 - Ann, Helen and the Holy Spirit -

Communication is essential to learning...making sense of one's world and one's place in it.

But living in a diverse world, there are any number of languages people speak which can complicate the process of people understanding each other.

That is unless there were a universal language all people had in common. Pentecost celebrates that language in common because it is spoken from a single body: the Body of Jesus Christ.

The language the whole world speaks understands and relates to freely is called **LOVE**.

Love is the language we all have spoken longest than any other language. From the very start, it was passed down from your parents to you.

The process that leads to the birth of a human being is called "making love". Everything that was done to you from the moment you were born till now that you are fully grown up was done on the basis of **LOVE**.

Like any other language, you can learn how to communicate in love. All it takes is for you to find someone who can teach you love. And there is no greater Teacher than Christ, no greater school to enroll in than the Church.

One of the most inspiring stories that involves the importance of effective communication and speaking that language of love is that of Helen Keller and Ann Sullivan.

Sullivan's parents were impoverished immigrants who fled the Great Famine in Ireland. She became almost blind from a bacterial eye disease when she was 5. Her mother died when she was 8, and her father abandoned Annie and her brother. They were sent to the Tewksbury Almshouse – where her brother died a few months later.

Once there – nobody could do anything with her. She'd bite and scream and throw her food at people. The doctors and nurses couldn't even examine her. That is until an orderly took a vested interest in Annie.

She shared: I wanted to help her, but I didn't have any idea what I could do. I mean, if the doctors and nurses couldn't help her, what could someone like me do?

"So I just baked her some brownies. I walked carefully to her cage and said, 'Annie, I baked these brownies just for you.'"

I was afraid she might throw them at me. But she didn't. She actually took the brownies and ate them. After that, she was just a little bit nicer to me when I was around.

One of the nurses noticed this and she told the doctor. They asked me if I'd help them with Annie. I said I would if I could. Every time they wanted to see Annie or

examine her, I went into the cage first and explained and calmed her down and held her hand. This is how they discovered that Annie was almost blind."

After they'd been working with her for about a year – the Perkins institute for the Blind opened its doors. They were able to help her and she went on to study and she became a teacher herself.

Annie came back to the Tewksbury Institute to visit, and to see what she could do to help out. Recently a man had written to Tewksbury about his daughter. She was absolutely unruly – almost like an animal. She was blind and deaf as well as 'deranged.'

He asked if they knew of anyone who would come to his house and work with his daughter. And that is how Annie Sullivan became the lifelong companion of Helen Keller.

I appreciate so much that Helen learned first and foremost by the sense of touch with Annie signing in her hands, more than just learning words, she had an intimate connection with Ann...not just her hands but those hands were extensions of her heart and soul that reached through Helen's hands into her mind, illuminating and enlightening it.

Helen perceives the world primarily through her sense of touch. Without this connection, the gift of language and *communication is out of her reach*.

I, love, Helen. Forever, and—ever.

These are the last words Annie signs into Helen's hand and speaks aloud in the play.

If Annie had not received that initial love and mercy from that orderly, there would have been no Miracle Worker story. This expression of love and mercy lived on in Annie and enabled her to communicate it to Helen empowering her with more than just learning, but with love and mercy too, resurrecting Helen from the fear and darkness of ignorance into the light of living hope and love, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

This is the great celebration of Pentecost...the Holy Spirit is the soul of the body of the Church, a soul who communicates love throughout the entire body so that in and through us, like the vital organs of a body, we promote life...as we express in the creed. I believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord the giver of Life and the life He communicates to us is Jesus Christ...who says I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly, no where more so than in the Eucharist, for Life is love and God is love; therefore, if we want to live life to the fullest we must love God and each other to the fullest.

Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 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, 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

Weekday Masses

Mon. 6/6 7:30 a.m. Theresa Lauzon
5:30 p.m. Timoteo DeBenedittis
Tues. 6/7 7:30 a.m. Paul Danilowicz
5:30 p.m. Deacon Kevin Moore
(3rd Year Anniversary)
Wed. 6/8 7:30 a.m. Eileen McAdams
5:30 p.m. Lachance & Grondin families
Thurs. 6/9 7:30 a.m. Mary Crowley
5:30 p.m. Special Intention of Antonio Valenzuela
Fri. 6/10 7:30 a.m. Eileen Tallent
5:30 p.m. Bob Lenihan
Sat. 6/11 7:30 a.m. Lachance & Grondin families

Saturday, June 11th

4:00 p.m. Emery Wach

Sunday, June 12th

7:30 a.m. Mario Maurice
9:00 a.m. Lori Argonese
10:30 a.m. Deacon Kevin Moore
12:00 p.m. Barbara Karpinski



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



*Our Devotional Light
will burn this week
In remembrance of
Dr. Edward Luchansky*

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
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Michael Black	Gilbertie	Gerry Ressigue
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 26	
<u>2022</u>	
Ascension Offertory:	\$1,197.00
May 28/29	
<u>2022</u>	
Weekend Offertory:	\$5,450.00
Online Giving	\$2,528.00
2nd Collection (Catholic Communications)	\$1,910.00
<i>Our second collection next weekend is for Capital Improvements.</i>	
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.



Since its founding in 1999, Saint Catherine Academy has been committed to providing the highest quality education program for students who are impacted with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2014, this essential ministry became Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs to centralize pastoral and educational support for individuals with disabilities and added an Adult Day Program for adults with disabilities.

The Center partners with parishes, religious educators and school personnel to support the needs of individuals throughout the Diocese.

Giving to the Bishop's Appeal ensures that this life-affirming organization will continue to provide a quality education and a living faith for children and adults with special needs. Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish	
<i>2022 Bishop's Appeal as of May 27, 2022</i>	
ABA Goal:	\$123,900
Total Pledged:	\$80,945 (63%)
Donors to Date:	180 Donors



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

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/>.

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.

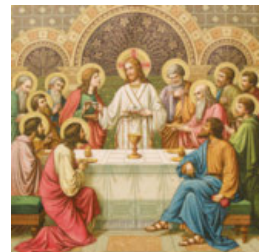
Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

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.



Parish Finance Council

The Council has completed the **OLA 3rd quarter review (1-1-22 to 3-31-22)** covering statements of financial position and activities. As always, these reports have been filed with the Diocese and are now available to all parishioners. Reports can be found on the table in the entry way of the hall. Please take home a copy. Our parish continues to be fiscally sound and the Parish Finance Council members join Father Cipriani in thanking you for your continuing support.

Ron Fiske, Chairman, Parish Finance Council

Special Family Mass

Fr. Peter invites families with young children to attend a special celebration on **Sunday, June 26th at our 9:00 AM Mass**. What better way for your children to celebrate Mass by participating in the Homily. Being involved at Mass, your children will be reminded of the **REAL** meaning of Jesus' life and teachings!



**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.

Sponsor and Player registration 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, 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.



THE BLESSED
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THE CHURCH

JUNE 6TH



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.

St. Anthony Italian Festival



The "Original" Italian Festival is back for 2022 with plenty of delicious Italian food, rides, entertainment and family friendly Fun! Festival on the grounds of St. Margaret Shrine, 2523 Park Avenue, Bridgeport. If you have any questions, please contact the Shrine Office at 203-333-9627. .

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.

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*

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Specialist Amanda McDaniel,
U.S. Army*

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

*CAPT Andrew Vimini,
U.S. Army*

Convalidation of Marriage

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon.

Catholics who exchange marriage vows in the presence of only ministers from other religious traditions or authorized civic officials (i.e., Justice of the Peace) are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church, which offers Marriage in the unique form of a Sacrament called Holy Matrimony: a sacrament similar in scope and power to that of Holy Communion/Eucharist. In fact, Holy Matrimony is meant to signify (a sacrament is a visible sign indicating a greater invisible and/or supernatural reality) the enduring and unbreakable love for Jesus Christ the Bridegroom for His Bride the Church.

If you feel as though you are in a position where Convalidation is possible, please call the Rectory to discuss the process involved. Couples who are not in a recognized Catholic Marriage should not receive Holy Communion and are not qualified to be Catholic godparent until the Convalidation process is complete.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

Readings for the Week

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
Monday:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/John 19:25-34
Tuesday:	1 Kings 17:7-16/Psalm 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/ Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kings 18:20-39/Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kings 18:41-46/Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13/ Matthew 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16/Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Matthew 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	Proverbs 8:22-31/Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/ Romans 5:1-5/John 16:12-15

Communion Antiphon

"They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and proclaimed what the Lord had done." - Psalm 68:2

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.ycpfairfieldcounty.org/events/executive-speaker-series>.

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**.

Day of Prayer and Healing

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You do not have to suffer alone! Join others on **Saturday, July 9th** for a Day of Prayer and Healing. Come experience the healing peace of Christ. For more information or to register, **call Maureen at 203-416-1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org**. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

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