

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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

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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 - Inheritance Claim -

The Psalmist says today "You are my inheritance O Lord."

And who of course does not savor a nice inheritance? However, in order to receive one, it implies that the one we receive it from will have to pass away. And when we truly love someone, wouldn't we rather have that person in our arms rather than all that money in the bank?

There is no one who is more greedy than a Christian and why not, we have placed in our hearts a desire to gain everything and that everything is of course eternal life in Heaven. This then should be the primary and guiding desire of our entire life and every decision we make with that life.

However, in order for us to receive this inheritance, someone did in fact have to die and that someone is Jesus Christ. Today's Psalm should remind us of the parable of the Prodigal Son. We cannot even begin to imagine how insulting and disrespectful the younger son is toward his dad.

Deciding that he wants nothing to do with him or his family and instead everything to do with money and spending it, he basically tells his dad, "you know, I wish you were already dead so that I can receive my share of the inheritance but since that may not happen soon, give it to me anyway."

And rather than go upside his son's head with a few slaps to it, he indulges his son and let's him go; not in anger but with sadness and always that hope that one day he will return.

And of course, that is exactly what happens. No sooner does the father see his son in the far distance does he take off after him like a shot.

We can only imagine then, each day the father would hold vigil on that porch, scanning the horizon hoping and praying for that glorious glimpse of his returning son. And rather than poking an accusing and condemning finger in his son's face, he embraces him, smothers him with hugs and kisses.

Meanwhile the son has rehearsed what is perhaps the greatest forgive me speech ever which the father in his uncontainable joy won't even let his son recite and instead dashes him off to the greatest party ever thrown in his honor. Pretty amazing story, but more than a story it is precisely how God the Father feels about us.

Like the Prodigal Son when we received life in this world, we forfeited that gift of eternal life by bankrupting ourselves by sin. Like Adam, we wanted the gifts of God but not God himself.

Can you imagine your child coming up to you with the attitude that they want nothing more to do with you except by way of emptying your bank account so that they

can live a life totally independent of you, no longer caring about the fact that every nickel and dime they accumulated over the years for you was by way of so much self-sacrifice, so much blood, sweat and tears shed so that you could have the opportunity to live the ideal life.

How many people living out the many gifts and graces and blessings of this life, have left their Father's home without so much as a glance behind them to squander these gifts by living a life without faith?

Like the Father, Jesus too scans that horizon in hopes of getting that glimpse of us coming home and He sees from His most privileged place of seeing all things...not so much from Heaven looking down...as from the Cross looking out. This then is the allotted portion and cup of the Psalmist's inheritance...it is God Himself.

And how is it that we receive this portion ourselves if not through the Gift of the Holy Eucharist. Christ literally spends Himself, empties Himself to the last drop of His blood on the Cross, and this emptying of Himself has to go somewhere, and the life He is emptied of on that Cross is poured into us. And as once the Father embraced his returning son and threw him the big party, we too are embraced by Christ in Holy Communion.

In the gift of the Eucharist, Christ literally wraps Himself around us. There is then no greater celebration in life than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Here we are reminded of our infinite glory...reclaiming our royal dignity that was once polluted by sin and threatened with absolute destruction by death.

Parents would not have an inheritance to leave for their children unless they spent the lives of their children working and saving, which is exactly what Jesus did. He worked tirelessly so that He could save us.

Jesus reminds His disciples and all of us: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you. This is the bread that came down from heaven...whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Eucharist then is the remedy for life's most fatal disease and that is sin, because it is sin that causes all our unhappiness and pains, none worse or more fatal than dying and death.

Having received the wealth of faith, let us spend it freely and often through prayer, the reception of the sacraments and performing acts of kindness and mercy, so that those bankrupting themselves living lives or rather dying lives without God may too come to their senses and return home to where they and all of us most belong...in the arms of Christ forever.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 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 25th

4:00 p.m. Mildred Evelyn Anderson

Sunday, June 26th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Marie Marks

9:00 a.m. John & Janice Carey

10:30 a.m. Christas & Josephine Bogazis

12:00 p.m. Dr. Edward McPadden

Weekday Masses

Mon. 6/27 7:30 a.m. Fr. J. Barry Furey
(10th year Anniversary)

5:30 p.m. Mary Jo Griffen

Tues. 6/28 7:30 a.m. Paul Gardella, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Carol J. Roda

Wed. 6/29 7:30 a.m. Lachance & Grondin families
5:30 p.m. Manus & Loretto Byrne

Thurs. 6/30 7:30 a.m. Mary Jane Van Vlack
5:30 p.m. Patrick J. Carolan II

Fri. 7/1 7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Nicole
5:30 p.m. Christopher Robles

Sat. 7/2 7:30 a.m. Lachance & Grondin families

Saturday, July 2nd

4:00 p.m. Richard Renzulli

Sunday, July 3rd

7:30 a.m. Martin Lang

9:00 a.m. Ronald Fiske, Sr.

10:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeStefano, Sr.

12:00 p.m. Special Intention of Cindy Plescia



*Our Sanctuary Light
will burn this week
In loving memory of
Carol J. Roda*

*Our Devotional Light
will burn this week
For those who passed away
during the month of June*



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

June 18/19

2022

Weekend Offertory: \$5,320.00
 Online Giving: \$2,315.00

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.



As the 2022 Bishop's Appeal continues, we are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflect your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with your fellow parishioners, will enable the dioceses to provide essential pastoral, educational, and human needs throughout Fairfield County. Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish	
2022 Bishop's Appeal as of June 17, 2022	
ABA Goal:	\$123,900
Total Pledged:	\$86,860 (70%)
Donors to Date:	199 Donors
	To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org , call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Enrollment of the Brown Scapular Of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



In celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Saturday, July 16th** we will offer an enrollment of the Brown Scapular for those who would like to do so and are **NOT** already enrolled **at our daily 7:30 AM Mass**. The Brown Scapular is worn as a sign of love and devotion for the Mother of God. Scapulars will be available at the Mass. Please plan on attending and spread the word to your family and friends.



Once again this year, we are pleased our parish family can come together for **Fellowship, Food, Fun**. Please join us for our Parish Family picnic on **Sunday, August 14th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall** as we celebrate Our Lady of the Assumption's Feast Day. The church will provide a catered barbeque lunch (from Mission BBQ in Orange) that includes smoked meats, rolls, cornbread, homemade sides, salad and dessert. A variety of drinks will also be available. We hope you can be join us in our celebration!

RSVP is REQUIRED

Please RSVP by Sunday, August 7th, a final count must be provided to the caterer. Please fill out the information below and return it in the collection basket, or email Lisa at Ireed@olaffld.org with this information. Please no walk-ins!

Name (s): _____

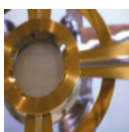
Adults Attending _____ # Children Attending _____

Phone # _____

Center of Mercy Reconciliation

As a Center of Mercy parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport, we continue to offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation each week on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM**. As Catholics we have the gift of Confession to restore our relationship with God and share in His glory. This is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw nearer to the Lord. **In addition, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be offered during this time as well, as long as there will be people present during this time to adore our Lord.

Abbreviated Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Will take place on First Friday, July 1, following the 7:30 AM Mass and will **conclude at 5:15 PM on Friday due to the 4th of July Holiday Weekend**. All are welcome to come and spend an hour with Jesus.

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.

Live the Liturgy

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us. Every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling to us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come.



6th Annual Sword & Shield Golf Classic

The Our Lady of the Assumption Knights of Columbus Council 11077 and St. Matthews Knights of Columbus Council 14360 would like to thank Fr. Cipriani, Our Parish and all who contributed to the Sixth Annual Sword & Shield Golf Classic.

The Tournament was held on Monday June 13 at Brownson Country Club in Huntington. A great time was had by all of the golfers, dinner attendees and volunteers during the day.

This event supports great charities such as Homes for the Brave, Malta House, Off the Streets and many more.

We could not do this work as Knights without your continued support and we thank you for all you do!

Looking forward to another successful event again next June.

Sword & Shield Golf Committee



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.

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/>.



Save The Dates

Our 28th annual SeptemberFest will be held on Friday, 9/16, Saturday, 9/17 and Sunday, 9/18. Mark your calendars and look for additional information in our bulletins.

SeptemberFest 2022 Shopping List

Please help to support our 28th annual SeptemberFest Carnival by donating items on the shopping list. This will help to keep costs down and it is a way that everyone can participate in the success of this weekend. Monetary donations can be made payable to Assumption Church and placed in the offertory basket marked on the envelope accordingly. Donations of purchased items can be placed in **the bins marked located in the Church vestibule. Thank you!**

Please donate only store packaged items only.

Monetary Donation
Aluminum Steam trays (full & half size)
Heavy duty aluminum foil
Bottled water (case of 12-oz bottles)
Boxed ziti or penne
Parmesan Cheese
Oreo Cookies (single stuffed, no mini's)
9 oz. Chinet clear plastic cups
16 oz. Solo beer cups
9"/10"/10-3/8" paper plates
6"/8" paper plates
12 oz. paper bowls
Roll paper towels
Napkins
Plastic Heavy Duty Cutlery (F/S/K)
Ketchup
Mustard
Pickles (dill chips only)
Salt & pepper
Diet soda
Clorox wipes
Antibacterial hand soap

Readings for the Week

- Sunday: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21/Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Galatians 5:1, 13-18/Luke 9:51-62
- Monday: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16/Psalm 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5/Galatians 1:11-20/John 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19
- Thursday: Amos 7:10-17/Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12/Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday: Amos 9:11-15/Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Matthew 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Isaiah 66:10-14c/Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Galatians 6:14-18/Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Communion Antiphon

"Lend your ear and make haste to rescue us." - Psalm 31:2

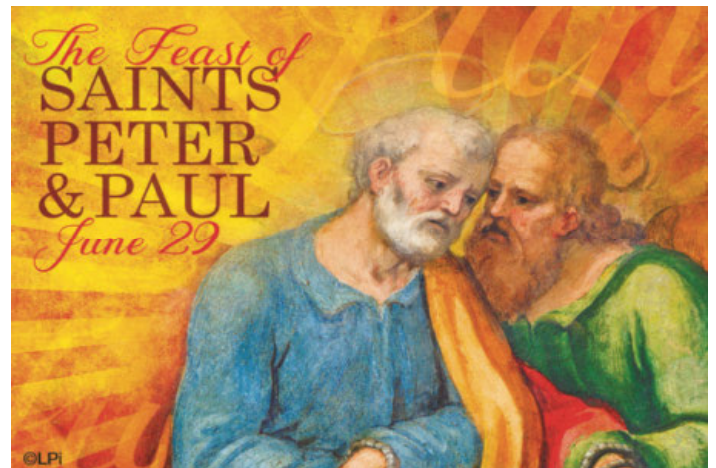
Day of Prayer and Healing

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!

Byzantine Iconography Workshop



Join Iconographer, Veronica Royal for 5 days of prayer, individualized instruction, and lectures, **July 18 - 22 at St. Mary Parish, 55 Catoonah Street, in Ridgefield**. Learn to write/paint an icon according to the ancient techniques using contemporary mediums of gouache and acrylic. The Curriculum includes: Prayer, Lectures on Iconography, Byzantine-style drawing, and Icon painting. For more information, please contact **Roula Lee at 203-249-7153 or email roulazlee@yahoo.com**.



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