

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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

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Rev. Peter A. Cipriani, Pastor

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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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is need of only one thing.”
- Lk 10:42

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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 - Christ's Blood Transfusion -

July is the Month in which the Church honors the Blood of Christ.

Imagine this...you're driving home from work next Monday after a long day and you tune in your radio and you hear a little blurb about a village in India where four people have suddenly been found dead from a flu that's never been seen before. By Tuesday morning when you get up it's the lead story only now it's not four people dead but 30,000 people dead and it's spreading.

Panic strikes. As best as they can tell, after you contract it you have it for a week before you even know it. Then four days of unbelievable symptoms and then you just die. The President of the United States makes the following announcement: due to a national security risk all flights to and from America have been cancelled. If you have loved ones overseas, I'm sorry, they cannot come home until we find a cure for this thing. America is plunged into an unbelievable fear.

Then all of a sudden the news comes out; the code has been broken – a cure can be found- vaccine can be made. But it's going to take the blood of somebody who has not been infected. And so you and I, we're asked to go to our nearest hospital and have our blood tested. By the time we get down there it's late Friday night, they've got long lines of people. Doctors and nurses coming out, taking blood, putting labels on it. They take your blood.

Suddenly a young man comes racing out of the hospital. He's screaming your name, waving a clipboard. Your son tugs at your jacket and says, "That's my name they're calling."

They race your son into the hospital: "wait a minute, that's my son."

Then an old gray-haired doctor walks up to you and your spouse and says, "thank you. Your son's blood, it's clean, it's pure, it's perfect. We can use it to make a vaccine." As the news begins to spread, people begin to scream and pray and laugh and cry. Then the old doctor pulls you aside again, says, "We're going to need you to sign a consent form. We didn't realize it would be a child."

As you begin to sign the form, you realize that the box for the number of pints to be taken is empty. So you stop signing. You look up at the old doctor and say, "How many pints?" And that is when the old doctor's smile fades. He says, "we had no idea it would be a child, we weren't ready for that."

You say to him again, "How many pints?" He says, "we're going to need it all." You say, "well he's my only son." The doctor grabs you by your shoulders: "we're talking about the whole world here, do you understand that?" You respond, "but can't you give him a transfusion?" He says, "if we had clean blood we would but we don't. Please would you sign the form?"

And then he says to you, "would you like to have a moment with your son before we get started?" Could you walk back into that hospital room where your son sits who says, "mommy, daddy, what's going on?" Could you tell your son you love him?

And then when the doctors and nurses come back and say, "I'm sorry we've got to get started. People all over the world are dying," could you just leave- just turn around and walk out while your son sits there saying, "where are you going? Why are you leaving?"

And then next week, next Sunday when they hold a ceremony to honor your son and his phenomenal contributions, some people don't bother to come 'cause they got better things to do, a whole bunch of people come with a pretentious smile and just pretend to care but they really are more interested in the whole social aspect of it all and another bunch of people sit around and say, "this is pretty boring."

Wouldn't you want to stand up and say, "Excuse me, I don't know if you're aware of it or not but my son, he died so that you could have the extraordinary life you have?" Maybe that's what God wants to say?

And why we arrive at this of July in particular, to celebrate the gift and power of Christ's body and blood...the Holy Eucharist. In the Passover Story from Exodus, we are told that the Israelites are saved from death when the Angel of Death seeing the blood smeared on the doorposts and lintels passes over them.

The wood of those doorposts is an image of the Cross when upon that wood, the blood of Christ would be spilled, but only so that one day...having gathered up that blood...and placed in the Chalice of His Glorified Body...we may drink from the cup of Salvation in Holy Communion.

When Leukemia strikes the body it causes cancer in the blood, the bone marrow which produces blood to fight infection is itself infected, a cure is possible, remission, but a serious regimen of therapy and medication and self-care is required.

And to live and love another day with family and so many friends to love and support you, you'll do whatever it takes, so strong is the life instinct and desire in us...life is so worth living and love so worth giving and receiving.

Here in lies the vaccine of all vaccines...not to prevent some bad disease from harming us, but preventing death from harming us...sin from destroying us...hell from enslaving us...as Jesus Christ Himself promises and assures us: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 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, July 16th

4:00 p.m. Jane Schweitzer

Sunday, July 17th

7:30 a.m. Peter Hazlett
9:00 a.m. Gerald J. Lanzillotti
10:30 a.m. Vincent J. Gaccione, Jr.
12:00 p.m. Bob Palumbo

Weekday Masses

Mon. 7/18 7:30 a.m. Mark Hayo
5:30 p.m. Lachance & Grondin families
Tues. 7/19 7:30 a.m. Charles Guerra
5:30 p.m. Mary Hickey
Wed. 7/20 7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Eileen Blackall
5:30 p.m. Madelyn & Raymond Foley
Thurs. 7/21 7:30 a.m. Christopher Robles
5:30 p.m. Lachance & Grondin families
Fri. 7/22 7:30 a.m. Thomas Griffen
5:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Pawlowski family
Sat. 7/23 7:30 a.m. Christopher Robles

Saturday, July 23rd

4:00 p.m. Louise Gardella

Sunday, July 24th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Greg Kinker
9:00 a.m. Pedro Checo
10:30 a.m. Roberta Garbarini
12:00 p.m. Seamus Finnerty



*Our Sanctuary Light
will burn this week
In Loving Memory of
Roberta Garbarini*



*Our Devotional Light
will burn this week
For the Souls in Purgatory*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

July 9/10

Weekend Offertory: 2022 \$6,748.25
 Online Giving \$3,195.00

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.

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/>.



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 30, 2022	
ABA Goal:	\$123,900
Total Pledged:	90,411 (73%)
Donors to Date:	209 Donors



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

Special Family Mass

Fr. Peter invites families with young children to attend a special celebration on **Sunday, July 31 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!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will take place on Friday, August 5, following the 7:30 AM Mass and will conclude on First Saturday, August 6, prior to the 7:30 AM. Mass. Due to our 5:30 PM Mass on Friday the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from 5:30 to 6:15 PM. All are welcome to come and spend an hour with Jesus.

Blessing of College Students

There will be a special blessing of college students on **Sunday, August 7 at our 12:00 PM Mass with Fr. Peter**. All college students are welcome to join us as we ask God's blessings on you and your studies during the coming year. Please come wearing something indicating the College you will be attending.



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 # _____

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.



Newly Baptized:

Last weekend we welcomed

**Dominic Anthony Barbosa
Salvatore Michael Stellate**

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

**Readings for the Week**

Sunday:	Genesis 18:1-10a/Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/ Colossians 1:24-28/Luke 10:38-42
Monday:	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8/Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10/Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Matthew 13:10-17
Friday:	Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17/ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/John 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jeremiah 7:1-11/Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Matthew 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Genesis 18:20-32/Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13

Communion Antiphon

“Mary has chosen the best part, which shall never be taken away.” - Psalm 34:1

Weekly Flower Offerings

What better way to celebrate someone's birthday, an anniversary, honor someone or something special, or remember loved ones who are no longer with us than by placing fresh flower arrangements on the altar or by the tabernacle. An announcement will appear in the bulletin to acknowledge your request. Please contact the parish office at least two weeks in advance to reserve an available week during this year, **except during Advent.** The cost of the flowers are **\$50.00 for the Altar and \$30.00 for the tabernacle.**

Free Estate Planning Resource

As Catholics, we are called to steward our families, finances, and entire lives in a God-honoring manner. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Bridgeport is sharing a free, online will writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your loved ones and your assets, and create a legacy gift that passes your Catholic faith on to future generations. Please visit FreeWill.com/BridgeportDiocese to get started. Contact **Bob O'Brien (robrien@diobpt.org or 203-339-1148)** with any question or if you'd like a tutorial of the FreeWill website.

Pilgrimage to India

Hosted by Holy Family and St. Emery Parish, it is 14 days to India including two days in Dubai that departs on January 5, 2023. They will visit the International Shrine of Saint Thomas Cathedral Basilica Chennai, Shrine of Saint Francis Xavier and the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Goa, first and second century Eastern Churches, tomb of Saint Alphonsa, cities of Kochi, Goa, Munnar, Kumarakom and Dubai (City Tour, Creek Dhow Cruise, Desert Safari with BBQ dineer). The cost is \$5,600 person and the space is limited. **Please call the Holy Family and St. Emery Parish office for more details at 203-336-1835.**



SeptemberFest 2022

Our 28th annual SeptemberFest will be held on Friday, 9/16, Saturday, 9/17 and Sunday, 9/18. There will be many opportunities over the summer for ways to help this vital fundraiser, including volunteering, sponsorships, patrons, raffle ticket sales, and food list donations. Thank you for your continued support!

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



Annual Parish Raffle

Tickets have been mailed to your home. Please sell or purchase tickets yourself for chances to win these great prizes. Tickets can be returned in any offertory basket or the parish office with cash or check made payable to Assumption Church, kindly note on check, "Raffle 2022". **Please return unsold tickets to the parish office, as well.** If you would like additional tickets to sell, please contact the parish office. Good Luck! Drawing will take place on Sunday, September 18 at 6:00 PM. Winner need not be present to win.

Three Cash Prizes to be Awarded!

- **Grand Prize: \$10,000 Cash Prize**
- **1st Prize: \$3,500 Cash Prize**
- **2nd Prize: \$1,500 Cash Prize**

Family and Company Sponsorship

SeptemberFest attracts thousands of people to a three-day weekend celebration with great food, fun games, and exciting rides. Our vibrant fairgrounds welcome more than 1,500 people each day. Please consider being an important part of our community by being a sponsor. We will proudly recognize your generous support by displaying your company name or personal name on signs around the fairgrounds, in our parish bulletin, and our website. There is no better way to display your support for Assumption parish. Family and company sponsorship forms are available in the Church vestibule, on our website or at the parish office. Please send your completed form and check no later than **August 21st to the parish office.**



Be a PATRON of SeptemberFest!

With a *small* donation of \$25 to this year's SeptemberFest, you can make a *big* difference and show your support. All patron names will be listed in our bulletin following SeptemberFest with our gratitude. Just fill in the form below and return with your check made payable to Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Indicate "Patron" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support.

2022 SeptemberFest Patron

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