

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

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

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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.

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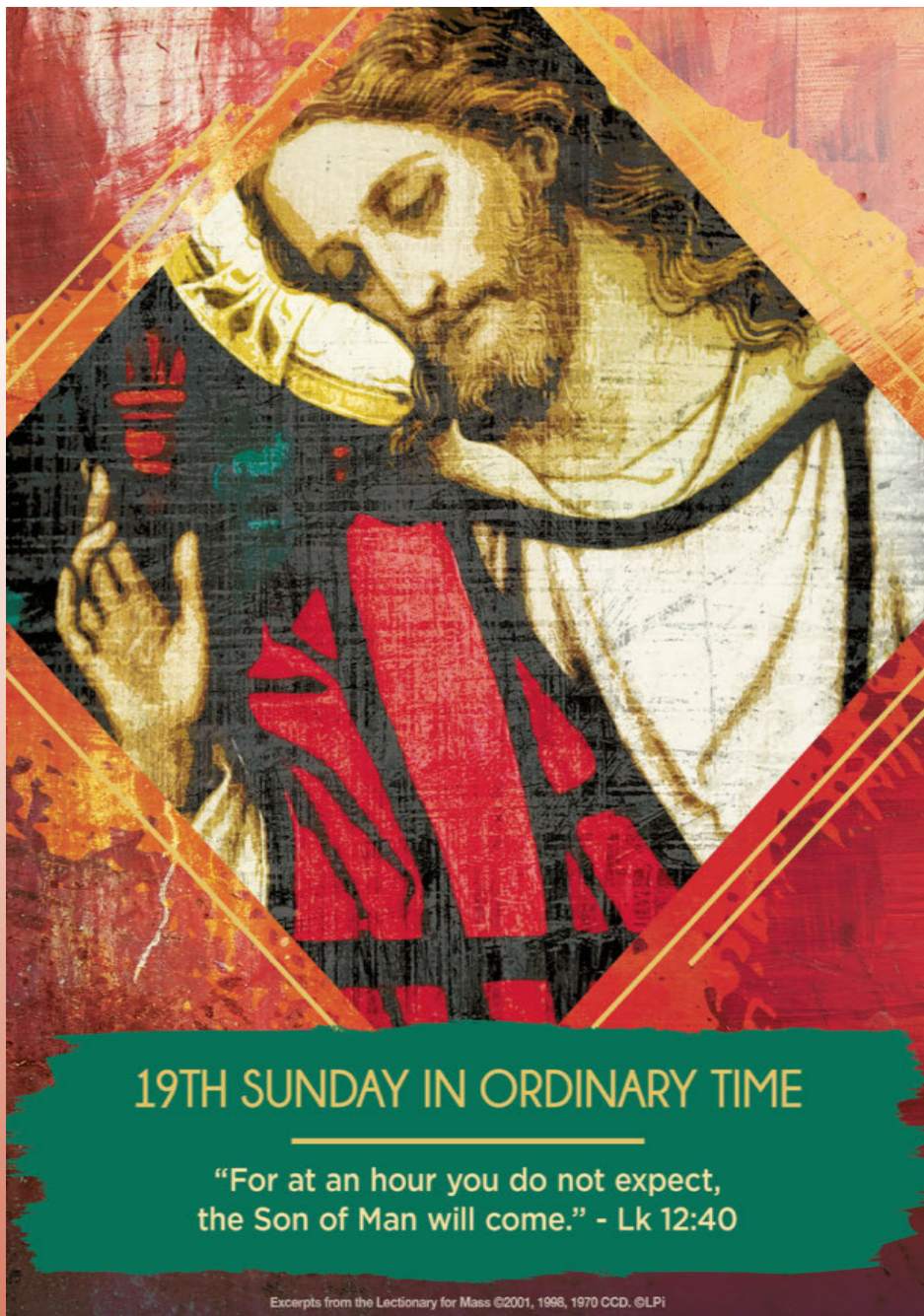
Miraculous Medal-8 AM. Monday

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40*

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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 - The Most Valuable Treasure -

This week the Church celebrates the life of Saint Clare of Assisi on August 11th.

She was one of the first followers of Saint Francis who like him, founded a religious order of the Poor Ladies or Poor Clares. Like Francis despite coming from a distinguished and wealthy family, she renounced that wealth in favor of a greater treasure...Jesus Christ.

There is no greater treasure in all the world than the Holy Eucharist...none! And yet entrusted to us, how many share this infinite wealth, share it for the benefit of others who are utterly destitute of spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health, as though we were refusing them desperately needed medical care.

The Eucharist must be our treasure as this incident from the life of Saint Clare so powerfully captures and instructs.

Once, during an enemy attack against Assisi, a city beloved of the Lord, the Saracen army entered through gates of Assisi, and massed like bees, the fierce Saracens invaded San Damiano, entered the confines of the convent and even the very cloister of the Nuns. The women were in terror as they called out to their Mother, St. Clare.

With a fearless heart, St. Clare commanded them to lead her, sick as she was, to the enemy, preceded by a silver and ivory case in which the Body of the Saint of Saints was kept with great devotion. From the case she produced a Monstrance where the Holy Eucharist is placed/exposed, during every First Friday for example, for the people to adore Christ.

And prostrating herself before the Lord, she spoke plaintively to her Christ: "Behold, my Lord, is it possible that Thou wouldst deliver into the hands of pagans Thy defenseless servants, whom I have taught out of love for Thee? I pray Thee, Lord, protect them who I cannot now save by myself." Suddenly a voice resounded in her ears from the Monstrance: "I will always protect you!"

Then the virgin, raising a face bathed in tears, comforted the sisters: "I assure you, daughters, that you will suffer no evil; only have faith in Christ."

Upon seeing the courage of the sisters, the Saracens took flight and fled back over the walls they had scaled, unnerved by the strength of the sister whom they saw praying, holding the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament aloft for all of them to see and quake with terror. More than a story to tell, that same presence, that same power is given to us.

As we heard from today's first reading: "For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the Divine Institution", referring to the Passover, however; we have the greater Passover. The greatest offering in fact in our possession

to offer to God the Father on behalf of ourselves, those we love and the entire hurting world, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass...Jesus Christ the true Lamb of God.

The Psalmist says today Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own, and we are his own, we are His treasure.

And there is no more mighty work than the Eucharist which empowers us with that same love that created an entire universe, that same love which conquered all sin, suffering and death...the Resurrection. For where your heart is so shall your treasure be and where is the heart of God, it is in a human body just like our own except glorified...there, the Incarnation and Resurrection remind us that there is nowhere on earth, more so than in any Church, Christ most prefers to dwell than in us, like a child prefers to dwell home with his or her family, if only we do not evict Him by way of the awful sin of sloth.

Sloth is one of the seven deadly sins which today may be the most prominent sin committed amongst Christians. Sloth becomes a sin when it depletes the energy we must expend in using the means to salvation.

In other words, sloth refers to that attitude Christ mentions at the conclusion of today's Gospel, that despite all the treasures given to one, one could hardly care less, it's spiritual indifference, apathy, the worst ingratitude there is...much will be required of the person entrusted with much...and as Catholics we have been entrusted with everything by way of the Holy Eucharist, a word that means to give thanks.

When it is announced that one is to be a parent and then when holding that child in one's arms for the first time there is incredible joy, and so we must maintain and cultivate the joy given to us by way of the Holy Mass and the Holy Eucharist. Yes, as any parent will tell you, there is great responsibility, great sacrifice required in raising a family, but there is nothing more worth it, nothing that requires more love to do so and the love without end needed to accomplish that is ours, entrusted to us by way of the Holy Eucharist.

Let us then allow Christ to transform our hearts into the shape of a Monstrance, so that as Saint Clare did, He may show us to the world, so the devil and his legions may turn tale and run, that offering the Christ we receive consistently in Holy Communion may bring healing and conversion to those we pray for...extinguish the fires of hell that seem to be raging out of control all over the world especially here in this country.

We have the remedy...the Holy Eucharist...the greatest most valuable treasure there is, please share the wealth and encourage others to do so.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 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, August 6th

4:00 p.m. Timoteo DeBenedittis

Sunday, August 7th

7:30 a.m. Annie Chambers

9:00 a.m. Maria DiNonna

10:30 a.m. Deacon Kevin Moore

12:00 p.m. John & Helen Feeney

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8/8 7:30 a.m. Timoteo Cawit
5:30 p.m. Lachance & Grondin families

Tues. 8/9 7:30 a.m. Special Intention of Evelyn & Cooper Roe
5:30 p.m. Special Intention of Brother Gabriele O'Brien

Wed. 8/10 7:30 a.m. Peggy Gillis
5:30 p.m. Annie Chambers

Thurs. 8/11 7:30 a.m. Lachance & Grondin families
5:30 p.m. Special Intention of Anthony Cipriani

Fri. 8/12 7:30 a.m. Thomas Griffen
5:30 p.m. Sr. Lorraine Quinn

Sat. 8/13 7:30 a.m. David Reynolds

Saturday, August 13th

4:00 p.m. Doris Iwanski

Sunday, August 14th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention of David Van Vlack

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

10:30 a.m. Edward F. Carroll (7th year anniversary)

12:00 p.m. John Wrobel, Sr.



*Our Sanctuary Light
will burn this week
In Loving Memory of
Eileen Tallent*



*Our Devotional Light
will burn this week
Special Intention of our parish
college students*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fr. Ronald Amiot	Michael Devaney	Leroy Moyer
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Rita Bellavance	Diane & Anthony	Louis Pisani
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Eleanor Bruckmann	Vincent Gordon	Gerry Ressigie
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Bella Burns	Amy Hanson	John Salgado
Francisca Campos	Harold Liskov	Ann Samperi
Marissa Capponetti	Fr. George Mansour	Dana M. Shocker
Joan Carpenter	Karen Mayer	David Van Vlack
Letitia Ciccio	Robyn McDaniel	Tim Terry
Lucille Costello	Allison McGrath	Patty Vitola
Marilyn Croce	Rita Meyers	K.J. Webb
Phil DeFelice	Christian Morales	Peter Zaleski

July 30/31
2022

Weekend Offertory: \$5,910.25
Online Giving: \$2,516.00

Our second collection next weekend is for Capital Improvements.

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 July 29, 2022	
ABA Goal:	\$123,900
Total Pledged:	92,156 (74%)
Donors to Date:	213 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 Mass Celebration

Exciting news! The Bishop has approved celebrating Mass in honor of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The Celebration will take place each year on August 13th. With this in mind, the **Mass on Saturday, August 13th at 7:30am** will be in honor of Blessed Father Michael. What a great opportunity to participate in a great unleashing of graces for CT. Spread the word!

Novena to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Novena cards are available in the Church Vestibule and by the side exit. Please take home a copy today to pray daily, starting this **Sunday, August 7th and concluding on the Feast Day, August 15th.**



Faith Formation Registration

The registration process has begun for the up coming school year. Registration forms and the 2022-2023 Class Schedule are posted on the website at: olaffld.org, under **Faith Formation** tab. Please fill out and mail the registration form with your tuition payment **no later than September 6th directly to the Faith Formation office** as noted on the form. **Classes begin on Tuesday, October 18th.** Please contact the Office of Faith Formation directly at **(203) 367-1108 or email our.lady.assumption@snet.net**, if you have any questions. Thank you and we are looking forward to another great year with you and your child.

Parish Family Picnic

Our Parish Family picnic will be next **Sunday, August 14th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall** to celebrate Our Lady of the Assumption's Feast Day. **RSVP is REQUIRED! No RSVPs will be accepted after this Sunday, August 7th, a final count must be provided to the caterer that day. Please email Lisa at lreed@olaffld.org with your name, number of adults and number of children attending. NO WALK IN'S ALLOWED.**



*Newly Baptized:
Last weekend we welcomed
Theodore Brooks Ciarletto
into the Roman Catholic Faith, through
the saving waters of Baptism.*



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**

2023 Mass Book

Our Book of Mass Intentions for 2023 will open on **Tuesday, August 23rd**. Email Lisa at lreed@olaffd.org, drop of or send by mail your Mass Intention requests (PRINTED NEATLY) and include your phone number. You may also call the parish office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings with your request. In order to accommodate as many parishioners as possible, there is a **limit of 4 Mass Intentions for our Saturday Vigil and/or Sunday Masses** and NO restrictions for our daily Masses. The **Mass Stipend amount is \$15, payment is due at the time of request**, and can be mailed to our office, attention Lisa. If you are requesting a Mass intention and a Sanctuary/Devotional Light, please issue separate checks for the Mass and light(s).

Sanctuary Candle Remembrance

Request for Sanctuary Candle Remembrance for 2023 will also begin on **Tuesday, August 23rd**. It is a beacon to all of the real presence of our Lord in our Church. You can reserve a weekly burning Sanctuary Candle (Sunday to Saturday) for a special intention or in memory of a loved one. An acknowledgement of your request will appear in our bulletin, announced at weekend Masses, and included in the daily Mass intentions for the week. **The stipend amount is \$25** and can be mailed to our office (a separate check from Mass Intentions). At this time there is a limit of 4 weeks in 2023.

Alcove Devotional Light

Starting on **Tuesday, August 23rd** parishioners will also have the opportunity to sponsor the Alcove Devotional Light for their special intention during 2023. Your intention will be posted near the candle, appear in our bulletin, announced at weekend Masses, and included in the daily Mass intentions for the week. **The stipend amount for the Alcove devotional light will be \$20** and can be mailed to our office (a separate check from Mass Intentions). At this time there is a limit of 4 weeks in 2023.

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Wisdom 18:6-9/Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday:	Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c/Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 2:8—3:4/Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Corinthians 9:6-10/Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/John 12:24-26
Thursday:	Ezekiel 12:1-12/Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Matthew 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10/Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Hebrews 12:1-4/Luke 12:49-53

Communion Antiphon

**"Blessed the servant the Lord finds ready when he comes."
- Psalm 34:1**

Free Estate Planning Resource

As Catholics, we are called to steward our families, finances, and entire lives in a God-honoring manor. 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 dinner). 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.**

Veritas Catholic Network

Veritas Catholic Network is on the radio at 1350 AM, 103.9 FM, livestream from your computer, and on the mobile app from your phone. Tune in to 24-hour local Catholic radio. Learn more about your faith, strengthen your family deepen your spirituality, and hear the news through Catholic lens. Subscribe to their weekly newsletter for notice of original shows, local Catholic events, and reflection questions for the Sunday readings. For more information, please visit: www.veritascatholic.com.



**6 Weeks
Until SeptemberFest!
Are you ready for some fun?**

Our 28th annual SeptemberFest will be held on Friday, 9/16, Saturday, 9/17 and Sunday, 9/18. You are an important part of our parish, and your support is vital to our parish and to the many people it serves. 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.*

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. Chinnet 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



Calling All SeptemberFest Volunteers

SeptemberFest is quickly approaching and we are looking for parishioners to volunteer a few hours at one of the many booths, as well as set up, clean up and break down at the festival. This is also a great opportunity for high school students who need to fulfill their service hours. For your convenience we will have online volunteer sign-ups, please visit SignUp.com at <https://signup.com/go/FXhkcSH>. Flyers are also available in the church vestibule with a QR code to the sign-up. If you have any questions or volunteer requests, contact Jennifer Cullinan at jamarrin@aol.com. or Deirdre Sikora at deirdre.sikora@gmail.com.

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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If you prefer to be a sponsor, **Family and Company Sponsorship forms** are available in the vestibule, on our website or at the parish office.

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