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Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Liturgy

Mass Times

*Saturday 4:30pm,
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am*

Adoration

Friday 4:00pm-9:00pm

Confessions

*Saturday 3:00-3:30pm
Wednesday 5:30-6:00pm*

Our Mission

***Our Assumption Parish Family
is united in the Liturgy of the Eucharist;
to love, to teach, to heal, and to serve.
We do this through prayer,
in our commitment
to Jesus Christ, and to one another,
through the intercession
of our Blessed Mother.***

More ways to stay informed:**Parish Website:** assumptionchurchoh.org**Parish Facebook:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Geneva, Ohio**Parish App:** To download: **iPhone users text:** ParishApp1 to 555888**Android users text:** ParishApp2 to 555888

You can watch Fr. Daniel's weekend Mass on our YouTube channel and Facebook.

The link can be found on our Parish website... Assumptionchurchoh.org**YouTube name:** Assumption Church Geneva, OH.**Walk Every Step with Christ**

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions. But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most. These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember to offer prayers for all of the deceased.

**Easter basket/food blessing
at 11am, April 3rd, in the
main church.**

There is no Adoration
on Good Friday.

**Calling All Catholic Men
The Knights of Columbus Are
Looking for You**

During the weekend of March 27th and 28th your local Geneva/Madison 5286 Council will be holding a membership drive. This will take place before all 3 Masses of the weekend. The goals of the Knights are to grow in our faith, family life, and help others in the community. If you are interested in being part of a Catholic fraternity of men, then this could be for you. We are looking for practicing Catholic men at least 18 years of age. If you have any questions, please call Gary Hicks at 440-417-3578.

**REMEMBER TO
PRAY FOR**

The sick and recovering in the parish: Phyllis Pugh, Eva Bukky, Carl Ellsworth, Bob Sistik, Gina Pasqualone, Ashley Painter, Dan Bergen, Patti Modarelli, Tom and Cora Klarner, Jane Conacher, Tayler K. Kelsser, George & Eleanor Phillips, June Janke, Jeanette Salisbury, Patrick Cataldo Jr., Sister Maureen Burke SND, Brian Merrill, Giovanni Rice, Jane Smith as well as those that have not the courage or the strength to ask for our prayers. If you know of someone who could use a prayer, or if you are in need of one, you could put a note in the basket or call the office.

Our Gifts to the Lord

March 14 \$5,363.00

Thank you for your generosity!

(Needed to meet our expenses \$4,400)



UNITED IN FAITH

With the hope, and love we pray for the deceased members of Assumption Parish.

Good Servant Award:



Johnny Bernardo is a 1st grader at Geneva schools. He attends CCD every week with a smile on his face. He even attended when we were only on Zoom. He is polite and thoughtful. He is always a good listener. He is quiet and a little shy but once you get to know him you learn that he is quite smart and funny. He likes to play Mario Kart in his free time. He has a dog Piper that he really loves. But mostly he loves to play with his sisters, they have a wonderful bond. They watch out for each other and really enjoy each other's company. John enjoys listening to bible stories and doing crafts with us on Sundays. He is a special blessing to Assumption Parish.



Aaliyah Fuentes is a 4th grader at Saint John. She loves school and works really hard. She loves CCD in Mrs. Lakota's class. She is a kind and gentle spirit. She is a peacemaker and has lots of friends. Aaliyah's teachers say she puts her heart into everything she does. She is a ballerina at the Art Center and loves the color pink. She loves animals and is a hard worker on the farm. She is a loving sister and caretaker, especially to her disabled sister Christina. She loves to learn about the bible and has memorized all of her prayers. She received her sacraments this year through the RCIA program. She was eager to learn about the Catholic religion and has great faith. You will find Aaliyah volunteering at most events with her family, feel free to stop and say "hi", she is quite the talker and always has a story to tell.

Fritz's going away party.

April, 25th following 11am Mass.

Fritz will be leaving us to continue his education in South America. Fritz has been a bright beacon, during these last several months, here at Assumption.

April 25th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What a perfect day to offer your prayer for Fritz and wish him well on his next endeavor, while increasing his faith.

A lunch of roast beef, chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad and a going away cake, will be provided. Masks will be required at all times, unless you are eating or drinking.

Easter Schedule:

Palm Sunday: Extra palms will be available after Sunday Mass on March 28th until 3 pm, as well as during the week between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

April 1: Holy Thursday Mass: 7 pm

April 2: Good Friday Service: 3 pm

April 3: Easter Vigil: 8 pm.

April 4: Easter Sunday Masses: 9 am and 11 am.



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Mass Intentions for the Week



Wine Distribution

Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

Sat .	4:30pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	9:00am	Doris Zalewski John & Mary Decker
	11:00am	William Hoffman Patricia Hoffman
Mon.	8:30am	No Mass
Tues.	8:30am	Melissa Costello Joe Costello
Wed.	8:30am	Christin Phillips Linda Kostelnik
Thur.	7:00pm	Gloria Jean DiFabio Lou DiFabio
Fri.	8:30am	No Mass
Sat.	8:00pm	Francis Eckenrode Dorothy Eckenrode
Sun.	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	William Hoffman Patricia Hoffman

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR April 10th/11th

LECTORS

SAT.	4:30pm	L. Lotze
SUN.	9:00am	L. Daly
	11:00am	E. Kurzanski

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of EUCHARIST

SAT.	4:30pm	Needed
SUN.	9:00am	J. Privitera
	11:00am	M. Shevchik

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT.	4:30pm	Needed
SUN.	9:00am	Needed
	11:00am	A. Kurzanski

1st Reading – Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

R. Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading – Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R. Thanks be to God.

See handout: For Gospel

A message from Pope Francis

St. Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life.

“God looks on the heart,” he said, “and in Saint Joseph He recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines.” Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others. The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are “capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.”

Chasing a dream

Pope Francis went on to focus on three key words which St. Joseph suggests for each individual’s vocation: dream, service, and fidelity.

The Gospel of Matthew recounts four dreams with which God inspired St. Joseph, each of which represented a difficult call from God. “After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely.” Though it seems strange to us that he would put so much trust in dreams, the Saint let himself be guided without hesitation. “Why?” mused the Pope. “Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards Him. A small indication was enough for his watchful 'inner ear' to recognize God’s voice.” God’s call to each of us, said Pope Francis, happens in the same way, without putting pressure on our freedom. “He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings.”

Yet, as St. Joseph demonstrates, our acceptance of God’s call cannot be passive, but requires us to press forward and take risks by abandoning ourselves to grace.

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