



# Our Lady of the Assumption

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm—Walk-in  
1:00 pm– 2:00 pm—Lunch  
2:00-4:00 pm—By appointment

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm - Lucernemines  
Saturday 6:00 pm - Coral  
Sunday 9:00 am - Coral  
Sunday 11:00 am - Lucernemines

Schedule for daily Masses, Holy Days, & other services can be found inside.

**The Sanctuary Candle for  
December 24 to January 7  
burns in memory of  
Mandy & Mildred Thomas**

**By  
Peggy Watkins  
(Lucernemines)**

**&  
George & Frances Voytek  
By**

**Cindy, Georgette & Families  
(Coral)**

## Sanctuary Candles

No requests for specific dates for sanctuary candles can be accommodated at this time. Both sites are booked through June after that time the first available date will be given in the order that the request was received. We can accommodate host requests. Watch the bulletin for openings in the future.

## End of Year Contribution Statements

Just a reminder that as we come to end of the year, all contributions must be received in the office no later than noon on Thursday, December 30 for the 2021 tax statement. If you mail your envelope or deposit it at a regional church, we may not get it by December 31st, therefore, the contributions will not be on the tax statement for 2021 but will be included on the statement for 2022.

## Clearances

Just a reminder that if you are volunteering in ANY capacity within the church, you MUST have your clearances up-to-date. Please call the parish office to see if you need to up-date your clearances, everything must be update every five years EXCEPT the PA Mandated Reporter series. After the first of the year, every effort will be made to send out a letter to volunteers whose clearances have expired. If you no longer wish to serve please inform Connie in the parish office 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

Happy New Year! Let's get the New Year off to a good start. In addition to daily manager specials, all Christmas items are buy one, get two free and all women's tops are buy one, get one free this week. The store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street in Indiana. Store hours are Monday thru Saturday 10AM-2PM



## A Year for Walking Together

Dear Parishioners,

Unlike other years that had particular themes chosen to be observed, examined, celebrated, and renewed, for example, like the past year's designation as the Year of St. Joseph, or like other recent years dedicated to Evangelization, to the Holy Eucharistic, to Priests and Priestly Ministry, to Religious Life, 2022 thus far has only one thematic focus on a concept seemingly obscure to many of us, while of great importance to our chief Pastor, Pope Francis. So important is this topic to Francis that he has referred to it since first being chosen at a Conclave to govern as Bishop of Rome and as the one leader of the whole Church: **synodality**.

So, at Assumption Parish we will conclude our formal, noble practice of presenting the men in our lives to the oversight of St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus, by burning prayer candles in both churches, as we will instead **look for ways to invoke the Holy Spirit upon our synodality, a term that literally means "walking together."** One commentator, Cindy Wooden of *Catholic News Service*, says that "**The basic idea** in the pope's teaching is that the **grace of baptism makes one part of the body of the church** and, therefore, **[baptism makes us] responsible for its life and mission**. In a hierarchical church, that **shared responsibility** calls for regular, serious, and structural forums for listening to all members of the church. At the same time, as the pope has said, it does not mean putting decisions to a vote as if a synod were a parliament."

In 2018 the Pope asked that the, the International Theological Commission, which advises the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the Vatican office which officially addresses and advises regarding what we believe and do not believe to be part of our faith-content handed on to us by the Apostles), published a document on the topic entitled, "Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church."

Cindy Wooden continues her presentation by saying that *synodality*, which has been present in Christianity since its very beginning, the document said, is not simply about involving people in decision making, but **involving all the baptized in discerning God's will and listening to the Holy Spirit**. The goal, it said, **always is to find the best ways for every baptized person to fulfill the church's mission of proclaiming God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ to the world**. Pope Francis believes that before we set off in whatever noble efforts we might identify, we should discuss, ponder, and wonder aloud **about the very concept of walking with one another in the mission of Jesus**. Early on in this process, the Pope said that three facets are essential: **encounter/engage; listen; discern**.

In our own Diocese, the Bishop has set up a Commission composed of members from across the Diocese, our youth, men and women in education, or in parochial ministry, or in religious life, or in outreach to our youth. This group has already met to consider how we in the Diocese of Greensburg might address significant issues recently identified as critical to the Mission of Jesus in this part of Pennsylvania. Sessions will include "Town Hall Meetings" and Virtual Meetings, and will be held with youth, with faith formation people, with our elders. Locations and parishes have been identified as representative of key aspects of Catholic faith-practice in the Diocese. I believe that you will find the topics addressed to be ones you, too, have thought about as critical ones **to address for our future**.

Later this month, on a Sunday dedicated to it, all of our parishes and parishioners will be invited to complete a 13-point Survey. Here at Assumption Parish, we will do this discernment together, that is, individually but all at the same time, right after the Gospel has been proclaimed at our four Masses, and we will collect the forms in order to "encounter, listen, and discern." Stay tuned for more to follow.

Fr. John



**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY**

All sessions will take place in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.

**Grades PreK-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am.**

**Grades 6-7 and additional Youth Group (grades 8-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.**

Date	Activity
January 2, 2022	No sessions: Happy New Year
January 9, 2022	Grades 6-7 plus additional Youth Group
January 16, 2022	Grades Pre K-5: <i>Day of Service</i>
January 23, 2022	Grades 6-7 plus additional Youth Group (grades 8-12)
January 30, 2022	Pre K-5

**Faith Formation Celebration**

Many thanks to Christian Mothers for the cupcakes, the Knights of Columbus for the gift bags for the students, Caleb and Gigi Palmer and Jeanne Henry for their assistance, and to Santa for making a special appearance! Our best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!



**We Wish You a Merry Christmas!**

The cold weather did not discourage our group of very enthusiastic Christmas carolers on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>! Traditional hymns as well as some livelier tunes were heard echoing throughout the streets of Coral! Thanks to all of those who participated!



**Welcome, Ryp!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Ryp Lio McNulty, son of Douglas and Alissa McNulty, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>!

As you begin your faith journey, may it bring lasting peace and joy to your life!



*Thank  
You*

A huge THANK YOU From the Christian Mothers to all who helped, in some way, to make both our Holiday Bake Sale and our Koeze Candy/Nut Sale a great success. We truly appreciate your continued support of our fundraising efforts. A Blessed New Year to all.

A special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped to clean, polish, and decorate both of our beautiful churches.

### **Pierogi Planning Meeting**

A pierogi planning follow-up meeting will be held in Podowski Hall on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. This meeting is to hopefully finalize the preparations for our project in February. All eligible, interested volunteers are urged to attend. If there are any questions please contact Sara at 724-479-9645.

### **Getting to Know you!**

Fr. John arrived in the middle of the pandemic when we were all masked and many were not attending Mass in person. He wants to support us and believes he can do that best if he recognizes us by name. It should also help us as parishioners to become closer. You will find name tags at the doors of both churches on the first Sunday of each month. Fill in your first and last name or only your first name if it makes you more comfortable and wear it where it can be seen. Thank you in advance for participating.

OFFERTORY 12/18-19, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$5,272.00
Loose Offertory	\$287.01
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$176.50
Maintenance	\$77.00
Flowers Collection	\$350.00
Catholic Accent	\$53.00
Children/Family	\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$135.00
Christmas	\$1,195.00
Cemetery Collection	\$30.00

## MASS INTENTIONS



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation**

10:00 a.m. Pro populo

*No Anticipated Mass*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation**

9:00 am +August "Goose" Vilcek (Family)

(Coral)

11:00 am- Pro Populo

(Lucernemines)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3—NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4-** Coral

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:00 am+John Luksich, Sr. & Ann Luksich

(Son, John Luksich, Jr. &  
Granddaughters)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5-** Coral

*Saint John Neumann, bishop*

8:00 am+Mary Gnibus (David, Linda, Ricky, & David  
Jr. Gnibus)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 -** Coral

*Saint André Bessette, Religious*

8:00 am+Ethel Bellas (Jim & Sandy Kundla)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 -** Coral

**FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00 am +Dennis Wilson (Friends of the Family)

Eucharistic Adoration until Noon

11:30 am Confessions

12 pm Benediction

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anticipated Mass—Baptism of the Lord

4:00 pm+Don Potts (Mimi & Jim Yanoscsik)

(Lucernemines)

6:00 pm Mass Pro Populo

(Coral)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9-**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 am - +Aldo Tedeschi (Tom & Terri)

11:00 am-+Isabel Silveri (Dick & Susan Yancy)

(Lucernemines)

Host for January 1 to January 6 is in memory of  
John Zicha by Family

(Coral)

Host for the weekends of January 9 and January 23 is  
in memory of Geneva Lazor by Jenny Farabaugh

(Lucernemines)