



Our Lady of the Assumption

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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.

Sanctuary Candle October 1 to October 15 burns in memory of Julius & Elizabeth Manfredi

By
Fred & Toni
(Coral)

&
Mary & Bill Rokosky
By

Bernadette & Ed Palchesko
(Luceremines)

Host is in memory of
JR Reed

By wife, **Marianna**
(Coral)

Father John Away

Fr. John will be away October 11 to 15, there will be no daily Mass that week. Please check the surrounding parishes for their daily Mass schedule

Altar-Rosary Society to Recite the Rosary



Members of the Altar-Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 at the Grotto at the Lucerne site. (Weather permitting) All are welcome to participate.

Volunteers Needed – Pasta Dinner

Our parish will have another Italian dinner on November 2nd. It will consist of stuffed shells, meatballs, hot sausage, salad, roll and dessert. We will need volunteers to help us prepare the food before the dinner and to work the day of the dinner. We will also need donations of desserts. If you are able to help, please contact Terri at 724-459-8977. We will have a brief meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 in the Coral Social Hall. Watch the bulletin for weekly updates.

Christian Mothers Koeze Nut and Candy Fundraiser



Koeze nuts and candies are of the highest quality and make great treats/gifts for Christmas, Birthdays, Thank you, etc. To place an order, call Barb 724-388-3758 or Irene 724-248-3465. Orders are due no later than Monday, October 25, 2021 and can be dropped off at the parish office from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, please call ahead for afternoon drop off, or to the above named people.

October, the Month of the Holy Rosary and of Respect for Human Life



Dear Parishioners,

Our Altar Rosary Society and our Christian Mothers donate for flowers beneath the depictions of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God in our two churches.

While both parish groups have a rich tradition of affiliation with and of respect for Mary as the mother of Jesus, the custom of honoring Mary in October goes back a long way among people who believe in Jesus.. Devotion to Mary, the first human person to believe in God's plan to save the world from its self-inflicted determination to oppose God at every turn, **Mary**, the scriptures say, **acquiesced to Gabriel's invitation** to become what the Greek theologians termed, "**theotokos,**" or "**the bearer of God.**" The scriptures tell us only that Mary had to convince Joseph who himself "saw" a God-plan. While **God did the major work,** **Mary still had to become a supportive, caring, trusted companion to Joseph for our sakes and for our salvation.** Mary practiced something all human beings ultimately strive to achieve: obedience to the Divine Will in its plan to be worked out for us.

Here at Assumption Parish, **we strive to do what God wants us to do.** A good part of my personal joy in serving as a pastor here comes from seeking to know **what God wants of this parish** in south central Indiana County **now.** For example, what does God want us to do about helping people to return to the regular practice of faith? A fair number of us still hesitate to attend church regularly and to participate fully, and thus may not contribute regularly to the support of the mission. How strongly should we pursue and/or stay in touch with this part of our total body? Some of the standard ways employed include home visits, but those visits are largely beyond us because of a renewed need to maintain social distances. **Invitation is the name of the essential work here.**

Another query about what God wants of us comes of the dire financial situation about which we learned more recently by working with the financial officer of the Diocese. This recent analysis told us that **approximately 20 parishes out of the 78** in the diocese **dip regularly into savings** to cover the **costs of operations and of special needs.** Our Lady of the Assumption falls right in the middle of these parishes. Many of these parishes seem to have similar demographics to our own. The analysis shows that **we do not overspend, nor are our two sites the major drain** on our income, **nor could we identify many line-items to snip from our budget.** Sure, we need to be careful about turning on sanctuary or nave lights too soon and need to be wise about scheduling winter events requiring more than one plowing in snow season, and we need to monitor ourselves. Our future may require us to reinvest some of our remaining savings into better yielding certificates of deposit; we may also need to consider other ways of keeping ourselves in good order, like outsourcing tasks. The Diocesan Financial Officer wonders about preventative maintenance as a way to use our resources most wisely.

If my own prayer time reveals anything to us about our common obedience to God's will or plan for us, **I believe that God wants us to be a strong presence** of the saving work of Jesus along this southern corridor of the county. **Through care for one another, careful spending, and increased sources of income,** we will position ourselves **to allow our churches, both the buildings and the people, to be "bearers of God" to one another.**

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

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

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

Grades 6-8 and additional Youth Group (grades 9-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.

October 10th

No sessions due to three day weekend school schedule.

October 17th

Grades PreK-5

October 24th

Grades PreK-5

Youth Group Fall Festival (5:30-7:30pm at Coral worship site, grades 6-12)

October 31st

Grades PreK-5

Adult Bible Study: *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

Adult Bible Study sessions will continue to be held on the following Thursdays: 10/21, 11/4, and 11/18.

Identical sessions will be held at 9am in the Coral Social Hall, and 7pm in Podowski Hall in Lucernemines.

Faith Formation 2021-22: PreK and Kindergarten

(Openings now available at PreK level)

Parents of students entering **PreK** (4 years old) or **Kindergarten** (5 years old) will need to pick up registration info at one of our Parish sites, call the Parish Office to have the info mailed to you, or register at Podowski Hall at one of the sessions prior to class. Thank you!

Save the Date: Altar Server Training

Due to popular demand, we will have another training for new Altar Servers on **Monday, October 18th** from 7-8pm at the Lucernemines worship site for students in grades 3-12. Please contact cmarcoline@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register.



As a recent recipient of a grant from the Francis Fund, we were able to distribute copies of Adventures in Assisi, On the Path with St. Francis to all of our elementary Faith Formation students and beyond! Such a wonderful saint to honor on his feast day, October 4th!

Animal Blessing

The weekend of October 2nd/3rd provided a perfect opportunity for pets to be blessed!

Awesome animals were present for both services!

Thanks to Mason Elkin, Ethan Palmer, and Caden Costello for distributing medals and treats to our special guests! Special thanks to Colin Knickle for taking family photos at our Coral site, and to the Altar Rosary Society and Christian Mothers for their support!



REGARDING THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open from 9 am to 1 pm for walk-in's. We close for lunch from 1-2 pm and is open from 2-4 pm by appointment. If you arrive without an appointment, no one may be able to assist you as this time is used to make phone calls for various technical issues that sometimes require lengthy phone conversations with vendors.

Clearance Clarification

Several questions have come up regarding what is needed for the renewal of clearances, the part of the clearances that causes the most confusion is the what is needed from the state. There are two items that have to be renewed with the state, Criminal History and Child Abuse History. Additionally, the volunteer affidavit needs completed and notarized, Virtus re-certification needs taken again. A total of four items for each person need to be updated and on file in the parish office. If you have any questions contact Connie Diven in the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

Weekday Masses for 2021 Mass scheduling for 2022

There are several weekday Masses still opened for 2021. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please fill out Mass intention request form, drop it in the offertory basket to attention of Connie, mail it to the parish office or drop it off during regular business hours. The 2022 Mass book will be opened the week of October 25, 2022, this is so Fr. John and I can go over the Masses and the Mass schedule for holy days and holidays. There will be new forms in both churches the week of October 25th. No phone calls or walk-in scheduling, I must have the form and payment at the time of scheduling.

OCTOBER 2-3, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$6242.00
Loose Offertory	\$239.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$133.00
Maintenance	\$173.00
World Mission	\$75.00
Seminary Collection	\$145.00
All Saints	\$68.00
Cemetery Collection	\$302.00

MASS INTENTIONS



For October 9 to October 17, 2021

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

- 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass-Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 pm+Helen Bender (Regis & Maryanne Troxell & (Lucernemines) Family)
- 6:00 pm Mass+August & Helen Bertig (Family) (Coral)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 am-Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 9:00 am+Ann Stipcak (The Christian Mothers) (Coral)
- 11:00 am Pro populo (Lucernemines)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 - NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 - NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 - NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 pm - +Joseph Gonda (Tim & Theresa Mitasky) (Lucernemines)
- 6:00 pm Mass +Sam & Margaret Rura (Monica Rura) (Coral)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 9:00 am - +Andrew Chutorich (Jerry Chutorich & (Coral) Family)
- 11:00 am- Pro populo (Lucernemines)

Envelopes for All Souls Day Novena Candles are available in each church. The cost is \$3.50 per candle and will have the name of the deceased individual or family members on it. If you want to purchase one, please fill out the envelope, enclose cash or check and deposit it in the offertory basket, mail to P.O. Box G, Coral, PA or drop off at the parish office during office hours no later than Sunday, October 24th.