



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 for
September 3 to September 17
Burns for
Bertha Barbi
By
Norm & Jane Miller
(Lucernemines)
&
In honor of
Fred Sr. & Rose Perry
By
Family
(Coral)**

Clearances Please Read

The diocesan staff has informed us that ALL clearances must be current and submitted to them by September 30th. We must be in compliance, or we will be written up for non-compliance. If it has been more than or near five years since you obtained your clearances, please update them as soon as possible. Please call the parish office or go to the diocesan website for further details. If you haven't done the Virtus, Protecting God's Children recertification which is due every five years as well, please do so. Remember: you must have clearances if you are volunteering in any capacity, this includes all ministries as well as singing in the choir!

Hoodlebug Festival

Our Lady of the Assumption will have a booth at the Hoodlebug this year on September 12th. We will have a bake sale and are asking for donations of cookies, gobs, brownies and cupcakes. Baked goods can be dropped at the office on Thursday and Friday. They can also be dropped off at either hall before and after the Saturday evening Masses. Contact Terri at 724-459-8977 for questions or to help package the baked goods in advance.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Mass on Labor Day will be at the Lucernemines Site at 9 am.

Coming Events...

Please watch the upcoming bulletins for details on the following events:

October 2 & 3, Pet Blessing

October 3—Motorcycle & Muscle Car Blessing.



A Dreadful Anniversary

Dear Parishioners,

In September 2011, **belief in religion as a force for good** in the world **took a huge hit** when Muslim terrorists highjacked four American jetliners, cut the throats of some of the crew and navigated two planes to crash directly into the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City, routed and crashed another into the Pentagon Complex in our Nations' Capital, and crash-landed a fourth plane into a field in Shanksville, in Somerset County after some of the passengers on board revolted to prevent an additional, intended attack on Washington.

Stunned at first by the audacity of the suicide bombers become murderers of innocent people, many at first judged these bombers to be mentally ill, or brainwashed, or simplistic, or misguided "freedom fighter," or haters of all things American.

As the story unfolded, **I learned connections I had to the victims, or to the places associated with the attack:** a best friend lost two of her closest colleagues from her office in the Virginia crash. Capuchins in New York City hurried to the site of the collapse of the towers and spent days ministering to responders there while other friars I knew well, Capuchins in Union City, reported a disturbing mix of emotions in the streets, running from abhorrence at the death and destruction to a rejoicing that this symbol of American might and money had finally been brought down (something first attempted in 1993). That very day I worked at our farm in southern Somerset County mere minutes away from the crash.

The terrorists and their support teams testified that they attacked **on behalf of God**, instructed from the Koran to carry out these attacks against unbelievers. Some claim retaliation or revenge for historic wrongs, reaching hundreds of years into the past. Over and over, spokespersons used a phrase "Islam is a religion of peace," to attempt to calm reactions for self-protection and common defense.

Small wonder that since this time, we have observed that people **call into question the reasonableness of belief** if whole sets of persons committed **to belief in God** might set off in this direction towards mutual annihilation.

Twenty years after these events unfolded and after additional events like atrocities in the civil war in Syria, numerous attacks on ancient Christian churches throughout the Middle East, the massacre of Coptic Christians in Egypt and Lybia, the attack at the Boston Marathon, the violence perpetrated against girls and women who seek education and a role in the contemporary world, the **concept of a good God has been attacked again and again**. Young generations might rightly ask how professing faith or belief in God will help them to live in a world increasingly connected in diversity.

Asked once about his personal religious views, Carl Sagan, replied by asked what the questioner meant by "God"? Sagan's response indicated that the answer to that question would help us to know a great deal about ourselves and about guiding principles. **A scientist playing at the being a theologian**, Sagan could not answer the deeper questions, but could only ask questions.

Our task as Catholic Christians in southern Indiana County **is to know God as Jesus revealed God** – this intellectual component rises to a high level of importance because we interact with the world around us in other persons, in our children and grandchildren, and in our neighbors. At this time, we cannot afford to be intellectually lazy. For now, just remember that faith in the personal God requires us to know, to love, and to serve the Good Father Jesus revealed to us.

Fr. John

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

Adult Bible Study sessions will continue to be held on the following Thursdays:
9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, and 11/18.
Identical sessions will be held at 9am in the Coral Social Hall,
and 7pm in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines site.
Light refreshments and writing materials will be provided.
Continue your Faith journey in the company of friends!

Faith Formation 2021-22

Registration information has been mailed out to all of our Faith Formation families.
If you did not receive this mailing, forms are available at both Parish sites and at the Parish Office.
The forms do not have to be returned until the first day of class on
Sunday, September 19th: **K-5 will meet from 9:45-10:45am and
Middle School and Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet from 5:30-7pm.**
All students entering Kindergarten will need to pick up registration info
at one of our Parish sites or call the Parish Office to have the info mailed to you.

Why Be Catholic?

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming a Catholic?

We will have an **inquiry session** on Tuesday, September 7th from 7-8pm at Podowski Hall
in order to address questions and/or concerns about the RCIA process.
"All are welcome in this place!"

*Congratulations to the following students
who have completed training as **Altar Servers:**
Ella Kushner, Joey Kushner, Victorino Maratita,
Ethan Palmer, and Isabelle Rowland.*

Special thanks to Rick Danko and Janis Howard
as facilitators for the training sessions!

*Interested in serving in this valuable ministry?
Watch for another training session this Fall!*



Buses planned for Pennsylvania March for Life Sept. 27

Four buses, one from each county of the Diocese of Greensburg, are planned for those who would like to attend the Pennsylvania March for Life Monday, Sept. 27, in Harrisburg. The day will include a rally on the Capitol steps and the march at noon. Those who would like to attend can register by calling St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, 724-465-2210.

Reminder: Mass Book 2022

The Mass book for 2022 HAS NOT been opened yet. Fr. John must look at the schedule and make any Mass day/time changes, any additional Mass considerations before the book can be opened. I will be putting out new forms for 2022 when the schedule is confirmed, please do not use the old forms. Also, no Masses will be accepted over the phone, this will minimize errors in the recording of the Masses in the bulletin. If coming in person, have the form filled out with payment included. Unless there is time to schedule the Mass at the time you come, you may leave the form and if the date is available it will be scheduled. If the date is not available, the closest date to it will be scheduled. I cannot accept any Masses for 2022 until the book is opened. If you have any questions call the parish office at 724-479-9542, ext. 10.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street COME IN



FOR OUR \$5.00 Bag Sale starting August 30th Excludes specially priced clothing!
Also find - household goods, collectibles, books, puzzles, toys, etc.

Store Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10AM-2 PM
Donations accepted
Monday thru SATURDAY 10AM-1:00 PM

AUGUST 28/29, 2021	OFFERTORY
Adult Offertory	\$4,293.00
Loose Offertory	\$320.00
Children's Offertory	\$3.00
Votive Candles	\$106.00
Maintenance	\$42.00
Catholic Accent	\$35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$40.00
Catholic University	\$444.00
Assumption	\$75.00
Haiti Collection	\$5.00
Cemetery	\$42.00

MASS INTENTIONS

For September 4 to September 12



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 +Helen Bender (Lee Rash)
3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass—Twenty –third Sunday in Ordinary
Time
4:00 pm- +Louis Guerry (Bob & Mary Ann Ciranni)
(Lucerneines)
6:00 pm Pro populo
(Coral)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - +Scott McAdoo (Mom & Dad)
(Coral)
11:00 am- + Doug Smith (Mom & Dad)
(Lucernemines)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Lucernemines

Labor Day

9:00 am+John “Slugger” Golba (Peg McHenry)

Parish Office Closed—Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7- Coral

8:00 am +Ed & Anne Plowcha (Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 – Coral

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am +Ron Krejocic (Paula & Joey)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - Coral

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 am +Louis Guerry (Arlene Bell)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - Coral

8:00 am +Dennis Donahue (Holly)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 -

3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anticipated Mass—Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

4:00 pm +Patricia Stelma (Rita Turk)
(Lucernemines)
6:00 pm Mass Pro populo
(Coral)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-

TWENTY -FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am- Sacrament of Reconciliation
9:00 am - +Evelyn Irene Dean
(Coral) (Grandparents, Len & Carol Black)
11:00 am- +Rocco & Lena Riscinto
(Lucernemines) (Ed & Patty Gulakowski)

Host for this week (September 4-10) is in memory of
August “Goose” Vilcek (Coral)