



# Our Lady of the Assumption

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Closed 1:00 pm– 2:00 pm  
2:00-4:00 pm

## 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 in this bulletin

**Parish Website: [www.olaparishpa.org](http://www.olaparishpa.org)**

The Sanctuary Candle  
burns in memory of  
**Gusty Vilcek**  
by  
Family  
(Coral)

Host is in memory of  
**Joseph Greczek**  
By  
Darrick Bertig (Coral)



The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Advent season, which lasts for around 22 to 28 days before Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent is the **Sunday that falls nearest to St. Andrew's Day (which takes place on November 30)**. Advent is a time during which Christians begin their preparations to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ.

## What are you thankful for?



Mason is thankful for his body and God!

Daily manager specials will take place this week at the **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana**. Come in to check out the Christmas items, clothing, games, CDs, and merchandise and see what is on special each day. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am-1pm.

### Koeze Nut & Candy

Looking for a Christmas gift for that person that you have no idea what to get? The Christian Mothers will have a few extra items left. If interested in purchasing any, please call Jackie at 724-549-8119

**Christmas Mass volunteers**— we are still in need of **Altar Servers** for the Saturday, 7:00 pm mass (Lucerne) and the Sunday, 10:00 am mass (Coral) and an **Usher** for the Saturday 10:00 pm mass.

**New Year's Mass volunteers**—we are needing **Altar Servers** for all masses, **E.M.H.C.** for the Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00 am masses and a **Lector** for the Saturday, 4:00 pm mass as well as Ushers for all masses.

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Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel according to Saint John, in chapter 18, Jesus and Pilate have an exchange based on Pilate's question to Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus tells us directly: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, **my kingdom is not from here.**" Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, **and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me voice.**" Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

In chapter 14, Jesus speaks about preparing a place for his disciples and followers. He then tells the disciples that they know the way to the place where Jesus is going. One follower, an apostle, Thomas objects: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. **How can we know the way?**" Jesus replied strongly: "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to Father except through me. If you know me, you will know the Father also.**"

If you followed the article in last weekend's bulletin, then you understand, if just a bit more, **what happens in conversations about Jesus and about faith in God the Father** and about a community of faith in a church, as contemporary women and men express their faith **or speak positively about believing to a society largely governed by the denial of any truth greater than one's own opinions.** It is not as if relativism has appeared only recently, but rather that as a governing principle, relativism has rooted itself in multiple layers of our contemporary life so strongly, that it seems to be like a vine crowding out any other plant. Paul Copan, of Marquette University, says that **the only remaining "virtue" is tolerance that affords equal "respect" to every position or opinion without critique.** A post-election article in the media included a photograph of a stern-faced young man in his 20s while the headline explained that young voters were not going to allow other, older, values-driven persons to determine the outcome of the elections. Abortion must continue on demand, for example, because abortion is not the murder or snuffing out of life of an unborn child "**for me.**"

**When it comes to religion,** and to Roman Catholic Christianity in particular, our positions are held "suspect," even false, precisely because they look to Jesus as the anchor *for the way, the truth, and the life.* In this view of the world, Catholics are **guilty** of evangelizing others, that is, sharing the joys of life with Jesus and in God, and not allowing that people should remain unchallenged in their own opinions, even if those positions have a track-record of producing harm. One thinker postulates that our positions find their source in controlling emotions rather than logic. Under this new iron fist of relativism, Christians should recoil and refrain from speaking at all, they say. A new censorship seems to be the way "to protect the rights" of any individual.

Our faith has from the first generation of believers rested upon a sound intellectual tradition. So it rests now, too. Read our *Catholic Catechism* and follow the Vatican and the USCCB websites to learn about how we uphold our faith and share it with those most in need. We do have the Good News of salvation to offer.

Fr. John

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA/RCIA)

Next Session: Tuesday, November 29th @7pm in Podowski Hall  
Topic: Liturgical Year/Advent

### Adult Bible Study: Biblical Women in Crisis

Our final session for this series will be held on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 The morning session will begin immediately following the 8am Mass in the Coral Social Hall.  
 The evening session will be held beginning at 7pm in Podowski Hall at Lucernemines.  
 Stay tuned for details on our next series to begin in January!

### Faith Formation 2022

*All sessions will be held in Podowski Hall at the Lucernemines worship site.*

November 27<sup>th</sup>

No Sessions: Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

December 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

Youth Group Field Trip

December 11<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

5:30pm-7:30pm Christmas Caroling (Coral/Graceton)

December 18<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-10:45am Grades K-5

### Assumption Cinema presents

#### Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

A brand new documentary released as "a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times."

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall

#### Little Boy (PG-13 rating)

On the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, this inspirational story focuses on a young boy who is willing to try whatever it takes to end World War II so he can bring his father home safely. "Little Boy" is also the nickname for the atomic bomb.

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Podowski Hall

Refreshments will be available to purchase through our Youth Group or you may bring your own!  
 The movies are free...all are welcome!

Congratulations to our two new Altar Servers, Nick Andrascik and Brody Cortazzo! Special thanks to Rick Danko who facilitated the training session on November 16th. We are thankful for their ministry to our Parish!



Due to the holiday, an early submission of this weekend's bulletin was required. Therefore, the attendance and the offertory will be in next weekend's bulletin.

## Happenings Around the Diocese

### **Cancer support group meets monthly at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City**

The St. Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.) at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City. All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome, or a mix of both. The next meeting is Dec. 21.

### **Bingo Sundays at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, will hold bingo in the social hall Sundays, Dec. 4 and 18, and Jan. 8. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:30.

### **Holly Berry Fair Dec. 2-3 at St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning**

St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, will hold a Holly Berry Fair Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the parish hall. The event will include theme basket and cash raffles, a bake sale, and sales of Christmas greens, used Christmas items, and soup and bread. Bingo will be played both days from noon-2 p.m. with lunch available. On Dec. 3, breakfast with Santa will be served from 9-11 a.m. (RSVP only, dine-in or takeout) and a rigatoni dinner (\$11) will be served from 3-6 p.m. (no preorder required). Information: [www.stmarykittanning.org](http://www.stmarykittanning.org) or 724-548-7649.

### **Rummage sale Dec. 3-4 at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift**

A rummage sale will be held in the basement of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4, from noon-1 p.m. There will be many new items, including Christmas selections, and all Halloween, Thanksgiving and fall items will be 50% off

### **Live Nativity Dec. 9 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria**

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host a live Nativity Friday, Dec. 9, from 4:30-8 p.m. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with animals, angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. Family activities are planned, lessons and carols will be performed every 45 minutes, and refreshments will be served. For information, call 724-668-2829.

### **Catholic Relief Services**

As we near the end of The United Nations Climate Change Convention COP27, Catholic Relief Services continues to advocate at COP27P for what is fair. This includes the acknowledgment that the South, particularly Africa, is impacted by Climate Change more than any other continent, yet they only contribute less than 4% of the total emissions. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

# MASS INTENTIONS

*For November 26 thru December 4*



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +John Popp, Sr. (Janice & Jack Bell)  
6:00 pm (Coral) Pro Populo

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 am (Coral) +Darlene Cerovich Ferrante (Cerovich Children)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +Anthony Golba (Mr & Mrs James Racchini)

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28- NO MASS

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29- Coral

8:00 am +Edward Harchar (Zicha Family)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30- Coral

8:00 am +Richard Englert (Family)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1- Coral

8:00 am - +Tony Mizerack ( Mr & Mrs Vince Lazor)

## FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2- Coral

8:00 am - +Rick Adamson (Mother, Rosalie)  
Adoration until noon  
11:30 am Confession  
12:00 pm Benediction

## FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 am +John Pavlik (Any & Carole Zicha) Coral  
4:00 pm (Lucernemines) +Roland Capitosti (Wife & Daughters)  
6:00 pm (Coral) Pro Populo

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am (Coral) +Richard Englert (Family)  
11:00 am (Lucernemines) +John & Mary Senick (Jack & Janice Bell)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 3-3:00pm (Lucerne)  
Sunday, December 4-8:30am (Coral)



## Regional Penance Services

- Dec 12 7pm Church of the Resurrection , Clymer
- Dec 13 7pm St Thomas More, Indiana
- Dec 14 7pm Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucerne
- Dec 15 7pm St Sylvester, Slickville & Holy Family, Seward (Both locations)
- Dec 17 10am St Bernard's, Indiana
- Dec 19 7pm SS Simon & Jude, Blairsville
- Dec 20 7pm Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent