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Wed.--8:30 am— 1:30 pm

(note: phone messages are checked every day)

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Mass Schedule:

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Saturday— Vigil—4:00 pm

Sunday— 9:00 am and 11:00 am and 7:45 pm

Sunday—Evening Vespers Prayer at 7:15 pm

Weekdays—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm and Litany to St. Joseph

Saturday morning at 10:00 am

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday Vigil—4:30 pm

Sunday—9:30 am

Weekday-Wednesdays 8:00 am (Rosary 7:30 am)

(Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help following Mass)

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Eucharistic Adoration **this week:**

Assumption Church

Monday 8:30 am — 7:00 pm

Wed. 8:00 am—7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 pm—until

9:45 am on Saturday



Baptism Preparation:

Before the celebration of Baptism, the Church expects parents and sponsors to be formed in the meaning of the Sacrament as well as its responsibilities (*Canon 851*). Please call 412.766.6660 to register for a Baptism class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Assumption: Sat. 9-9:45 am and

Wed.6-6:45 pm (*or by appointment*)

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements must be made in person with one of our priests at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is a candidate for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick due to age, illness, hospitalization, or upcoming risky surgery, please contact our parish office.

Prayer Line: If you are in need of prayer and would welcome the support of your parish family call Kathy 412.766.2663 or email parish@assumptionchurch.org.

Stephen Ministry: Confidential, Catholic, 1-1 care to help you journey spiritually through a challenging time. Contact Deacon Rick 412.366.2020 x23 or stephenministrybwp@gmail.com

"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD" MARK 11:9



WE REMEMBER

We wish to extend our sympathy to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, and we remember the soul of our brother in Christ who recently passed through death: **Robert J. Rieg** from Assumption Church May the choirs of angels welcome him into eternal rest.



GOD BLESS OUR RECENTLY BAPTIZED

May God bless **Skylar Lee Bruder** who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart Church. Cleansed in the life-giving waters, we become the family of God. Congratulations and welcome to our Parish Family!

Advent Mission

Man Confronted with the Ultimate

November 29th, 30th & December 1st

Mass will begin at 7pm at the Church of the Assumption and Father Michael Roche will give an extended homily each evening. Everyone is invited to attend. See our website for more information, www.assumptionchurch.org/adventmission



You may have noticed that the large donation box for Faustina's Gate in the rear of the church has been removed. Your generosity has been overwhelming and thankfully at this time they are no longer in need of donations. Thank you for helping stock the now overflowing shelves for this important ministry to the homeless.

Hello all. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Just a quick reminder to please submit your suggestions for a new name for our new parish that will be formed in July of next year. As you will remember, each church building will retain its own name but our new combined parish community will need a name. Please visit our parish website to take the survey. Also you will find there the criteria for making your suggestions.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov 29. All submissions will be reviewed by the parish councils and the clergy team. After prayerful discernment, twenty suggested names will be sent to the Bishop in January. He will review our suggestions and send them back to us.

In the spring, we will send out another survey, asking for you help to prioritize and choose, from the list of names we received back from the Bishop, our top five suggestions for our new name.

Thank you for all your help with this part of our On Mission process.

Fr. Tim



We will hold All Night Adoration at Assumption Church on the First Friday of every month. This month Adoration will begin on Friday, December 3rd at 8pm and continue through the night until 10am Saturday, December 4th. Benediction will begin at 9:45 am.

Please consider signing up for one hour by using this link signup.com/go/CiPSADj or email adoration@assumptionchurch.org

Our Story in History and Art

One of the most arresting features of the Church of the Assumption is the beautiful stained glass windows. These were not installed at the time the church was built and then opened for worship in 1931. The original glass was a plain, frosted glass to allow light into the interior and act as a place holder for the eventual installation of stained glass windows.

Under the supervision of the third pastor of the church, Fr. Michael Hinnebusch, many of the unfinished plans for the church that were begun by Fr. McGovern, were completed. This took place in two phases from 1946 through 1953 and included the installation of the stained glass throughout the church.

There are 32 windows surrounding the nave set in pairs of two. They are illustrations of the scriptures set in a loose chronological order. The general arrangement of panels from the top to the bottom of each window with only 3 exceptions is the same throughout. The top panel is an Old Testament story, the second panel is a New Testament story, and the third panel is another Old Testament story. The bottom panel is a record of the story each panel tells and where to find it in the Bible.

An interesting thing to notice is that the stories are not arbitrarily placed. There is a common theme running through a series of panels, sometimes more obvious than others, that provide the opportunity for meditation. For example, the panels on the left shown here are:



+Joseph is cast into a pit. XXXVII :23-24

+Jesus is laid in the tomb. Mark XV:46

+Jonas (Jonah) is thrown to the great fish. Jonas III

All of these cause us to think about Old Testament characters who suffer apparent desertion by God, being buried in a way that prefigures Jesus' burial in the tomb. This is also an apparent time of desertion by God. Of course, a further reading of the scripture shows us that this is not the case and the connecting panels give us illustrations of God's redemption. His plan is not always known to us...a thought to contemplate!

When searching out the scripture references, you will find some names that are not the contemporary versions, an example being the variation of Jonah in the panel discussed here. Other variations are:

Esdras = current *Ezra*

I and II Kings = current *I and II Samuel*

III and IV Kings = current *I and II Kings*

First Saturdays of the Month we will host Mass at the Church of the Assumption in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The next First Saturday Mass is December 4th. Confessions will begin at 9 am, Rosary at 9:30 am and Mass begins at 10 am.



"To save the souls of poor sinners, God wishes to establish the devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world." -Our Lady of Fatima

Join Catholics across the country in Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 1st!

On Dec 1st, the Supreme Court will hear a case that could potentially overturn the *Roe v Wade* decision of 1973. This would be a big victory for the Pro-Life movement in our country. Assumption Church will have Adoration from 8am – 6:45pm on Dec 1 to pray for the end of abortion, followed by Mass at 7pm. Please join us for this special day of Adoration. You can sign up using this link: signup.com/go/CiPSADj



Annual Christmas Celebration

Presented by the Music Ministry of The Church of the Assumption, Bellevue
Featuring the Adult and Children's Choirs and a Brass Ensemble in a performance of music of the Advent and Christmas seasons



Sunday, December 12, 2021- 3:00 pm

A free-will offering will be taken

For further information, please email DrStahurski@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE!

Children's Gift Card Christmas Bingo will be held in Assumption's McGovern Hall on Sunday, December 19th at 1:00pm (doors open at 12:30). More information to follow soon!



 **SACRED HEART**


Vendor Craft Fair

Wednesday | December 1st
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Auditorium | 154 Orchard Ave. | Emsworth


HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS

Join us for faith, fun, friendship, service projects and social nights!



Encounter - Youth Night
Sundays 7 - 9 PM
Dec. 5, 12, and 19
Youth Room at St. John Neumann

Social/Game Night & Bible Study
Thursdays 7 - 9 PM
Dec. 2, 9, and 16
Youth Room at Assumption



You're Invited to our Christmas Party
Youth Night on Sunday, Dec 5!

Text 'ENCOUNTER' to 84576 to receive text updates!

Family Night Out NEW Dates!

20 families in attendance had a great time at Family Fun Night in October eating, visiting and making treats for those unable to get out to Mass. What a great way to relax and meet new friends and have free child care for an hour!! In 2022 our dates to meet will be Fridays, January 7, March 4 and May 6. Invite your friends. Contact Lale lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org to be added to the evite list. We are thankful for YOU!

Sacred Heart's 32nd Annual Angel Tree will begin on November 27th. Angels will be available for you to take off the tree or from the basket. Some angels have gift suggestions or wishes, remember these are only suggestions, any appropriate gift will be appreciated. Tape your "Angel" securely to your gift and return it by December 12th. (*Gift cards may be returned by way of the mail slot in the door at the Sacred Heart rectory at any time*) We will be sorting gifts after the 9:30 Mass on December 12th. Being a



Christmas Angel is a wonderful way to share your Christmas joy!! Questions, please call Bernice 412.720.7455

Assumption's Angel Tree Project—There are still some Angels available in the baskets by all the doors of the church for you to take. Please bring your wrapped gift with the Angel tag securely attached to the outside of the package, back to **Assumption Church on the weekend of December 4/5**, and if you are able, we ask you to take your gift directly into McGovern Hall, (*located beneath the church*) before Mass begins or after Mass is over. Or you may bring your gift to the rectory before that weekend, rather than afterwards so that it can be sorted with the other gifts) We will be sorting gifts after the 11:00 Mass on December 5.

MOMS –Ministry Of Mothers Sharing

Amazing women have been gathering at Saint John Neumann to discuss Twelve Women of the Bible and what we can learn from them. The group enjoys sharing their ideas, life situations and are extremely supportive of each other. We meet every other week for 6-8 sessions. YOU are most welcome to join our next sessions that will begin early next year. Most of our members come without knowing anyone and become good friends with their sisters in faith. Contact Lale lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org to learn more about this ministry by and for women

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR ASSUMPTION & SACRED HEART CHURCH AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, November 28— First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

9:00.....Helen Callahan (son, Dennis)
SH 9:30.....Anna School (Betty Buchino)
 11:00.....Walter, Frances & Barry Kliwinski (Jeff Full)
 7:45.....Angelica Perez (Phyllis Riegle)

Monday, November 29

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

8:00.....James Blazier (Mary & Jim Carrigan)
 7:00.....Al Dingman (family)
(Adoration from 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:45 pm)

Tuesday, November 30—Saint Andrew

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

8:00.....Robert Howard (wife, Children & grandchildren)
 7:00.....Deceased Members of the A. George Bischoff Family

Wednesday, December 1

Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

SH 8:00Thomas J. McGill, Jr. (family)
 7:00 pm.....Joseph Swantner (Niece, Julie)
(Adoration from 8:00 am until Benediction at 6:45 pm)

Thursday, December 2

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00.....Mrs. Charlene Hazlett (John Bush & family)

Friday, December 3—Saint Francis Xavier

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

8:00.....Albert B. Henchar (daughter, Alice Steigerwald)
(All night adoration beginning at 8:00 pm until benediction at 9:45 am Saturday)

Saturday, December 4—Saint John Damascene

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5, 6-8

10:00Dolores Jane Cessar (family)
 2:00.....WEDDING: Ruth E. Dubois and Joshua G. Earley
 4:00.....Killian Cavanaugh (Jim & Joyce Rouda)
SH 4:30.....Russell Huffmyer (family)

Sunday, December 5—Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

9:00.....William J. Silay (Rosemary & family)
SH 9:30.....Wm. Rodgers, Sr. and Wm. Rodgers, Jr. (Heather & Michael Dippold)
 11:00.....John F. Gallagher (family)
 7:45.....Assumption and Sacred Heart Parish families



Food Drive for Little Sisters of the Poor



St. Ambrose is hosting a canned food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor from November 29th through December 8th. Anyone who would like to help out can drop off donations to the former Assumption School building on North Jackson Avenue in Bellevue during St. Ambrose school hours—9am-2pm on November 29th, December 1st, 6th & 8th only.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Assumption Parishioner needs assistance



Caring/patient individuals wanted. In-home care for elderly female with limited mobility. Duties include assistance with transfer, personal care, medication, meal prep, light cleaning/laundry and companionship. Hours and pay negotiable. Experience/training/certification preferred, but not required. MUST BE COVID-19 VACCINATED. Contact joeamb@comcast.net

Snow Buddies



Residents of Bellevue and Avalon who are over the age of 60 or have a disability are eligible to have their walkways shoveled free of charge.

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