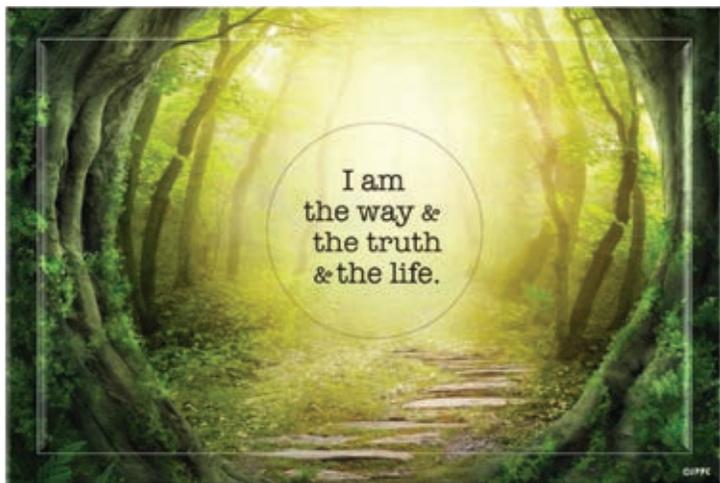


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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigils	5:00 pm
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Weekdays	8:30 am
Holy Days	6:30 am, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
Holidays	8:30 am or 9:00 am (Check weekly bulletin)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays	3:30 pm ~ 4:30 pm
Sundays	7:30 am ~ 7:50 am and 10:30 am ~ 10:50 am

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

Baptisms are scheduled for the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:15 pm while preparations for your child's Baptism should begin prior to the baby's birth. Please call the Rectory to register for the Baptism at 215.357.1221.

MARRIAGE

Please make all arrangements to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage by calling for an appointment with the parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding date. Our deacons can witness marriages, too.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please contact the Rectory at any time for emergencies and if someone is sick, in the hospital, or wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist or the Anointing of the Sick. Please ask Father Mike for the Anointing of the Sick before surgery.

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

www.newsfromthepews.org

CALL TO HOLINESS

Mondays The Charismatic Prayer and Praise Group meets from 7:15 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are welcome to praise the Lord with prayer, songs and Sacred Scripture.

Tuesdays Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in the Church with Evening Prayer and Benediction from 6:45 pm.

Wednesdays A Bible/Faith Sharing Group meets from 9:15 am in The Mary Chapel (September ~ May).

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WELCOME!

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to register after moving into the parish as soon as possible. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment at 215.357.1221.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*As a parish community united in Jesus and dedicated to Mary,
we are called to discipleship through worship and service.*

Pope Francis prays at Mass for victims of Covid-19

Pope Francis offers Mass on Tuesday for the many people who have died with Covid-19, and reflects on several attitudes that keep us from knowing Jesus.

By Devin Watkins

At the start of Mass in the Casa Santa Marta on Tuesday, Pope Francis prayed for the victims of the novel coronavirus.

"Today we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone, without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord welcome them in His glory."

Stumbling blocks to faith

In his homily, the Pope reflected on the day's Gospel (John 10:22-30), in which several Jews ask Jesus to say openly whether He is the Christ. Jesus responds that He has already told them so, yet they do not believe.

Pope Francis said the episode is an invitation to reflect on our own faith. "Do I believe? What makes me stop outside the door that is Jesus?"

He went on to consider several "prejudiced attitudes that prevent us from progressing in the knowledge of Jesus."

Imprisoned by wealth

The chief among them, said Pope Francis, is wealth.

"There are many of us who have entered the door of the Lord but then fail to continue because we are imprisoned by wealth. Jesus takes a hard line regarding wealth... Wealth keeps us from going ahead. Do we need to fall into poverty? No, but, we must not become slaves to wealth. Wealth is the lord of this world, and we cannot serve two masters."

Robbed of freedom by rigidity

Rigidity of heart is another stumbling block to faith, he noted.

"Jesus reproached the doctors of the law for their rigidity in interpreting the law, which is not faithfulness. Faithfulness is always a gift of God; rigidity is only security for oneself."

Pope Francis said a good woman came up to him once to ask his advice. She had gone to a wedding one Saturday afternoon, and thought that Mass would fulfill her Sunday obligation. But later she realized that the Mass readings did not correspond to those for Sunday. So she felt that she was in mortal sin because she had not attended "a real Sunday Mass".

The Pope said that kind of rigidity drives us away from the "wisdom and beauty of the Lord, and robs us of our freedom."

Stuck in apathy, clericalism

Pope Francis went on to name apathy, clericalism, and the worldly spirit as three other attitudes that keep us from progressing in our knowledge of Jesus.

Apathy, or *acedia*, he said, is a type of "tiredness that takes away our desire to strive forward and leaves us lukewarm."

Clericalism, he noted, seeks to put us in Jesus' place. Instead of letting the Master lead, clericalism imposes restrictions that must be met before one enters the door of faith.

"It is a terrible sickness that robs the faithful of freedom and impedes them from going to Jesus."

Bogged down in worldliness

The worldly spirit also stops us at the door of faith.

"We can think," he said, "of how some Sacraments are celebrated in some parishes. At times it is impossible to discern the grace and presence of Jesus."

"These are some of the things that stop us from becoming members of Jesus's flock. We are 'sheep' of all these things – wealth, apathy, rigidity, worldliness, clericalism, ideologies. But freedom is lacking and we cannot follow Jesus without freedom. At times freedom might go too far, and we might slip and fall. Yes, that's true. But this is slipping before becoming free."

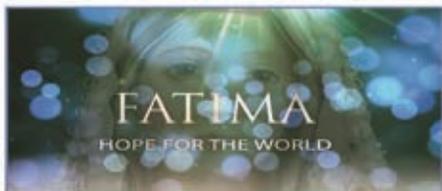
Or free to advance in knowledge of Jesus

Concluding his homily, Pope Francis invited everyone to consider whether we are free from these temptations in order to progress in the knowledge of the Lord.

"May the Lord enlighten us to see within ourselves if we have the freedom required to go through the door which is Jesus, to go beyond it with Jesus in order to become sheep of His flock."

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



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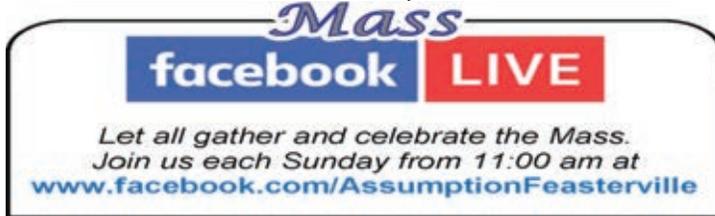
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**Announced Masses for the
Week of May 10, 2020**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph & Peg Kane and Philip E. Picciotti
Sun.	8:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
	11:00 am	Michele Sementino
Mon.	8:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tue.	8:30 am	Jack & Kay Woods and Charles Conrad
Wed.	8:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Thu.	8:30 am	Howard White
Fri.	8:30 am	Antoinette Selah, 20 th Anniv.
Sat.	5:00 pm	Judy Jefferson and Philip E. Picciotti, Sr.
Sun.	8:00 am	Mario Verzilli 4 th Anniv.
	11:00 am	Dorothy Oschell 5 th Anniv.

Weekly Parish Devotions

Name	Day and Time	Location
Charismatic Prayer & Praise	Mon. 7:15 pm	Rectory Meeting Room
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Tue. 3:00 pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Tue. 9:00 am ~ 7:00 pm	Church
Flame of Love	Tue. 7:15 pm	The Mary Chapel
Legion of Mary	Thu. 6:45 pm	The Mary Chapel
Night of Reparation	1 st Fridays Confessions 7:30 pm, Mass 8:30 pm	Church



The Flame of Love

Father James Blount, SOLT, an exorcist and promoter of the Flame of Love International Movement, has said that the Flame of Love is the New Pentecost. The Catholic Church needs to spread this message in this time of darkness so that the light can shine brighter and the outpouring of graces can take effect on our souls. The Unity Prayer, a key prayer during the Cenacle meetings, is, in Father Blount's opinion, as beautiful as a poem, is powerful like a uranium bomb, and can transform the universe as we move to fulfill Jesus' prayer that all may be one.

"My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen."

Our parish has a Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, its members had met in the Mary Chapel at 7:15 pm, and we look forward to meeting again in the "Post Pandemic Period."

A Message from Father Mike

As we are ever mindful of necessary restrictions for protection against COVID-19, including private Masses until further notice, your parish is still open. The church remains open for visits each day from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm, while opportunities for Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, now in the Sunday Nursery. The weekday Masses may be viewed on "myParish," while the 11:00 am Sunday Masses will continue to be live-streamed at www.facebook.com/AssumptionFeasterville.

In light of a March 25 communique from the Office for Worship, I am permitting the Tuesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:45 pm. Please remember the utter necessity that adorers be present throughout the entire day with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Is this not a time to be in church before Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, as we continue to face this unprecedented pandemic in our lifetime? Please remember the necessity of social distancing of at least six (6) feet as you gather in the church. I firmly believe God is allowing this pandemic to bring about some future benefits, and I am confident we will get through this calamity. Come to Jesus, the Divine Physician.

You are encouraged to bring a container to take some Holy Water from the silver vessel near the front window of the church to the left of the altar. The water was blessed during the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

An Appeal for your Continued Financial Support

As I am keenly aware of the financial burdens many of you are experiencing now because of the pandemic, I thank you for your support of our parish and its ministries. I thank you who have placed your Sunday contributions through the rectory mail slot or have mailed them in, and for you our e-givers. May I make a request that more of you consider e-giving? By using our parish website at www.ABVMFeasterville.org, you may arrange for e-giving. While I know this pandemic will eventually pass, and we are living with strict restrictions and daily inconveniences, I need to continue to cover the salaries of the Staff members, who are working from home, and pay our bills.

I thank you for your generosity and for your considering my request. Blessings to you and your families.

Peace and love,
Father Mike



Parish Sick List

Please pray for all the sick in Assumption B.V.M. parish as well as for all those who are caring for them.

Matthew Esworthy, Joe Lanzi, Jr., Al Tiemann, Joey Indelicato, John Biemuller, Bob Bonner, Jr., Richard Bowman, Theresa Bowman, Margaret Burke, Dolores Hanlon, Joan Cellucci, Lee Devoy, Patricia Basiura, Brianna Dein, Monsignor Joe McGeown, Deacon Myron Moskowitz and Mary Moser

Names may be placed on the list by contacting the Rectory office in person or by phone at **215.357.1221**. All of the names will be left on the list for a period of four weeks. If you would like the intention to stay on for more than four weeks, please contact us again.

Deceased

Please pray for all the deceased of our parish especially Bob Moser, Al McCausland, Mary Jane Taggart, Carolyn Graham and Gerald Malaszecki



PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. **We entrust ourselves to you**, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. **Help us, Mother of Divine Love**, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection.
O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and **deliver us from every danger**, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer by Pope Francis

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PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home, Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

Rev. Larry Temi, St. Columban Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Cincinnati



Dear Parishioners,

We are reaching out to inform you that you can keep earning rebates for your family and your parish church and to assist you during these tough times, even though the rectory is currently closed.

Whether you need essentials from stores that are still open, want to earn while ordering take-out or delivery for dinner, or need some online retail therapy, get eGift cards for hundreds of brands—and do it all from home by placing your orders online.

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6. Now you are ready to shop and earn online.

As you may know we are working from our homes. So, let us know if you have any questions. We can be reached by calling the rectory and leaving a voice message, which we are able to retrieve, or by emailing us at assumptionbvmscrip@gmail.com.

Please Note: If you need cards to use for reload purposes, they will have to be purchased directly from Assumption. We want to try and get you these cards so you can utilize the reload option when it's not available as an ecard. If you set up an account and require cards for reload purposes ONLY, please contact us. Let us know which cards you need. An example would be: Acme, they can only be reloaded, not available as an ecard. You would purchase the physical card through your account then we will contact you with a date and time for pick up in the church lobby.

Stay safe and healthy,
Nancy Pinciotti and Linda Vogel
Scrip Coordinators

*Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis
to the Faithful for the month of May 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet at www.vatican.va/special/rosary/index_rosary.htm to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

First Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus’ suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
“Protectress of the Roman people”,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Good and Gracious Virgin.*

The Second Prayer

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

***Please
be kind...
be safe...
be well...***



Dear Brother Priests and Deacons,
I write to share information about the Life in the Spirit Virtual Conference. This powerful initiative is transformative and seeks to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is a free eight-week conference for young adults, adults, and seniors that began on May 4.

Weekly meetings will be held at 7:30 pm. All sessions will take place via Zoom video conference. Conferencing details will be provided upon registration. Register at www.youaremadenew.com/life-in-the-spirit-registration.

The conference team will include: the host, Maria Richardson of Saint Maria Goretti Parish; Father Stephen DeLacy, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Kathleen McCarthy, In His Sign Catholic Radio Network; Gloria Domino, Catholic Charismatic Renewal; and Gina and Russ Montalbano, Bethany Music Ministry.

To learn more about the Life in the Spirit Virtual Conference, please go to www.youaremadenew.com/life-in-the-spirit-2020.

Please consider sharing this information broadly in your parish communities in the manner you deem most appropriate. Thank you

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Sullivan
Vicar for Clergy



From the Principal's Desk

This past week we celebrated our teachers as our heroes during National Teacher Appreciation Week. I share with you a lovely poem, "Hold on to Hope", written by Jill Eggleton. It honors how teachers are going above and beyond to make a difference during this challenging time. I thank our teachers, our heroes, who make a difference each day in the lives of our children. They are truly amazing.

During the month of May, we focus on Mary, our Mother. Mary is the best example of motherhood, devotion, and a sense of hope that our Lord has given us so freely. During this month dedicated to Mary, our students offer special prayers and devotions to our Mother, Most Pure. May God bless all of our mothers as we celebrate with them today! In the words of Saint Katharine Drexel, ***"O Holy Mother of God, behold your child! I am not worthy but Jesus gave me to you. I am a part of His legacy; teach me to be all that a child of Mary ought to be."***

Ms. Laura Clark
Principal



As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail. To start the process of signing up for "Vote by Mail" go to www.votespa.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for "Vote by Mail" by calling the Pennsylvania Department of State at 1.877.868.3722.



Due to COVID-19 safety measures, Family Promise guests will **NOT** be staying in the AMC room of our school building from May 24 to 31, our scheduled week to host. Instead, our parish will be responsible only for dropping off dinner for the guests each evening at the Day Center on Woodbourne Road. No additional volunteers are needed; no one will interact with the guests; and no clearances are required.

Assumption BVM will also be responsible for providing breakfast and lunch items requested by the guests and a small financial donation to Highland Park Community Church, where the guests sleep overnight, to help defray utility costs. A decision about our hosting week of June 21 - 28 will be made at a later date.

If you would like more information about how you can help during our hosting week or at other times, please contact the ABVM Volunteer Coordinators - Rose Jacobs at [215.364.8131](tel:215.364.8131) or r1jacobs@verizon.net or Pat Basgil at [215.588.0244](tel:215.588.0244) or jpbasg@comcast.net.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

NOTE: Space is subject to availability. It is recommended that **ALL** announcements must be submitted by each Monday afternoon no later than 3:00 pm. Please do **NOT** come to drop it off by the Rectory, since we are closed during this quarantine period. E-mail them to ABVM.BULLETINS@GMAIL.COM

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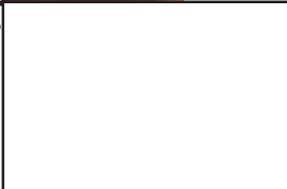
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