



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**March 15, 2020**

• *Today's Mass*

**Third Sunday of Lent**

- *Sunday Masses*  
8, 9:30, 11 am, 12:30pm
- *Saturday Masses*  
7:00am, 5:00pm
- *Weekday Masses*  
Monday through Friday  
7:00am, 12 noon
- *Holy Day & Holiday Masses*  
Please see weekly Mass schedule
- *Confessions*  
Monday through Friday  
11:30 – 11:50am  
Saturday at 4:00pm
- *Baptisms*  
Each Sunday following the  
12:30pm Mass
- *Matrimony*  
Membership in parish for at  
least one year prior to  
marriage plans
- *Devotions*  
Mother of Perpetual Help  
Tuesdays & Sacred Heart  
on Fridays after noon Mass

## ***Trusting in God's Mercy***

This past weekend I informed the parish of a decision to cancel the Communal Penance service this Lent and that we would look for other options for the future. I received messages of encouragement and support, but also great disappointment, anger and frustration.



The announcement also triggered other questions, frustrations and concerns beyond the decision itself, which indicates broader opportunities for conversation. I acknowledge that the timing of this decision, especially when added to the emotions around the COVID-19/coronavirus, is having an accumulated negative effect. I am sorry for any stress this has caused our community.

When it comes to containment of COVID-19 we join everyone in being extra vigilant. We are planning to continue our regular Mass schedule for those who are comfortable attending. However, Archbishop Hebda has announced his decision to dispense all Catholics in the Archdiocese from their obligation to attend Sunday mass until further notice.

At the advice of experts, parishes are cancelling events that gather a significant number of people. We, too, are adding extra precautions and cancelling most non-Mass events. Please see the next page for specific changes happening here at the parish.

One might ask, "Isn't this a time when we want to gather in seeking God's mercy?" Certainly, which is why I offer other ways in which we can seek and trust in God's mercy. First is the Mass. A wonderful understanding of the Mass is that we can bring to it our everyday sins and shortfalls. In the Mass itself, especially as we pray the Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy) and during the Lamb of God, there is a communal act of penance which accompanies a trust in God's forgiveness.

Secondly, we can always turn to God with a good Act of Contrition. That old one you learned long ago is still valid and strong. There are others as well or you can use your own words. Thirdly, of course, there is individual confession, at which one can unburden oneself of any sins. I guarantee a kind and welcoming experience here at Assumption.

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## Upcoming Events

- *Loaves & Fishes*, meals will be served by Assumption volunteers at the Dorothy Day Center on Tuesday, March 17th and Sunday, March 22nd.
- *Mass at Shalom Home*, (740 Kay Avenue) on Wednesday, March 25th at 10:30am.
- *Assumption Blood Drive*, Friday, April 17th, 9:00am-2:00pm, in the lower church. Every year more than 12 million units of blood are needed to help save lives. Please consider helping with this important cause. Help save a life! Contact Deb Munkholm for a donation appointment at 651-646-1728.

## Coronavirus Updates

Over the last few weeks, parishes and dioceses have joined the efforts of all Americans in preventing the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus. Assumption joins that effort by adopting safety precautions as we gather to celebrate Mass and other liturgical celebrations. The following recommendations come from Archbishop Hebda, our risk manager Catholic Mutual and other sources such as the Center for Disease Control.

### General and important precautions:

- Please stay home if you feel sick or have flu-like symptoms.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

### Adaptations to our celebration of Mass:

- Refrain from handholding during the Our Father.
- We will offer the sign of peace without touching. A polite nod or bow suffices.
- Although new and just put into service, our holy water fonts are temporarily emptied.
- As is the current practice, Eucharistic Ministers will sanitize their hands before and following distribution of the Eucharist.
- You are encouraged to bring and use hand sanitizer before receiving Communion.
- As careful as one might be, reception of Holy Communion on the tongue causes saliva to get on the fingers of those distributing Holy Communion. For the time being, please refrain from receiving Holy Communion on the tongue for the welfare of your neighbor, including the Eucharistic Minister.
- When receiving in the hand, please keep your palm flat to avoid contact as you receive the host from the Eucharistic Minister.
- The parish nursery will temporarily close.

In addition to changes at Mass, we are cancelling some upcoming parish social events. While some may seem overly cautious, they are intended to help keep the virus from spreading and also keep us in solidarity with areas harder hit than us right now.

### Cancellations to parish social events include:

- Remaining Lenten soup lunches on Wednesdays after the noon Mass.
- The Feast of St. Joseph Mass and luncheon this Thursday, March 19.
- Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, March 29.
- The Seder Dinner on Thursday, April 2.

Please know we are sanitizing commonly touched surfaces every day, including pews, arm rests and door handles. We will continue to monitor this rapidly changing situation and made adaptations as necessary. Please watch the parish website ([www.assumptionsp.org](http://www.assumptionsp.org)) for further updates.

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Mercy is an expression of love in our shortfalls, whether it comes from sin, health, or situations beyond our control. We all fall short and turn to God and each other for mercy, including yours truly. Let us pray for each other, let us continue to be a source of light and hope in uncertain times. As we remain vigilant in staying safe and healthy, most importantly as the saying goes, let us keep the faith and the faith will keep us. God bless you.

-Fr. Paul Treacy

**Food Drive for Neighborhood House**

Thank you to all who supported this weekend’s food drive under the patronage of St. Joseph. Donations will be taken to the Neighborhood House food shelf. Many families will benefit from your generosity. For more than a century, Neighborhood House has supported families in times of transition, supporting more than 50 cultural and ethnic populations.



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	8:00 am	Parishioners
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30 am	†David Marruffo
	11:00 am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30 pm	†Jeanne Pilla
<b>Monday, March 16</b>	7:00 am	†Mary Patterson
	12:00 pm	†David Marruffo
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b>	7:00 am	Holland & Murphy Families
<i>Saint Patrick</i>	12:00 pm	†Norma Schaefer
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	7:00am	†Jeanne & †Bill Pilla
<i>Saint Cyril</i>	12:00 pm	†Tim Brandl
<b>Thursday, March 19</b>	7:00 am	†Peggy Murphy
<i>Saint Joseph</i>	12:00 pm	†Bill McDonald
<b>Friday, March 20</b>	7:00 am	†Michael Hayden
	12:00 pm	Rennett May Blaesser & Kelia Rose Slattery
	3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, March 21</b>	7:00 am	†Teresa Cromett
	5:00 pm	Parishioners
<b>Sunday, March 22</b>	8:00 am	†Floyd Anderson
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:30 am	†Bud & †Virginia Conoryea
	11:00 am	†Jack Dolan
	12:30 pm	†Frank & †Rose Bobnick

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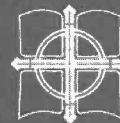
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