



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Office closed for lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM)

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

PASTOR: REV. CHARLES C. DILLINGHAM

Associate Pastor: Rev. David F. Murphy

Weekend Assistant: Rev. James B. Smith

Deacons: John Giacci, Larry Brecht

Joseph W. Jackson, Larry R. Morris

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Janet Aluise, Receptionist	ext. 10
Daniel M. DiGiacobbe, Business Manager	ext. 11
Annette Fad, Parish Secretary	ext. 33
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Deacon John Giacci, Director of Liturgy	ext. 32
Pablo Gonzalez, Facility Manager	ext. 41
Matthew Jewell, Director of Music	ext. 16
Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Ed.	ext. 17
Elizabeth Perry, Communications Coordinator	
Karen Rombach, Director of Preschool	ext. 34
Denise Troise, Bookkeeper	ext. 14

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

PREP: Grades 1 through 8

Confirmation: Grade 9

Mrs. Cindy Krebs, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 17.

ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

Ages 2 through Pre-K.

Mrs. Karen Rombach, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are a sponsoring parish. For further information,

contact Mary Elizabeth Muir, Ed.D., Principal

(302) 995-2231, www.ascsde.org.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

During a Mass or Sunday afternoon
at 1:00 PM.

Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.

Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK

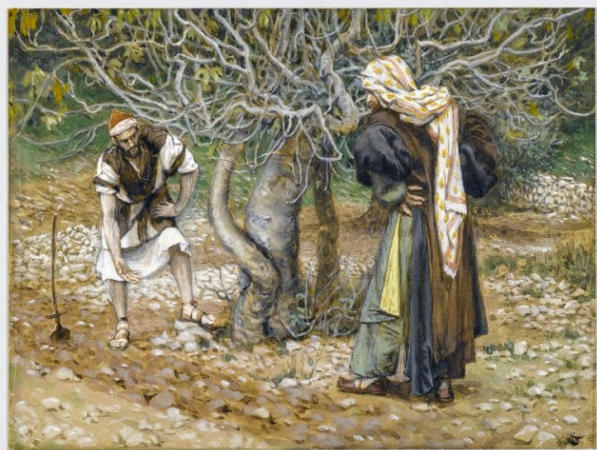
In an emergency, contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Each weekend, Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion
to those unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.
Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for this ministry.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

For information, contact Parish Office (302) 239-7100.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter****May 10, 2020**

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— John 14:6

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday May 11, 2020

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 am Joseph Maguire

Tuesday May 12, 2020

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 am John Visich

Wednesday May 13, 2020

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 am Joseph Maguire

Thursday May 14, 2020

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 am Keith Reed

Friday May 15, 2020

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena

8:30 am C. Ed Bishop

Saturday May 16, 2020

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

5:00 pm Joseph & Rita Powlick

Sunday May 17, 2020

7:30 am Parishioners

9:30 am Adam Zebrowski

11:30 am Filomena Ventresca

6:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

The Rosary is said Monday-Saturday
in the Chapel, before the 8:30 am Mass



St. Mary of the Assumption

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Smith, Fr. Murphy, the Deacons and I really miss seeing you at daily and Sunday Masses. Please be assured that you and your families are constantly in our prayers and are with us at the altar when we celebrate our private Masses.

I am reluctant to mention parish finances at this very challenging time, yet I feel that I must address this issue. The parish is facing a financial challenge due to your inability to make a weekly/monthly contribution through the envelopes collected at Sunday Masses. Your weekly contributions are still essential for the good of the parish. While we are cutting back on our expenses including the reduction of staff hours, we are still responsible for fixed costs such as utilities, insurance and other essential operating expenses.

Please know that I am very much aware that some of you are experiencing a loss or a reduction in your income at this moment.

Bearing all of this in mind, I would respectfully request your help at this difficult time. I would be extremely grateful if you would continue your offertory contributions to the best of your ability. Your contribution can either be mailed to the parish using the enclosed envelope or dropped off at the office.

Your clergy are profoundly saddened that we are not able to celebrate Masses and Sacraments with you as a parish community. Please continue to be aware that Christ and his Blessed Mother are with us at all times, most especially at times of worry and anxiety such as these. We pray for all of you, most especially for those who are suffering and have died from the virus, medical personnel, military, first responders and for all who are risking their health for our sake.

With prayers, blessings and much concern,

Father Dillingham

Pastor

**In your charity, please pray for all who have gone
before us and all the deceased of
St. Mary of the Assumption.**





A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is like a flower
That blooms with every tear,
It endures beyond enduring
Through every pain and fear.

A Mother's love is endless
Like an ocean vast and wide,
And there we seek protection
From the roaring, restless tide.

A Mother's love is patient
When all else seems to fail,
It guides us and directs us
Along life's rugged trail.

A Mother's love will pardon
Although the heart may break,
And still stand up to face the things
That love cannot forsake.

A Mother's love is gentle
When life has offered pain,
The kind of love that holds us near
When nothing else remains.

A Mother's love is patterned
After God's unceasing love,
It surpasses every earthly thing
Like Him who lives Above.

A Mother's love is like a flower,
But different in just one way –
A Mother's love will never wilt
With every passing day.

~Pat Owens

We salute and thank mothers, and encourage prayers and gratitude for all mothers – living and deceased. We request sympathy and prayers for all mothers who have lost a child.

– Parish Pro-Life Committee

Did you Know?

Power of Silence

Silence is within us the wordless language of the finite being that, by its own weight, seeks and carries our movement toward the infinite Being. This is to say that thought does not arrive at the affirmation of God on its own power, but through its docility to the prevenient light of being that is received and welcomed as a gift. The act of silence that defines this reception bears within it prayer, in other words, the movement by which the soul raises itself to God.” For Joseph Rassam, as for Robert Cardinal Sower of Silence.

“Silence is difficult, but it makes man able to allow himself to be led by God. Silence is born of silence. Through God the silent one, we can gain access to silence. And man is unceasingly surprised by the light that bursts forth then. Silence is more important than any other human work. For it expresses God. The true revolution comes from silence; it leads us toward God and others so as to place ourselves humbly and generously at their service, although speech characterizes man, silence is what defines him, because speech acquires sense only in terms of this silence.” This is the beautiful and important message of The Power of Silence.

Excerpt From
The Power Of Silence
Cardinal Robert Sarah

Submitted by the **Legion of Mary**

Listen to The Legion of Mary Immaculate Conception Praesidium weekly broadcast of their Internet radio programs every Friday at 3 p.m., in cooperation with Oremus Communications (OC). Simply visit www.oremuscomms.com and **click on” Listen Live”**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is the main focus of the broadcast but every week various topics and prayers are included in the hour broadcast. Also if you missed any broadcast, you can still access them in the archives file



Dear St. Mary of the Assumption Parishioners,

It is a heartbreaking time for the board, faculty, staff, students and families of All Saints Catholic School as we announced the closing of our beloved school last week.

We are grateful for all of the prayerful and financial support that has been received from you, the parishioners of St. Mary's over the years but especially in recent years as every effort was made to provide Catholic education for all who desired it.

*Our faculty/staff and school families will be taking our All Saints strength and spreading it far and wide. Sometimes we are called to experience the tight bonds of community and sometimes we are called to go out and create the community. It is time for us to go out and spread the amazing bonds of faith and friendship in new communities. While we all hesitate and want nothing more than to remain together, we pray the prayer, "**Jesus, I trust in you...Thy will be done.**"*

Please continue to pray for us as we will always remember you in gratitude.

*Gratefully,
Dr. Muir*

Prayer to End Coronavirus Pandemic Pope Francis

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 confirm 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.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O Jesus, I love You. O my God. I cannot receive You in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.



I was Hungry...I was Thirsty...I was a Stranger...And you cared.

Looking to grow in your faith and help others at the same time?

Become a Vincentian

	Why Join? <i>Help people in a very tangible way</i> – providing assistance for life's basic necessities like rent, utilities, food, etc. through personal contact <i>Grow in faith</i> – inspired by Christian values, work for the good of humanity <i>Make new friends</i> – work with other Vincentians in your parish friendship
	Who are we? <i>Catholic lay organization</i> - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was founded in Paris in 1833 and is now a global effort dedicated to serving those in need. <i>Our parish Conference is a group of 15 – 20 people of varying ages and backgrounds.</i> We meet once a month all together and work in pairs throughout the month, as available, to speak with our neighbors in need and visit them in-person.
	The impact (this past year)? <i>Helped > 300 people: >100 in-person visits and >250 phone calls</i> <i>Provided >\$70,000 in financial assistance</i> (the funding is possible thanks to the generosity of St. Mary's parishioner's donations.)
	Who to contact to become a Vincentian: <i>Call Mercedes Diaz, St. Mary's SVdP Conference President, 302-239-7100 ext.15.</i>

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The money placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

ONLINE GIVING

Providing the convenience of online giving and helping St. Mary's save money on sending envelopes. Simple and easy just go to smachurch.com/give.



Chocolate Peanut Butter Poke Cake

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE CAKE

- 1 box devil's food cake, plus ingredients called for on box
- 2 c. peanut butter, melted
- 1 c. chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- 1 c. Reese's Pieces

FOR THE PEANUT BUTTER FROSTING

- 1 c. peanut butter
- 10 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 2 c. powdered sugar
- 2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 tbsp. heavy cream

DIRECTIONS

Bake cake: Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 9"-x-13" pan with parchment paper and grease with cooking spray. Prepare cake batter according to package instructions and pour into prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cake cool completely.

Using the back of a wooden spoon, poke holes all over cake. Pour melted peanut butter over the entire cake, filling the holes. Set aside.

Make frosting: In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, cream together peanut butter and butter. Add powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in cream to loosen frosting, if needed.

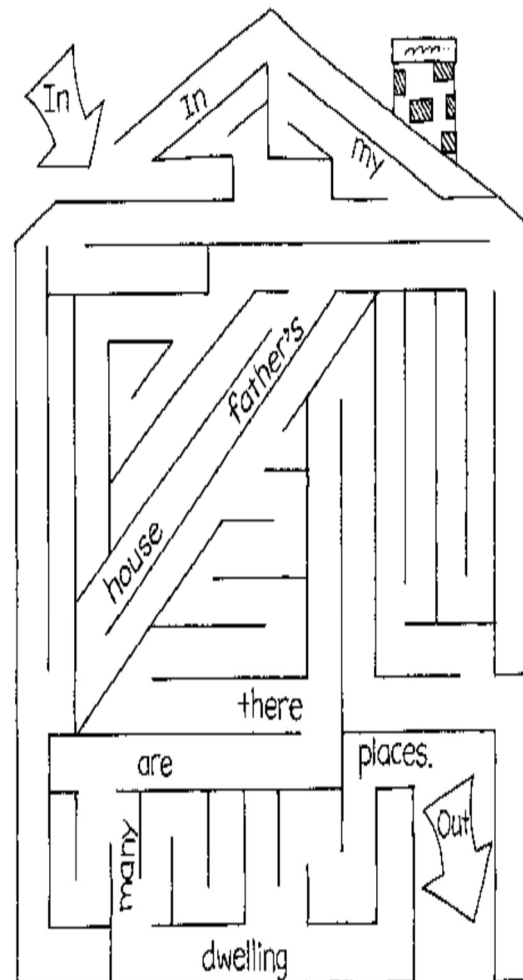
Spread frosting all over the top of the cake. Top with chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Reese's Pieces.

Children's Catholic Corner



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). Follow Jesus' words to find your way through the maze!



St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Ministry Contact list for phone numbers please call our parish office

Adult Faith Formation, **Joan Fortugno**
 Athletic Association, **Mike Pietlock**
 All Saints Catholic School Liaison, **Dennis Fish**
 Bulletin, **Annette Fad**
 Church Camp, **Cindy Krebs**
 Communications, **Elizabeth Perry**
 Cornerstone, **Mike McDonnell**
 Divine Will Prayer Group, **Linda Riofski**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms S.E., **Bunny Stike**
 Emmanuel Dining Rooms East, **Mary Ellen Long**
 Sojourners, House of Joseph, **Suzanne Barba**
 Finance Council, **Bill Foley**
 GIFT, **Eileen Gaus**
 Holy Spirit Prayer Group, **Rich Deegan**
 Knights of Columbus, **Mike Bailey**
 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, **Judy Safranski**
 Knights of Columbus Ride Program, **Steve Haller**
 Ladies' Guild, **Janet Kook & Rosemarie Morris**
 Lazarus Ministry, **Rita Willis**
 Legion of Mary, **Jane Aniceto**
 Mary Mother of Hope, **Kate Morris**
 Meals on Wheels, **Kathy di Girolamo**
 Men's Small Group, **Jim Robinson**
 Mother's Prayer Group, **Sandra Cleary**
 Pastoral Council, **Bill Raiford**
 Prayer Line, **Parish Office**
 Pro-Life Committee, **Ann Courtney**
 RCIA, **Deacon John Giacci**
 Refresh Group, **Deacon Larry Brecht, Mike Bailey**
 St. Patrick's Cemetery, **Dan DiGiacobbe**
 Safety Committee, **Bernie McKay**
 Sages (50+ Group), **Nick Mastrocinque**
 Scouts (Boy & Cub), **Greg Weaver**
 St. Vincent de Paul Society, **Mercedes Diaz**
 Visitors for Christ, **Mary Lloyd**
 WilCYA, **Elise Maloney**
 Women's Faith Sharing, **Mary Tigani**
 Youth Athletic Dance Coordinator **Heather Green**

Weekly Scheduled Events

Please note: The parish calendar schedule is subject to change during the week, please check with your Ministry if you have any questions, or concerns of scheduled events.

Monday May 11, 2020

Tuesday May 12, 2020

Wednesday May 13, 2020

Thursday May 14, 2020

Friday May 15, 2020

Saturday May 16, 2020

Sunday May 17, 2020

(CF) = Coffee Run, (J) = St. Johns,
 (M) = St. Mary,
 (CP) = Chapel, (C) = Church,
 (GS) = Gathering Space (H) = Hall

***Please submit all bulletin articles
 (2) weeks in advance to
office@smachurch.com.***



Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact Steve Haller, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-690-6164 or email: govmler@hotmail.com



Looking for a great way to stay connected to St. Mary's and to receive up to date information?...
 Please visit our website: www.smachurch.com