#### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION - ST. ANN BY THE SEA

Marshfield, Ma., December 21, 2025



Collaborative Mass Schedule Weekends: Saturday Vigil

4:00PM St. Ann by the Sea

Sunday

7:30AM, 9:30AM—St. Ann by the Sea

8:30AM, 10:30AM, 5:30PM—Our Lady of the Assumption

Weekdays

Monday—Saturday (except Thursday) 8:00AM @ Our Lady of the Assumption

Confessions

Saturday

OLA: 8:30AM—9:30AM St. Ann: 2:30—3:00PM

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 Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Walter Seamon

 Weekend Assistant
 Fr. Gerard Petringa

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- ....Gale McCarthy, Thomas Young, OLA Organists
- ....Joel Davidson, Joe Kodzis, St. Ann Keyboardist
- ....Frank Piekut, Colleen Balboni, Christina Dimitri, Cantors
- ....Matthew Kimble, 5:30 PM Mass, Contemporary Musician

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#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday Morning following the 8:00AM Daily Mass until 9:00AM

**Baptisms** 

St. Ann - 1st Sunday of the Month at 11am OLA – 2nd Sunday of the Month at 12pm

Parents/Guardians please contact the Collaborative Office as soon as possible (at least 1 month prior) to make arrangements

#### Marriage

Couples are asked to contact the Collaborative Office at least 6 months before your wedding to make arrangements.

#### **Pastoral Care for the Sick**

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New parishioners are welcomed and invited to register by calling the office or online at olamarshfield.org

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20, 2025

8:00 Mary Counihan RIP

4:00 Joseph Pitts RIP

Sunday, December 21: Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

7:30 Claire Davis RIP

8:30 Anna Yaroschuk RIP

9:30 William Mave RIP

10:30 Francis Sayers RIP

(3:00 Children's Christmas Pageant OLA)

5:30 For the People

Monday, December 22

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Confessions 6:30-7:30PM at OLA)

Tuesday, December 23

8:00

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 Georgiana Hunter RIP



#### December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 Christmas Eve Mass

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10:00 Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 Christmas Day

8:30 Christmas Day

9:30 Christmas Dav

10:30 Christmas Day



Friday, December 26: St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 Ryan Schroeder RIP

Saturday, December 27: St. John, Apostle/Evangelist

8:00 Henry Hunter RIP

4:00 Joan Tozzi - Healing

Sunday, December 28: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,

7:30 For the People

Mary, and Joseph

8:30 John "Charlie" Sullivan RIP

9:30 Michael Condon, Richard Condon RIP

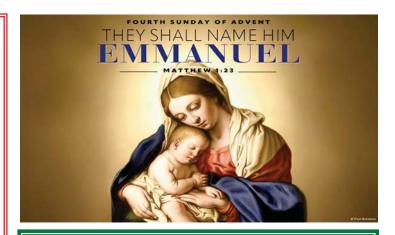
10:30 David & Jean Evans RIP

5:30 Frederick J. Burns RIP 7th Ann.

(Red) St. Ann by the Sea Church

(Blue) Our Lady of the Assumption Church





Weekly Collections: Thank you for your patience and your generous support.

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#### **Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust** December 25th.

At all our Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.

On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit:

www.clergytrust.org



#### Additional Opportunity for Confession and Exposition and Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

We will have an additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance on Monday, December 22, 2025, from <u>6:30 PM to 7:30 PM</u>or until the last confession at

> Our Lady of the Assumption Church. During the time the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration.





"The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel," a name which means "God is with us."









#### Blessed Christmas and New Year 2025

It is hard to believe that it was 60 years ago that we first heard Charlie Brown exclaim in frustration, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" His question of course, is his response to the ridicule of his friends, for not embracing the commercial lures of Christmas. In fact, Charlie Brown knew better than most what indeed Christmas was all about, he just needed to be assured. It took the sensitive Linus to bring all of us back to the town of Bethlehem, in his reverent recitation of the Gospel's narrative surrounding the birth of Christ.

This year, we may ask that same question as Charlie Brown, yet, like other years we come up short, or it doesn't take root. Perhaps we are not asking the right question. The Gospel describes much more than the reason for a holiday and Holy Day in December. What does the truth that God sent his Son into our world to save us mean for us? This is a good question. How did God becoming flesh, affect our lives? Another good question. And I can assure you the answer has less to do with December 25<sup>th</sup> and more to do with every day of our life than we want to realize. We try to justify our actions by asking the rhetorical questions, "isn't Christmas all about family" or "in the end, isn't Christmas about the children's joy at their gifts." Do we ever dare to answer NO to those rhetorical questions? Those two may be ways that some celebrate Christmas, but they are surely not what Christmas is "all about." Christmas is "all about" how the world was changed with the incarnation of Christ. Christmas is "all about" how we live our lives every day in the Light of Christ; how we see Christ in others; and how we can become closer to Christ when we have wandered. Christmas is "all about" the Birth of Christ – and only about the Birth of Christ. We may commemorate the Birth of Christ with gifts and feasts and family and friends and other traditions, but to truly celebrate Christmas, Christ needs to be more than just an invited guest for the day. Christ needs to be the Honored Guest every day. The literal meaning of the word Christmas (of English origin) is the Mass of Christ, many other languages and cultures call the holiday the birth of Christ. Whatever we call it Christ is the common and central reality of what we celebrate. Christ is what Christmas is all about! As Linus so eloquently said

"And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men.' That's what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown!"

May Christ, the babe of Bethlehem, continue his blessings on you at Christmas and into the new year.

THE GREATEST GIFT...

#### **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant**

@ Our Lady of the Assumption Church Sunday, December 21 at 3:00pm Pizza Party for families to follow in parish hall. JOIN US!

#### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2026

Wednesday, December 31: 4:00PM Vigil SAS

Thursday, January 1: 8:00AM OLA Thursday, January 1: 12:10 SAS

#### **SMALL GROUPS MEETING-OLA**

"Women at the Well", facilitated by Pam Hulme, Scripture and Faith sharing groups.

"Donuts with Jesus"

facilitated by Deacon Walter Seamon, meets December 27th, following the 8am Mass.

New members welcome...

#### Gifts for the Needy

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in this months Gifts for the Needy and Julie's Learning Center. Donations this year are overwhelming and will certainly ease the burden for families this Christmas.

Also, thank you to those who are bringing in nonperishable food items to supplement the Marshfield Food Pantry.

You truly are 'The Hands of Christ".

#### **Non-Perishable Food Collection**

Because the need is so great, our parishes will continue collecting non-perishable food items to supplement the Marshfield Food Pantry. The containers are located at the doors of our Churches for your donations. *If you are able,* please bring along an item to Mass on the weekends. Thank You!



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Donations can be brought to Church with you or you may **bring your donations/or receive aid at the Food Pantry** at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon and Weds. evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Added: Thursday 5-7:30pm

Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 1097,

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# Journey, of Faith

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## In Word & Deed

It a wedding rehearsal one Friday night, a harried bride made the observation that "today was the longest week of my life!"

**Today's Readings** 

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

When time is short and preparations are many, every moment seems to fly by and take forever at the same time. What

seemed at one time to be so far away is now suddenly upon us. And as much as we anticipate great events, they still have a way of catching us off guard as though we had never prepared.

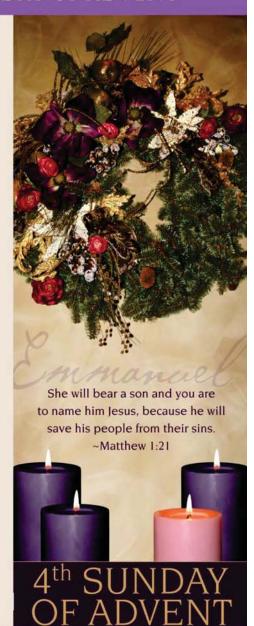
God never requires much time to transform our lives or save our souls. Every moment of grace we experience contains eternity within it. Packaged carefully in the constraints of time, a graced moment can make the difference between doubt and faith, sin and virtue,

sinner and saint. It's not because we are so easily transformed, but that grace is that effective and efficient. There is an

> economy of salvation which allows for the slightest hint of faith—a mustard seed to bring us the joy of God's love and forgiveness.

Yes, there are only a few days until Christmas. But there is still time to let the spirit of Christmas renew and nourish our souls. Let something in this season of celebration—the prayers, the Mass, the decorations, the feeling of good will—move you one step closer to the Lord. Let this short week be the new beginning of a long, eternal life!

-Jim Gaffney



The Christmas tree is "an ancient custom that exalts the value of life," because the evergreen tree remains unchanged through the harshness of winter. When gifts are arranged under the tree, it becomes a symbol of "the tree of life, a figure of Christ, God's greatest gift to all." - Pope John Paul II





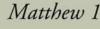
## TO WALK AS ONE

Some gifts have a very symbolic

meaning. They stand for an intangible quality that we cannot fully grasp nor completely express. A piece of jewelry may symbolize my feelings of affection or a picture might express a friendship. These gifts are very personal and are often understood only by the person receiving them. These gifts are usually among our most cherished possessions and over time bring back memories of the best times of our lives.

What is your most treasured gift?
What is the best gift you have given?
This Christmas, find the gift that
means something to you both. It
should be something that captures a
special moment, a significant value or
a cherished dream, something that is
meaningful to your relationship. Visit a
cherished spot, or frame a special photo,
or create a book of memories. The gift
you give commemorates the love you
share, a special gift from the One whose
birth you celebrate. Give your love to
Him and to one another.

-Jim Gaffney



Verses 18-24

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed, and the savior of the world will rule over us.

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