

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

Marshfield, Ma., August 17, 2025

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Luke 12:49

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: 3:00PM—3:30PM

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Jack Hanratty - Melinda Campbell

Finance Council Chairperson

William Last -

Musicians

....Gale McCarthy, Thomas Young, OLA Organists

....Joel Davidson, St. Ann Keyboardist

....Frank Piekut, Colleen Balboni, Christina Dimitri, Cantors

....Matthew Kimble, 5:30 PM Mass, Contemporary Musician

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

Please call the Collaborative Office to arrange for a pastoral visit or Sacramental care for the sick

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

Handicapped Accessible † Air-Conditioned

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 Valentino O'Donnell

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17

7:30 Barbara Hoey

8:30 Celeste Maloney RIP

9:30 Joseph Carney * Coffee & Donut Social*

10:30 Austin Hale RIP

5:30 For the People of our Parishes

Monday, August 18

8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 Jack Doran

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 Randy Charest

Thursday, August 21

No Mass this morning

Friday, August 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Austin Hale

Saturday, August 23

8:00

4:00 Valentino O'Donnell

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24

7:30 For the People of our Parishes

8:30 Eleanor Duane

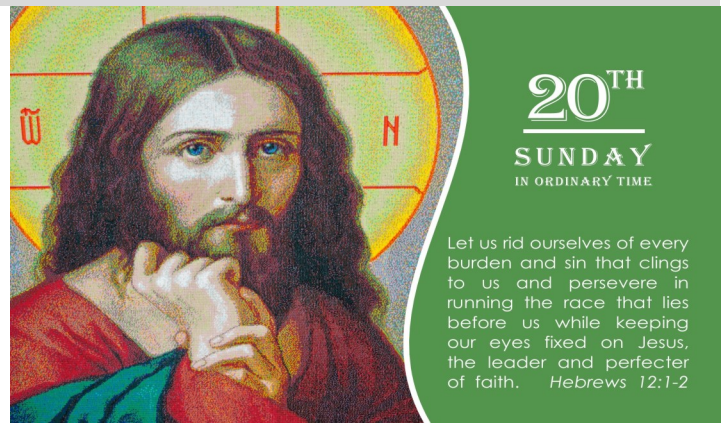
9:30

10:30 Kevin J. Sullivan and Joseph J. Brodigan

5:30 King and Donahue Family Members

(Red) St. Ann by the Sea Church
(Blue) Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Welcome Visitors

**Offertory Collections: Weekly (Aug. 10th)**

OLA \$5,553 O/L \$1,771 Total: \$7,324

SAS \$6,206 O/L \$1,321 Total: \$7,527

*Thank you for your support !***OLA - ONLINE GIVING**

Click on the Online Giving picture to go directly to the online giving webpage, or visit <https://www.osvhub.com/olamarshfield>

**ST. ANN - ONLINE GIVING**

Click on the Online Giving picture or go directly to the online webpage or visit [Sign In / OSV Hub](#)

**Appreciation Collections for July and August**

These collections are taken up in the summer in order that summer visitors can help our parishes keep up with the rising cost of running our programs and maintaining our buildings. If you are able, please consider a donation! The green trimmed envelopes are in the pews if you wish to participate. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

*2nd Lt. Brendan McLaughlin * Major Shayler Pierson *

Capt. John Valeri * Staff Sgt Elizabeth Hill *

Ensign Joseph Minicucci * PO3 John Gregson * PV2 Lauren

Hutt * LT. Anthony Iannone * Specialist Jack Eggers * E4 Greg-

ory Pierson * Captain Tom Vincent * PFC Brenden Fitzpatrick *

Captain Kaitlyn McDonough * 2LT John W. Conroy * Staff Sar-

gent Melissa M. Guardi (deployed near Ukraine), *Sgt Tristan

Wiggin, *3rd class damage Controlman Michael Commesso, *

Seaman James Commesso. *2nd Lt Zachary Hubbard, * Sgt

Alex Muchmore, *2nd Lt Aidan Pierson * Jared Sullivan U.S.A.F.

*Spec. Jacob Nardone. Curtis McDonnell USN, Hunter O'Con-

nor U.S. Army, *PFC Nicole McNamee, USMC

Let us know if you have someone to add/remove to this prayer list. Please pray for the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

Sowing Seeds is in need of volunteer drivers to drive clients to essential appointments in the area. Weekdays only. Drive when it's convenient for you. For more information, please call Betty at 781-837-6037, or Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337.

The **Clothing Bank** is in need of fall/school clothing for children and adults. Always needed: new underwear for all ages. The **Clothing Bank**, located on the corner of Route 139 and School St., is open on Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 12noon to distribute and receive donations.. Thank You !

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Consuming Fire



ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24).

And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire he has come to cast on the earth is the fire that he wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into his death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revaling fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By his cross, he has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as he will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com*

COFFEE & DONUT SOCIAL

On Sunday, August 17th, following
the 9:30am Mass at St. Ann by the
Sea Church. Join Us!



St. Ann's 80th Anniversary Prayer Cards are
available...please take one home.



Pilgrimage To Poland

September 7-15, 2026

Visit: www.2026tours.com/conlon.

Booking Code: DC090726

Join us on a pilgrimage to St. John Paul II's beloved
Hometown, where you'll follow in the footsteps of
three great saints, St. John Paul, St. Maximilian Kolbe
and St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy,
and embrace the culture of the Polish people.

Two nights in Warsaw

One night in Czestochowa

Four nights in Krakow



Visit our Web page for full itinerary.

Marshfield Food Pantry You may bring your donations/
or receive aid at the Food Pantry at Library Plaza on
Tues. and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon and
Weds. evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 1097,
Marshfield, MA. 02050.

Thank you!



Churches are open daily (except Thursdays)
for day visits, adoration,
quiet reflection and prayer.



WHAT: St. Joseph Men's Group

WHO: All men ages 18+

WHEN: Weekly meetings 6:30-7:30p.m. Tues.

WHERE: St. Ann's Parish Hall

WHY: We are a brotherhood committed to
modeling our lives after the great Saint Joseph.
Sign up by emailing info@olamarshfield.org or
simply join us.

It's not too early to sign up for ...



Family Faith Formation,
Middle School Faith Formation and
Confirmation classes.

Registration forms can be accessed on our
webpage with all the details. Visit
www.olarmarshfield.org

Volunteers needed!

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Attending a safe environment training, Protecting God's Children, is a requirement put forward by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Any volunteer involved in any ministry here in our parishes is required to take this one-time training. This training is being offered at Holy Family Parish, Duxbury on September 6th at 9:00am in Holy Family Parish Center.

To sign up: go to virtusonline.org

Click on "First Time Registrant" - Begin the registration process—Select "Boston, MA. (Archdiocese)" - Sign Up—Click "Register for Training" - Select the training session 9/6 At Holy Family, or any other training that works for you at a different location. Let us know if you have signed up...

or Call Mary Juliano Hayes at Holy Family
at 781-934-5055 x 128.

OLA & SAS will plan our training later in the Fall.

CHOOSE LIFE

The Choose Life plate features an image of a mother holding a child with a yellow colored heart behind them. The bottom of the plate reads "Choose Life" in black colored text. Proceeds from this plate will fund Choose Life, Inc. which benefits not-for-profit agencies within Massachusetts. The special plate fee is \$40.

Choose Life plates can be ordered online at www.Mass.Gov/RMV. They can also be ordered at any RMV Service Center or any Dealership that is part of the Electronic Vehicle Registration program. A temporary plate will be provided and the permanent plates will be mailed.



Are you someone who would like a career change?

Holy Family Parish in Duxbury is seeking a faithful, joy-filled, creative person who is ready to embrace the opportunity to help rejuvenate and lead our Family Faith Formation Ministry, invest in relationships with our parishioners, and work with a great team to implement a vision for promoting spiritual growth. You don't need to have all the answers... we just need the right person who enjoys dreaming with others to help realize that vision.

This individual should be someone who is excited about thinking "outside the box" and surfacing creative ways of reaching young families.

The ideal candidate will have a passion and gift for reaching children, teens and adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth of the Catholic Church.

Are you interested in this full-time position?

Contact:

Jeanne Cregan @ jcregan@holyfamilyduxbury.org
or 781-934-5055 X 114.

*When we place our trust in Christ and
watch for His activity in our lives,
we have His peace.*



PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA

With St. Mary of the Nativity, Scituate
Saturday, September 27th

Departing from the Church parking lot at 6am

Returning to Scituate at approximately 7:30pm

Transportation: Deluxe Motor
Coach

\$60/person

Call the office to reserve your
seat

781-545-3335, ext. 4



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND SAINT ANN BY THE SEA

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Ann by the Sea's faith formation program is family centered. We aim to foster a community in which parents and catechists journey together to form young disciples. In order to do so, our community must be an open-hearted community that is willing to grow together spiritually. It is our hope that in forming parents and family as the prime examples of how to know and love Jesus, we will not only be forming children, but also inspiring lifelong faith formation.

How does it work?

Family Faith Formation will be a hybrid program that blends in-church and at-home instruction, supplemented with at-church formation activities. Families will gather at least twice a month at church on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday evenings. Once a month, parents and children will come together for a group presentation for parents and children, followed by grade-level instruction for the children and small group instruction and discussion for the parents. Later in the month, parents and children will come together again for grade-level instruction on specific themes (Advent, Lent, Saints, Sacraments, etc.) and small-group faith sharing for parents. Families may choose either the Sunday or Tuesday timeslot for classes.

In between the two at-church classes, parents will be the primary catechists for students through at-home instruction. The presentations at church will include unit overviews to give the parents the keys they need for at-home instruction. The small groups are opportunities for parents to share their experiences with at-home instruction and provide support for one another. While this is a family centered, parent-led experience, no one is catechizing their child alone. The Family Faith Formation program relies heavily on journeying together as a community.

In addition to the classes, there will also be a supplemental Family Fun Night each month. Rather than formal classroom instruction, these nights bring the theology off the page into a tangible, livable format. Family Fun Nights will include an array of crafts, teaching masses, music, movies, and other engaging activities.

From March-May, Communion II students will have additional retreats in preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist.

How can you help?

We need catechists and volunteers to help this program run smoothly! We will be using the Christ Our Life program from Loyola Press as our primary resource for this program. The program comes with catechist guides and lesson plans, so you don't need to be a theologian or expert to teach.

Registration

The registration link will be available on the parish website from July 1st to September 7th. All interested families are welcome to join us for a registration donut social in the OLA parish hall on 8/10 or the SA parish hall on 8/17. Contact Tarah Valin at valin@olamarshfield.org with any questions.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15th

What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.



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