



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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January 22, 2023

• *Today's Mass*

**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

• *Sunday Masses*

8, 9:30, 11am, 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,

11:15-11:45am and

Saturdays, 4pm

• *Baptisms*

Sundays 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 at 11:45am

Dear Parishioners & Friends -

Seventeen years ago, Assumption made one of the best decisions when it offered Julie Malecha the position of Administrator. After such dedication, friendship, and good work at Assumption, we are very happy for Julie, who plans to retire at the end of June.

I know I speak for Fr. O'Gara (the wise pastor who recommended her), Fr. Malone,

Fr. Skrypek, other clergy, staff, volunteers, and parishioners when we express our appreciation for Julie's contributions. She has done a great job overseeing and leading the temporal affairs of this parish and directing so many significant projects. She has been instrumental in the upper and lower church restorations, beautifying the campus grounds, the purchase of the adjacent properties, and currently the campus projects of expanding parking and the restoration of the historic school building. Not to mention the parish parties, events, and all the work managing the day-to-day operations, finances, and much more.

Julie is such a wonderful colleague. As a matter of fact, in her first few months here, she helped me plan my first Mass celebrated at Assumption back in 2006. I could not be more grateful for our years working together. There will be more to come in our recognition and appreciation for Julie, but right now, we are preparing for a smooth transition. We will have a strong search and interview process, and we are making plans to ensure successful continuation of all our current projects. We are confident that whoever comes in will be able to build off all of Julie's good work.

A good retirement is in most of our plans – or at least it should be, and Julie deserves the best. We are happy that she will continue to be a part of our Assumption family as a parishioner, and while we will miss her as a valued member of the staff, we are excited for her and Steve as they begin this next wonderful chapter in their lives. Congratulations, Julie!

- Fr. Paul Treacy



Julie & Steve Malecha at the 'Fest of the Assumption' last August.

Upcoming Events

- **Religious Education.**
The next class is Saturday, January 28, 9:00am on the St. Mary's campus.
- **Coffee and Donuts.**
Please join us for Coffee and Donuts in the lower church Sunday, January 29 after all of the Masses.
- **Baptism Preparation Class,**
Sunday, February 12, in the choir room, following the 9:30am Mass. Call the office to register for a class or schedule a baptism at 651-224-7536.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**
The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group of parishioners who knit, crochet, or sew blankets for baptisms here at Assumption. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 12 in the lower church. For information call Tammy at 651-442-0544.

Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is Thursday, February 2. This feast commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Jerusalem temple forty days after his birth. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession. At the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name of Candlemas. Candles will be blessed during each of the masses and will be available for you to take and use in your home during this next year.

Feast of Saint Blaise

The traditional blessing of throats will take place after both masses on Friday, February 3. On the Feast of St. Blaise two candles are blessed, held slightly open and held near the throat as a prayer of blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.



We Welcome into Our Community

The following child will be baptized this weekend:

Vince Kelly Sadler, child of Anthony and Colleen Sadler.

Baptism

Travel with Fr. Malone

Visit Ireland 🍀 with Father Malone May 3 – 17, 2023. This will be a small group. Trip begins in Belfast and continues to Donegal, Galway, Killarney, Kilkenny and Dublin. Contact Karol Baumeister by phone at 651-452-4679 or via email at Karol@americangrouptours.com for more information.

The Catholic Social Teaching Roundtable

Community, poverty, economics, friendship with the poor, education, social justice, radical discipleship, living the Church's social teaching. These are some of the topics we'll cover in this new, drop-in-any-time study group, led by Colin Miller. The group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 5:30-7:00pm, in the Rectory. Format includes a short talk followed by discussion. There is no RSVP necessary, and you are welcome to attend whenever you are able. For questions or to be included on the group's email list please contact Colin Miller at cmiller@assumptionsp.org or call 651-789-6929.



Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you are interested in helping at our weekend Masses as a Hospitality Minister, Sacristan, Communion Minister or Lector please contact Mary Weyandt at 651-789-6921 or mweyandt@assumptionsp.org.

Ministry Team

Parish Staff

- *Pastor*
Fr. Paul Treacy
 - *Pastor Emeritus*
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Fr. Stephen O’Gara
 - *Parochial Vicar*
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 - *Deacon*
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 - *Pastoral Associate*
Cindy Smetana
 - *Maintenance*
Bill Tierney
 - *Wedding & Volunteer Coordinator*
Mary Weyandt
- Special thanks to:**
- *Snow Plowing*
Joseph Vogel
 - *Parish Historian*
Dave Brown
 - *Landscaping*
Brian Christopherson

An Invitation to be Matched

We are very grateful for all those who have made a commitment to our *A Campus Connecting Generations* capital campaign. While the public phase of the campaign is winding down, it is never too late to make a commitment. As an extra incentive, we have announced a campaign challenge match. A few benefactors have graciously offered to match up to \$150,000, dollar-for-dollar of **additional pledges made by February 20, 2023**. No matter the size of the pledge, this is a wonderful opportunity to make an impact by unlocking these funds.



For anyone who would like to make a new pledge to maximize this opportunity, there are pledge forms at church entrances. You can also call the parish office at 651-224-7536. We have strong support for our project plans of improved and expanded parking and restoring our historic school building. Both of these will help us remain a positive, vital, and vibrant parish presence in downtown Saint Paul.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 22	8:00am	†Bill Conley
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	†Bob Cosgrove
	11:00am	†Harold & †May Belair & †Georgie Modeen
	12:30pm	Parishioners
Monday, January 23	7:00am	†David Tigan
	12:00pm	†Adam Nickelson
Tuesday, January 24	7:00am	†Joseph O’Neill
<i>Saint Francis de Sales</i>	12:00pm	Steve Lauinger
Wednesday, January 25	7:00am	†James Rogers
<i>The Conversion of Saint Paul</i>	12:00pm	†Roger Drawing
Thursday, January 26	7:00am	†Ronald D. Winter
<i>Saint Timothy & Saint Titus</i>	12:00pm	†Michael Swords
Friday, January 27	7:00am	†John Buche
	12:00pm	†Adam Nickelson
Saturday, January 28	7:00am	†Rita Lehnert
<i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i>	5:00pm	†Linda Turi & †Pat Keefe
Sunday, January 29	8:00am	†Frank Masciopinto
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am	Parishioners
	11:00pm	†Tom Gerlach
	12:30pm	†Shirley Donovan



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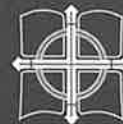


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