

# St. Mary of the Assumption

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

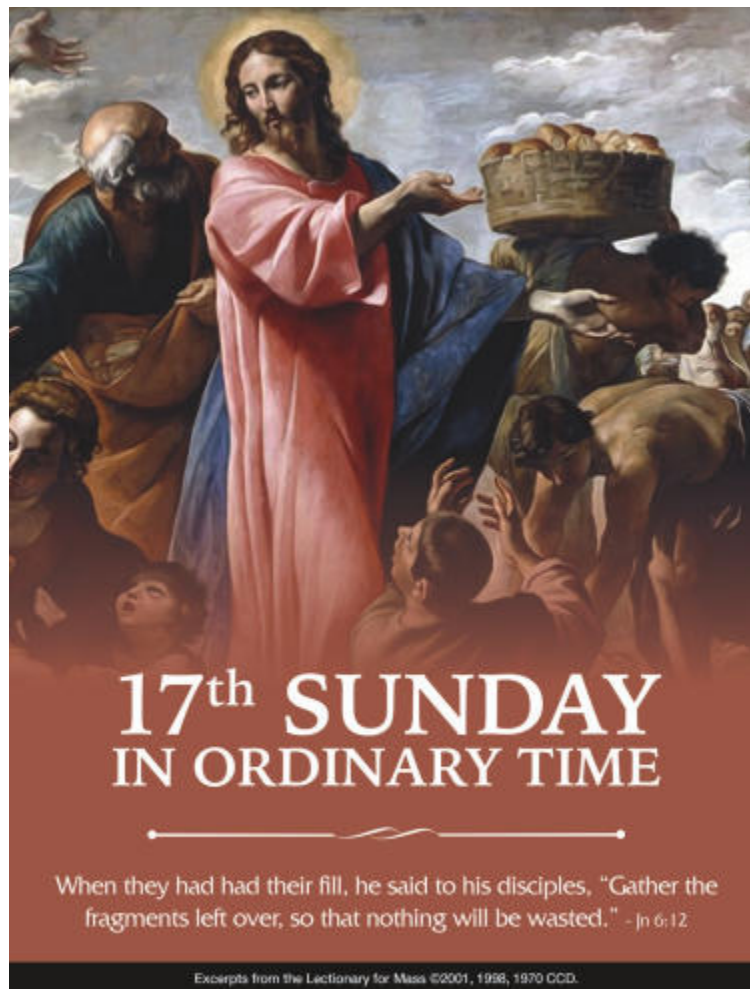
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass:** 7:45 am every Tuesday morning

**First Saturday & Holy Days:** 7:45 a.m. Mass

**Church open for Private Prayer from 7 -11 am (M-F)**

Liturgy is livestreamed each weekend, primarily at 4:00 p.m. Mass each Saturday, occasionally 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. To view, visit our Youtube channel, search st. mary of the assumption church.



## Sacrament of the Sick

**In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please notify the parish office.**

## Sacrament of Matrimony

**Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least one year before date, be registered parishioners and must present a recent baptismal certificate.**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

**Sundays at 1:00 p.m. by appointment and after preparation with Mrs. Webster. Contact Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23**

*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent  
Upon God" ~ St. Augustine*



## MASS INTENTIONS

July 25, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### THURSDAY, JULY 29

Joseph H. & Anna M. Wells

Dr. Anne Marie Wells

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Rita Vaillancourt

Pearl & Ken Perrier

Mary Vadney

Joni Cerqua

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Clement Perrier (Birthday)

Pearl & Ken Perrier

John Daly

Mary Ann & Family

Eriksen & Neilson Families

Claire & John Neilson

Anthony Ragone Jr.

Pearl & Ken Perrier

### 2021 Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Our second collection this week is for Peter's Pence which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father. Please **help by giving to the collection** supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.




*Be a Witness of  
Charity*



**Thank you to everyone who continues to support our parish.**

**Offertory July 11, 2021 \$ 4983**

**Thank You**

JULY	JULY	JULY
<b>BREAD</b>	<b>WINE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY CANDLE</b>
In Memory of <b>JACK O'BRIEN</b>	In Memory of <b>DANNY SMITH</b>	In Memory of <b>PRIMEAU FAMILY</b>
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### Calendar of Events and Observances

7/25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/26 St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7/29 St. Martha

The Church has added the [World Day of Grandparents and Elderly](#) beginning this year in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This Sunday, July 25th, is that day! Join in praying for all those grandparents, living and deceased, as we celebrate this day.

### PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!  
I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.  
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.  
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.  
Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.  
Amen.

## Birthright®

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION July 25, 2021**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

***It's All in the Basket***

*St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.*

*I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"*

*In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.*

*God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.*


— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way:** Carol Travis, Anna Papperman, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Margaret Rose DeLucia, Connie Laviolette, Muriel Smith, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Carol Hervieux-Potts, Althea Alger, Sandee Murphy, Irene Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Melissa Rice, Bianca Razzano, Nicholas Muscatiello, Scott McGowty, Ruth Brand, Father Donald Ophals, and Father Joseph Getz O.S.A. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**







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