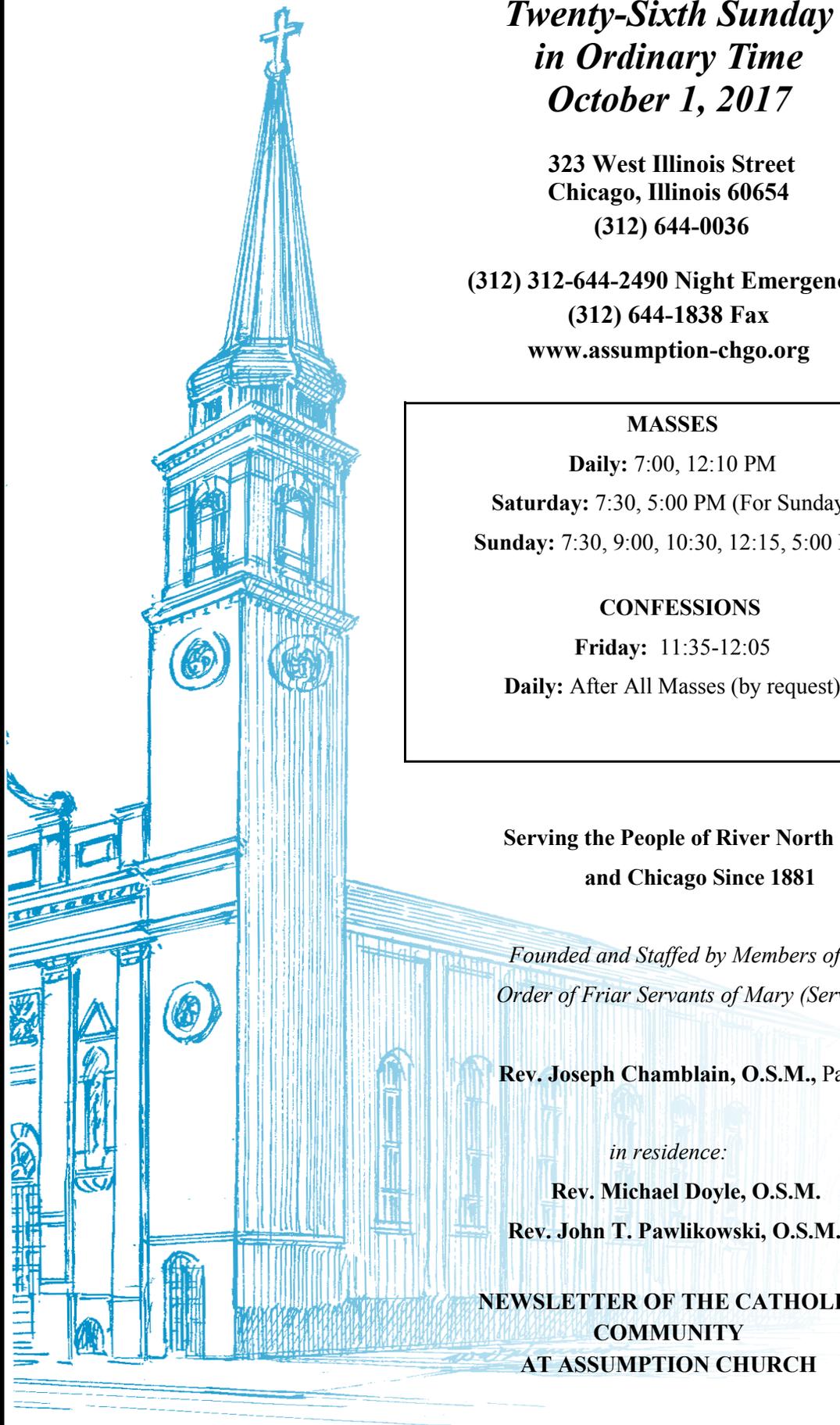


ASSUMPTION CHURCH



***Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017***

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MASSES

Daily: 7:00, 12:10 PM

Saturday: 7:30, 5:00 PM (For Sunday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15, 5:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Friday: 11:35-12:05

Daily: After All Masses (by request)

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**NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH**

THE WEDDING DETOUR

At a recent meeting of our Communications Committee, we were discussing traffic on our website. One of the webpages that always records lots of “hits” is the page labeled “Weddings”. We do lots of weddings at Assumption, and obviously there have been even more people checking us out. You do not have to be a registered member of the parish to get married here. You do have to be willing to participate in our marriage preparation program (which takes place over a period of six months) and you do have to fulfill two requirements to get on the wedding calendar: at least one party must be Catholic and neither party can be previously married.

What happens when one of the parties has been previously married? Well, it is still possible to have a Catholic wedding; but it involves a detour through the sometimes complex and often misunderstood world of annulments. The first thing to know about a Catholic annulment is that it is not really an annulment—at least in the way the term is used in civil law. A civil annulment declares that a marriage never really existed. A decree of nullity from a church tribunal says only that there was something lacking at the time of consent that made it less than a full sacramental marriage. This is an important point for some people. A church annulment does not wipe out anything. Even those persons who have been through a very bad or painful marriage have told me, “I would put up with it all again for the joy that my children have brought me.” Your children are still very much your children!

Normally the process of applying for a decree of nullity begins by talking to a priest or pastoral minister. The applicant fills out a short form which lists various reasons why a person may claim that the marriage was not really valid in the eyes of the church. The simplest case is when a baptized Catholic has married outside of a Catholic Church or without the permission of the Catholic Church. That marriage can be dissolved once proof of baptism, marriage, and divorce are produced. Other cases are more lengthy and often require the petitioner to answer a follow-up series of questions about the background of both parties and events leading up to the marriage. In these “formal” cases, the decree of nullity may be granted because one or both parties were not mature enough to understand the responsibilities of marriage or chose to ignore problems in the relationship that were already apparent during the courtship and engagement. Sometimes the claim can be made that an individual was incapable of carrying out the responsibilities of marriage because of a pre-existing addiction or a psychological problem. There are also six or eight less common grounds. In Chicago these cases take anywhere from eight to fourteen months to be resolved. Sometimes they happen faster when one or both of the parties in the previous marriage was not a baptized Christian.

Some of you may recall that last year Pope Francis issued several directives designed to make the annulment process swifter and more accessible. He allowed for a

shortened process when the grounds are clear and when both parties in the previous marriage agree to them. Unfortunately, this does not apply to most cases that come to the Tribunal. The Pope’s other directives, however, have shortened the process. There was often a delay of several months in getting permission of all parties if the parties involved lived in different cities, and there used to be an automatic review of any decree of nullity, which could also take several months.

One of the interesting things I learned shortly after coming to Assumption is that the Chicago Marriage Tribunal receives the largest number of petitions from this area. Typically when a marriage ends, one party retains the home and the other party finds an apartment downtown. This is one of the reasons that I serve as a Field Delegate for the Tribunal and am authorized to help you through the entire process. Assumption parishioner Elizabeth Kabacinski is also a Field Delegate. Either of us would be happy to talk to you if you have questions. Let me also recommend that if you have recently been through the pain of divorce, that you consider having a conversation with our new parish counselor Nancy Kennedy. The process of obtaining a decree of nullity can bring closure and self-awareness; but it certainly does not address all the complex feelings and emotions that we experience when a marriage ends.

Fr. Joe

TAIZE PRAYER: The monthly prayer service in the spirit of Taize is Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.

WERE YOU MARRIED HERE?

Inspired by a discussion at a Pastoral Council meeting, we recently sent an invitation to couples who were married at Assumption from 2014-2016 (whom we may not see very often), inviting them to return for a special blessing at the 10:30 Mass on October 15 and a celebration afterwards in the Parish Hall. However, we would like to extend that invitation to all couples who were married at Assumption at any time in the past, whether it was earlier this year or as far back as 1881! We especially want to include those who have chosen to be part of our faith community. We simply ask that you send an email to elizabeth.a.kabacinski@gmail.com to let us know you will be participating.

MARATHON SUNDAY PARKING

On Sunday morning, October 8, access to Assumption will be blocked from the south and the east, as the route of the Chicago Marathon takes runners south on LaSalle, west on Hubbard, and across the river on Orleans. Streets will be open to the west and the north of Assumption. Those who park at MartParc will need a special Marathon Parking Pass on their dashboard to go beyond the police barricade at Illinois Street on Orleans and enter the parking garage. The Parking Passes are available in the back of church this weekend. Those who attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on either Saturday or Sunday will not need a parking pass.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

<i>Lectors</i>		<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
October 7-8, 2017		
D. Laria	5:00	K. Zajdel
G. Herrera		L. Japp
		P. Japp
K. Pomroy	7:30	R. Tevonian
R. Tevonian		D. Tevonian
		R. Schauf
E. Bernacki	9:00	P. Brown
P. Brown		E. Bernacki
		K. Kubiak
J. Dion	10:30	A. Paniah
M. Amend		K. Paniah
		L. Dues
J. Cipriani	12:15	K. Zajdel
K. Nagatoshi		B. Masterson
		P. Anderson
A. Carvajal	5:00	C. Argento
M. Deneen		J. Burke
		P. Burke

WELCOME!

Through a cooperative arrangement with Claret House, a Catholic center for counseling and spiritual direction, we welcome Nancy Kennedy, who is a trained counselor and who will be available to meet with anyone right here at Assumption who needs help facing issues in their life. She is available for appointments on Monday evenings and some Saturdays. You may leave a message for her at Claret Center (773-643-6259, ext 31) or email her at nkennedy4@luc.edu.

OTHER HAPPENINGS: Home to Enhance African Life (HEAL), which promotes poverty relief, education, and entrepreneurship, in the self-emptying Spirit of Christ, is holding their annual benefit Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at 4848 South Ellis. Keynote speaker is legendary Chicago pastor, Fr. George Clements. Several members of Assumption are involved with HEAL. Go to healnigeria.org for more information.

BLESSING OF RUNNERS

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is less than a month away. As we have each year, we will offer a special blessing for those participating in the October 8 Marathon during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 7. Marathoners, their family and supporters are cordially invited to this Mass.

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION: Parking is free for Sunday Mass and other church activities if you park in the Mart Parc immediately behind the church. Bring your parking ticket to church and have it validated before or after Mass. The validation is good for two hours free parking. You can then exit the parking garage without visiting the pay machine.

A TASTE OF ASSUMPTION: Our fall fundraiser and fun-raiser will take place Tuesday, October 24 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Ballroom at 12 East Erie. Tickets are \$100.00 and may be purchased through our parish office or on-line (Go to our website, www.assumption-chgo.org and click on electronic giving). There will be a variety of “small plate” goodies, an open bar all evening, and the nicest people in the world with which to mingle. In addition to buying a ticket and coming to the event, you can also contribute to the success of the evening by becoming a sponsor. We need five sponsors of \$500 to cover the cost of equipment and labor, and three sponsors of \$200 to cover wine and spirits. A big hit at last year’s event was our wine game, which ended way to quickly when we ran out of wine bottles. This year we’re hoping more of you will donate a couple of bottles of your favorite wine (or, for fun, your least favorite wine). Leave your bottles at the parish office or in the gold box at the front of church. We are so grateful that our good friends at Phil Stefani’s Signature Restaurants and Anichini Brothers Wholesale Meats are once again donating our “eats”.

HYMNS FOR MASS: #532, #581

WEDDINGS

**BRETT ANDERSON & NICOLE CHAFIN
MATTHEW CHIMIENTE & DANIELLE GOETTER
JOSEPH PERRI & HANNAH SEGALL
PETER KARCH & ALLISON GAGE
ADAM PAYNE & CHRISTINE NGUYEN
AUSTIN BOYLE & KATHRYN NESTLE
ZACHARY MEYER & KERRI FECZKO**

PRAY FOR THEM

Sick: Marianne Vitton, Joseph C. Hantsch, Brent Murphy, Marion Schotz, Joyce Walsh, Carmen Arellano, Mary Ann Kevin, Cara Postilion, Galen Espinosa, Terry Shaugnessy, Debora Pletzke, Javier Garcia, Julian Dogariu, Terry Deneen, Denise Robinson, Juanita Taylor, Ronald Kennard, LaDoris Martin, Elease & Willie Grant, Sheila McAndrews, Annie Nace, Annette Reilly and Samantha Ahto

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Sat.	30th	5:00	Mary Ann Finnegan (RIP)
Sun.	1st	7:30	Assumption Parishioners
		9:00	Michael & Rose-Marie Sopko (RIP) Helen Morris (RIP) Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Fam.
		10:30	Micael E. Sefcik (RIP)
Tues.	3rd	12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)
Wed.	4th	12:10	Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
Fri.	6th	7:00	Theresia Timan (RIP)
		12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)