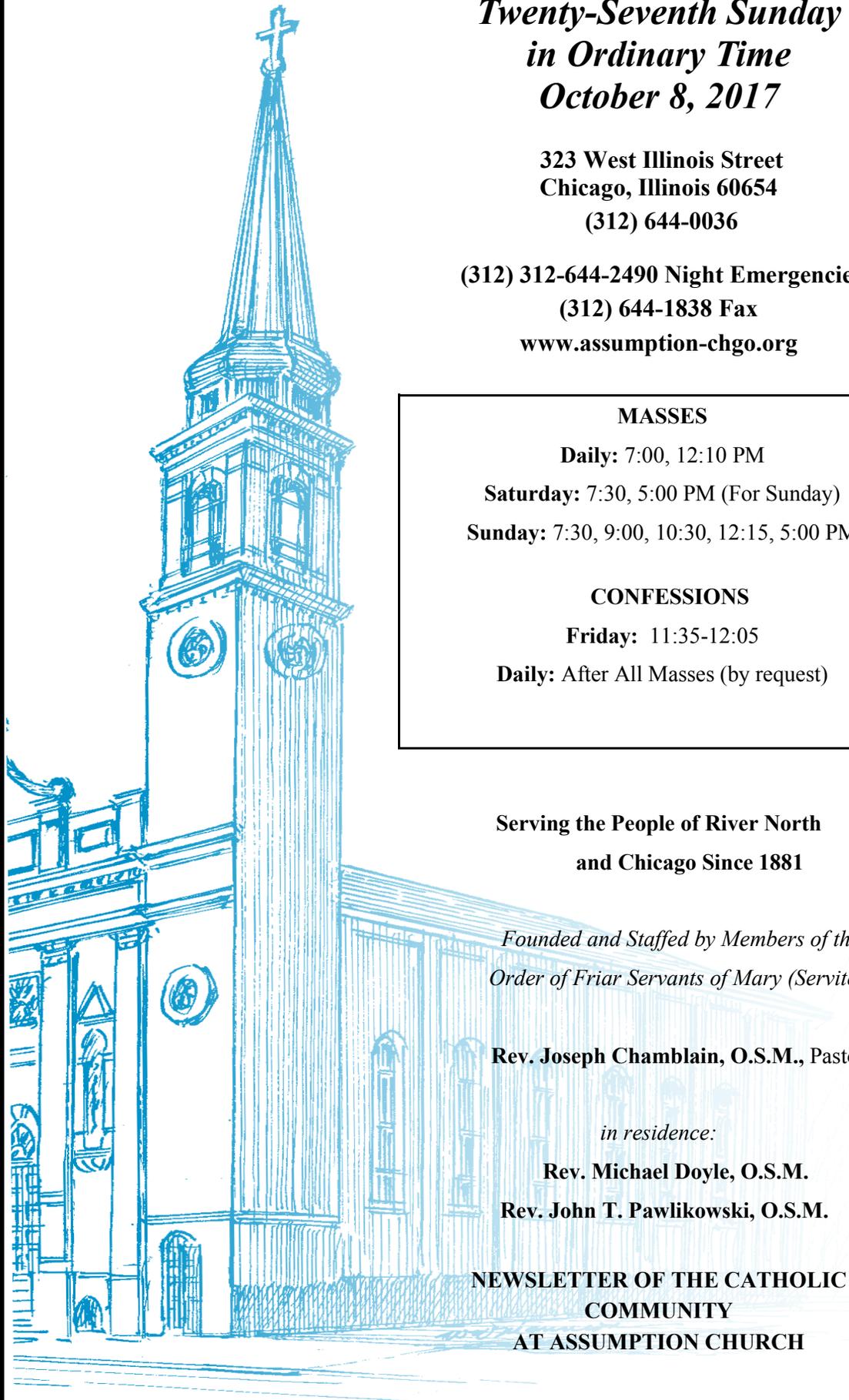


ASSUMPTION CHURCH



***Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 8, 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**

LIFE LESSONS FROM RUNNING

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. Because it has become so popular, the number of registrations is limited to 45,000; and that quota is reached long before October. About a fourth of the runners come from out of town, and we are privileged each year to welcome dozens of them to our 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday evening for the Blessing of Runners. Over 12,000 volunteers staff 20 aid stations along the 26.2 mile course; and hundreds of thousands of spectators typically line the marathon route. Over the years the Marathon has raised over \$160 million for charity. And, as with everything else, security has grown.

Chicago, though, is not the only city with a 26.2 mile marathon. One city that I have visited holds its marathon in July. Typically only about 1,000 runners apply to take part in this marathon; so there is no necessity to register early. The record time for completing this marathon is a leisurely 3 hours and 39 minutes, an hour and a half longer than the Chicago record. Why don't more runners opt for this marathon, where the field is less crowded and there is no great urgency to get to the finish line? Well, as real estate developers constantly remind us, "It's about location, location, location." This other marathon begins and ends in the old mining town of Leadville in the Colorado Rockies. In contrast to the paved streets and almost level terrain of Chicago, the Leadville course offers a steady diet of steep climbs and uneven surfaces. Leadville, at 10,152 above sea level, is the highest incorporated city in our nation. Runners begin their run in this thin air two miles up and then are expected to climb even higher, crossing over Mosquito Pass at 13,188 feet. While the beginning and the end of the race is over paved streets, the rest of the course is over loose cobblestones and irregular turf. There are few spectators along the route, partly because this town has only 2,000 residents, but also because in most places there is no place to stand. The course takes runners along narrow mountain ledges and cuts through snow banks seven feet high. Runners are warned in advance of the possibility of avalanches, falling off the trail, grizzly bear attacks, and snake bites (mishaps never known to occur during the Chicago Marathon). Those who complete the course get a free coffee mug. Why subject oneself to this torture? Finishers have said, "The gorgeous views take your mind off the pain" and "the feeling of accomplishment is incredible."

Truly there is something about running that gets into the soul of runners, that those of us who only run when someone is chasing us will never completely understand. There is a peacefulness that runners discover when they get into the rhythm of running that is not too far removed from the peacefulness we need to discover to enter into deep meditative prayer. There is also a discipline involved in training for a marathon that people of faith need if they are going to advance in prayer. We will never get in shape for a marathon if we only run when the weather is just right, when we are feeling energetic, and when we have nothing else pressing to do; and we will never get in the habit of prayer if we

only pray when conditions are perfect.

David Stavarz, a runner, a blogger, and a seminarian from Ohio recently called our attention to several other connections between marathons and the spiritual life. He notes that while running can be a very isolated activity, a marathon is not. The thousands who stand on the sidelines and cheer help elevate the runner to keep on going. In the spiritual life, this should be one of the functions of church: Why do we not do more to "cheer each other on in the spiritual life to be more virtuous and holy people?" That might help all of us elevate our game. He also points out that to complete a 26 mile marathon, one has to maintain good form, that is with proper pacing and arm motion. When one starts to tire and succumb to fatigue, the tendency is to let one's form get sloppy, thereby making the task ahead even more difficult. That is why during times of fatigue and loss of energy maintaining good form is even more essential. He points out that "during times of desolation when we feel that God is distant, it is even more important to stay with our regular spiritual program," be it Scripture, daily Mass, the rosary, or our volunteer activities. Just as we will not always feel good running a marathon, we will not always feel close to God in the marathon of life. What is important is not how we feel. What is important is making it to the end of the journey. . . . where God promises us a great deal more than a medal or a coffee cup!

Fr. Joe

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.

BLESSING OF RUNNERS: We welcome those participating in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and their friends and family for a special blessing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Assumption Young Adults are launching its fall season with a chili dinner after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 22. Bring your own liquid refreshments. Just kindly email assumptionaya@gmail.com to let the chili chef know that you are coming. Assumption Young Adults is for those in their twenties and thirties, married or single. AYA sponsors social, spiritual, and service activities throughout the year.

HYMNS FOR MASS: #585, #339 #426

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<i>Lectors</i>		<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>October 14-15, 2017</i>		
G. Brown D. Laria	5:00	M. Foster P. Foster J. Golab
R. Tevonian V. Stokes	7:30	R. Tevonian D. Tevonian R. Schauf
D. Sutherland R. Zanger	9:00	A. Sutherland D. Sutherland P. Manning
G. Bjurman K. Zajdel	10:30	K. Zajdel J. Dion S. Dion
S. Stantis D. Mahoney	12:15	P. Anderson K. Mahoney +
M. Deneen	5:00	A. Cohen E. Kabacinski J. McGinnis

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WEDDINGS
PETER KARCH & ALLISON GAGE
ADAM PAYNE & CHRISTINE NGUYEN
AUSTIN BOYLE & KATHRYN NESTLE
ZACHARY MEYER & KERRI FECZKO
BRIAN BOCCI & ELIZBETH MACIVER
ETHAN ABERNATHY & SHELLY PAVONE
PAUL DUBUQUE & LAUREN KEENAN

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.

RE-ENCOUNTER:

The Archdiocese of Chicago invites young adults to an evening of witness, music, and worship on Friday October 20 at the UIC Pavilion. Featured speaker is actor Mark Wahlberg. For more information, visit reencounterchicago.org.

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.

SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS

Sunday Collection—	\$25,452.13
Sharing Parish—	2,245.25
Disaster Relief	4,111.60
Seminaries—	1,975.50
Electronic—	6,235.00

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 two sponsors of \$200 to cover wine and spirits. A big hit at last year’s event was our wine game, which ended way too 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”.

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 OCTOBER 7, 2017

Sat.	7th	5:00	Marathon Participants
Sun.	8th	7:30	Barbara Gleason (RIP)
		9:00	Michael & Rose-Marie Sopko(RIP) Helen Morris(RIP) Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Fam.
		10:30	Assumption Parishioners
Mon.	9th	12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)
Wed.	11th	7:00	Theresia Timan (RIP)
Thurs.	12th	12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)