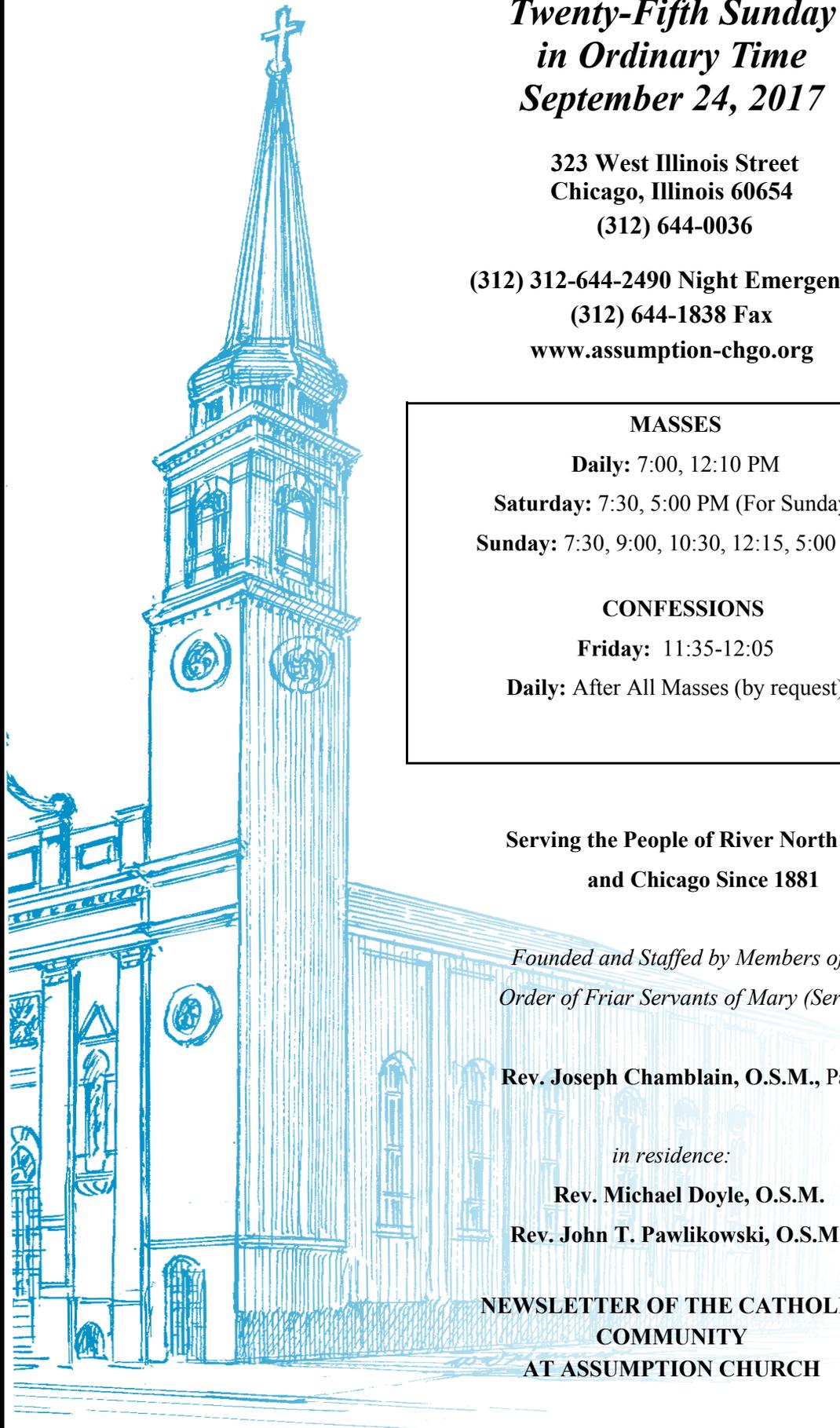


ASSUMPTION CHURCH



***Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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**

OUR NEED TO GRIEVE

The recent anniversary of 9/11 was noted in the media, but it was largely overshadowed by the more immediate damage and destruction created by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. It has now been 16 years since the bombings took place, long enough for those recently turning 21 to have only the fuzziest of notions of the day that the rest of us have firmly etched in our memories: we will always remember where we were and what we were doing on the morning of September 11, 2001. But time passes on. For an increasing number of Americans, 9/11 will become just another event in history, like the Vietnam War has become for most Americans and World War II has become for almost all Americans.

In the year 2000, I had two Servite mission appeal in the Brooklyn diocese. One was at a church in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn that is now closed, and one in a large parish in the community of Rockaway Beach. Rockaway Beach is as far away from Manhattan as one can get and still be within the city limits of New York. I remember it as heavily populated by police, firefighters, and other city workers who were expected to live within the city limits. As a result, in the following year when 9/11 happened and so many firefighters lost their lives, the parish of St. Francis was hit especially hard. I recently checked their website. Their bulletin cover for September 10 says “America Never Forgets . . . God Bless Our Heroes”. The bulletin noted that there would be a special Mass on Monday the 11th, followed by a visit to the Parish Prayer Garden that was erected in memory of the 12 parishioners who died on 9/11, half of them firefighters. The cross in their prayer garden was formed from steel from the World Trade Center.

I looked through a few other news sources coming out of New York, and they spoke of various memorial services at churches and firehouses. Some sites had interviews with teenagers who were born after 9/11. Several of them noted that their parents’ eyes would always “tear up” when they talk about 9/11, although they themselves do not fully understand why. Some expressed pride in a dad or an uncle or a cousin who was “a hero that day”; others dreaded the anniversary of 9/11 because they had to attend another of those boring memorial services. Well, they had to interview at least a few real teenagers!

The bored teenagers, though, do bring up a good point. Not all of us grieve in the same way and not all of us grieve over the same things. I am writing these words a week early because (hopefully) I will have escaped from Chicago for a 10 day vacation by the time you read this. The papers today (September 13) are full of stories about people in the Florida Keys and elsewhere in the Caribbean returning to their property, with the aim of rebuilding their lives. Photographs abound of hardy souls clearing away rubbish or starting to repair and replace. What is not as easily photographed is grief, the emptiness we feel about what has been lost—which can be as small as a favorite photograph of one’s deceased spouse or all the physical reminders of a home in

which a family was raised. These things too can cause our eyes to “tear up” at unexpected times. For we can grieve not only over the loss of people but also over the loss of things.

While a paralyzing grief that goes on too long is not a good thing, focusing just on the practical when tragedy hits is not helpful either. We are a culture that seems not to know what to do with grief, other than to try to hide it. Acknowledging our loss and its emotional impact on us is important. Grief unacknowledged can easily turn to anger. Too often today people expect us not only to be back at work the day after a funeral but also feeling perky. In other cultures, a period of mourning was expected. There were special black garments to be worn during the period of mourning, which communicated to others that they should be understanding of that individual’s emotional state. Our own Servite Friars back in thirteenth century Italy adopted a simple black garment as their religious habit. Since they were called the Servants of Mary, people began referring to our habit as “Mary’s mourning garment” and this led to our tradition of honoring Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This would not happen today. Now people dressed in black are more likely to be mistaken for terrorists.

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.

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 will be available in the back of church this weekend (Sept. 23-24) and next weekend (Sept. 30-Oct. 1). Those who attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on either Saturday or Sunday will not need a parking pass.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

<i>Lectors</i>		<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>
<i>September 30-Oct. 1, 2017</i>		
D. Laria	5:00	M. Foster
G. Brown		P. Foster
		J. Bisbing
V. Stokes	7:30	R. Tevonian
R. Tevonian		D. Tevonian
		E. Bernacki
K. Kennicott	9:00	A. Sutherland
M. Fedele		D. Sutherland
J. Dues	10:30	S. Dion
M. Amend		L. Japp
		P. Japp
K. Nagatoshi	12:15	K. Angres
S. Stantis		D. Iaccino
		P. Anderson
A. Carvajal	5:00	M. Schoen
B. Kabacinski		C. Argento
		J. McGinnis

ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS: AYA is for those in their twenties or thirties, married or single. To find out more about AYA's spiritual, liturgical, social, and service activities, email assumptionaya@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR SUPPORTERS: Each Wednesday morning Assumption distributes Chicago Shares food vouchers to the homeless and needy of our area. These vouchers can be redeemed at Jewel Foods and at a number of sandwich shops in the Loop and River North. The number of recipients has grown from an average of three to an average of 40 (or \$200 worth of vouchers) over the last four years. Would you be interested in sponsoring Chicago Shares one of these weeks? If so, contact Wanda West in our parish office.

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, one sponsor of \$300 to cover the dessert, and eight 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".

HYMNS FOR MASS: #311, #460 #588

WEDDINGS

**BRIAN GAUGHAN & JACLYN TUMBERGER
BRETT ANDERSON & NICOLE CHAFIN
MATTHEW CHIMIENTE & DANIELLE GOETTER
JOSEPH PERRI & HANNAH SEGALL
PETER KARCH & ALLISON GAGE
ADAM PAYNE & CHRISTINE NGUYEN**

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, Elise & Willie Grant, Sheila McAndrews, Annie Nace, Annette Reilly and Samantha Ahto

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Sat.	23rd	5:00	Assumption Church
Sun.	24th	7:30	Mary Ellen Rhodes (RIP)
		9:00	Michael & Rose-Marie Sopko (RIP) Helen Morris (RIP) Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfister & Jenkins Fam.
		10:30	Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
		12:15	Dick Locher (RIP)
Mon.	25th	12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)
Tues.	26th	7:00	Theresia Timan (RIP)
Thurs.	28th	7:00	Marianne Przybycien (RIP)
Fri.	29th	7:00	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)