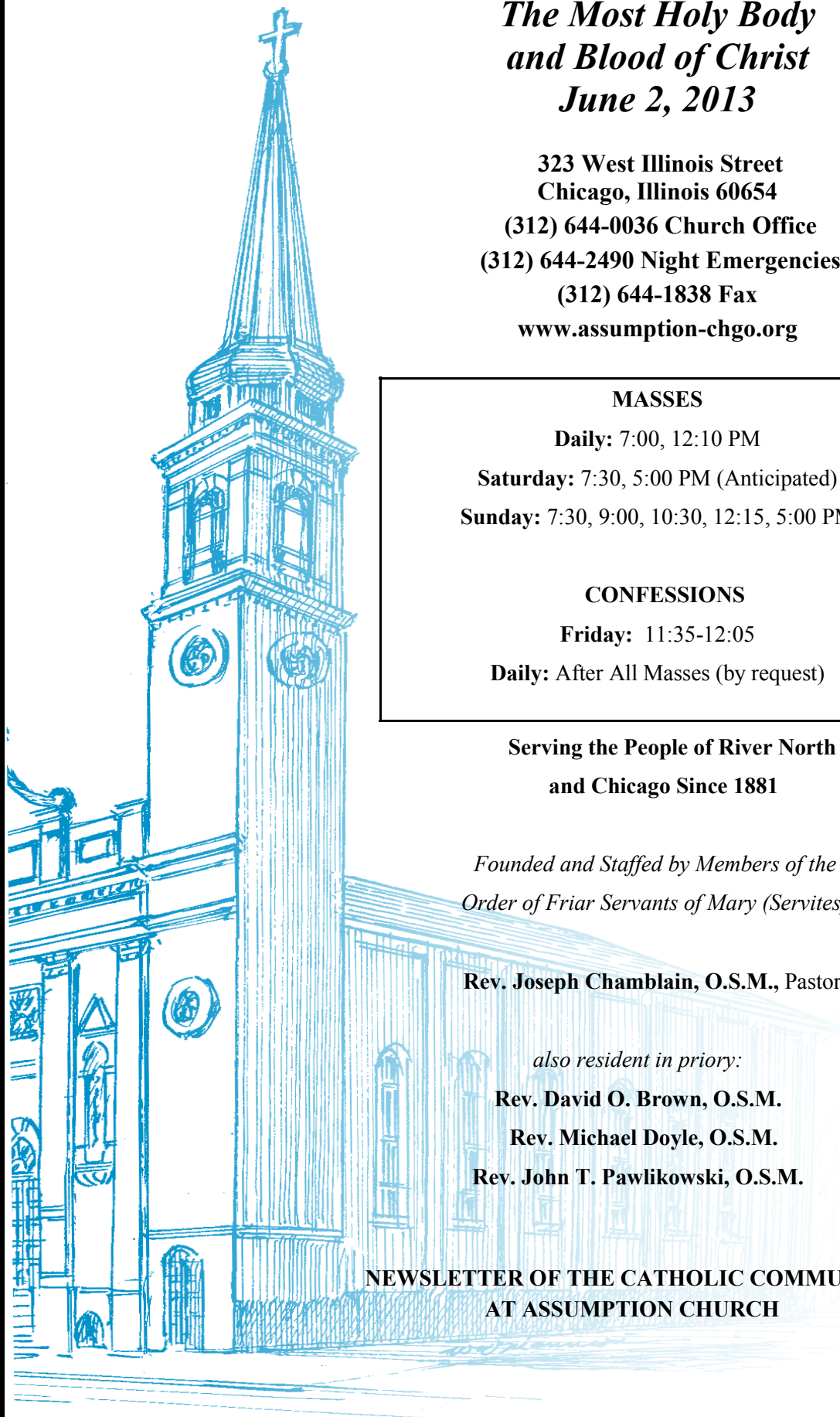


# ASSUMPTION CHURCH



*The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ  
June 2, 2013*

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**MASSES**

**Daily:** 7:00, 12:10 PM

**Saturday:** 7:30, 5:00 PM (Anticipated)

**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 MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Today's feast carries a most wordy title, "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ." It is better known to many Catholics by the name it carried for more than seven hundred years, "Corpus Christi" (The Body of Christ). It is the body and blood of Christ that we share as we come forward for communion and it is truly Christ who abides in the tabernacle after Mass is over. In one sense having a special feast devoted to the Eucharist is unnecessary. Every time we gather for Mass we recall that at the Last Supper Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this all of you and eat it, for this is my body." At every Mass we celebrate the miracle that ordinary bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

We need this feast not because it tells us something new or different, but so that we might pay closer attention to what is so familiar. Even the greatest of miracles can become routine if they are repeated over and over again. Take, for example, the miracle of recorded music. Thanks to downloads and playlists and portable listening devices, we have access to almost anything we want in the world of music at any time. Music has become the background noise of our life. Yet little more than a century ago, there was only one way to listen to music, and that was to listen to it live. It was a privilege to be able to hear music. Church might be one of the few places where many ordinary people heard music from week to week.

When we were very young there were probably many things that fascinated us and filled us with wonder. When birds spread their wings, they began to fly; when daddy turned a small key, the car started; when you pushed against water, it started to push back. Later we learned the scientific explanation for these wonderful things and many of us lost our sense of wonder at the world. When we get a little knowledge we tend to forget what wise people of every generation have told us: that the more we think we know, the more we ought to realize that we do not know.

This weekend at the 12:15 Mass we celebrate something we rarely have at Assumption—a child's first communion. Benjamin Mitchell prepared for this day elsewhere, but will making his first communion at Assumption, his parish church. Most of us, I suspect, still remember our first communion. Maybe as a seven year old our understanding of what we were doing was a bit shaky, but we certainly realized that it was a very big deal. It might have been followed by a party with presents! My own first communion was 53 years ago, but I remember the details quite clearly. I remember our teacher Sr. Celestine shaking her bony finger at us

before we went to church and saying over and over, "Remember, this is the happiest day of your life. This is the happiest day of your life." We had practiced for this day for many weeks, but we had not been taught the most important fact: Monsignor took off his glasses when he gave out communion. Without his glasses, he could not see very well. In 1960 the only way to receive communion was on the tongue, and it was considered a sin for anyone other than a priest to touch the host. We were also taught that it was disrespectful to Jesus to let the sacred host touch our teeth. When my turn came to kneel at the altar step, Monsignor jabbed the host in the general direction of my mouth. It landed partly on my tongue, with the rest of it sticking out. I was terrified. What would happen if it fell out? Somehow I managed to get the rest of the host in my mouth without using either hands or teeth. To me at the time, that was more of a miracle than the Eucharist itself.

When changes began happening in our liturgy in the late 1960's, some of the extreme care we used to exercise toward the Sacred Host faded away. Fasting before communion essentially disappeared and communion in the hand was allowed. If you dropped it, well, "stuff happens." We began to emphasize that communion is also a community event as well as an intimate encounter between me and Jesus. In fact, communion is a banquet that should be marked not with fear and terror but with joy. Yet even with all the rules we used to have and all the measures taken to reinforce the Catholic belief that this small disc was truly the Body of Christ, this great miracle could still become routine. Like airplanes and music downloads and computer chips, we can come to take Christ's presence in the Eucharist for granted. Going to communion can become an unthinking ritual. That is why we need this feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As G. K. Chesterton once remarked, "We must learn to look at familiar things until they look unfamiliar again."

Fr. Joe

**HELPING HANDS:** The Chicago Help Initiative combats hunger and homelessness in a variety of ways. Assumption is one of a number of churches and institutions that partner with Chicago Help Initiative in providing the Wednesday evening meal at Catholic Charities. To keep its many programs going CHI needs your help. CHI is holding a fund-raiser on Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Montgomery Hall, 500 West Superior. Tickets are \$75.00 in advance or \$85.00 at the door. For more information, visit the website, [www.chicagohelpinitiative.org](http://www.chicagohelpinitiative.org).

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	
<i>June 8-9, 2013</i>		
D. Laria	5:00	B. Haapasaari
J. Haapasaari		J. Haapasaari
R. Tevonian	7:30	R. Wedgbury
L. Pelka		D. Tevonian
K. Kennicott	9:00	R. Schauf
P. Brown		E. Bernacki
J. Munnelly	10:30	J. Passarelli
J. Bjurman		A. Cohen
P. Bormes	12:15	L. Japp
K. Zajdel		P. Japp
L. Hall	5:00	H. Dispensa
G. Bonds		K. Zajdel
		M. Gries
		D. Iaccino
		J. Golab
		J. Vugteveen
		L. Hall

**BLEST ART:** Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass TODAY and visit the display of beautiful hand-carved religious art from the Holy Land. Blest Art sells these items to support Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding villages. Your support helps these families remain in the land of Christ's birth. Enter the Parish Hall either through the red door at the front of church or take the elevator to the basement level.

**GARDEN BLESSING:** Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, June 2, there will be a blessing of the gardens on the west side of church and a rededication of Bridget's Garden, which honors Bridget Kennicott who is living with Batten Disease. The blessing will be followed by Hospitality in the Garden.

**OUR OWN GARAGE SALE:** Assumption is doing some "spring cleaning." We are having a Garage Sale (in the garage!) Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day. Unsold furniture and other items from the Parish Auction, restaurant quality kitchen items from the Parish Hall closet, and miscellaneous items from the Rectory will be offered at discount prices. Cash only. No early bird sales.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** If you are retired, semi-retired, or otherwise free part of the week, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you. Members serve in poor and marginalized communities two days a week from September to June, grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Jesuit tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and leaders. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, etc. To inquire about opportunities locally, contact Jackie Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or email [jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org).

**THE YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS:** When we celebrate Sunday Mass, we engage all our senses. We hear the Mass. We speak and sing the Mass, we touch the Body of Christ, and we see the movements of the ritual. At the consecration, the priest holds up the host and chalice so that we can see it. Just before Holy Communion, he again holds up the host and says, "Behold the Lamb of God." ("See the Lamb of God whom you will receive.") As significant as our seeing at Mass is, it is only a glimpse and a hint of the great destiny that awaits us. In the First Letter of John, we read, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall later be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is that when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is." Here on earth at Mass begins our deepest hope and promised destiny—to see God face to face.

**HELP WITH HOSPITALITY:** Our Hospitality Committee, which hosts the monthly coffees, the Super Bowl Party, and other parish social events, could use some volunteers. Contact Tom at [tomkunkle@gmail.com](mailto:tomkunkle@gmail.com) for more information.

**WEDDINGS**  
**PATRICK HARRIGAN & BRIGID BAX**  
**SEAN COLLINS & AMANDA MALIGRANDA**  
**MATTHEW CRISCIONE & AMBER WURFUL**  
**CHRISTOPHER MANAS & KATRINA NACORDA**  
**MATTHEW HALL & MORGAN VEENSTRA**  
**MICHAEL CARLSON & KATE LEDERHAUS**

**PRAY FOR THEM**  
 Sick: Marianne Vitton, Kay Ansani, Bill Boyle, Bridget Kennicott, Joseph C. Hantsch, Janet Hantsch, Fr. Anthony O'Connell, Ubaldo Paterni, Brent Murphy, Bill & Barbara Farrell, Katherine Malhas, Rose Sopok, Marion Schotz, Doug Espinosa, Joyce Walsh, Robert Quigley, Chad Needy, Steve Swigart, Quentin Fabiano, Nadine Palmer, Rachel Espinosa and Daniel Brennan  
 Military Service: Joseph O'Callahan, Jr., Eric Madson, Nicholas P. Knezevich, Ariel Andrus, Robert M. Brown, Howard Ecker  
 Deceased: Anthony Apollaro, Jr.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2013**

Sat.	1st	5:00	Addison Lee Harvey (RIP)
Sun.	2nd	7:30	Apollaro Family
		9:00	Michael Sopko - Sopko Fam.(Rip) Pfiester Fam. (RIP) Helen Morris Fam. (RIP) Joy & Richard Jenkins & Fam. (RIP)
		10:30	Thomas Dart (RIP)
		12:15	Robert Clifton Spargo (RIP)
Tues.	4th	12:10	Charles & Beth Mulaney (RIP)
Wed.	5th	12:10	Song Un Kang (RIP)
Thurs.	6th	7:00	Charles & Marion Joachim (RIP)
		12:10	Mario Persichetti (RIP)
Fri.	7th	12:10	Joseph M. Macellaio (RIP)