

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

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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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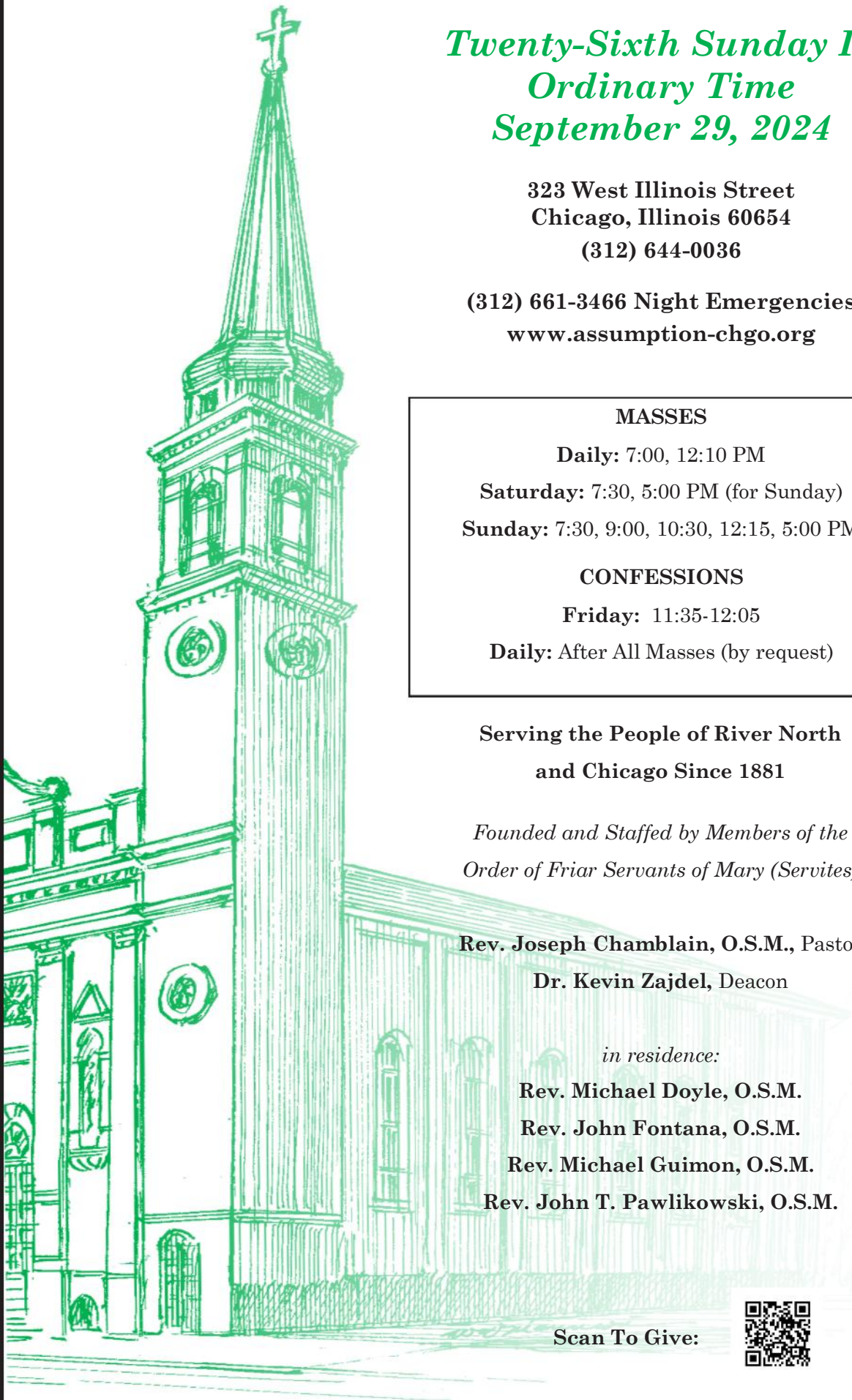
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September 29, 2024

IT'S ALMOST DINNER TIME

We're calling it the 91st Annual Italian Dinner, because we have evidence that some version of a fall culinary event has taken place at Assumption since 1933 (Even during COVID we had a Virtual Dinner). The 1930's were Great Depression years, difficult years for most Americans and especially for Assumption, as the old Italian families were moving away from the neighborhood. The church was in need of new sources of revenue, and turned increasingly to the businesses that now dominated the area, especially the businesses housed in the new Merchandise Mart, to buy tickets for a fundraising dinner. We have pictures of women standing on chairs in the kitchen, stirring huge pots of pasta with wooden oars and guests seated at tables stretching from one end of the Parish Hall to another.

Over time the Italian Dinner evolved into two dinners: one less expensive version marketed to church goers and another more expensive dinner marketed to business owners and prosperous former parishioners, who were encouraged to buy a table for their employees or guests. In the early 2000's those two dinners merged into one, reflecting the changing demographics of our area. A silent auction was added. A perennial feature of the Italian Dinner in the Parish Hall was the Jack Foy Orchestra, led by jazz saxophonist Jack Foy, who died earlier this year at the age of 94. Our Italian Dinner continued in our Parish Hall, with catering from Phil Stefani's, until 2016, when the renovation of the Rectory began.

Since we would not be able to use the Parish Hall for a big event for two years, it gave us a chance to evaluate what we were doing. The Dinner attracted a very loyal group of present and past parishioners, but also a very "seasoned" crowd. Attendance had started to decline as more of the regulars had passed away or were no longer able to attend an evening event. Maybe we needed something lighter to appeal to a new generation. We also learned that when we moved back in, our big stoves would be gone, since they never actually met the city code for ventilation. For several years, we did "A Taste of Assumption" at another venue, focusing on "heavy hors d'oeuvres" and kept the auction, which now included both a silent auction and an oral auction. This type of fundraiser has worked well for other organizations and churches (including St Peter's in the Loop), but too many of our people still wanted a seated dinner. So, post-COVID we went back to having a full meal, first at Maggiano's and this year at Coco Pazzo, our neighbor just around the corner

One of the issues our Events Committee looked at this year was the auction component. Since we moved to other venues, we have had to limit the number of silent auction items because they require a lot of space. Even by being more selective in what we ask for and what we accept for the auction, we have auction winners who never claim their winnings. People have said, "Well, it's really a donation for the parish" or "I put in a bid to get the auction going" or "I really can't use it. Why don't you auction it off again next year?" We end up storing items for people who do not want them. So, assuming it is true, that most diners see the auction as mostly a donation to the church, we are going to try something different—asking you to help with the purchase of stuff the church can really use. It will be a kind of reverse auction. For example, the refrigerator in the Parish Hall kitchen is decades old. Would you be willing to contribute \$200 toward the purchase of a new refrigerator? Many of our vestments are from the previous century. Like any garment, they do not last forever. Would you be willing to contribute \$400 to the purchase of a new green vestment (the color that gets worn the most). Our present ambo is a commercial model from another church. We have a specially made ambo on order to match the wood of the pews. Would you be willing to offer \$500 towards the new ambo? Of course, you won't be able to walk home that night with a new toaster, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you made a contribution towards something that the church needs and will actually use. Are we abandoning the auction altogether? No, we are not. There will be one fabulous auction prize—a three-night stay in a condo in Cabo San Lucas (which sounds like the perfect place to be in January).

The good news is that at the time of this writing, we have bookings for 70 guests, one half of our capacity that night. So please get your reservations in quickly. The Italian Dinner, in whatever its configuration and wherever it is located, has always been a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the extended Assumption family: for people who attend different Masses to spend a fun evening together and for new residents of River North to meet and enjoy the company of those whose families have called Assumption home for generations.

Fr. Joe

FR. MICHAEL DOYLE, O.S.M.

Because of a number of age-related factors, Fr. Doyle has elected not to undergo cancer surgery and will enter Hospice. We ask for your prayers for him as he enters the final chapter of his earthly life.



DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE

The Gospel According to Luke is the story of how God’s promises were fulfilled in Jesus. This Bible Study is an opportunity to deepen our faith and increase our understanding of the story of our salvation, and hear Jesus’ familiar words in a new light. The group will meet for eight weeks, beginning Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00am in the Rectory. For more information or to register, email bible@assumption-chgo.org.

HEADING DOWN UNDER

As Assistant Provincial of the United States Province of Servites, Fr. Joe will be attending the meeting of the Australian Delegation the week of September 30 and, along with Provincial, Fr. Eugene Smith, meeting with individual friars at their ministry sites in Western Australia. On his way back, Fr. Joe will be stopping in New Zealand for a couple of days for no good reason. He will be away from Wednesday, September 25 until Thursday, October 10.



BLESSING OF PETS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, who had a great love for all of God’s creation, we will have a blessing of pets in front of the church on Saturday October 12 from 9:00 to 10:00am. Walk-by’s and drive-by’s are welcome.

KNIGHTS NEWS

The Mother Cabrini River North Council of the Knights of Columbus will have its annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit individuals living with intellectual disabilities on the weekend of October 18-19. Please be generous to the Knights who will be collecting your donation (and feeding your candy craving) after all Masses on October 18-19.

WEDDINGS:

**MICHAEL TJADEN & MEGAN DeMAAR
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THOMAS JOYCE & CAROLINE HERTZEL
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ADAM PETERS & ALYSA DONESKE**

THE ITALIAN DINNER

Our 91st annual Italian Dinner will take place Thursday November 7 from 6:00 to 8:30pm at Coco Pazzo, 300 West Hubbard. This year we have a new venue and a new way for you to show your support for Assumption at the dinner. The delicious menu includes antipasti, insalata, entrees, dolce, and caffe. You will not leave hungry. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are included; cash bar for other drinks. Tickets are \$125 and reservations are required. Parking will be available at 311 and Mart Parc. Call the parish office or go on GiveCentral to make your reservations. Those on our email list who have already responded to the evite, please remember to complete your payment. We are already half-way to a sell-out.



BLESSING OF RUNNERS

It’s an Assumption tradition. During the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 12, the day before the Bank of American Chicago Marathon, we will offer a special blessing to all participants.

Runners, along with their family, friends, and fan club are cordially invited.

HOSPITALITY ELEVATED

98 individuals and households have registered as Assumption parishioners since May, 2023. All of them have received a special invitation to attend the 9:00 or 10:30 Mass on Sunday, October 6 and to join the parish community for an expanded Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall after Mass. Tours of the church will be offered after both Masses. We invite all who can to attend the gathering in the Parish Hall and warmly greet any newcomers in our midst. Hospitality Elevated is sponsored by the Pastoral Council.

HYMNS: #407, #625, #388

PRAY FOR THEM: Annette Russo, Davy Hart, Rosemary Reeves, Frank Cardenas, Erin Gentile, Kathy Escher, Patrick McRae, Rich DiVito, Carolina Gomez, Elizabeth McKiernan, Willie & Mary Priego, Michael Graul, Fr. Michael Doyle

MASS INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Sat.	28th	5:00	John William Ford
Sun.	29th	7:30	Michael & Rose Marie Sopko, Helen Morris, Deceased of Sopko, Morris, Pfiester & Jenkins Families
		9:00	Brian Masterson (RIP)
		10:30	John McEneaney (RIP)
		12:15	Mary Jane Trant (RIP)
		5:00	Assumption Parishioners
Mon.	30th	7:00	Steve F. Palkovitz
Thurs.	3rd	12:10	Gloria Herrera (b’day)

ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST: *Remain In Me* is a five part series designed to help us enter more deeply into our encounter with Christ and his abiding presence in the Eucharist. Through Scripture, prayer, video, and discussion, we will explore five central themes inherent in our understanding of the Eucharist. The group is meeting at the Rectory for five consecutive Mondays. We began Sept 23 but it's not too late to join! Email beth.schuman@gmail.com.



ASSUMPTION YOUNG ADULTS: AYA is having a wine and cheese party in the Parish Hall following the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, October 20. Join the AYA team to socialize and spread fellowship. All those in their twenties or thirties—married, single, or coupled—are invited. Contact assumptionaya@gmail.com with questions, dietary restrictions, or to find out more about Assumption Young Adults.



THE CHOIR NEEDS HELP: If you sound good in the shower, you might sound good in church. Our choir, which sings twice a month at the 10:30 Mass and for special celebrations, needs some more voices. Contact johneskola@comcast.net to find out more.



THE SERVITE ROSARY: The Servite Secular Order & Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:40am. All are welcome. Rosaries are provided.

HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATION
Please see the **Laudato Si'** and **Me** section of Assumption's website (assumption-chgo.org) for practical ideas and helpful links.




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