

Weekly Bulletin

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR ASSUMPTION PARISH IN BELLINGHAM, WA
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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.
-Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor's Note

The Conference

As most of you know, last week I was at [this conference](#) down in Dallas run by the Evangelical Catholic, and I can tell you it was one of the most challenging weeks I have had in a long time. To be clear, the conference was *excellent*, and I was floored by how much expertise and zeal was contained in one room. But it was challenging because the ideas were so good that they challenged my *status quo*, which I thought was already pretty resilient to complacency.

My major takeaway was that we need to be serious and concrete about switching our model of parish life from one that assumes that most people are involved in a church to one that assumes that most people are not involved in a church. We cannot allow our missionary evangelization programs to be something added on to parish life, something that is a secondary consideration when we have time. They have to be *the driving force* and *foundational paradigm* of everything a parish does.

If you want to understand what I mean by that, I **strongly recommend that you read [this white paper](#)**, which I will soon be circulating amongst parish leaders. It is only 51 pages long and took me about 90 minutes to read and absorb. I will also be reading [this book](#) once it shows up in the mail – the author spoke at our conference and he was incredible, plus this book basically prompted the outlook of the entire conference.

What does all of this mean for us concretely at Assumption? I have been praying intensely about that for the last week. As a first step, I am working with our staff to free up a bit more time on my calendar so that I can really dedicate myself to shepherding our Reach More program, which is essential for the future of our parish. But after that? Come Holy Spirit!

Staffing Updates

Since my last update, we have filled two of our staff positions. Dan Welickovitch has been hired as our part-time custodian, while Maria Tapia has been hired as our new receptionist. We are still working to fill the Interim PAA position.

Spanish Bulletin

Due to the staff transitions in the front office, and the low readership of the Spanish edition of our bulletin, we are temporarily suspending the Spanish translation of our bulletin. Please let me know if this is a hardship.

Debido a las transiciones de personal en la oficina principal y la baja cantidad de lectores de la edición en español de nuestro boletín, estamos suspendiendo temporalmente la traducción al español de nuestro boletín. Por favor, hágame saber si esto es una dificultad.

May the Lord bless you always,

F. Moore

Archdiocesan News

Northwest Catholic Collection

The NORTHWEST CATHOLIC Collection is happening this weekend. Through NORTHWEST CATHOLIC magazine, NWCatholic.org, and social media, the Church is able to enter every home with stories to inspire, teach and help us continue our personal faith journeys. Your generosity allows Northwest Catholic magazine to be sent free of charge to all Catholics in Western Washington. Thank you for your past and continued support sharing the Word with others through this annual collection.

Parish News

Scout Pancake Breakfast

Come join us to celebrate Scout Sunday with a pancake breakfast. We will be serving after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Movie Night

Saturday, February 18, 7:00 p.m., in the Gym

The Knights of Columbus are presenting a free showing of the movie "No Greater Love", about the life of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Hot dogs, beverages and kettle corn will be available.

Adults in need of Confirmation

Catholic adults (already baptized) who still need Confirmation are encouraged to receive it this spring at our April 27th Confirmation Mass. Classes are required ahead of time.

Please attend the registration meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assumption School Staff Lounge to learn more. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings. Please contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or (360) 733-1380 with any questions.

Please Sign Up for Lenten Soup Suppers

On the Fridays of Lent, following Stations of the Cross, we will again offer Lenten Soup Suppers with the proceeds to support our Lenten Rice Bowl program. Sign-ups will be out next week for help with set up, bringing soup and / or bread, and clean up. There will be programs offered to encourage and inspire all of us to bring Christ to our world in concrete ways.

Mardi Gras Celebration / Pancake Breakfast for Dinner

Tuesday, February 21, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass

On Fat Tuesday, our Assumption Scouts and Parish Life and Socials group will sponsor a dinner and a surprise MAGIC SHOW in the Gym to celebrate MARDI GRAS! The proceeds from this event will go to our Lenten Rice Bowl program.

School News

Spring Open House

Sunday February 12th from 11:30 to 1:30pm.

This is for new families looking to tour and/or ask questions. Current families may come with a family friend to showcase our school. Mr. Anderson, principal, and Mrs. Dennis, the Development Director, will be able to help answer any questions you may have.

Also, everyone is invited to the **Superbowl party fundraiser** for the 8th grade. All proceeds will go to help offset the cost of the trip to Washington DC this spring. There will be food, drinks and fun starting at 2pm in the Assumption School gym.

Affiliated Organizations

Saint Martin's Abbey Retreat

Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 5

DESERT FATHERS - Retreat from the world into the desert for discernment wisdom.

What to expect: Fellowship, ora et labora with the monks, conferences from desert wisdom, Eucharistic adoration and daily Mass. RSVP to br_pachomius@stmartin.edu

Upcoming

Events

- **Saturday, Feb. 4**
 - 4:00 pm - Rosary Prayer in Church
- **Sunday, Feb. 5 (Scout Sunday)**
 - 9:00 am – Pancake Breakfast
 - 11:00 am – Pancake Breakfast
- **Wednesday, Feb. 8**
 - 10:30 am – Women's Scripture Study (Stafford)
- **Sunday, Feb. 12**
 - 9:00 am – Coffee Hour (Stafford)
 - 10:00 am – School Open House
 - 11:00 am – Coffee Hour (Stafford)
 - 2:30 pm – Super Bowl Party (Gym)

Intentions

- **Saturday, February 4**
 - 5:00 pm, Tim O'Connor, RIP
- **Sunday, February 5**
 - 8:00 am, Paul Textor, RIP
 - 10:00 am, Pro Populo
 - 12:30 pm, Martina Ortiz, RIP
- **Tuesday, February 7**
 - 5:30 pm, Peter Godersky, RIP
- **Wednesday, February 8**
 - 7:15 am, Dominick Van Veen, SI
- **Thursday, February 9**
 - 7:15 am, Mathew O'Neill, RIP
- **Friday, February 10**
 - 8:15 am, Imara Kateri Gacad-Sison, SI

Open Positions

Parish Administrator

Employee - Full-time – Interim

Assumption Parish is looking for an interim administrator. Candidates must have excellent organizational and communications skills. Must be an active member of a Catholic faith community. Position oversees all parish finances, personnel matters, and administration. Minimum of 3 years supervisory and administrative experience required. Bachelor's degree (or commensurate experience) in a related field required. Salary and benefits based on Archdiocesan guidelines. For application and full job description, visit <http://www.assumption.org> or contact karenz@assumption.org To find out more, go to our website and download the job description and application. For any questions, contact karenz@assumption.org

EMHC Trainer

Volunteer – Periodic

Fr. Moore is looking to offload his responsibility of training new EMHCs and updating current EMHCs. If you are currently serving as an EMHC and would be interested in this additional responsibility, please contact frmoore@assumption.org.