

December 16, 2018

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

Founded in 1889/Fundada en 1889

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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Masses/Misas

(Unless otherwise noted in Calendar)

Weekend

Saturday/Sábado 5:00 PM.

Sunday/Domingo 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
12:30 PM Spanish/Español

Weekdays

Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 PM

Thursday/Jueves 10:30 AM

Friday/Viernes 10:30 AM

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Lord,
come
and
save us.

Hope House

Hours of Operation:

Monday 9-11:30 am

Tuesday 9-11:30 am

Wednesday: closed

Thursday 9-11:30 am

Friday 12-3:30 pm

Financial assistance will be Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

Mission

Mary's Assumption into Heaven is our hope. We, the Church of the Assumption, are called to follow Jesus according to Mary's example as a beacon of hope and light for all.

Vision

By engaging in formation, sacraments, outreach and stewardship, we will glorify the Lord with our lives.

DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

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Monday, December 17th

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford
10:30 AM	Word & Communion Service	Church
11:30 AM	Centering Prayer	Church
2:00 PM	Servants of the Lord Prayer	Stafford
3:15 PM	Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Teacher's Lounge
6:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church

Tuesday, December 18th

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	Adoration	Church

Wednesday, December 19th

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
12:01 AM	Adoration	Church
5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group	LMC
7:00 PM	Parish Life and Socials	PCLR

Thursday, December 20th

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
10:30 AM	Word & Communion	Church
1:00 PM	Catholic Daughters of America	LMC
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, December 21st

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
10:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:30 AM	Church Cleaning	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support Group	Stafford

Saturday, December 22nd

4th Week of Advent/Baptism Weekend

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	LMC
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 PM	Rosary Prayer Group	LMC
5:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, December 23rd

4th week of Advent/Baptism Weekend

	Family Promise	Gym, Stafford, St. Cecilia
8:00 AM	Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Ensayo de Coro	Iglesia
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia

Weekly Mass Intentions

December 19, 6:00 PM	Marie & Simon Gonzalez	SI
December 21, 10:30 AM	Victor Rafael Mendoza	RIP
December 22, 5:00 PM	Edward Hildebrand	RIP
December 23, 8:00 AM	Vince Jr. Guerrero	RIP
December 23, 9:30 AM	Pro Populo	
December 23, 12:30 PM	Familia Estrada	SI

SI = Special Intention

RIP = Rest in Peace

Pro Populo = For the people of the parish



This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns in
honor of:
Warren Bergholz

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 4:00 pm
(There will be no incense at the 4:00 pm Mass)

Youth/Multilingual Mass 7:00 pm

Solemn Night Mass 10:00 pm

December 25th

Christmas Day

Mass 9:30 AM

Come early to enjoy the caroling that begins one-half hour before Mass.



**Joe and Cora's U-Cut
Christmas Tree Farm**

Get your Christmas tree from **Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm**. They supply our Christmas trees and wreaths. We are very grateful for their ongoing generosity and support during our Christmas season.

Joe and Cora's U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm is located at 1011 Telegraph Road, Bellingham, WA 98226. (360) 734-3488.

PRAYERLINE (360)733-1380 EXT. 4240

We all need prayers in our lifetime, for physical needs, death, sickness, for our children or financial needs. God hears ALL prayers. Please call our prayerline so we can help your needs and pray with you. We are open 7/24.

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin.
Their advertising allows us to have the cover page of the bulletin printed free.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.



Assumption School Foundation held its annual "Support for a Century" on Nov. 29, at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Thank you to all the attendees from the different parishes and to the evening's speakers: Mary Kiromo, Jim Schoenecker, and Samantha Smith. The event raised \$27,000 in donations for the endowment, tuition assistance, and technology/operations. This past week, the school celebrated its final days before the holiday by focusing on "hope" for the second week of Advent. The Kindergarteners sang for the residents at Bellingham Nursing Home and the sixth graders helped clean up Cornwall Park. These are just two of the service projects that students participate in throughout the school year. Merry Christmas from the students and staff at Assumption!



INVITING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 OF ASSUMPTION PARISH

Come be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir at the 4:00 P.M. Mass on Monday, Dec. 24. Last practice will be Monday, December 17, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

If you are interested contact Susan Roland at susanroland@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will be having their Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 20, at 11:30am. Please note the time. We will be meeting at JoAn Siden's Club House (Cordata Park Place Club House 4684 Majestic Drive). Callers will have directions and information regarding parking. It will be a pot luck luncheon, and we will have a \$10 gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

DO YOUR SPOUSE A FAVOR

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be at the Sheraton Hotel in Bellevue on February 15-17, 2019. Or a non-residential weekend in Astoria, OR, Jan. 25-27, 2019. Apply at wwme.org. For more information leave a message at 206-772-2344.

2019 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' EDUCATION CONTEST

The theme for this year is "Here am I, Lord, I Come To Do Your Will" or "Doing My Best To Do Good." The contest is open to grades 4-8. If you are a student who doesn't attend Assumption Catholic School and would like to participate, please contact Jo Hulse at 360-243-0745. The due date is Feb. 1. Entry possibilities include Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, or Photography.



PLEASE COME AND HELP!

Join us on Friday, Dec. 21, at 11:30 a.m. to clean the Church for Masses this Christmas. There is no need to bring cleaning supplies.

Everyone is welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS BEING MET?

Please consider helping fulfill the spiritual needs of your fellow parishioners by joining the support team for this coming year's Lenten Small Groups effort. We will be using material focused on Pope Francis's most recent Apostolic Exhortation: *Gaudete Et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad), which is about simple and achievable ways each of us can work toward holiness in our lives. The support team develops materials, organizes groups, prepares and distributes group packets, assists in group scheduling, helps to place individuals in groups and forms new groups when needed. A strong support team is critical to give this small group endeavor the greatest success. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastoral Center Living Room for our planning meeting. Please contact Gina DePalma in the parish office with any questions. Thank you!



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Bilingual Mass on Tuesday,
Jan. 1, at 6:00 PM.

MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS (Día de Obligación)

La Misa será en bilingüe el Martes, 1º de enero a las 6:00 de la tarde.

JUST READS is an Assumption book group open to all that meets informally every two months to discuss a book concerning Catholic Social Teaching. We will be meeting on January 17, from 1:30-3:30 to discuss Barking to the Choir, by Gregory Boyle, SJ, who also wrote Tattoos on the Heart. The venue is Corona Court Clubhouse located at 4780 Corona Court. Contact is Linda Santiago, Email: rose4hope777@yahoo.com or phone 360-398-7594. You are welcome to join us and to bring a book title or two for consideration. Get your book copy early and share it with someone!

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR ★★★★★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
1st Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottner
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker
Jim Heisler III
Garret Groth
Nicole Groth
Jeremy King
Jesse Estrada
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Why (and How) to Return to Sunday Mass

The Register's clip-out, photocopy and pass-on guides for Advent



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Invite Someone

Catholics know there are problems in the world. We also know the source of peace: Christ.

This Advent, the Register invites readers to welcome people back to Mass.

Reaching out and extending an invitation to the sacraments, starting with Mass, can make a blessed difference in someone's life.



- 1 God tells us to keep holy the Sabbath (Third Commandment) and holy days.
- 2 Jesus instituted the Mass at the Last Supper.
- 3 Mass honors God and changes our hearts.



Quick Tip 1 Arrive on time or be early. Then you will have time to prepare your heart to receive God's word and his body.

4 The saints were Massgoers. You can go every day. Daily Mass is a blessing!

5 "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy," said St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.



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Quick Tip 2 Prepare for Communion. Being in a state of grace means that one is not conscious of having committed a serious sin (missing Sunday Mass, infidelity, etc.) since one's last confession. Fast one hour before Communion.

6 At Mass, you receive Jesus in the Eucharist — the "source and summit of the Christian life," according to the Catechism (1324) — when you are in a state of grace.

7 "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without holy Mass." So said St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio).

8 You can hear Scripture at Mass. What is God saying to you through his holy word?

Quick Tip 3 Know what's happening. Follow along with the missalette, missal or another Mass aid, such as the *Magnificat*.

EWYN RELIGIOUS CATALOGUE

Additional copies: NCRRegister.com; click "Resources."



Quick Tip 4 Bow your head as a sign of reverence before receiving Communion.

9 Mass offers the faithful the Living Bread (John 6:51, 54, 56).

Quick Tip 5 Pray the *Anima Christi* prayer after receiving Communion: *Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from Christ's side, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me. And bid me come unto thee, that I may praise thee with thy saints and with thy angels, forever and ever. Amen.*

10 The Catechism tells us that Mass unites us with Jesus, Mary and the saints (1419).

Quick Tip 6 Dress up for God and wear modest clothing.

Common 'Good Excuses'

I don't have to go to church to pray. Yes, you can pray anywhere. But the Mass is the Church's greatest prayer.

I am mad at the Church. Unfortunately, many people feel this way, especially due to the scandals. The Church is made up of flawed people, but the Church is Christ's, first and foremost. And Jesus wants you to be a part of his body.

I don't feel different after Mass. Strive to focus on each part of the Mass: the songs, the prayers, the readings — and, most importantly, the Eucharist. Even if the homily isn't enlightening or the music is not to your liking, Jesus offers you his Body and Blood.

I'm too busy. Sunday Mass is one hour of your week. It should be the best hour of your week.

I don't feel worthy. No one is. That's why we need Mass and confession, where Christ offers himself and his healing to us.



Quick Tip 7 Go to Mass with family or friends. Mass is a community prayer.

"Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

— Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar



Assumption Parish Leadership Nomination Form

The time is here for nominations

QUALIFICATIONS: Nominees for Council, Commission and Committee membership are: baptized and confirmed, registered, practicing and contributing members of the parish, committed to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, willing to stay current

on developments in the diocesan and universal Church, consensus-builders, able to fulfill a three-year term, at least 18 years of age, and not a member of the parish staff.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE: Is this person prayerful? A good communicator? Someone who promotes the life and mission of the parish and local region? Respectful of others even when views differ? A bridge-builder and healer? Someone familiar with Assumption history/tradition and able to represent continuity or someone with a "new face" and a fresh perspective? Able to maintain confidentiality? Able to listen well, discern, make decisions and stand behind them? Free to commit to the necessary monthly meetings?

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

After giving this matter prayerful consideration, I am placing the name of the following parish member in nomination for our Parish Leadership on a Council, Commission or Committee. (Please feel free to nominate yourself as well)

Name (please print): _____

I would like to nominate this person for the following Council, Commission or Committee:

- ☐ Finance Council—Bill Zang, Chair
- ☐ Faith Formation Commission—John Getchell, Chair
- ☐ Life, Justice and Peace Commission—Nick Mele, Chair
- ☐ Spiritual Life and Worship Commission—Chris Attebery, Chair
- ☐ Stewardship and Engaged Church Commission—Anne & Bill Turnbull, Chairs
- ☐ Buildings & Grounds Committee—Andrew Krzysiek, Chair
- ☐ Parish Life & Socials Committee—Susan Rogers, Chair
- ☐ Pastoral Care Committee—Belen Saturay & Tashie Zang, Chairs

This information will be shared with the nominee.

Name of Person Submitting Nomination (please print) _____

Please Note: All those who accept a nomination will be asked to gather for an in-service to provide necessary information regarding the responsibilities of parish consultative bodies; to explore the leadership needs of Assumption Parish at this time in its history; and to answer nominees' questions. Openings on the various Councils, Commissions and Committees will be filled during this discernment process. **The date of discernment for prospective Council members will be January 19 from 10 AM to 12 noon.**

*Please put your nomination in the collection basket
at liturgy, drop it off at the parish office,
or mail it to Assumption Parish
2116 Cornwall Avenue
Bellingham WA 98225*

Nomination Deadline: January 6, 2019



Forma de Nominación del Liderazgo de la Parroquia de la Asunción

A llegado el tiempo para las nominaciones

Calificaciones: Los nominados deben ser miembros: Bautizados, Confirmados, registrados y actualmente contribuidores miembros de la parroquia, comprometidos a la enseñanza del Segundo Concilio del Vaticano, con deseo de estar al tanto del desarrollo de la diócesis y una Iglesia Universal, ser constructores concientes, disponible a servir por 3 años, mayores de 18 años, y que no sea empleado de la parroquia.

Preguntas para sus candidato: ¿Esta persona vive en oración?, ¿Es un buen comunicador?, ¿Es alguien que promueve la misión de nuestra parroquia?, ¿Respeto a los demás aunque no este de acuerdo con las opiniones?, ¿Podría ser un puente de armonía entre las comunidades?, ¿Alguien que sea familiarizado con la historia de la Asunción, su tradición y dispuesto a representar continuamente? ¿Es alguien con una cara nueva y visión fresca?, ¿dispuesto a mantener confidencialidad, dispuestos escuchar, discernir, tomar dediciones y libre para el compromiso de las reuniones mensuales?

Queridos miembros del comité

Después de poner en oración y consideración pongo el nombre de la siguiente persona para el liderazgo de la parroquia. (Siéntase libre de nominarse a usted mismo)

Nombre: _____

Me gustaría nominar a esta persona por el siguiente concilio, comisión o comité:

- ☐ Concilio Financiar—Bill Zang, Cabeza
- ☐ Comisión de Formación de Fe—John Getchell, Cabeza
- ☐ Comisión de Vida Justicia y Paz—Nick Mele, Cabeza
- ☐ Comisión de Vida Espiritual y Culto—Chris Attebery, Cabeza
- ☐ Comisión del Mayordomía y la Iglesia Prometida—Anne & Bill Turnbull, Cabezas
- ☐ Comisión de Edificio y Terrenos—Andrew Krzysiek, Cabeza
- ☐ Comité de la Vida Social de la Parroquia—Susan Rogers, Cabezas
- ☐ Comité del Cuidado Pastoral—Belen Saturay & Tashie Zang, Cabezas

Favor de compartir esto con mi nominado.

Firma de la persona que nombra _____

Favor de notar.- Todas las personas que acepten alguna nominación serán invitadas a una reunión de información acerca de las responsabilidades de cuerpo consultativo para explorar las necesidades del liderazgo de nuestra parroquia en este tiempo de su historia y también para responder preguntas. **El día de la reunión es el día 19 enero a las 10:00 AM hasta el mediodía. En esta reunión se llenaran las posiciones de liderazgo.**

*Por favor ponga su nominación en la canasta de colección o
puede mandarla por correo a la oficina de la parroquia de la Asunción
2116 Cornwall Avenue
Bellingham WA 98225*

Ultimo día de nominación: 6 de enero 2019

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship	Wk (12/9/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 24,968	\$ 423,358
Contributions Budget:	\$ 30,042	\$ 439,089
Over/under	\$ -5,074	\$ -15,731

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

Debt Reduction	Wk (12/9/2018)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 1,984	\$ 26,457
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,038	\$ 24,912
Over/Under	\$ 946	\$ 1,545

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 1036
Christmas Flowers	\$ 750

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

TAX PLANNING



Any gifts or payments you want credited to the **2018 calendar year for tax purposes** need to be received or postmarked by Dec. 31. Please note: The parish office will be closed starting at noon on Dec. 24 through Jan 1. You can place your gift in the collection basket at any of the December masses. If you are mailing your donation, **it must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31, in order to be applied in the 2018 calendar year.** Online gifts will be recorded based on the processing date of the transaction.

If you are considering a gift of stock, please contact the Archdiocesan Parish Financial Services Office at 1-800-422-5417. Be sure to contact them soon if you want your gift to be recorded for 2018.

OTHER GIVING OPTIONS

Other options for your charitable giving this season include an IRA Charitable Rollover or converting a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a charitable gift.

Here are the criteria:

- Donor must be age 70 ½ or older
- Donor may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from IRA to the parish or school
- Gift may be made at one time, or multiple times within a single year
- Gift may satisfy all or part of a required minimum distribution (RMD)
- Gift may be made at any time of year

Please consult your IRA plan administrator for more information.



Hope House will be CLOSED from:
Friday, Dec. 21st thru Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. Re-open on January 3rd.

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Frank White took on a monumental task when he agreed to help our Art & Environment Committee with creating a **Nativity Crèche** to be placed in front of the church. After many months of hard work and creative ingenuity, Frank was able to put together a beautiful silhouette of the Nativity which we put out on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete or Joyful Sunday) in anticipation of Christmas. It's made of metal and will last for ages. We will be storing it in the St. Jude room of the gym and will bring it out every Christmas. Thank you to Frank and to the A & E committee for bringing the joy of Christmas to the community of Bellingham and obviously to our parish community as well.



Lord God, we stand in need of your blessing and grace, and so we pray:

For our parish, that we will be a beacon of Your love in this community.

For all the people of our parish, that our work may touch them and help them to live out more fully Your call to discipleship.

For our pastor and leaders of our parish, that they will have the strength and wisdom to shepherd Your people.

For all those who work at our parish, that we may work effectively in concert with them.

For all those who serve on councils, commissions, and committees here in our parish, that working together with them we may faithfully bring your message to all in our parish.

For all those who are touched by the ministry that our efforts support, that they will recognize you as the ultimate source of that help.

For all of us, that we may together and in harmony fulfill our mission to help people be better stewards of the gifts You give them.

Amen.

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En Evangelio de hoy provee un bosquejo detallado para la buena administración de los bienes de Dios: "El que tenga dos capas, que dé una al que no tiene, y el que tenga de comer, haga lo mismo."