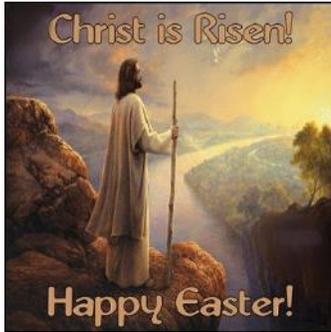


**March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.



**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL
LIFE**

March 30	6:00 PM	
The People of Brussels	SI	
March 31	10:30 AM	
Virginia Reilly	RIP	
April 1	10:30 AM	
Assumption School Community	SI	
April 2	5:00 PM	
Pro Populo		
April 3	8:30 AM	
Raymond Palmieri	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Wolfgang Hessel	RIP	
	12:30 PM	
Walter Bieber	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:
David Grumney

**Daily Worship
Week of March 27, 2016**

Monday, March 28	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday, March 29	Acts 2:36-41 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 John 20:11-18
Wednesday, March 30	Acts 3:1-10 Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9 Luke 24:13-35
Thursday, March 31	Acts 3:11-26 Psalm 8:2ab, 5-9 Luke 24:35-48
Friday, April 1	Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a John 21:1-14
Saturday, April 2	Acts 4:13-21 Psalm 118:1, 14-15b, 16-21 Mark 16:9-15
Sunday, April 3	Acts 5:12-16 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31



**Year of Mercy
Weekly Reflection**

Theme: Baptism and Forgiveness (3/27/16)

Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life. (CCC 1427)

Reflection: What do you think is necessary in order for the sacrament of Baptism to be effective in the forgiveness of all sins? How do you maintain or renew that state of grace after Baptism?

If you would like to share a reflection or make a comment, please visit our Year of Mercy blog at <http://ams1516blog.blogspot.com>. This is a moderated blog site, so it may take upwards of 24 hours for comments to appear.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, May 7 & 14 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

**EVENING PRAYER
and
EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**Tuesday evenings
beginning at 6:30 PM.**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.
Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on **Tuesday at 11:30 PM**
Wednesdays at 2:30 & 9:30 AM,
and
12:30 & 3:30 PM.
If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

**HEALING PRAYER
MINISTRY**

**Wednesday eves. after Mass
from 6:45-8:30 PM**
All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the
Stafford Room**
"But God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." Ephes. 2:4-7.

One new person remarked last week that she looks forward to coming. She thought it would be a heavy and sad place to be, but she said there was love, yes and even laughter as we each try to find our place in our changed life. Why not come and see for yourself. Nancy Fudge, 734-963.

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.



Welcome to Assumption Catholic Church Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de la Asunción

You, your friends and relatives are invited to be a part of this vibrant parish:
Usted, sus amistades y familiares están invitados a ser parte de esta vibrante iglesia:

If you are new: Si es nuevo:

Please call the office at 733-1380 for a registration packet.

Favor de llamar a la oficina al 733-1380 para un paquete de registraci3n.

If you are considering becoming a Catholic:

Si usted considera convertirse Cat3lico:

Please call Gina DePalma at 733-1380 ext. 4222

Favor de llamar a Gina DePalma al 733-1380 ext. 4222

If you would like to speak with a priest:

Si desea hablar con el sacerdote:

Please call Fr. K. Scott Connolly at 733-1380 ext. 4215

Favor de llamar al Padre K. Scott Connolly al 733-138 ext. 4215

If you would like to learn more about your Catholic Faith:

Si desea aprender m3s acerca de su Fe Cat3lica:

Please call Dr. Kathy Ernst at 733-1380 ext. 4223 or

Gina DePalma at 733-1380 ext. 4222

Favor de llamar a la Dra. Kathy Ernst al 733-1380 ext. 4223

If you would like to know more about our Catholic School:

Si desea saber m3s acerca de nuestra Escuela Cat3lica:

Please call Bill Attebery at 733-6133

Favor de llamar a Bill Attebery al 733-6133

If you would like to learn more about Middle and High School Youth Ministry:

Si desea aprender m3s acerca del Ministerio de J3venes:

Please call Grace Mendoza, at 733-1380 ext. 4227

Favor de llamar a Grace Mendoza al 733-1380 ext. 4227

If you or someone you know needs Eucharist at Home:

Si usted o alguna persona que usted conozca necesita Eucarist3a en Casa:

Please call Dr. Kathy Ernst at 733-1380 ext. 4223

Favor de llamar a la Dra. Kathy Ernst al 733-1380 ext. 4223

If you would like to learn more about the Hispanic Ministry:

Si desea aprender m3s acerca del Ministerio Hispano:

Please call Adriana Estrada at 733-1380 ext. 4224

Favor de llamar a Adriana Estrada al 733-1380 ext. 4224

May God bless you and your family!

Que Dios lo bendiga a usted y a su familia!

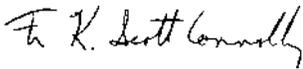
ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate the joy of the risen Christ at Easter, I am mindful of the many ways in which the people of Assumption Parish help “raise me up” in my role as Pastor.

You truly reflect the best of what God calls us to be through Christ. Our parish and school staffs give me life, energy and joy. Our children give me hope. Our volunteers give me courage and strengthen my resolve to offer the best of myself. Hopefully you encounter the same life, vitality and hope that I find here in our wonderful community. I am so grateful to all those who make our liturgical celebrations such beautiful experiences. I am moved by all those who give of themselves so selflessly for the sake of our fellow parishioners and for those in our society in need of love and attention. May this Easter season be a sign of hope, joy and peace in your life, and may the risen Christ continue to be made manifest in our lives.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. K. Scott Connolly
Pastor

ENROLLING NOW

Assumption Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. The Preschool through Grade 8 program provides a rigorous, comprehensive Catholic education which prepares students for success in life. Registration forms are available by calling the school at 733-6133 or stopping by during the school day at 2116 Cornwall in Bellingham. Let us know if you have questions.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Assumption Catholic School is seeking four new members for its School Commission. It is an opportunity to learn more about the school, provide important advice and support to the principal and pastor, as well as support Catholic education in the county. Terms are for three years and the Commission meets once a month during the school year. If you are interested, please contact the school for an application by calling 733-6133. Or stop by the school any time during the school day.

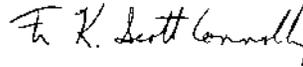


Queridos parroquianos,

Mientras celebramos la alegría de Cristo resucitado en la Pascua, estoy consciente de las muchas maneras en que la gente de la Parroquia de la Asunción “me levanta”

en mi papel de Pastor. Ustedes verdaderamente reflejan de lo mejor que Dios nos llama para ser a través de Cristo. El personal que trabaja para la parroquia y la escuela me dan vida, energía y alegría. Nuestros niños me dan esperanza. Nuestros voluntarios me dan valor y refuerzan mi determinación de ofrecer lo mejor de mí mismo. Espero que encuentres la misma vida, vitalidad y esperanza que yo encuentro aquí en nuestra maravillosa comunidad. Estoy tan agradecido de todos aquellos que hacen nuestras celebraciones litúrgicas experiencias tan bellas. Estoy conmovido por todos aquellos que dan de sí mismos tan desinteresadamente por el bien de nuestros feligreses y para aquellos en nuestra sociedad que necesitan amor y atención. Deseo que este tiempo de Pascua sea un signo de esperanza, alegría y paz en tu vida, y que el Cristo resucitado se manifieste en nuestras vidas.

Suyo en Cristo,



Fr. K. Scott Connolly

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP Mondays, 6:00-8:00 PM in the St. Cecilia Rm.

We will not be meeting this week, but we will be back on Monday, April 4th.

TEST PILOT NEW SMALL GROUP PROGRAM

Jon Leonetti, who led our Parish Mission in October, has invited Assumption parishioners to test pilot a new, small group program he has developed called *Thrive: A Life-Changing Experience with the Saints*. *Thrive* is designed as a five-consecutive-weeks, one-hour-per-week program that includes prayer, a 15-minute video accessible via a YouTube link, and discussion/faith reflection.

If you and some friends are interested in using the materials please let Gina DePalma in the Pastoral Center know by April 4. Jon requests that group members complete weekly evaluations and a final evaluation by July 1, 2016. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip. It is available on the first and third Sunday of each month between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Thank you for your support!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
Don Veltum
Capt. Mark Bieda
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
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faেকে
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottnor
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.

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Monday, March 28th

Easter Monday ~ Office Closed

No Mass and No Word and Communion

11:30 AM Centering Prayer Stafford
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR

Tuesday, March 29th

6:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group PCLR
6:30 PM Adoration Church
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

Wednesday, March 30th

12:01 AM Adoration Church
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study Stafford
3:30 PM PTC Executive Meeting School
5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM Mass Church
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting Gym

Thursday, March 31st

10:30 AM Mass Church
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Blessed Sacrament Chapel
1:00 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford
7:00 PM Edge Core Team PC 3rd Floor

Friday, April 1st

10:30 AM Mass Church
11:00 AM Prepares Programs Stafford
1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford
5:30 PM Just Faith PCLR
6:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, April 2nd

10:00 AM MFCC Temas LMC
1:00 PM Art & Environment Comm. PCLR
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Mass Church

Sunday, April 3rd ~ Devine Mercy Sunday

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
8:30 AM Mass Church
9:00 AM Clases pre Matrimoniales Teacher's lounge
9:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
10:00 AM MFCC Room 1
10:30 AM Mass Church
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
11:00 AM Ensayo de Mariachi St. Cecilia
11:30 AM Coffee Hour Gym
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños LMC
2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1

There will be no 5:00 pm Sunday mass on April 3.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

The *Protecting God's Children* class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs & schools safe. **All new volunteers must take this training.**

Class in this area: **March 30, Wednesday 6:00pm—9:00pm** at Sacred Heart Parish

You must register online with Virtus to enroll in one of these classes by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions.

CLASES MATRIMONIALES

Aquellos que ya empezaron con los preparativos este año para el sacramento de matrimonio en la iglesia, las clases matrimoniales comenzaran el domingo 3 de Abril de 9 am – 12 pm en el salón de maestros en la escuela. Las siguientes seis fechas serán las clases matrimoniales: Abril 3, 10, 17, 24, Mayo 1 y 8.



On April 8, at the 10:30 mass we invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive the anointing of the sick to come to mass that day. We will have the anointing during mass and afterward everyone is invited to a luncheon in your honor in the gym. Please come and enjoy each other's company.

SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus' Annual Wine Gala will be held Saturday, April 16th at 6:30 pm in the Assumption Gym. Please join us for wine and micro beer tasting, heavy hor d'oeuvres, live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 each. Proceeds support the Newman Catholic Ministry at Western Washington University. Donations of auction items are greatly appreciated. More information is available at www.kofc829.org.

THIS EASTER...A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Is your marriage everything it was meant to be? Do you desire a more loving relationship? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) helps distressed couples rediscover each other and take positive steps to begin a life of healing, commitment and love – truly a new beginning. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning April 8-10, 2016 call 360-671-6479 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

AN ENGLISH HIGH TEA

The Assumption Church High Tea is returning! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14. We are in need of many volunteers to make this a success. If you are interested in volunteering as a table captain, food preparation serving, and/or advertising and ticket sales, contact Janie Pemble (734-2441) or Julia Pillar-Schaefer (360-305-9907).

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(03/20/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 54,231	\$ 686,926
Contributions received:	\$17,492	\$ 52,648	\$ 684,060
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 585	-\$ 1,583	-\$ 2,866
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
Debt Reduction	Wk(03/20/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 40,204
Contributions received:	\$ 1,688	\$ 3,151	\$ 28,153
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 630	-\$ 23	-\$12,051

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	588
Easter Flowers	\$	153
Rice Bowl	\$	383

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

**THREE-DAY ST. JUDE MISSION OF HOPE AND MERCY
WHERE THERE IS PRAYER, THERE IS HOPE!**

Life can be difficult. But God sent His Son Jesus to teach us that, in spite of our troubles, His mercy is always present and it can give us hope especially during the Easter season. Pope Francis declared this a *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Starting on Thursday March 31st and ending at the vigil Mass of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 2nd, please join us at St. Michael Catholic Church in Snohomish, WA as we explore the way St. Jude's apostolate of Hope fits with God's plan of Divine Mercy and the Joy of Easter. At 7PM on Thursday and Friday and at 4:30 PM on Saturday, Fr. Michail Ford, O.P., director of the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus in Chicago, IL, will celebrate Mass starting with Divine Mercy and St. Jude devotions and conclude with veneration of the Arm Relic of St. Jude. After Mass on Friday, participants can receive a special St. Jude blessing and St. Jude oil. On Saturday, April 2 we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Fr. Mike will bring the Arm Relic of St. Jude, which is normally on display in Chicago. It is reported to be the largest relic of one of the 12 Apostles outside of Rome. This will be the first time the Relic has traveled to Washington and the Seattle area. For details, contact St. Michael Catholic Church at (360)568-0821, the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus (312) 226-0020, or visit us on-line at The-Shrine.org.

MUSIC & LITURGY POSITION

Assumption Parish, Bellingham, seeks a full-time Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy. Applicants should have a degree in music or equivalent skill and experience. Keyboard proficiency and conducting experience is required. Must be an active member of a Catholic faith community and willing to work evenings and weekends. Knowledge of Spanish a plus. Salary based upon experience and qualifications in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines. Closing date 3/31/16. Job description and application packet available at www.assumption.org.

A Stewardship Moment

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo les recuerda a los Colosenses que ellos han sido resucitados con Cristo, exhortándolos a que "se preocupen por las cosas de arriba, no por las de la tierra". Nosotros también, hemos sido resucitados con Cristo. ¡Regocijémonos y alegrémonos!



Lord Jesus, you have challenged us with your holy words in sacred scripture:
That the one who "seeks to save his life will lose it;"
That the one who "loses his life for your sake will save it for all eternity;"
That the "greatest among us is the one who serves the rest;"
That it is "harder for a rich man to enter heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle;"
That our "true treasure is in heaven."

Lord, you have given us your generous promises:
That you treasure greatly the sacrificial spirit of the widow's mite;
That you will reward with hundredfold harvest those who sow in the rich soil of faith;
That you will not be outdone in generosity;
That you will not give us burdens that we cannot bear.
We thank you, above all, for the joy-filled gift of faith and the inspirational witness of generous saints of ages past.

Lord, give us the strength and the faith to respond to your challenging words.
We ask you to help us to be responsible stewards of your gifts.
We ask you to bless us with the courage, generosity, and selflessness to help us multiply your gifts among us for the glory of your name.
Amen