Fr. Leonard Marrujo, Parochial Administrator
Fr. Chris Berbena , Parochial Vicar
Bill Vaughan, Music Director
James Brady, RCIA /Adult Faith Formation
Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
Dolores Hurtado, Bookkeeper
Lana Rocheford, School Principal

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:15 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 8:15 AM
Holy Days: 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday mornings after 8:15 AM Liturgy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Every Wednesday 8:45-9:45 AM
Constructive criticism is a good thing … really! I have often heard from my confreres how they sometimes receive anonymous letters “criticizing” them for numerous offenses and how they cope with these unsolicited letters. The problem with criticism is not the act of criticizing someone, but how the sender uses this in a demeaning and not very constructive way. Usually these anonymous letters are littered with insults, and perceptions that are not based on reality. So however negative these types of letter can be, there are some letters that actually provide constructive and wise suggestions. And if the letters are well intended, then it is the hope the recipient of these letters would reflect on them.

Here are just a few benefits that can be found when you make the most of constructive criticism: Constructive criticism is a valuable tool in the workplace or in a parish setting that allows individuals to learn and grow. But quite often people don’t realize what a great resource it can be. The truth is, feedback and criticism can really help all of us succeed in the workplace and in life. Here are just a few benefits that can be found when you make the most of constructive criticism. Increases insight and perspective: First of all, criticism helps to give us a new perspective and opens our eyes to things we may have overlooked or never considered. Whether it's a peer review of your work or a performance review, constructive criticism and feedback can help you grow by shedding light and giving you the opportunity for improvement. Just remember, it’s important that you don’t take criticism so personally, it’s meant to help you learn and grow and is not an attack on your skills or character.

Creates bonds: Criticism is especially beneficial at the parish because it shows that your community cares about you and want to see you succeed. Receiving feedback, whether it’s positive or negative, is a good thing because it just goes to show that your peers, co-workers, or parishioners are invested in your future and they want to help you learn. Rather than letting you fail and replacing you, these people feel that you’re the right person for the job and they want you on their team. With a little bit of guidance, you will be an even better fit for your position and learn a thing or two along the way. Cultivates a trustworthy workplace: In an environment where people are able to share feedback and constructive criticism, everyone is a winner. Creating a transparent, collaborative atmosphere at work gives us all the opportunities to become better workers and people. With feedback and input from your community we are able to learn and expand our horizons while creating trusting relationships with others. Most importantly, an open environment like this allows us to be proactive and share our input without putting people’s personal feelings in jeopardy.

The above ideas are good for us to follow, but unfortunately some people think “criticism” involve insults, put downs, or downright hostilities towards recipient. This sort of behavior is not conducive to building up a person and encouraging an individual to exceed in their field. On the contrary, a letter such as this will cause a person anxiety and resentment. We must be careful and not use “criticism” in a way that is demeaning and detrimental to the individual. Let us use constructive criticism to better each other for all of our sakes. God bless.
On September 27 the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew the "God had sent him to bring good tidings to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. Thank you! This past week members of our conference reached out to three individuals with food. We assisted one of these neighbors with a past due utility bill. We also helped a family with bus passes.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call our Help-Line at 510-352-6079

PLEASE NOTE! There was a mistake with last month’s envelope regarding St. Vincent de Paul. Today’s second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul.

Next weekend is the annual second collection for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry. The Voice and its other operations –El Heraldo Catolico, websites and social media –are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Assumption.

Our assessment is $8,220.00 a year. If each family can donate $30.00 we will be able to meet our goal.

The Catholic Voice

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Enjoy a wonderful selection of wines from Bishop’s Vineyard, delectable hors d’oeuvres and music while helping us raise fund for our church. Sponsored by Parish Council in collaboration with the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services.

Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm in the Small Hall
Tickets: $35 donation (includes wine glass)
RSVP (510) 882-5002
Contact Faye Clements Caruso at fayeclements@yahoo.com for more information.

Please feel free to bring neighbor families and friends to join us in fellowship at this event!

Also in the fall there will be a Men’s Cursillo scheduled for October 10-13, 2019, with a Women’s Cursillo taking place October 17-20, 2019. More information will follow at a later date.

BRATS, BINGO & BEER

Join us on October 20 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the GYM. This event will be sponsored by the Assumption Confirmation. We will have more details in next week’s bulletin.

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Would you like a chance to calm your mind and heart to what matters most?
Let us help you find some peace amongst our stressed world and renew your relationship with God and others at a Cursillo Weekend at the Holy Redeemer in Oakland, sponsored by the Oakland Diocese.

Men’s Weekend: October 10-13th, 2019
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If you have any questions, please call your local Cursillo parish representative:
Men: Thom Miles (510) 774-3315 or email at thommiles@yahoo.com
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RCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION

Although our sessions have begun, there is still a chance to join us and seek Baptism! Adult Confirmation Candidates will receive Confirmation from Bishop Barber at the Cathedral this coming February! Even those of you who are fully initiated in the faith are welcome to join us all as we explore Catholicism, making visible the invisible truths of our faith as in the real Presence of Christ in Holy Eucharist. For more information and to sign up, contact Jim Brady by calling or texting 510-393-9396.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
DISCOVERING GOD’s PLAN
FOR YOUR LIFE

Adult Faith Formation will present a Theology of the Body video series featuring popular speaker Christopher West. Jim will supplement insights from Christian Personalism bringing us all to a deeper place marked by freedom, faithfulness, fruitfulness and love.

Mark your calendars for Monday nights 7 to 8:30 beginning on October 14th and ending on December 2nd. (Makeup sessions and childcare will be provided).

Sign up or seek more info by Calling or Texting Jim Brady at 510-393-9396.

Confirmation/Faith Formation Registration

Classes start on Sunday, September 29th! ALL ARE WELCOME to participate in our classes. We are looking forward to seeing you all! If you have not registered to Faith Formation or Confirmation, it’s not too late. Forms are in the back of the church.

We would like to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 12, at 12 noon Mass at the Mary Seese Plaza. This Public Square Rosary sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place across the United States on that day, with an estimated 1,000,000 in attendance. This is our second year to host this Rosary Rally. Bring your families, neighbors and friends. We hope to see this ministry grow.

(America Needs Fatima if a campaign to capture heart and soul of America with the Message of Our Lady of Fatima)

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

On Saturday, September 21st, Ben Prater, Sean and Gabe Carney, their Dad Paul Carney and I participated in the Friends of San Leandro Creek’s Creek to Bay Cleanup from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. The Friends of San Leandro Creek has access to the site at Hegenburger Road near Hegen Burgers Restaurant.

Before we started, we saw a lot of plastic, muddy bottles, and random discards making the creek look misused and neglected. After the Cleanup we enjoyed viewing pristine plants bordering each side of the peacefully flowing creek!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ALERT!!!!
The Alameda County Food Bank has invited us to a special volunteer Fall Event Saturday, October 19th at 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland. There are two time slots available:
Morning: 9 am to 12 pm
Afternoon: 1 pm to 4 pm

During this event we would sort food, prepare it for distribution to 1 in 5 Alameda County residents that the Food Bank helps. The Food Bank will also offer tours of this facility. I have contacted them to see what the specific requirements are for students to participate in this event. I will post more information as soon as I receive it.

October car wash and Dia de los Muertos.

Financial Update for September 23, 2019
Plate collection………………$5,027.00
EFT……………………… $ 945.00
Total……………………….. $ 5,972.00
Goal……………………… $9,500.00
Over/(Under)………………$(3,528.00)
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
September 28—October 5, 2019

Saturday  5:00     Ann Graves +
Sunday  7:30 Ann Graves +
         9:00 Benjamin Pagurayan
         10:30 John & Margaret Galego +
         12:00 Almeida Family (L)
Monday        8:15 Tony Gonsalves +
Tuesday       8:15 Margaret R. Gonzales +
Wednesday  8:15 Emese Seeberger (+)
Thursday  8:15 Gerry Tinio +
Friday  8:15 Pat Gilmore +
Saturday  8:15 Rosary Makers (L)
         5:00 Clinton Jerome Paul +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday  GYM Pancake Breakfast
         MC Faith Formation 10:15
         SH Confirmation 12 noon
Monday  SH Drama 3p.m.
         GYM CYO 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday  GYM CYO 3:30 pm
         H School Board 7 p.m.
         CR1 RCIA/Adult Conf. 7p.m.
Wednesday  CH Children’s Choir 2p.m.
         H Girls Scout 6 p.m.
         H Boys Scout 7p.m.
         Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.
Thursday  Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.
Friday   Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.
Saturday  GYM CYO 9a.m.
Sunday  GYM CYO 12p.m.
         MC Faith Formation 10:15
         H Confirmation 12 noon

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

  Head Lector:
  Cathy Ralph..............................510 895-0420
  Altar Server Coordinators:
  Dennis Burigsay..........................510 895-1628
  Mike Tedeschi..............................510 357-9447
  Head Communion Minister:
  Faye Caruso................................510 882-5002
  Head Usher: Ed Hernandez...............510 351-7025
  Head Greeter: Hanne Gerardi.............510-393-9989
  Ministry Scheduler:
  Giovanna Giuliani........................510 872-9035
  Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:
  Mary Schirmer............................510 352-1537
  St. Vincent de Paul
    Denis Ducey..............................510 352-6079
  Pastoral Council:
    Doug Taylor..............................510 638-3050
  School Board:
    Paul Carney..............................510 872-2452
  Finance Committee:
    George Brandt............................
    Tuesdays with Larry:
      Larry Graves............................510 352-4777
  Rosary Makers:
    Irene Haines.............................510 483-7975
  CYO:
    Nathaniel Fripp..........................510 789-5565
    Tom Shaddle..............................510 357-1342
  All Saints Skilled Nursing
    Lizette Rocha.............................510 351-1342
  Communion to the Homebound:
    Mary Croak...............................510 352-1537
  Communion to Kindred Hospital:
    Susan Sequeira...........................510 352-5614
  Prayer Chain:
    JoMarie Stavosky........................510 889-9469
  Knit/Crochet Group
    Gloria Calegari..........................510 357-0943
  Linens:
    Anita De Marais..........................510 357-9172
  Cursillo
    Jennie Gisslow...........................510 875-9170
  Hospitality Team

Assumption Parish Mission Statement

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by liturgy and faith formation programs, which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.