

Church of the Assumption
Directory of Ministries

EDUCATION COMMISSION			
Adult Faith Sharing	We study and discuss materials to help us grow in our spiritual life through the use of DVD series and books.	Mickie Zalar	440-237-7155
Adult Continuing Education (ACE)	Assumption is involved in a collaborative adult program with St Basil, St. Matthias, St. Michael, St. Victor and St. Joseph Byzantine. The program sponsors lectures on a monthly basis from September through June that serve to enhance our knowledge of the faith.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690
Bible Study with Mike Dosen	Study sessions are held once a month on Sunday evening in the Fellowship room at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!	Mike Dosen	216-924-3339
Pre-Baptism Instruction	Held in January, May and September at 7:00 p.m. for the benefit of those families who are preparing for Baptism of their first child.	Julie & Brian Hill	440-546-1512
PSR Instructor	Assists in the instruction of children attending public school. 1st – 8th grades meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Preschool will meet Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. Mass after the COVID-19 pandemic.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690
RCIA (adults)	Assists in the formation process for those seeking to join the Catholic Faith, as well as those wishing to learn more about their faith. Meets Tuesday evenings from Labor Day through Pentecost at 7:00 pm.	Fr. Louis Carey, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 220
RCIC (children)	Assists children in the formation process for joining the Catholic Faith.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690
Vacation Bible School	Assist in holding a one week program for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade held the last week of June.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690
EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION			
Our Lady of Victory Intercession	We come together to pray for the spiritual needs of our Parish, our community, families, friends, the world and our personal intentions. We pray the rosary asking our Blessed Mother the Virgin Mary to intercede for us. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 – 8pm in the church. No meetings in June and July. Everyone is Welcome!	Jackie MontAlto Margie Maldonado	330-212-0524 440-526-2450
Welcoming Committee	Responsible for the organization and maintenance of the welcome literature given to new parishioners.	Eva Zabrecky Kathy Kulbago	440-736-7432 440-546-7539
FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION			
Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts Troop 810	A program that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness and skills training for youth. Boy Scouts serve the youth from 6th grade through high school. Cub Scouts serve the youth from grades 1-5.	Scout Master: Paul Botzman Cub Master: Jill	scoutmaster810@juno.com 330-659-5812
CYO Boosters	Organizes, implements and supports athletic activities for the youth of Assumption.	Jerry Knotek	assumptioncyo@yahoo.com
Girl Scouts	Assists girls in building character and gaining skills for success in the real world, including strong values, leadership skills, social consciousness and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. The Cadet Girl Scouts serve girls in grades 7-9, the Junior Girl Scouts from grades 3-6, and the Brownies grades 1-2.	Call St. Albert the Great at Assumption Academy to be directed to the correct Girl Scout Leader	440-526-4877
Golf Leagues (Men)	Meets on Tuesday's from April through September. Men ages 18 and older welcome.	Chris Loerch	616-558-1437
Golf Leagues (Women)	Meets May through August. Women 18 years of age and older welcome.	Debbie Biondo	440-526-9339
FINANCE COMMISSION			
Catholic Charities	Committee responsible for the promotion and organization of the Annual Diocesan Appeal for Catholic Charities in the parish.	Fr. Justin Dyrwal, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 224
Collection Counter	Teams of parishioners who are responsible for the counting and deposit of the Sunday collection. The teams meet on Sunday Mornings from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm.	Ken Jalen	440-526-5847
Endowment Committee	Group of parishioners which oversee the administration of the Assumption Church and Academy Endowment Funds. Meets semi-	AL Pytel, Business Manager	440-526-1177 x219
Finance Committee	Consultative body which advises the pastor on the financial affairs of the parish. The Finance Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.	Jim Knuff	440-736-7172
FUNDRAISING			
Fish Fry Committee	Group of parishioners that organize and administer the Assumption Fabulous Fish Fries.	Jack Wahl	440-526-8472
Gift Card Program (APC Fundraiser)	Group of parishioners responsible for the inventory and sale of gift certificates.	Roza Hering	440-832-0157
Golf Outing	Began in 2018 by a group of parishioners to provide fundraising for the School. This is one of four fundraising events that provide the necessary funds to support the operation of the school.	Al Pytel Ray Freas Dan Jenks	always1@yahoo.com
Indians Game	This is one of four fundraising events that provide the necessary funds to support the operation of the school. Enjoy a fun-filled night at an Indians Game with fellow parishioners. Transportation and food included with your ticket.	Anthony Colantuono	anthony.colantuano@gmail.com
Parish Picnic	Responsible for organization and coordination of the Parish Picnic. Meets from March through August.	Al Pytel Dan Jenks Jack Murrin	always1@yahoo.com 440-526-8465 330-659-5812
We Give Catholic	Northeast Ohio's annual online day of Catholic giving (24 hour event). Held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.	Al Pytel Jodie Varner	440-526-1177 ext.219
PASTORAL COUNCIL			
Pastoral Council	Consultative body that makes recommendations to the Pastor on major matters that concern the life and ministries of the parish. The Council serves to promote the spiritual growth of the parish and fosters communication between the various commissions. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. New members are welcomed each April.	Fr. Justin Dyrwal, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 224
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION			
American Red Cross	Chapter of this organization organizes periodic blood drives here at Assumption.	Colleen Radak	440-829-7482
Garden Club	Men, women and teen volunteers needed to help weed, maintain, and renovate the Parish gardens. There are also opportunities to sponsor plants and trees and to develop a watering program.	Noreen Butano	440-838-1186 msnoreen@att.net
Hands and Hearts with Haiti	We are partners in the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas to provide support and build relationships with the parishioners of St. Anne's in Thomazeau, Haiti.	Mary Zenczak	440-823-2717
Healing Hearts Group	Social support group for those who have lost loved ones. Luncheons are at 2:00 PM on the 3rd of each month. Check the bulletin for restaurant information.	Noreen Butano	440-838-1186 msnoreen@att.net
Human Care Committee	The needs of others and works for peace and justice are served as a living sign of Christ's presence in our faith community of Assumption, the Thea Bowman Center, and St. Anne in Thomazeau, Haiti. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.	Joyce Linton	440-546-9192
Project ESPWA (Hope)	A group that performs sewing and woodworking to benefit the needy in Thomazeau and environs. The sewing circle meets the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Lower Rectory Hall to cut items for patterns and to package completed items. All sewing work is performed at home.	Mary Zenczak	440-823-2717
St. Vincent DePaul Society	Provides material and social help to the needy within the parish and community. Meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month.	Clare and Felix Spittler	440-582-1680

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SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION			
Altar and Rosary Society	Society for women of the parish who honor Our Lady through recitation of the Rosary, raising funds for the beautification of the church and altar, and hosting various social functions. Meetings are the Monday after the first Sunday of the month with Corporate Communion the first Sunday of the month at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.	Maria Fodor	440-877-1123
Blue Army of Fatima	Group of parishioners who are responsible for promoting Marian Devotion in the parish through recitation of the Rosary and maintenance of the Fatima statue for Marian Devotion in the home.	Linda Callahan	440-582-3486
Christ Life	(Discovering Christ, Following Christ, Sharing Christ) A spiritual process designated to strengthen one's basic knowledge and commitment to Jesus, thus providing the tools necessary to share Jesus with others.	Ann Bedard	440-667-3673
Divine Mercy Chapel	Located behind the sanctuary of Assumption Church. The Chapel provides a place for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are encouraged to commit to an hour of adoration every week.	Tim Byrne Jane Luke	440-832-0848 440-526-9426
eLCD Small Groups	Groups of the faithful with a common spiritual aim who meet in one another's homes.	Jackie Montalto	330-212-0524
First Friday Visits	Group of Ministers of Communion who assist the clergy in bringing the Eucharist to the sick of the parish and those in personal care facilities.	Fr. Louis Carey, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 220
Holy Name Society	Society for men that brings honor and glory to the Name of Jesus as well as an annual outreach to the homeless with a sock and underwear drive and projects benefiting parishioners. Meetings are held the Tuesday after the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Corporate Communion is the second Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass.	Ken Jalen	440-526-5847
Knights of Columbus	Our Lady of Charity Council 14406 located at Assumption which promotes charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism among Catholic men 18 years and older. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each	Ron Snyder	216-936-1200
ST. ALBERT THE GREAT AT ASSUMPTION ACADEMY			
Parent CORPS	Group of parents dedicated to the Assumption Academy community. Our mission is to promote, serve, and financially support St. Albert the Great at Assumption Academy.	Karen Kenny	440-390-0382
Principal's Panel	To work in achieving the mission of the school by acting as a liaison group, providing a diversity of talent, information, service, support, and enthusiasm.	School Principal: Rick Kaliszewski	440-526-4877
Service Committee	Responsible for planning and running the school/parish service day each October. Will also assist if needed in the monthly service projects hosted by the student council.	School Principal: Rick Kaliszewski	440-526-4877
Vision Task Force	Meets to strategically steer the operation of St. Albert the Great at Assumption Academy to ensure the continuation of quality, Catholic education.	Head of School: Ed Vittardi	440-237-1032
WORSHIP COMMISSION			
Adult Acolytes	Organization responsible for providing acolytes for Funerals, as well as other liturgies as needed.	Jack Harabedian	440-526-6352
Altar Servers	Provide assistance to the presider of the various liturgical functions at Assumption. Students in the 4th grade through high school are eligible to become altar servers.	Fr. Louis Carey, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 220
Christian Companions	Group of parishioners whose ministry is to bring consolation and assistance to those surviving the loss of a loved one, especially at the Funeral Mass. Christian Companions serve as lector, extraordinary ministers of Communion, and greeters as part of their presence to the mourners at Funerals. Once a year, The Christian Companions host a Memorial Mass where the faithful light candles and pray for those buried from our parish that year.	Donna Klein	440-526-0057
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers in the sharing of The Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass and in taking the Eucharist in Holy Communion to the residents of the Heights Nursing Home and shut-ins.	Donna Schneider	440-384-9714
Lectors	Minister by proclaiming the Word of God at Liturgy.	Donna Schneider	440-384-9714
Liturgy Committee	Recommends policies and procedures which foster strong liturgical life and renewal within the parish by assisting in the planning of the various liturgies celebrated throughout the year. The Liturgy Committee meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am.	Fr. Justin Dyrwal, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 ext. 224
Music Ministry	Assumption has a well-respected music program which includes a traditional adult choir, a youth choir, a contemporary band, cantors and instrumentalists.	David Bird	440-526-1177 ext.267
Ushers	Responsible for the taking up of the Sunday Collection, distribution of materials, and seating at Sunday Liturgy.	Chuck Svihlik	440-526-2305

We would love for you to join one of our many ministries! Please contact the person listed or email us at coarectory@att.net detailing your interest.