

Church of the Assumption
Directory of Ministries

EDUCATION COMMISSION				
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	mzabrecky@coabvm.org
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	miked@mcmanusdosen.com
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.	Fr. Louis Carey, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 x220	lcarey@dioceseofcleveland.org
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	mzabrecky@coabvm.org
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 x220	lcarey@dioceseofcleveland.org
RCIC (children)	Assists children in the formation process for joining the Catholic Faith.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690	mzabrecky@coabvm.org
Vacation Bible School	Assist in holding a one week program for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade held the 3rd week of July.	Mary Zabrecky	440-526-6690	mzabrecky@coabvm.org
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	jmontalto3330@gmail.com mmaldon815@aol.com
Welcoming Committee	Responsible for the organization and maintenance of the welcome literature given to new parishioners.	Kathy Kulbago	440-546-7539	kathykulbago@gmail.com
FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION				
Boy 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.	Scout Master: Darrell Smith	scoutmaster810@juno.com	agiledarrells@gmail.com
Cub Scouts Troop 810	Cub Scouts serve the youth from grades 1-5.	Tara Hawks	216-835-5387	jt022908@yahoo.com
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.	Katie Holub	440-821-9410	katie.holub@assumptionacademy.org
Golf Leagues (Men)	Meets on Tuesday's from April through September. Men ages 18 and older welcome.	Chris Loerch	616-558-1437	chris.loerch@att.net
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 x224	justindosb@gmail.com
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	carolj@disnow.com
Endowment Committee	Group of parishioners which oversee the administration of the Assumption Church and Academy Endowment Funds.	Al Pytel, Business Manager	440-526-1177 x219	apytel@coabvm.org
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	jim.knuff@akc-cpa.com
FUNDRAISING				
Fish Fry Committee	Group of parishioners that organize and administer the Assumption Fabulous Fish Fries.	Al Pytel Roza Hering	440-526-1177	apytel@coabvm.org rhering@coabvm.org
Parish Picnic	Responsible for organization and coordination of the Parish Picnic. Meets from March through August.	Sean Phillips	330-606-7291	buckjets@icloud.com
We Give Catholic	Northeast Ohio's annual online day of Catholic giving (24 hour event). Held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.	Al Pytel	440-526-1177 x219	apytel@coabvm.org

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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 x224	justindosb@gmail.com
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION				
American Red Cross	Chapter of this organization organizes periodic blood drives here at Assumption.	Colleen Radak	440-829-7482	cradak7@gmail.com
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	440-655-2028	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	fivezens@aol.com
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	440-655-2028	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 others. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.	Rick Kaliszewski	440-526-4877	rick.kaliszewski@assumptionacademy.org
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	fivezens@aol.com
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.	Paul Vopat	216-759-0217	pvpopat@hotmail.com
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.	Cathy Kafcsak	440-502-5025	kafcsak@aol.com
Bereavement Group	A support group that provides a space for people who have experienced loss to process their grief and receive social support. It focuses on caring for each grieving individual through compassionate listening and quality grief education. Presents a series called "Grieving with Great Hope" developed by Good Mourning Ministry.	Fr. Justin Dyrwal, O.S.B.	440-526-1177 x224	justindosb@gmail.com
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	-
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	tjbyrne42@yahoo.com jaellu@aol.com
eLCD Small Groups	Groups of the faithful with a common spiritual aim who meet in one another's homes.	Jackie Montalto	330-212-0524	jmontalto3330@gmail.com mmaldon815@aol.com
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	lcarey@dioceseofcleveland.org
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	carolj@disnow.com
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 month at 7:00 pm.	Ron Snyder Jack Murrin	216-936-1200 330-659-5812	jamurrin@yahoo.com

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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.	Kristin Smigelski Rob Holub	440-263-1328 440-821-9410	kristin_smigelski@yahoo.com holub.rob@gmail.com
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	rick.kaliszewski@assumptionacademy.org
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	evittardi@saint-albert.org
WORSHIP COMMISSION				
Adult Acolytes	Organization responsible for providing acolytes for Funerals, as well as other liturgies as needed.	Ann Mancini Ken Simpson	330-618-3742 330-468-0438	skyhighrn53@yahoo.com oscar050752@gmail.com
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	lcarey@dioceseofcleveland.org
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	mkdok@sbcglobal.net
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	rdsas@cox.net
Lectors	Minister by proclaiming the Word of God at Liturgy.	Donna Schneider	440-384-9714	rdsas@cox.net
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 x224	justindosb@gmail.com
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 x267	dbird@coabvm.org
Ushers	Responsible for the taking up of the Sunday Collection, distribution of materials, and seating at Sunday Liturgy.	Chuck Svihlik	440-526-2305	topgunk@aol.com