

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May you find Christ here... May you bring Christ to the world!

January 19,  
2020

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.  
— Isaiah 49:6b

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## Sacraments/Other Information



### BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



### RITE of CONFESSION

“Have mercy on me as a sinner”  
Saturday 4-4:45 pm and Mon-Fri 7:30-8:00am or by appt.



### FUNERALS

Please contact Amanda Suchara, Funeral Coordinator, 636-577-3776, to make final arrangements.



### CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



### FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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*Hello,*

I hope many of you were able to make it to the musical production of “Footloose” last weekend. Congratulations to the cast, crew, directors and all those who participated. Despite tornadoes and snow storms, they still managed to come through with a fantastic show. In the musical they quote the Bible and how David danced before the Lord, but we realize some of us are a little more quiet or reserved in our spirituality, so maybe St. Anthony would be a good example for some of us to consider (or at least for a period of cooling down after the musical). We just celebrated St. Anthony’s feast day on Friday.

Now this isn’t St. Anthony of Padua (he’s the one you get if you do a web search just on the words “St. Anthony” and the one who helps you find lost things), but ‘St. Anthony of the Desert’, also known as ‘St. Anthony of Egypt’ is the one we were celebrating. He is known for not just an ascetic, but for a completely isolated life in the desert. He was born in 251 and when he was between 18 and 20 his fairly wealthy parents died. At that time, he heard the Gospel passage:

“If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” MT 19:21

Most will reflect on this in their lives but they don’t take it completely literally, but Anthony did. He gave away his inheritance to relatives and sold what was left, giving his proceeds to the poor, and went to live by and learn from hermits who lived in huts a little way outside of his town in Upper Egypt. After a few years he is reported as moving to a more remote spot. But after 15 years, when he was 35, he is described as moving to a completely abandoned hill-top in the Arabian desert where he would not see another face for the next 20 years.

At that time, he first accepted some followers to build hermit cells close to him, so that they may converse and he could guide them at times, but he would still maintain great solitude. He is noted as coming into cities twice after this period, first in 311 when he went to Alexandria to help defend the faith, and then later in 338 he returned to Alexandria to help address the heresy at the time of Arianism. After this he would return to the desert and is reported to have lived to the age of 105.

While he was likely not the first to live in such a manner of prayer and solitude, he did receive notoriety for it in different writings and was most widely known through the book “Life of Antony” by Athanasius. Various different practices and teachings are also attributed to him such as the following:

“Abbott Antony taught Abbot Ammonas, saying: You must advance yet further in the fear of God. And taking him out of the cell he showed him a stone, saying: Go and insult that stone, and beat it without ceasing. When this had been done, St. Antony asked him if the stone had answered back. No, said Ammonas. Then Abbott Antony said: You too must reach the point where you no longer take offence at anything.” (Butler’s Lives of the Saints, 17 January, pg 118)

Just as all of us are not called to live in complete isolation or give up all their possessions in this life, I don’t think I will ever quite get to the point of the stone. But that doesn’t mean that I can’t try to do better than where I am right now. May St. Anthony of the Desert, and all of the saints, continue to inspire us to live more holy lives.

Peace,

*Fr. Nick*



**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality



**Assumption Day School Registration!**

Parents of **CURRENT students** (i.e. students already enrolled at Assumption) may begin **ONLINE re-registration** January 20 - March 31. This is for **CURRENT students ONLY**.

Any Family that will have a **NEW student** to Assumption for 2020-21 (even if the family has other children already at Assumption), registration for the *new students* will be in the Gymnasium on Sunday, January 26th from 11:00am-12:30pm, during Open House.

**Financial Peace University:** Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join my Dave Ramsey *Financial Peace University* class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together! Interested? Join me at **Saint Paul Catholic Church** starting **Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 pm**. Contact Ron Chostner at (636) 795-8642 with any questions or sign up for the class at <https://fpu.com/1110307>



The St. Louis Review plays a vital role in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Each week it delivers important news about the local and universal Church and provides the Catholic perspective about news in our communities. If you would like to receive the St. Louis Review, please return the St. Louis Review envelope that was mailed to you in your envelope packet, with a check for \$35, to the collection at Mass or to the parish office. If you do not want to receive the Review please indicate that on your envelope or call the parish and let them know.



**Are you a volunteer for the School or Parish?  
You MUST be in compliance!  
Prevent & Protect STL**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before **December 31, 2020**. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to [www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org) to register and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator, Lynn Crews, with any questions or for further assistance, 314-578-0741. Thank you!



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer

Week at a Glance

**Don't Miss This**

*Parish Mission*  
 Featuring Fr. Jim Sichko  
 #60Minutes with Jesus

Assumption Church  
 O'Fallon, MO  
**7pm-8pm**  
**Reception**  
**Following**

**Mon. Jan. 27 thru**  
**Wed. Jan. 29, 2020**

**Babysitting**  
**available**

**CONTACT US AT (636)240-3721**

|                                | MONDAY 1.20.20  | TUESDAY 1.21.20   | WEDNESDAY 1.22.20   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Mass Time / Intentions</b>  | 6:30am Don Aubuchon<br>8:00am Francis Amptmann                                  | 6:30am Ralph Pieper<br>8:00am Dorothy Arnold  | 6:30am Living and Deceased<br>Parents & Relatives CPPS<br>9:00am James Borgmeyer          |
| <b>Readings</b>                | 1st Reading: 1 Sm 15:16-23<br>Gospel: Mk 2:18-22                                | 1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1-13<br>Gospel: Mk 2:23-28   | 1st Reading: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40<br>Gospel: Mk 3:1-6                                    |
| <b>Reconciliation</b>          | 7:30 - 8:00am Church<br>Or by appointment                                       | 7:30 - 8:00am Church<br>Or by appointment   | 7:30 - 8:00am Church<br>Or by appointment   |
| <b>Other Events/Activities</b> | Old Testament Bible Study<br>10:00am Rooms D/E<br>Parish Council 7:00pm Meyer 2 | Scripture Study 9:30am Meyer 2<br>6:15pm Perpetual Help Devotions Chapel<br>CRHP Men 7:00pm Meyer 2<br>Athletic Assoc. 7:00pm Rooms D/E | RCIA 6:00pm Multi-purpose<br>CRHP Women 6:30pm Hall C<br>Stewardship Mtg 7:00pm Rooms D/E |

## \*ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION\*



Fr. Jim uses real lives experiences and ties those experiences into the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Known for his presentations entitled "60 minutes for Jesus", each talk is geared for all in a family household with no exceptions. Join us for Scripture, songs, stories, laughter and a Jesus-filled 60 minutes!



**Very Good**

Last year, Fr. Jim lead a Mission for Immaculate Conception of Dardenne, this is what Msgr. Wojcicki, Pastor of ICD, had to say about their experience: "The parishioners at ICD were very pleased with the mission presented here by Fr. Jim Sichko. He emphasized the importance of participation at Mass through singing, preparation before Mass, and staying for the whole Mass. He explained and explored the

richness of the faith in a manner which was light-hearted and full of stories yet compelling and challenging. He was one of the few Mission leaders we had who inspired greater attendance each day than the day before. Our parish is already very generous to the poor and the needy; he inspired and challenged to even greater levels of generosity. Our parishioners enjoyed his interactive style with the congregation. He gave equally compelling presentations to our middle school students."

- Msgr Ted Wojcicki, Pastor, ICD



**PRAYER:**  
A heart to heart with God  
"Our strength comes from the Eucharist"



**Note:** A social gathering will follow each evening service to enhance our feeling of parish community. Fr. Jim will be available for informal chats and questions and answers. He will also be selling his book and famous mother's spaghetti sauce! **So that all may attend, other parish functions will be canceled during the Mission and babysitting will be provided.**

**EXCELLENT**



PRAYER

### What is a Mission?

A mission is a time of special grace when God call us into a deeper relationship with Him, a time for personal growth, a time to listen, and a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration.

### Who is a Mission for?

The mission is for all people, from inactive to very active. It is for all ages and for any stage in life - married, single, divorce, separated, widowed, etc. We particularly invite those who want to know more about the church today and how faith can take an active role in the everyday experiences of our lives.

| THURSDAY 1.23.20  | FRIDAY 1.24.20                                  | SATURDAY 1.25.20                                   | SUNDAY 1.26.20  |
|---|---|--|---|
| 6:30am Helen Benson<br>8:00am Victor Bauer                                | 6:30am Sandy Bresnan<br>8:00am Madeline Dove    | 9:00am Sr Janet Voss, CPPS<br>5:00 pm Rose Enright | 8:00 am Charles Grabenhorst<br>10:00 am People of the Parish<br>12:00 pm Dorothy Hoeber<br>5:30 pm Lorraine Hoffman |
| 1st Reading: 1 Sm 18:6-9<br>Gospel: Mk 3:7-12                             | 1st Reading: 1 Sm 24:3-21<br>Gospel: Mk 3:13-19 | 1st Reading: Acts 22:3-16<br>Gospel: Mk 16:15-18   | 1st Reading: Is 8:23—9:3<br>2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13<br>Gospel: Mt 4:12-17  |
| 7:30 - 8:00am Church<br>Or by appointment                                 | 7:30 - 8:00am Church<br>Or by appointment       | 4:00-4:45pm Church<br>Or by appointment            | <b>Catholic Schools Week</b><br>RCIA 8:00am Hall C<br>Open House 11:00am-2:00pm Gym<br>Life Teen 4:00pm Hall C      |
| 7:00pm Legion of Mary Rooms D/E<br>7:00pm RCIA Team meeting Meyer 1 and 2 |   |  |   |



“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



**Respect Life Apostolate - Invitation**

All are invited to come and pray the Rosary on **Friday, January 24** in our Chapel, joining our Teens and Adults who will March for Life/Generation Life in Washington D.C. exactly at the same time! We will begin the scriptural Joyful Mysteries at 11:00am. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**It Is Hard To Imagine That There Could Be Any Life At The Other End Of Our Grief**

The Grief Support Group of Assumption Parish cordially invites those of you, 18 years of age and older, who are grieving the death of a loved one, to our Spring Grief Support Series. Our first session will begin Thursday, **FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020** in the Meyer Room at 7pm. Father Joe Kempf's video series, "No One Cries the Wrong Way" will be incorporated into each session along with prayer, personal sharing, biblical reflection and social time.

To register or for any additional information please contact:  
Lynn Crews at 636-294-0821 or [lynncrews721@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrews721@gmail.com)  
**Registration deadline is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



**Mark Your Calendars: FEBRUARY 6th!  
Dinner & Play at Fort Zumwalt North High School!**

This is a fun evening sponsored by Fort Zumwalt North High School for our Seniors! If you would like to register for the dinner, please call Cheryl at 636-542-7022. There will be a FREE school play following the dinner for us to enjoy! Please call Martha at 636-294-3367 and let her know how many tickets you will need for the play. The name of the play has not yet been selected.

**Perpetual Help Devotions and the Rosary**

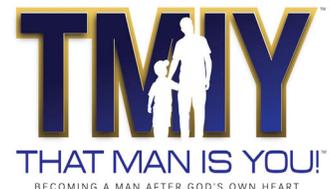
Join us each Tuesday evening at 6:15pm for the recitation of the Rosary, live organ music, and perpetual help prayers in the Chapel.

**Men of Assumption Parish**

Our Spring Session will be starting next week on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 7am for Breakfast and start our session at 7:30am. We'll be done by 8:30am Sharp. We will meet in the lower hall of the Knights of Columbus Hall across from the school. Questions/directions, call Deacon Richard: 314-397-2433. This is going to be an exciting session this Spring and you don't want to miss what the HOLY Spirit has in store for YOU!

**Session 14: What Must I Do**

- Story of Failed Leadership
- Saddest Story in the Gospel
- What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life
- Personal Invitation from Christ
- The Path of Transformation
- Recap of the Spring



# ASSUMPTION LIFE TEEN CALENDAR

All nights end around 8:30pm unless noted



Sun Jan 19 - Life Night: "Pro-Life Night" (Hall C) - 6:45pm  
Wed Jan 22 - NO West House Wednesday (March for Life)  
Sun Jan 26 - NO Life Night (March for Life)

LIFE TEEN: @assumption\_LT @assumption\_life\_teen Assumption Life Teen

**FORMATION**  
Continuous conversion of mind and heart  
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship!

Free Event for Girls & Boys Ages 9-14

Assumption Parish Gym  
January 26th ~ 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Register in advance OR at the door!

For more information OR to register or in advance, please contact, Ron Gardiner at 636-978-7639 or [fs2269@mac.com](mailto:fs2269@mac.com).

Don't miss out on Luke 18 2020!  
Registration Link and General Info on the Assumption Life Teen Webpage:  
[assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen](http://assumptionbvm.org/Youth-Ministry/Life-Teen)

8TH Grade "Luker" Registration Open!



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

During Catholic School's week, which is January 26 - 31, 2020, we remember with gratitude all Catholic educators who have gone before us...we celebrate our current students, teachers, and families...and we continue to look toward a future with great hope. Assumption School is a vibrant, faith-filled, educational environment where children grow into the person God intends. Our mission is to transform our students through the power of faith and knowledge, inspiring each to bring Christ to the world. Maybe you are wondering if your children can experience the rich tradition of a Catholic education—come and see! We begin our weeklong celebration with **Mass at 10am followed by Open House, on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 11am-12:30pm.** Join us to see what's happening in our classrooms and visit with our amazing faculty and staff. We hope to visit with you at any time between 11am-1pm and don't forget to take a few minutes to talk with our principal about our faith-formation and academic programs. We look forward to spending time with you!

## ASSUMPTION SCHOOL REGISTRATION:



On Sunday, January 26, 2020, from 11am-12:30pm, Assumption School is accepting registrations for families who **do not** have an Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori or Pre-K or Kindergarten child **currently** enrolled in our program. (Registration will be sent home for currently enrolled Montessori/Pre-K/Kindergartener on a different date.) All **new** families interested in enrolling their Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori, Pre-K and Kindergarten aged children, will need to go to the school gym to fill out paper work. Please bring with you your child's baptismal record, birth certificate and registration fee (*current registration fee: Infant/Toddler/Primary Montessori and Pre-K is \$125 and Kindergarten is \$250.*)





**SERVICE:**

Love in action  
 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."  
 Matthew 25:40

Service



**January 19, 2020 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

IS 49:3, 5-6; PS 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 COR 1:1-3; JN 1:29-34

Today’s readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, *“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”*

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore He truly does “rank ahead” of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family “rank ahead” of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God’s kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?  
 ~ Excerpts from: *Catholic Diocese of Wichita*



**Scholarship Application Period Opens Soon for 2020-2021 School Year!**

The open application period for Beyond Sunday Scholarships, from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is almost here! Families seeking Catholic education for their elementary or high school children can begin applying for scholarships on January 27th. The application period will run through February 28, 2020. To apply, go to [tief-stl.org/beyond-Sunday](http://tief-stl.org/beyond-Sunday).



**Pictorial Directories ARE HERE!**

If you had you or your family’s photo taken in our Pictorial Directory, you may come by the Parish Office: Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 4:00pm or Fridays, 8:00am - 3pm. We have a limited number of extra copies for \$10 each for anyone who would be interested in purchasing one.

**Knights of Columbus Queen of Hearts Raffle!**

Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the Queen of Hearts jackpot will be \$10,765! At the K of C Hall, doors open at 5:00pm and drawing is at 6:30pm  
 ALSO

The KC Hall will be open (members and non-members) for the **Super Bowl!** We will have 3 TVs with the game on. The (cash) bar will be open. Serving free hamburgers, hot dogs, and chili. Everyone is welcome to bring in their own snacks if they would like.



# MONTESSORI INFANT TODDLER PRIMARY CLASSROOMS

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Want to know more about the Montessori approach to learning?  
come visit our classrooms on January 26, 2020 between 11am-  
1pm for more information.



### Pray the Rosary Before Weekend Masses:

Join us in Church 30 minutes before each weekend  
Mass, for the Rosary. We will gather and pray  
before the Holy Family Statue.



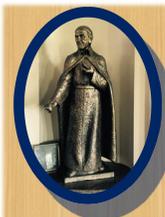
Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of:

*Mel Emge*  
Husband of Mary Emge

*Betty Piel*  
Mother of Jim Piel

*David Bolte*  
Brother of Kathy Conley

*Jean Wilmes*  
Sister of Ruth Rothermich and  
Henry Prinster



### SERVICE:

Love in  
action  
"Truly I tell  
you,  
whatever  
you did for  
one of  
the least  
of these  
brothers and  
sisters of  
mine, you  
did for me."

Matthew  
25:40

Service

### Year End Contribution Statement

The parish mailed the 2019  
contribution statements on  
Friday, January 17th. If you  
do not receive your  
statement in the mail and you  
would like one, please call the  
parish office at 636-240-3721.



## Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

| Includes Christmas Collection        | January 5, 2019 | 7/1/2019 - 12/5/2019 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Envelopes (467) &amp; On Line</b> | \$ 52,102       | \$ 937,076           |
| Loose                                | \$ 1,235        | \$ 35,779            |
| <b>Total</b>                         | \$ 53,337       | \$ 972,855           |

**Needed to sustain our mission \$942,000**

Loan Balance as of 12/31/2019: \$1,545,491

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10



**The Bible Teaches It** (Mal 3:10-12)  
**We Believe It** (Acts 4:32-36)  
**God Honors It** (Gen 14:18-20)

**TITHING**



## Upcoming RETREATS – 2020!

Women’s Retreat: February 8/9

Men’s Retreat: February 22/23



“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body’s growth and builds itself in love.”

Adult Formation

- Ephesians 4:15-16

A CRHP Retreat is a weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging to Assumption parish. Give yourself a weekend you won’t forget. Come and be spiritually renewed while enjoying awesome fellowship, making new friends, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. It is an experience worth your time! It’s also another wonderful way to begin the New Year and kick off Lent!

**CRHP – WHAT IS IT:** “*Christ Renews His Parish*” is an effective spiritual renewal process which call together the members of the parish priests and parishioners in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish.

The secret of the “what” is its simplicity. In the context of the personal rebirth and parish revitalization it is:

- A simple gospel method of renewal and/or conversion: **Evangelization**
- A conducive environment and favorable teaching moment for repentance: **New Rite of Penance**
- A proven experiential way of enlivening and strengthening faith: **Catechesis**
- A communal opportunity for adult commitment: **Rite of Adult Initiation**
- A Specific and proven period for person growth in prayer, scripture, and sharing: **Spiritual Formation**
- A non-threatening and practical instrument for introducing ministry formation: **Lay Ministry**
- A powerful catalyst for on-going communal and parish renewal: **Christian Community Building**

**WHO DOES IT:** A team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the techniques, dynamics and content of the total process. The team formation period in itself becomes an effective “follow-up” for each weekend experience and brings the participants immediately into a group committed to spiritual growth and ministerial formation. The secret of the “who” is that you can’t rent a priest or a team of experts. You have to do it yourself. Shared responsibility flows most effectively out of shared ministry. These ladies that will facilitate this retreat for you this weekend were sitting here, just like you, not so long ago. They are not trained facilitators or expert speakers. They simply followed the nudging of God to attend a retreat...

**For more information:**

**Women’s Retreat:** contact - Kim Thornhill at:(918) 381-7459 or [thornhillproductions@gmail.com](mailto:thornhillproductions@gmail.com)

**Men’s Retreat:** contact - Tim Berry at: 401.318.0266 or [tim.berry51@gmail.com](mailto:tim.berry51@gmail.com)

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