

An Assumptionist Parish fostering faith, build

As the Assumptionists gather for prayer each morning and evening, 20-30 faithful parishioners join them for the Liturgy of the Hours.



Senior Breakfast



Youth Group serving at Senior Breakfast

The generous support that the Society of St. Vincent de classes, youth organizations, cub scouts, and from individu reaching out to those in need. This winter we were able to about thirty families. This spring we were able to help mo food. These are just a few examples of the help that has be to families in need, thanks to the gifts of those who shared t talent and treasure.



Last year's Lenten almsgiving project for our students and their families supported a new Assumptionist community in the diocese of Lugazi, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Money was raised through Lenten offering boxes and a parish wide bake sale which helped provide funds for a new roof on St. Augustine's Church. This year's Lenten campaign helped support the completion of a generating complex at Mbau, an Assumptionist parish in the Congo, which will provide electricity for the agricultural plantation of the Palmba, enabling the African Province to be self-sufficient, supplying work, food, a palm oil refinery, carpentry shop, and brick making kilns.

When asked to share a few reflective thoughts on his first year's teaching experience in the Religious Education Program, catechist Scott Matzelle replied, "...I really did not know what to expect. It was pleasant to speak openly about faith with the kids and not get the skepticism you often hear when speaking with adults. They had a refreshing willingness to learn and to share their experiences. Teaching also provided me with the opportunity to refresh my own knowledge of key teachings that I have not reflected upon recently."



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Paul receives from groups, such as the Faith Formation group, demonstrates the Assumptionist spirit of service by distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts to families in need, as well as with extended family members, as well as with their time,



From the very beginning, our apostolate has taken on various forms: teaching, study, pilgrimages, parish ministry...

Rule of Life # 18

Thanksgiving baskets for those in need



Parish Youth Group



With the shrine on the grounds of our parish, our Religious Education Program held, for the first time last Fall, a "Scavenger Hunt" for the children and their families. It was a wonderful 'teachable moment' which helped our families realize the beauty and holiness of the grounds that we sometimes take for granted.

On our shrine grounds we have the Angel of Hope Memorial which was dedicated on September 15, 2007. It was brought to Sturbridge, MA as a place for families and friends to visit, to reflect, and to pray. It was made possible through the generous donations and support of many people. The Angel project speaks from the heart and has touched the lives of many who have lost a child or who have never experienced this loss but wanted to make a difference.



ANGEL OF HOPE STATUE



An Assumptionist ...for the rest of my life

Professing the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for the rest of my life is an expression of my freedom to fully accept my religious identity as an Assumptionist. To be recognized as a full member of the Assumptionist family is also a visible manifestation of my commitment to serve God and God's people for the sake of the Kingdom. It is also a commitment to respond to the call to imitate Christ in a more visible and concrete way, and I have freely accepted my responsibilities to be a persistent witness of God's concrete love for God's people.

The Assumptionist family and friends who have journeyed with me during the past nine years of formation have allowed me to experience the most visible expression of God's love and goodness for me. They helped lead me when I felt lost; they gave me hope when I felt hopeless; they gave me support when I needed it most; and they gave me strength when I felt weak. I express my gratitude towards those who continue to support me and love me. Through them, I am encouraged to accept my religious identity freely.

Ron, a.a .

[On April 20, 2013 in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts]



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Come to the Annual Novena to Saint Anne

Each year the shrine is host to many visitors from all over the world. In July our Annual Novena to St. Anne is held from the 18th through the 26th, the feast of Saint Anne. Because of the uniqueness of inviting celebrants and speakers from different ethnic groups and also different denominations to each of the nine days, the number of pilgrims attending has increased, filling our Pavilion on most nights with standing room only. It is truly an occasion to reflect and embrace the true spirit of unity and diversity.

