

He is
Risen



MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 PM Maria Tripicchio
Love, Sal & Family

SUNDAY March 31 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Domenico Michael Petracca
Love, Mom & Dad

12:00 PM Caterina & Pasquale Pontoriero
daughter, Fontina Maria

EASTER MONDAY April 1

8:00 AM Eleanor Butasek
Nephew, Casimir Muroski

EASTER TUESDAY April 2

8:00 AM Patrick W. Flynn
Nancy Morey

EASTER WEDNESDAY April 3

8:00 AM Kevin Ng - 13th Anniversary †
Love, Mom, Dad, Sharon & Alex

EASTER THURSDAY April 4

8:00 AM Anne Prevosto
Fr. Paul

EASTER FRIDAY April 5

8:00 AM Phil Infuso, loving father & grandfather
Joe Infuso, Susanne & Jason Keicher

EASTER SATURDAY April 6

8:00 AM Christine Jablonski
Deacon Dave & Linda Farrell

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Corporate Mass

SUNDAY April 7 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Kathleen Filak
Betty & Tony Santora

12:00 PM Ted Kachnowski
Debbie & Joe Kachnowski

The Corporate Mass Offerings
April 6 at 5:00 P.M. Mass

Vincent DiCecco req. by wife, Phyliss & family

Lillian & Richard Powers, Jr.
req. by son, Richard and family

Ronald Wright req. by Barbara Goss

Gloria Rorro req. by Angela Gravina

MEETINGS


Finance Council	TBA	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	TBA	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	Apr 08	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Apr 24	7:00	Loreti Hall

Prayer List: To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Aaron Carr, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Linda Geiger, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Brianna Klinger, Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Stephanie LaFosse, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Mary Ann Mansueto, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Viola Meehan, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones
Theresa Karaman



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

COME, PRAY WITH US

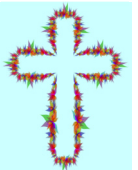
Adoration and St. Anthony Novena -
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Holy Rosary - First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church

Perpetual Novena of St. Jude - after the Saturday 8 AM Mass

Special Memorial Donations

Bread for Mass given
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48
Friday Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sunday Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

For readings go to: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ or scan this >>>>



Why is Easter the Greatest feast, yet it doesn't seem to be as widely celebrated, or commercially promoted as Christmas?

It is because the Christian message of Easter is a subversive religious message and one that defies science: Christ has risen!

Jesus seems to most to be an exceptional man, though nonetheless a man. He taught love of neighbor, forgiveness of sins, prayer for one's enemies, and a moral life of respect for oneself and others. He raised the dead, healed the sick, expelled demons, and even turned water into wine. To many, these are only beautiful stories, symbolic acts, and enlightening parables.

Yet to the Christian he is more than just a prophet or teacher or wise man - He is Lord and God. He is Risen from the Dead. We celebrate this truth of the Christian religion because we are a religion of faith not of laws, or pillars, or opinions. We believe in the truth which sets us free from the tyranny of the world that would entrap us in sin and condemn us to death. The worldliness that tempts us to put our trust in wealth, in the future, in our own abilities is a lie. And the prince of lies is Satan who despises that we are exulted above the angels.

We believe in the Resurrection but for those who do not, Jesus is at best a special figure of history. But for the believer, he calls us to be different. In fact, to be Christ to others, to become divine in the sense that we live and experience life as God's instruments of mercy, forgiveness, love, and peace.

With belief in the Resurrected Jesus comes the realization that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. So his teachings are not simply divinely inspired but flow from his human experience too. And so, he compels us to reach out to the poor, have pity on the suffering, pray for our enemies, to live a simple life and put the needs of others before our own. This is very radical yet nothing new. It was just as difficult to love an enemy in Jesus' time as it is now. Greed and corruption were as common then as today. Poverty and oppression, violence and disrespect for the human person have endured for centuries, but when the Christian faithful realize their calling to be Christ to others, the world experiences peace, compassion, and mercy. Life triumphs over death, love triumphs over hatred, hope triumphs over despair and suffering is not the last word as the Resurrection assures us.

By walking out of the tomb nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus declared something all together new which cannot be overcome by the world. It is a message that cannot be contained. The resurrection says not only that Christ has the power over death, but something more radical. He has the power to make all things new.

A Blessed Easter to all.
Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

**ADDICTION TREATMENT REFERRAL
PROGRAM
for persons suffering from acute addiction**

Within 48 hours of receipt of referral, NJRC will provide linkage to and commencement of addiction treatment services to referred persons. These services will include but are not limited to linkages for intake, the creation of a personalized long-term treatment plan, detoxification, ambulatory withdrawal management, induction on Suboxone or buprenorphine or the initiation of Vivitrol, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and/or induction of Medication Assisted Treatment, as needed and appropriate. Where appropriate, court-involved persons and justice-involved veterans will also be enrolled and referred to NJRC's Orientation and additional wrap-around services, including job training and employment, mental health and medical care, transportation, and license restoration services.

To connect yourself or a loved one to addiction treatment or for any questions, please contact NJRC Chief Operating Officer Robert Carter at **732-948-5880** or rcarter@njreentry.org.



How intense was your joy in this Easter season? Sharing Easter joy with a meal and the support of family and friends is a yearly celebration that most of us cherish. Some people, however,

have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the sufferings of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, tools, toys, and children's books to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

Sanctity of Life

2024 RACHEL'S VINEYARD DATES

April 5-7, 2024

September 20-22, 2024

**For more details, please call Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office**

Contact the Respect Life Office for retreats by calling

**973-497-4350, or e-mail:
Cheryl.Riley@rcan.org**

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

**Save your Children from "adult" websites.
Protect your chastity, now!**

Go to Freefiltering.org and learn how to block those unwanted sites from your eyes. Protect your virtue, guard your children's innocence.

It really works by blocking sites in your Wi-Fi server. Act now before your children stumble upon one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.

STEWARDSHIP

Palm Sunday's Collection: TBA

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynch@rcan.org.

Qualified Charitable Distributions Save on Taxes!

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be taxable income according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. However, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.



Our parish has pledged \$14,583.01—36% of the goal to the 2024 Annual Appeal .

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, or scanning the QR code..



STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, from 1-3pm.

Mary's Grotto from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday Religious Items Gift Shoppe

Location: Basement of the School of Religion
Items: **Bibles, Rosaries, Statues of saints, sacramentals and Much more**
Holiday Gifts and Items: Easter and Christmas, Sacraments – baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage.
Help with ordering an item for you if it is not available in the store.

Hours may be limited during the winter months after Christmas and during the summer, but you can always make an appointment to visit and make a purchase.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

April 2024

5:00 PM	Nancy Malta	John Mattingly
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryanne Mansueto
10:30 AM	Lisa Crosta Diane Burgos	James Kompany Steve Petruzelli
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Brenda Aragon Prescott

March 30/31

April 6/7

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Taveras/Kachnowski	Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM	Anthony Cordero	Tom DiMaio
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra
12:00 PM	Patty Muccia	Benjamin Ravelo

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	Anthony & Angelo	Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM	Ethan Pama	
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Alaina Quintela
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine



HOMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
Holy Saturday, 30 March 2002

1. "God said: 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Gen 1:3). An explosion of light, which God's word brought forth from nothing, rent asunder *the first night, the night of Creation*. The Apostle John will write: "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 Jn 1:5). God did not create darkness but light! And the Book of Wisdom, clearly revealing that God's work has always had a positive purpose, puts it thus: "He created all things that they might exist; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them; and the dominion of Hades is not on earth" (Wis 1:14). In that first night, the night of Creation, is rooted the Paschal Mystery which, following the tragedy of sin, represents the restoration and the crowning of that first beginning. The divine Word called into existence all things and, in Jesus, became flesh for our salvation. And if the destiny of the first Adam was to return to the earth from which he had been made (cf. Gen 3:19), the last Adam has come down from heaven in order to return there in victory, the first-fruits of the new humanity (cf. Jn 3:13; 1 Cor 15:47).

2. Another night constitutes the fundamental event of the history of Israel: it is the wondrous Exodus from Egypt, the story of which is read each year at the solemn Easter Vigil.

"The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. The people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left" (Ex 14:21-22). The People of God was born from this "baptism" in the Red Sea, when it experienced the powerful hand of the Lord who snatched it from slavery in order to lead it to the yearned-for land of freedom, justice and peace.

This is the *second night, the night of the Exodus*.

The prophecy of the Book of Exodus is fulfilled today also for us, who are Israelites according to the Spirit, descendants of Abraham because of faith (cf. Rom 4:16). In his Passover, as the new Moses, Christ has made us pass from the slavery of sin to the freedom of the children of God. Having died with Jesus, with him we rise to new life, thanks to the power of his Spirit. His Baptism has become our baptism.

3. You too will receive this Baptism, which brings us into a new life, dear catechumens from different countries: from Albania, China, Japan, Italy, Poland, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Two of you, a Japanese mother and a Chinese mother, have each brought their child, so that, in the same celebration, the mothers and the children will be baptized together.

"On this most holy night", when Christ rose from the dead, you too will experience a spiritual "exodus": leave behind your former life and enter the "land of the living". This is the *third night*, the night of the Resurrection.

4. "Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead!". We sang these words in the *Easter Proclamation* at the beginning of this solemn Vigil, the Mother of all Vigils.

After the tragic night of Good Friday, when "the power of darkness" (Lk 22:53) seemed to have prevailed over the One who is "the light of the world" (Jn 8:12), after the great silence of Holy Saturday, in which Christ, having completed his work on earth, found rest in the mystery of the Father and took his message of life into the pit of death, behold at last the night which precedes "the third day", on which, in accordance with the Scriptures, the Messiah would rise, as he himself had often foretold to his disciples.

"Night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and man is reconciled to God!" (*Easter Proclamation*).

5. This is the night of nights, the night of faith and of hope. While all is shrouded in darkness, God – the Light – keeps watch. With him there keep watch all who hope and trust in him.

O Mary, this is truly your night! As the last lights of the Sabbath are extinguished, and the fruit of your womb rests in the earth, your heart too keeps watch! Your faith and your hope look ahead. Behind the heavy stone, they already detect the empty tomb; behind the thick veil of darkness, they glimpse the dawn of the Resurrection.

Grant, O Mother, that we too may keep watch in the silence of the night, believing and hoping in the Lord's word. Thus shall we meet, in the fullness of light and life, Christ, the first-fruits of the risen, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Dear Catechists, Parents and Students:

On behalf of the Religious Education Office of the Church of the Assumption, we wish you and your families joy, peace and hope in the Risen Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Debbie Kachnowski, Parish Catechetical Leader

Deacon Dave, Religious Education Coordinator

Twelve Essential Keys to

LIVING GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED FAMILY

Did you know the Church calls your family the "Domestic Church", a "school of love," and a "light in a dark world?" Yes, your family! Not because of what you look like, feel like, or have accomplished, but because of what you are. Family life often feels like a mess because true, authentic love is a messy project. Come find out what God's plan is for your family amidst the mess.

JOIN US AS WE DIVE DEEPER

May 1, 2024 7pm

Koinonia Academy

1040 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

\$ 25

All proceeds will directly benefit Owens' ministry, Joyful Ever After

SCAN TO REGISTER

GUEST SPEAKER:

DAMON OWENS

Damon Owens, international speaker and evangelist, is executive director of Joyful Ever After (joyfulverafter.org), and National Parish Engagement Officer for Communion.org. The first executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute, Damon has dedicated three decades to helping couples get the marriage they want from the marriage they have and equipping the Church to evangelize through the renewal of healthy relationships, marriage, and the family. Damon and his wife, Melanie, have been married 30 years. They have eight children, two grandchildren, and currently live outside of Philadelphia.

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ACADEMY

Jesus is Lord

Grazie Mille—Many Thanks

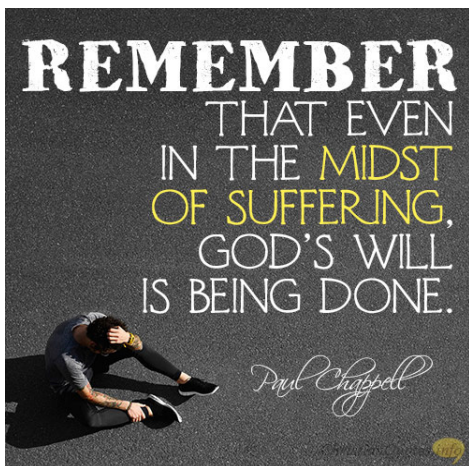
Ever since my routine surgery on a heria, I had been sick in bed for 4 weeks. Unexpected side effects resulted in thrush and UTI. My surgeon never recommended I see a doctor so I assumed this would pass but I only became worse and nearly starved having lost my appetite.

Finally I went to the urologist and I am under his care and am getting better. I do expect a medical procedure April 10th and should be back to full health with that.

I have received many cards, emails, hot meals and good prayers from you. To know that I am loved by you has given me strength to endure my medical woes. God gives us trials and I have come to better sympathize with others who suffer and better know humility and how to offer my suffering for the salvation of sinners.

May the good Lord bless you for your love and kindness.

Pax Christi,
Fr. Paul



The **ESL Class** we end March 25.
We will begin again in September!

WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

Readers for Mass: please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

Communion Ministers: please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

Please call Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.

Lazarus Ministry
Comfort the Sorrowing



Assist grieving families as they prepare their loved one's funeral.
All you need is a kind disposition and attentive heart.

Call Marge Denci at 908-507-6306 to find out how you too can serve Christ thru others.



Knight's Corner

The #3240) of like to learn

Knights of Columbus (Council the Church of the Assumption would invite any interested men, that wish to more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. Or go to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> to apply. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

Answer the call.

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"The suffering of adversity does not degrade you but exalts you. Human tribulation teaches you; it does not destroy you. The more we are afflicted in this world, the greater is our assurance for the next. The more we sorrow in the present, the greater will be our joy in the future."

St. Isidore of Seville, April 4

Attention **Food Tent Volunteers,**

We look forward to your continued support in volunteering in the Food Tent at the St. Anthony Feast. To get started, we would like to have a preliminary meeting on Monday April 8th at 7:00 PM to discuss menu items/specials, pricing, scheduling, etc..

New volunteers welcome.

Monday April 8th 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Room: Upper Parish Hall

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or
speak to one of the Priests.
or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at
eugenio.delarama@rcan.org

Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at
Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org
or call 973-497-4368

24th Annual Feast of St. Anthony

June 6-9, 2024



A Feast to Honor our Saint Anthony doesn't just happen. It requires the service of parishioners and devotees to make things a success and have God's Blessing on our efforts. Now is the time to put your talents at the service of your parish.

Volunteers: There are many different ways to volunteer: Game Booths, Food Stand, St. Anthony Procession and Devotion, and the many **behind the scenes** work like: Security, Operations, Vendors, Publicity and Entertainment.

Call Greg Demeter at 917-664-8563 or gdemeter07@yahoo.com No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to be of service to the parish.

Volunteer Form—simply fill it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory:
113 Coolidge Place, RP, NJ 07204 or call Greg Demeter at 917-664-8563

Name _____	I am available
Phone# _____	_____ June 6
Email: _____	_____ June 7
I am interested in:	_____ June 8
_____ Game Booth	_____ June 9
_____ Clean-up	
_____ Set-up	
_____ Food Tent/Service	
_____ Vendor Committee	
_____ Publicity work	
_____ Entertainment Committee	
_____ Security	

**Be a Volunteer
& enjoy the Feast**

SPONSORS WANTED...

The Feast Sponsorship Committee is looking for Local Businesses (NOT only in Roselle Park) who may be interested in Sponsoring the Feast. If you know any businesses (New or Favorites) who would like the exposure that our Feast can provide, Please let me know... Thank You.

Jerry Vitale, Gerald.Vitale@gmail.com or text at 908-591-9055

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