

**“They have taken the  
Lord from the tomb.”**

JOHN 20:2



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### EASTER VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 PM **In thanksgiving**  
Gilberto Sanchez

### SUNDAY April 9 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM **People of the People**

10:30 AM **Maria Tripicchio**  
Love, Sal

12:00 PM **Tadeus Kachnowski**  
Debbie & Joe Kachnowski

### EASTER MONDAY April 10

8:00 AM **Adelina Pasquale Consentino**  
Love, Sal

### EASTER TUESDAY April 11

8:00 AM **Rosemarie Infuso Owens**  
Happy Birthday in Heaven,  
The Infuso & Keicher Family

### EASTER WEDNESDAY April 12

8:00 AM **Henry Adamkowski**  
Loving wife, Phyllis

### EASTER THURSDAY April 13

8:00 AM **Frank Baumbach**  
daughter Mariann

### EASTER FRIDAY April 14

8:00 AM **Emil Popovici**  
Chris Harms

### EASTER SATURDAY April 15

8:00 AM **Saverio Badalucco**  
Love, Paul

### ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30 PM **Vincent DiCeccio**  
Grace Scapicchio

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 16

8:00 AM **People of the People**

10:30 AM **The Grossi Family**  
Teddy Grossi

12:00 PM **Juan Mazza**  
Maria Mazza

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 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, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
Jn 20:19-31

For readings go to: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/)



**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., Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Rev. Msgr. Peter Cheplic, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner, Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Rudy Salazar, Ann Sisalli, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones

Richard Miciek

### 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.



**Adoration &  
St. Anthony  
Novena  
Tuesdays  
7:30 PM  
Church**

### MEETINGS

Finance Council	May 01	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	May 08	7:00	UPH
St. Vincent de Paul	Apr 11	8:00	Chapel
Rosary Society	May 08	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Apr 26	8:00	Loreti Hall

**Special Donations**—call the office to make donations for Bread & Wine for Mass, Candles, Sanctuary Light or Tabernacle flowers. Special Donation envelopes are at the doors of the church.

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAUREEN RITTER**

Requested by Joanne Tricarico  
Donation of Bread & Wine for Mass  
Donation of The Sanctuary Lamp





**THE PASCHAL CANDLE REPRESENTS  
CHRIST,  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

The beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His human Nature, the flame, His Divine Nature.

Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday a new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega `the beginning and the end') and the current year, as he chants a prayer; then he affixes the five grains of incense. The priest or deacon carries the candle in procession into the dark church.

The Paschal candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Paschal season until Pentecost. The Paschal Candle is also lighted for baptisms, confirmations, and at funerals.

**This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by Connie Toth in memory of the one who donated his kidney to save her life.**

**The Paschal Feast** is the time we commemorate the passing over of Christ Jesus from death to life, and being baptized into Christ, we too are assured of passing over from this life to life eternal with our Creator and Redeemer.

Christ showed us the way in becoming like us. He was born, lived, suffered and died, but not in vain. What he did, was for us. He took on our sins and so had to die. In taking our sins to the cross he destroyed the cause of our death. By the love of his Father, he rose in the power of the Spirit and now we inherit as the sons & daughters of God, the Way of Christ. We are born, we live as his disciples, and we suffer and die, not in vain but in great hope. As his disciples we are his instruments on earth, bringing his love to others through our forgivingness, our love for others, enemies and neighbors alike, and if we have done this with sincerity of heart and for love of God, we will inherit the eternal life Christ earned for us through the cross and promised to us at baptism.

Christus resurrexit! - Vere resurrexit!

Fr. Paul

Dear Catechists, Parents and Students:

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

Debbie Kachnowski, Parish Catechetical Leader  
Deacon Dave, Religious Education Coordinator  
Mary Stewart, Spiritual Activities Coordinator



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

Go to [Freefiltering.org](http://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 see one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.

## *Sanctity of Life*

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting four upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats in 2022 to heal the wounds from abortion. Retreat dates are:

September 22-24

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350, or e-mail:

[Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org)

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

## COME, PRAY WITH US

**St. Anthony Novena** - Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

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

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

### Easter: The Principal Feast

Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Pope Leo I (Sermo xlvii in Exodum) calls it the greatest feast (festum festorum), and says that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. It is the centre of the greater part of the ecclesiastical year. The order of Sundays from Ash Wednesday to the last Sunday after Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and all other movable feasts, from that of the Prayer of Jesus in the Garden (Tuesday after Septuagesima) to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi), depend upon the Easter date. Commemorating the slaying of the true Lamb of God and the Resurrection of Christ, the corner-stone upon which faith is built, it is also the oldest feast of the Christian Church, as old as Christianity, the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments. That the Apostolic Fathers do not mention it and that we first hear of it principally through the controversy of the Quartodecimans are purely accidental. The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal. Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal, like the relation between type and reality, because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figures and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb, which was eaten towards evening of the 14th of Nisan. In fact, the Jewish feast was taken over into the Christian Easter celebration; the liturgy (Exsultet) sings of the passing of Israel through the Red Sea, the paschal lamb, the column of fire, etc. Apart, however, from the Jewish feast, the Christians would have celebrated the anniversary of the death and the Resurrection of Christ. But for such a feast it was necessary to know the exact calendar date of Christ's death. To know this day was very simple for the Jews; it was the day after the 14th of the first month, the 15th of Nisan of their calendar. But in other countries of the vast Roman Empire there were other systems of chronology. The Romans from 45 B.C. had used the reformed Julian calendar; there were also the Egyptian and the Syro-Macedonian calendar. The foundation of the Jewish calendar was the lunar year of 354 days, whilst the other systems depended on the solar year. In consequence the first days of the Jewish months and years did not coincide with any fixed days of the Roman solar year. Every fourth year of the Jewish system had an intercalary month. Since this month was inserted, not according to some

scientific method or some definite rule, but arbitrarily, by command of the Sanhedrin, a distant Jewish date can never with certainty be transposed into the corresponding Julian or Gregorian date (Ideler, *Chronologie*, I, 570 sq.). The connection between the Jewish and the Christian Pasch explains the movable character of this feast. Easter has no fixed date, like Christmas, because the 15th of Nisan of the Semitic calendar was shifting from date to date on the Julian calendar. Since Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, had been slain on the very day when the Jews, in celebration of their Passover, immolated the figurative lamb, the Jewish Christians in the Orient followed the Jewish method, and commemorated the death of Christ on the 15th of Nisan and His Resurrection on the 17th of Nisan, no matter on what day of the week they fell. For this observance they claimed the authority of St. John and St. Philip.

In the rest of the empire another consideration predominated. Every Sunday of the year was a commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ, which had occurred on a Sunday. Because the Sunday after 14 Nisan was the historical day of the Resurrection, at Rome this Sunday became the Christian feast of Easter. Easter was celebrated in Rome and Alexandria on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, and the Roman Church claimed for this observance the authority of Sts. Peter and Paul. The spring equinox in Rome fell on 25 March; in Alexandria on 21 March. At Antioch Easter was kept on the Sunday after the Jewish Passover. (See EASTER CONTROVERSY.) In Gaul a number of bishops, wishing to escape the difficulties of the paschal computation, seem to have assigned Easter to a fixed date of the Roman calendar, celebrating the death of Christ on 25 March, His Resurrection on 27 March (Marinus Dumienis in P.L., LXXII, 47-51), since already in the third century 25 March was considered the day of the Crucifixion (Computus Pseudocyprianus, ed. Lersch, *Chronologie*, II, 61). This practice was of short duration. Many calendars in the Middle Ages contain these same dates (25 March, 27 March) for purely historical, not liturgical, reasons (Grotenfend, *Zeitrechnung*, II, 46, 60, 72, 106, 110, etc.). The Montanists in Asia Minor kept Easter on the Sunday after 6 April (Schmid, *Osterfestberechnung in der abendlandischen Kirche*). The First Council of Nicaea (325) decreed that the Roman practice should be observed throughout the Church. But even at Rome the Easter term was changed repeatedly. Those who continued to keep Easter with the Jews were called Quartodecimans (14 Nisan) and were excluded from the Church. The computus paschalis, the method of determining the date of Easter and the dependent feasts, was of old considered so important that Durandus (Rit. div. off., 8, c.i.) declares a priest unworthy of the name who does not know the computus paschalis. The movable character of Easter (22 March to 25 April) gives rise to inconveniences, especially in modern times. For decades scientists and other people have worked in vain for a simplification of the computus, assigning Easter to the first Sunday in April or to the Sunday nearest the 7th of April. Some even wish to put every Sunday to a certain date of the month, e.g. beginning with New Year's always on a Sunday, etc. [See L. Günther, "Zeitschrift Weltall" (1903); Sandhage and P. Dueren in "Pastor bonus" (Trier, 1906); C. Tondini, "L'Italia e la questione del Calendario" (Florence, 1905).]



## **PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

**Call 973-313-6190 or  
speak to one of the Priests.  
or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at  
[eugenio.delarama@rcan.org](mailto:eugenio.delarama@rcan.org)**

## **Religious Life for Women and Men**

**Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at  
[Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org](mailto:Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org)  
or call 973-497-4368**

Holweck, F. (1909). Easter. In *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. New York: Robert Appleton Company.



**Recovering the Full  
Celebration of the Liturgy**  
*Liturgical Music*

*The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value...as sacred song closely bound to the text, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.*  
—Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112

Music is all around us in every aspect of our lives. It accompanies us in our cars and on our walks. It is playing overhead in stores, salons and even elevators. It has been around since the first person hummed a tune, perhaps trying to imitate the chirps and songs of birds.

Music is an integral part of the Church's worship. Unlike much of the music heard in daily life, liturgical music is live and it invites participants to sing. The use of live church music is a reminder of the importance of authenticity in the liturgy. No artificial flowers; no artificial symbols; and no prerecorded music! It is also key to the participation of the assembly in the liturgy.

Many parishes were forced to reduce the amount of singing or even eliminate it altogether during the height of the pandemic. Now that post-pandemic life is emerging, a moment of grace lies before us calling parishes to revitalize music; to return to fuller celebrations of the liturgy and fulfill the teaching of the church which requires that "Every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation" (GIRM, 40).

Music in the liturgy fulfills many purposes. It often accompanies liturgical action like the opening song of Mass which is sung during the entrance procession or the Lamb of God which accompanies the breaking of the bread. Music itself can be a prayer as in the singing of the Gloria or the Holy, Holy, Holy. Liturgical music shapes the liturgy and the seasons of the church year. It can voice hope at a funeral and joy on Easter morning. Music in liturgy is also key to participation. The assembly is united as one body when it sings together the hymns and acclamations of the Mass. Most of the vocalizing done by the assembly in a liturgy is singing. When the entire assembly sings along at Mass, it makes for a vibrant community of faith, which draws others into the church. The US Bishops' document on music, *Sing to the Lord*, says that "good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it. Good music 'make[s] the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively'" (STL, 5). It is time for parishes to restore vibrant music and robust singing to their liturgies. It is time to promote rich, full celebrations which increase the faith and participation of all who come to worship.



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**STEWARDSHIP**

Palm Sunday's Collection (April 2): TBA

**PLEASE REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER**

Advantages of Registration

1. Eligibility to be a godparent. Properly married in the church, at least 16, received Confirmation and practicing the faith dutifully without impediment.
2. The parishioner rates for weddings and Catholic schools
3. Proof of residency for immigrants and a positive recommendation from the pastor that you contribute to the parish and society.
4. Receiving envelopes shows that you contribute to the welfare of the parish.

**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.lynych@rcan.org](mailto:Theresa.lynych@rcan.org).



**When you make your pledge you may designate it for a special program.**

**Remember to select  
Assumption Parish (024),  
Roselle Park.**

**Go to [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing)**

The 2023 Annual Appeal is underway! We have \$15,735 already pledged. This is approximately 42% of our goal of \$37,598. Stretch goal is \$41,101.00

The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship.

If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

Thank you for your prayers and support.

*The Children of  
Church of the Assumption present  
The Easter Play  
You're invited!*



*Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023*

*1:30 PM*

*Loreti Hall (Church basement)*

*113 Coolidge Place*

*Roselle Park, NJ*

*Admission is free*

*Refreshments will be served*

*~ Please join us ~*

## Union Catholic High School

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Soar Beyond Your Dreams at Union Catholic!

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential. Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special!

Visit our website [unioncatholic.org](http://unioncatholic.org)  
to reserve your seat or call us at  
908-889-1600, ext. 302

### FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL AT UNION CATHOLIC HS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 12-5 pm

Live Music, Beer & Wine - Fun for All Ages!

For more info, or if you would like to be a vendor,  
email [alestarchick@unioncatholic.org](mailto:alestarchick@unioncatholic.org)



## Knights' Corner

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested men, that wish to learn 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

### Need to Complete your Sacraments? (Confirmation, Marriage) Desire Baptism?

Many distractions in life disrupt our relationship with the Lord and the reception of his Sacraments which gift us with many graces.

If you have not yet received your CONFIRMATION, which is important for marriage, please call our parish catechetical leader, Mrs. Debbie Kachnowski at 908-245-6572 and join our catechesis for Confirmation.

If you have not had your MARRIAGE blessed in the church, please call Fr. Paul Prevosto at 908-24-1107 to arrange your Church wedding. Matrimony is a Sacrament, and Catholics in order to receive the other Sacraments (anointing of the sick, confession, and Eucharist) must have their marriage blessed by the Church.

If you desire BAPTISM OR FULL COMMUNION in the Catholic Church please call Deacon Dave Farrell at 908-245-6572 to prepare for your welcome into the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Christ not only called us to turn away from sin and be baptized, he also asks us to live a life in union with all the faithful in his Church. Don't delay for we do not know the hour or day on which our Lord will call us to himself.

#### COMMUNION MINISTERS

##### April 2023

5:30 PM	Rita Kushner, Richard Powers,	Loretta Raczynski, Alex Wisniewski
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryann Mansueto
10:30 AM	James Kompany	Steven Petruzelli
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	

#### LECTORS

##### April 8/9

##### April 15/16

5:30 PM	Taveras/Campbell	Leona Seufert
8:00 AM	Anthony Cordero	John Ballantyne
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra
12:00 PM	Nicholas Milici	Debbie Kachnowski

#### SERVERS

5:30 PM	A & A Geronimo Scipioni, Quintela	A & A Geronimo
8:00 AM	Loretta Raczynski	Ethan Pama
10:30 AM	A & N Motley G Scipioni	G. Scipioni A. Quintela
12:00 PM	E & W Casaine A Quintela	E & W Casaine

## Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, April 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6389.

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