

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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ROSELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07204

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE ITS DOOR IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS!



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019**

SERVED BY:

Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F., Pastor
Dean, Union County North

Rev. Father Carmine Rizzi, Priest-in-Residence

Rev. Deacon David J. Farrell, Deacon and
Director of Religious Education

Michael Casa, Elizabeth Santora, Trustees

Donna Schmatz, Organist and Music Coordinator

Virginia Jediny, Parish Secretary

Karen Colucci, Religious Education Coordinator

New members of the Parish are welcome and invited to **REGISTER** by calling the Rectory Office. Please notify the Office when moving away from the Parish. Sponsor certificates for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation will be signed and sealed for Registered parishioners only. You must be registered for 6 months prior to your request.

EUCCHARIST:

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00 am and 7:30 pm

Novenas:

St. Jude after the Saturday 8:00 am Mass

St. Anthony, prayers with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesday, 7:30 pm, September thru June

Confession:

Saturday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday) at 7:30 am before the 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by appointment

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*At an hour you
do not expect,
the Son of Man
will come*



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*Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and
our shield. -Psalm 33:20*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August

5:30 PM + August 15, 7:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, Michael Casa, Angela Gravina, John Mattingly

8:00 AM - John Ballantyne, Catherine Cerilles, Elaine McTague, Barbara Sokol

10:30 AM - Juan Allende, Kim Allende, Marlene Polyak, Noelle Degbe

12:00 Noon - Ann Marie Bonassis, Sue Carlstrom, Cathy Chin, Maureen McNulty

LECTORS

August 10/11, 2019

5:30 PM Gerard Taveras

8:00 AM Debbie Kachnowski

10:30 AM Mattia Leingang

12 Noon Bob Milici

August 15, 7:30 p.m. - Cindy Campbell

August 17/18, 2019

Michael Casa

Jack Kaulfers

Diane Burgos

Nicholas Milici

ALTAR SERVERS

August 10/11, 2019

5:30 PM Ivan Sanchez

Sofia Sanchez

8:00 AM Hanna Lee

10:30 AM Felix Leingang

12 Noon

August 15, 7:30 p.m. - Joe Schmatz

August 17/18, 2019

Sofia Sanchez

Ivan Sanchez

Nico Lee

Mattia Leingang

Samuel Mendoza



Prayer List: (In alphabetical order) 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!

Irene Alkiewicz, Kathy Barz, Richard Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Cathy Naccarato DeRoxtra, Ronald Fellner, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, Thomas Intiso, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Richard Kratson, Ann Losyk, Janet Marino, Eleanor Morehouse, Arthur Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Maureen Shaw, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, William Szajko, Steven Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Diana Verderame, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, August 10: St. Lawrence

8:00 AM Pauline Spera
(From: Ginny Mascitelli)

5:30 PM Violet Campbell
(Love, Cindy)

SUNDAY, August 11: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ted Stecki
(From: Wife and Family)

10:30 AM For the Parishioners

12:00 Noon Caterina Naccarato & Vincenzo J. Naccarato (10 year Anniversary)
(From: Tanina, Children & Grandchildren)

MONDAY, August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 AM Lupo Vaccarella
(From: Josephine and Joe Vaccarella)

TUESDAY, August 13: SS. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:00 AM Rose and Edward Donohue
(From: Betty and Tony Santora)

WEDNESDAY, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 AM Fr. McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus, 1890

THURSDAY, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

7:30 PM Marie and Frank Spera
(From: Pauline Spera)

FRIDAY, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 AM Edvige Apuzzio (Happy Birthday)
(Love, Mary Louise and Ed)

SATURDAY, August 17: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Pauline Spera
(From: Helen Corning)

5:30 PM Robert Kinney
(From: Wife, Joyce)

SUNDAY, August 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Rosa Auletta
(From: Antoinette Auletta)

12:00 Noon Sr. Romilda Chiga, F.S.S.E.
1st. Anniversary

If the intention for the Sunday Mass has been reserved by you or your family, please notify an usher so that you may present the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass.



The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly proclaimed in 1950, but this observance has been celebrated on the 15 day of August since the fifth century. On this Solemnity, we profess our belief that Mary has gone before us, body and soul, into heaven. For her, the Resurrection of the dead has taken place already. Thus the Assumption is an Easter Feast! Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily on this day in 2008, "The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest Marian Feast, returns every year in the heart of the summer. It is an opportunity to rise with Mary to the heights of the spirit where one breathes the pure air of supernatural life and contemplates the most authentic beauty, the beauty of holiness. The atmosphere of this celebration is steeped in Paschal joy." This day is often called the "Summer Easter".

The Solemnity of the Assumption is observed this year as a Holy Day of Obligation on a Thursday, August 15. The day is sacred to the memory of the Virgin Mary and I encourage you to attend Holy Mass especially as this is our Patronal Feast. Mass will be offered at 8 am and 7:30 pm on Thursday, August 15. May our Blessed Lady under the title of her Assumption, bless our Parish Family with Her Maternal care!

Fr. Jim

Did Mary Die Before the Assumption? This is a matter of debate. Some believe Mary did indeed die, like all humans do, and was then transported to heaven. Still others believe she simply "completed the course of her earthly life," which leaves open the possibility that she ascended to heaven before actually dying. Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin's death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, since the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question, Catholics are not bound by dogma to believe that Mary either did or did not die before her Assumption. They must only believe in the Assumption itself.

The Society of Santi Medici will celebrate the **Feast of Sts. Cosmos & Damian** on Sunday, September 15, 2019. The Solemn Mass will take place at 12 noon followed by an outdoor procession with the venerable images of Sts. Cosmos and Damian. There will be an afternoon Dinner Dance in Loreti Hall following the Liturgical celebration. Tickets are \$40.00 per adult / \$15.00 for children under 12 years. The proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association of New Jersey. For tickets or more information, contact the Rectory Office.

The Annual Parish Appreciation Picnic has seen declining numbers over the years. This year we will offer an "Appreciation October-Fest" to be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019. The afternoon event will begin at 1:30 PM through 5:30 PM. Save the date ... details to follow!

Customs Associated with the Assumption

A variety of local, regional and national customs are associated with the Feast of the Assumption on and around August 15. "During the first millennium of the Christian era, the feast of the Assumption was of enormous importance to most people, since it marked the crowning point of the agricultural year. ... For many centuries before [farming produced two harvests a year], there was only one harvest a year, and this was reaped in July. The feasts of Lammas (the blessing of the first loaves at the beginning of August) and the Assumption (August 15) therefore marked out the period of harvest festivities, and continued to be celebrated as such even after the harvesting had been moved to slightly later in the year.

In Scotland, the Assumption – St. Mary's Day, or Marymass – was the most important of the Marian feasts, and the ritual Lammas bannock (the new bread) would be dedicated to Mary Mother. In some places people would make pilgrimages on August 15 to holy wells dedicated to Our Lady. Mary long retained her association with the crops, and one fifteenth-century German woodcut shows her wearing a robe which is patterned with ears of wheat. The glorious culmination of the Virgin's life was celebrated at the culmination of the farming year."

In Germany, a custom developed which continues today in many parishes. People gather large bouquets of herbs, especially those associated with healing properties. These are brought to the Assumption Vigil or Holy Day Mass, are blessed, and are taken home to be dried and kept for the various purposes of seasoning, healing, and for fragrant decoration of the home. Throughout Eastern Europe, flowers, herbs and wheat are brought to the Church to be blessed in Our Lady's honor in gratitude for the harvest and the hope of blessings. In Italy, the coastal fishing villages celebrate the blessing of the sea, a custom even celebrated today in Atlantic City by the Bishop of Camden. All of these customs are an expression of our filial devotion to Our Lady under whose Maternal protection we hope to share in the promise of the Blessed Life to come.

Fall Bereavement Ministry Training

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved here at Assumption? The Fall Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5 hour sessions begin at the end of September and continues into November. Two separate classes are being held on Saturday mornings & Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center. For class registration and additional information please contact Deacon Dave at 908-245-6572 or email assumptionschool113@gmail.com. Pre-registration is required and class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program.

Deacon Dave

SPECIAL DONATIONS

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candles or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelopes found at the doors of the Church.

For a Very Special Intention on August 15

Requested by Anonymous

Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Caterina Naccarato

(44 years, 8/13/1975) and

Her Son Vincenzo J. Naccarato

(10 years, 8/12/2009)

Requested by Tanina, John, Cathy and James

Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles, Sanctuary

Candle, Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Felicísimo Ramos

(Death Anniversary)

For Special Intention: Loving Memory of Jesus Saldana

Requested by Emeline R. Saldana

Donation of Hosts and Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Joan LaFerrara

(Happy Birthday)

Requested by Helen and Maria

Donation of Candles

NOT EASY: Faith makes all things possible-
it does not make them easy.

-Anonymous

St. Michael Church, Cranford, will celebrate a "A WEEK TO HONOR MARY"

On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Masses will be celebrated at 7 a.m., 12 Noon, 7 p.m.

August 16 thru August 22 (the feast of the Coronation of the Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven). There will be a Rosary Service celebrated at 7 p.m. each evening.

During this week of honoring Mary, there will be a special shrine located in the main lobby, in her honor. Flowers, store bought or garden grown in disposable containers, may be placed within this shrine to assist in its décor.

**Join Us as We
Dine Out to Donate**

495 Chestnut Street in Union, NJ 07083

Throughout the Month of August

For Lunch or Dinner

From 11:30am – Closing

Please present the flyer to your server to ensure a portion of your bill will be donated back to Church of the Assumption.

Mary's Grotto

MOVING RIGHT ALONG: Here we are - our Mary's Grotto Church Sale, mentioned in last week's Bulletin. Are you ready? We are, so STOP and SHOP or HAVE A LOOK.

Not too soon to think of the holidays or just surprise someone with a thoughtful gift to brighten their day.

REMINDER: Thursday, August 15, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, and (as mentioned in last week's Bulletin), we have a beautiful statue of her; also, St. Maximilian Kolbe is remembered Wednesday, August 14, of whom we have a fine tapestry and medal on a chain.

Nice selection from which to choose!!

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption

Additional pavers are still available! The next order will be submitted October 1, 2019. There are pavers available before the Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, and Bell Shrines. Please obtain an Adopt-a-brick Form from our web site, at the entrance of Church and from the Rectory Office.

POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

-St. Lawrence

St. Michael's School Book Drive:

St. Michael's School in Cranford is collecting books for an upcoming Used Book Sale this Fall! Gently used books of all types: fiction, non-fiction and children's books (please no reference books, text books, encyclopedias or magazines). Please look for collection bins at the doors of Church. Need to arrange a pick-up or drop off for larger donations? Please contact Terri Hunsinger at: SMSUsedBookSale@gmail.com or (908) 272-7535.



St. Michael School located at 100 Alden Street in Cranford, celebrating over 90 years of academic excellence, is a faith-based environment focused on the spiritual, personal, and academic formation of all students. The Early Childhood program offers Pre K3 & Pre K4 (Full & Half Day) and Full Day academically based Kindergarten. Primary, elementary, and middle school curriculums prepare students for success in high school and beyond. The controlled class size and average 16:1 student-teacher ratio ensures a focused academic environment. Before and after care programs are available daily on site. St. Michael School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary Schools. Registrations for the 2019-2020 academic year are now being accepted. Limited spots are available in all grades. If you'd like to learn more about St. Michael School and all we have to offer, please call the school's office (908) 276-9425 to schedule a tour.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Come Share Your Faith as a Catechist – Ever wondered what the catechetical ministry is all about? The requirements are simple: a love for God, love for our Catholic faith, and a willingness to spread the news of Jesus Christ. Please contact the Religious Education Office to set an appointment to receive all the information you need. One of the most rewarding things you can do is share your faith with the youth of our parish in our Religious Education Program. When we share our faith, we grow in faith!

Registration for New Students – Our registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now completely filled for Sunday classes. We have classroom availability for grades 1,3,4,5, and 6 on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. or we offer a homeschooling option for these grades as well.

Contact the Religious Education Office at 908-245-6572 for additional information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process for non-baptized individuals and for non-Catholic Christians to learn more about the Catholic faith and discern full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA process is also for baptized adult Catholics to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. It is a period of inquiry and learning about various aspects of the Catholic faith tradition. We invite anyone who wishes to find out more about the process to contact the Director of Religious Education at 908-245-6572 or e-mail assumptionschool113@gmail.com.

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Please Save the Dates

Next year we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Feast of St. Anthony. Please be sure to save the dates:

Thurs., 6/4/20	6-10 p.m.
Fri., 6/5/20	6-11 p.m.
Sat., 6/6/20	6-11 p.m.
Sun., 6/7/20	6-10 p.m.

**Knight's Corner (Council #3240)**

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested Parish 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. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is currently conducting a membership drive. Please be sure to “like” our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly Collection for August 3/4 **\$4,333.00**

Archdiocese Assessment

Bill for the Month of August **\$4,700.00**

Assessment Collection for August 3/4 **\$1,828.00**

Amount short of Monthly Bill **\$2,872.00**

which must be paid from the Weekly Collection to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

An **"Entering Canaan"** retreat for those who are suffering as a result of losing a sibling to abortion will take place August 16-18, in Stirling, New Jersey. The retreat will be hosted by Lumina and The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. There is no cost for this retreat and assistance is given in relation to transportation for those who may need it. For further information and confidential reservations please call: Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina/Hope & Healing after abortion: 1-877-586-4621, or email at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

Are those angels?

The inspiration for the "Seraphim Angels" on either side of the crucifix in the Sanctuary has been taken from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah 6:1-3; “I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the Seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory”. This image of the Seraphim is the most ancient Biblical representation of the "bodiless angelic powers" who stand before the face of God. The Hebrew letters which softly emanate from the Seraphim spell "kadosh, kadosh, kadosh"; translated as "Holy, Holy, Holy". May this Seraphic image inspire us to be holy before the Lord.

The Rectory and Religious Education Offices will be closed on Fridays during the summer months. The Rectory and Religious Education Offices are open through the summer Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. For an emergency please call the Rectory at 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.