

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

113 CHIEGO PLACE
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!



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 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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{Jesus} endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

-Hebrews 12:2

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August

5:30 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 17/18, 2019

5:30 PM Michael Casa

8:00 AM Jack Kaulfers

10:30 AM Diane Burgos

12 Noon Nicholas Milici

August 24/25, 2019

John Kennedy

John Ballantyne

Ricardo Burgos

Maria Becker

ALTAR SERVERS

August 17/18, 2019

5:30 PM Sofia Sanchez

Ivan Sanchez

8:00 AM Nico Lee

10:30 AM Mattia Leingang

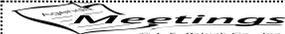
12 Noon Samuel Mendoza

August 24/25, 2019

Joe Schmatz

Ethan Pama

Rocco Paolino



Aug. 28, Weds. - 7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus



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 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

MONDAY, August 19: St. John Eudes

8:00 AM The Trylong Family
(From: Anthony Trylong)

TUESDAY, August 20: St. Bernard

8:00 AM For Church Founders and Benefactors on the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church, 1955

WEDNESDAY, August 21: St. Pius X

8:00 AM Frederick Hagman
(From: Linda)

THURSDAY, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Dominick D'Amore
Happy Birthday
(Love, Wife, Madge)

FRIDAY, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

8:00 AM John Antonucci
(Love, Mom)

SATURDAY, August 24: St. Bartholomew

8:00 AM Pauline Spera
(From: Maureen & Dennis McNulty)

5:30 PM Lupangelo Vaccarella
(From: Ida Vaccarella)

SUNDAY, August 25: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Anthony DiMatteo
(From: Anna Bavosa)

12:00 Noon Pierino & Olinda Berardinelli
(From: Maria and Family)

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.

From
the
Pastor

Summertime means vacation time. Students get a vacation from school. Employees take vacation from work. Vacations indicate rest. The only problem is that these vacations are temporary. Soon students will go back to school and employees will go back to work. Rest ends. I'm reminded of a rest today that does not have to end. Listen to these words of Jesus as He says (Matthew 11:28) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." That is a vacation invitation from Jesus.

Are you tired, anxious and burdened? Jesus invites you to take a vacation in Him. Jesus' invitation is to come to a specific location. The location is Him and unless we make an effort to come to Him, we will be a no show. How do we come to Jesus? We come to Jesus just as we are with all the baggage, all the burdens, all the weaknesses, all of the sinfulness.... We are just simply asked to come to Him.

Who is to come? Jesus said "all you who are weary and burdened." We are living in times that are tiresome and burdensome. There are rising gas prices, food costs and healthcare costs. There are terrorists, wars and rumors of wars. There's violence, division and crime. There are earthquakes, fires, floods, tornados and cyclones. There are relationships and families to maintain, and there is work to put food on the table and pay the bills.

We are living in tiresome and burdensome times and our external pressures are going to intensify as time continues, but Jesus gives us all a sweet invitation to come and vacation in Him! If we come to Jesus we partake of the promised rest. It's not like an ordinary vacation where we get to rest for a limited amount of time and then have to go back to the grind. No, this is a supernatural vacation that does not end. In Jesus we are recipients of His rest. He gives His rest to us. He imparts His rest in us. It's refreshing, it's sustaining and it's everlasting.

We are all running a race and we are to run our race to receive a prize. Our race is our journey from earth to glory and we get tired and burdened along the way. Jesus got tired on His journey. I'm reminded of Jesus sitting by a well, tired. A woman comes up and He asks her for a drink of water. A conversation takes place and Jesus says (John 4:13-14) "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

May we drink of the water Jesus gives. May we learn to rest in His grace and providence more and worry less. May we let Jesus teach us His way and how to find His rest. When we get so tired that we don't think we can continue, may we find rest in Jesus. As August vacations wind down, may we all come to enjoy the "vacation with Jesus" that does not come to an end!

Fr. Jim

"Genuine religious belief is the antidote to violence and conflict."

-Pope Saint John Paul II

You may have noticed that the Holy Water Fonts and poor boxes have been removed. This is temporary while they are being restored to their original brilliance. The "Memorial Donations" in memory of my late mother, Apolonia Pauline Spera, will be used to cover the cost of the restoration.

Thank you for your generosity in memory of my Mother.



A Time To Relax

Summertime is a time to relax. During this leisure time, would you be willing to go through your closets to get rid of all those unwanted heavy winter clothes and shoes which served you so well during the winter season? Please donate them to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities continue its mission.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for August 10/11	\$6,855.00
Archdiocesan Mission Collection	\$1,134.00
Total Donation	\$7,989.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Requested by Anonymous

Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Caterina & Pasquale Pontoriero , Mom and Papa, we miss you

Requested by Fontina Maria Petracca

Donation of Hosts and Candles

In Loving Memory of Domingo Delacruz

Requested by Delacruz Family

Donation of Sanctuary Candle

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

New Members Welcome!

Get Involved! Be the helpful person you needed at one time! The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Assumption is involved with numerous projects: The Giving Tree at Christmas, the Food Pantry, the Tree of Challenge for Lent, St. Joseph's Table, the Brunch for those who use the Food Pantry, Prayer Shawls given at funerals, helping at wedding rehearsals, etc!!! Would you like to work on one of these projects?

We meet several times a year....so not a lot of time at meetings! We would love to have you join us in the good work our parish does for those who are less fortunate! If you would like to join; (and actually, you don't even have to come to the meetings...you can just be on our mailing list and if you see a project you like, you can jump in!)

Send an email to Anthony (giordanoanthony@hotmail.com) or call him at 908-620-0734.

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.



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

Many THANKS and much appreciation sent out to those who purchased items last weekend. If you missed us in church, come across the street to Mary's Grotto where our friendly staff is waiting to greet you. Much more to STOP and SHOP or just HAVE A LOOK.
Comments always welcomed.

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption

MOVING? Keeping parish records is a continuous process. Will you help us? If you plan to move over these summer months, whether you will be remaining parishioners (staying in our area) or moving out of the area entirely, please call the Parish Office (908-245-1107) and let us know so that we can maintain updated records.

New families are WELCOME and invited to register.

BUILDING PLANS - Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.

-Anonymous

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!

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.

**Knights' 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

**Knights' of Columbus 3rd Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show**

Church of the Assumption Parking Lot

Sept. 7th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Rain Date, Sept. 21st

\$15 Admission for all Vehicles Before Aug. 27, \$20 at Door

Food, Trophies and Music

Registration Starts at 9:00 a.m.

For more Info email Greg Delano: gd30911@yahoo.com

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalms — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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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.