

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!



**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 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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August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjoined but be healed.

-Hebrews 12:12-13

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - September

5:30 PM - James Kompany, Rita Kushner, Richard Powers, Loretta Raczynski, Alex Wisniewski

8:00 AM - Emily & Jack Kaulfers, Maryann Mansueto, Betty & Tony Santora

10:30 AM - Virginia Biondi, Rosa Pluchino, Joan Trapp

12:00 Noon - Maria Abreu, Celeste Michielli, Rosemarie Olden, Maureen Rebimbas

LECTORS

August 24/25, 2019

5:30 PM John Kennedy

8:00 AM John Ballantyne

10:30 AM Ricardo Burgos

12 Noon Maria Becker

Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2019

Leonia Seufert

Tom DiMaio

Matthew Leingang

Celeste Michielli

ALTAR SERVERS

August 24/25, 2019

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz

8:00 AM Ethan Pama

10:30 AM Rocco Paolino

12 Noon

Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2019

Sofia Sanchez

Ivan Sanchez

Loretta Raczynski

Matthew Stark

Nicholas Stark

Samuel Mendoza

BELIEVE



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, Robert Curry, 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 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)

MONDAY, August 26

8:00 AM

Pauline Spera

(From: Roberta & Christina D'Emma)

TUESDAY, August 27: St. Monica

8:00 AM

Pauline Spera

(From: Betty and Tony Santora)

WEDNESDAY, August 28: St. Augustine

8:00 AM

Anthony Signorello

(From: Grandpa Joe)

THURSDAY, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM

Anthony Signorello

(From: Grandpa Joe)

FRIDAY, August 30

8:00 AM

Pauline Spera

(From: The Pluchino Family)

SATURDAY, August 31: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM

Pauline Spera

(From: Dave and Linda Farrell)

5:30 PM

Mary Muso

(Love, Angela)

SUNDAY, September 1: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

For the Parishioners

10:30 AM

Camille Madorma

(From: The Bundy Family)

12:00 Noon

Grace Filak

(From: Maureen McNulty)

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 World Youth day which took place in Poland in 2016 brought the attention of the world to the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Here at the Church of the Assumption, there is a tapestry of this image of Our Lady in the stairwell leading to Loreti Hall. The image was dear to the spiritual formation of Pope Saint John Paul II and the Shrine of Czestochowa remains a popular place of pilgrimage for faithful from every country in the Christian world. The Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa is commemorated on August 26. The Feast of the Assumption is also a Festive Day of Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Czestochowa.

The origin of this miraculous image in Czestochowa is unknown for absolute certainty, but according to tradition the image was a portrait of Our Lady done by St. Luke sometime after the Crucifixion of Our Lord and remained in the Holy Land until discovered by St. Helena of the Cross in the fourth century. The Icon was taken to Constantinople, where St. Helena's son, the Emperor Constantine, erected a church for its enthronement. This image was revered by the people of the city remained in that city for 500 years, until it eventually was taken to Russia to a region that later became Poland.

The Icon became the possession of the Polish prince, St. Ladislaus in the 15th century, it was installed in his castle. Tradition says that St. Ladislaus determined to save the Icon from repeated invasions, so he went to his birthplace, Opala, stopping for rest in Czestochowa; the image was brought nearby to Jasna Gora ["bright hill"] and placed in a small wooden church named for the Assumption. The following morning, after the Icon was carefully placed in the wagon, the horses refused to move. St. Ladislaus understood this to be a sign from Heaven that the image should stay in Czestochowa; thus he replaced the Icon in the Church of the Assumption, August 26, 1382, a day still observed as the Feast Day of the Icon. The Saint wished to have the holiest of men guard the painting, so he assigned the church and the monastery to the Pauline Fathers, who have devoutly protected the image for the last six hundred years.

Having survived several attacks upon this Holy Icon, Our Lady's image was next imperiled by the Hussites, followers of the heretic priest John Huss from Prague who pre-dated the Protestant Reformation. The Hussites successfully stormed the Pauline monastery in 1430, plundering the sanctuary. Among the items stolen was the image. After putting it in their wagon, the Hussites went a little ways but then the horses refused to go any further. Recalling the former incident that was so similar, the heretics threw the portrait down to the ground, which shattered the image into three pieces. One of the plunderers drew his sword and slashed the image twice, causing two deep gashes; while attempting a third gash, he was overcome with a writhing agony and died.

The two slashes on the cheek of the Blessed Virgin, together with the one on the throat, have always reappeared after artistic attempts to fix them. The portrait again faced danger in 1655 by a Swedish horde of 12,000, which confronted the 300 men guarding the image. The band of 300 routed the 12,000 and the following year, the Holy Virgin was acclaimed Queen of Poland.

The twentieth century saw many interventions of Our Lady

of Czestochowa. In September 14, 1920, when the Russian Bolshevik army assembled at the River Vistula, in preparation for invading Warsaw, the Polish people prayed to Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Bolsheviks quickly withdrew after the image reportedly appeared in the clouds over Warsaw. In Polish history, this is known as the Miracle of the Vistula, which halted the Bolshevik terror spreading not only in Poland but kept Communism out of the west following World War I. During the Nazi occupation of Poland in World War II, Hitler order all religious pilgrimages stopped. In a demonstration of love for Our Lady and their confidence in her protection, a half million Poles went to the sanctuary in defiance of Hitler's orders. Following the liberation of Poland in 1945, a million and a half people expressed their gratitude to the Madonna by assembling and praying before this miraculous Icon.

In the historic first visit of Pope Saint John Paul to his native Poland, the crowds in defiance of the Communist Government cried out in Victory Square; "We want God!". Under the protection of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Socialist Communist Government was driven out of Poland and a new Democracy was firmly established. Today, the faithful continue to honor the beloved Icon of the Madonna and Child, especially on August 26, the day reserved by St. Ladislaus. Due to the dark pigment on Our Lady's face and hands, the image is affectionately called the "Black Madonna". The pigmentation is ascribed primarily to age and the candles which darkened the image with smoke.

As we have celebrated our Patronal Feast of the Assumption and prepare to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa on August 26, may we be inspired by the devotion of the youth who traveled to Poland for World-Youth-Day in 2016 and venerated this most ancient Icon placing themselves under Our lady's protection. May we too stand under her protection and care!

Fr. Jim

Scripture to live by: "Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone."

-John 8:7

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.

In Loving Memory of Nancy Commerato

Requested by Alisa and Cristina Commerato
Donation of Wine and Hosts

In Loving Memory of Angelo Soriano**(Happy Birthday)**

Requested by Wife and Children
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Pauline Spera**(Happy Birthday)**

Requested by Helen and Maria Soriano
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for August 17/18	\$4,489.00
Church in Africa	\$1,004.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$1,876.00
Total Donation	\$7,369.00

Thank you for your generosity!



**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

Greetings from Mary's Grotto!

Don't forget to Stop and Shop or Have a Look at our new arrivals. Much care is put into making selections and we appreciate your interest and comments.

Have a peaceful week as we approach the holiday.

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption



*From Death
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently deceased:

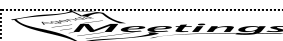
+Liam McNulty

+Rev. Father James Stephen
(Jeff) Behrens O.C.S.O.

(Ordained Priest of the Archdiocese of Newark 1974/Trappist Monk 1994-2019)

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!

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.



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

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted."
Matthew 5:4*

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE GRIEVING
THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE**

We invite you to join us for a series of six sessions of mutual sharing & support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting.

2019 session dates: *Wednesday Evenings*
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 2019

Meetings held: Church Chapel

Registration is required. Please contact -
Elaine McTague 908-241-7629

All calls are confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Contact Information:
908-245-6572

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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

Join us for the "Greg Powers Memorial Bowling Benefit" (a 501C3 non profit organization), Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, from 12 noon until 4:00 P.M at the Linden Lanes; 741 N. Stiles St., Linden. Proceeds to benefit a seriously ill Union County Sheriff's Officer in memory of Greg Powers. For more details: GregPowersMemorialFund@gmail.com or call Rosemarie Olden-Powers at 908-472-1232.

2019 BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

Please join us for the “Third” part in the series

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

A fascinating study that will take us on a journey through the entire Bible.

2019 session dates: Monday Evenings

7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Upper Hall

September 9:	Royal Kingdom: Part 2
September 16:	Divided Kingdom: Part 1
September 23:	Divided Kingdom: Part 2
September 30:	Exile
October 7:	Return
October 14:	Maccabean Revolt

No Cost - Registration is required.

Please contact -Virginia Jediny, Parish Secretary
908-245-1107

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.