

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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!



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020**

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

Elizabeth Santora, Trustee

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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Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.
—Romans 8:35

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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**THE MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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!

Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Elizabeth Knych, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar

* Please note: All listed Masses, Services and Events are subject to change depending on further information.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

8:00 AM **Ryan Faella**
(From: Family)
5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
(See List)

SUNDAY, August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Erminio Dinardo**
(From: Wife)
12:00 Noon **Deceased Members of the Tingoli Family**
(From: Jim & Joyce)

MONDAY, August 3

8:00 AM **Nicholas Cindea 1st Anniversary**
(From: The Lloyd Family)

TUESDAY, August 4: St. John Vianney

8:00 AM **Angelo Jannuzzi**
(Love, Sister, Dottie)

WEDNESDAY, August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 AM **Maria & Joseph Renda**
(From: Daughter Ella)

THURSDAY, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
(Love, Mom)

FRIDAY, August 7: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

8:00 AM **Loretta Iungerman**
(From: The Burns Family)

SATURDAY, August 8: Saint Dominic

8:00 AM **Eva Reinfeld**
(From: The Ballantyne Family)
5:30 PM **Violet Campbell**
(Love, Cindy)

SUNDAY, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Ted Stecki**
(From: Wife & Family)
12:00 Noon **Frank Signorello**
(From: Joe & Family)



Thursday, August 6 will be the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor as recorded in the Gospel. St. Matthew introduces the event by recounting that Jesus took his three chosen companions apart from the others, and the high mountain they ascended separated them from the bustle and noise of the populated plain. Especially to be noted is that the transfiguration took place while Jesus was engaged in prayer. St. John Damascene commented on this feature in the following terms.

The Gospel records " 'Aside.... for prayer' For silence is the mother of prayer and prayer is the manifestation of the divine glory. For, when we shall have closed the door of our senses and have found ourselves with ourselves and with God, and are liberated from what transpires in the exterior world, we shall have entered into ourselves and we will see the kingdom of God clearly in ourselves."

Jesus by his transfiguration, shows that prayer is the path by which we mount to God and makes the divine glory present. Where God's glory is present it is active and creative. The Transfiguration is a revelation of that luminous spiritual power that emanates from our living and glorified Savior and which is offered to each of us who open our hearts and minds to him in ardent prayer. The energy proceeding from His person penetrates into the depths of our spirit and achieves, day by day, that transformation which renders us increasingly acceptable to the Father for it makes us resemble His Son more and more.

On this Feast of the Transfiguration then, let us resolve to open our most intimate self to the action of this transforming function of the glorified Lord Jesus. The same person who appeared in glory on Mt. Tabor to His chosen disciples is present here among us in His words, in the witness of the Father's declaration comes to us on this altar and in the Eucharist. May we receive Him with lively faith and the firm resolve to follow where this divine inner guide leads us until we too are transfigured into children of light.

Fr. Jim

Memorial Bricks

The most recent order of Memorial Bricks have arrived and have been installed. There was a delay due to the recent "shut-down". New orders will be taken in September for a Spring 2021 installment. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. May the memory of all the names inscribed be eternal!



We welcome to our Parish Community the following children who were Baptized in Christ at Church of the Assumption

Ethan Alexander Viega

God's Blessings on him and his family!

Welcome Bishop Elias!

We will welcome for the first time, our new Regional Bishop, the Episcopal Vicar of Union County, the Most Reverend Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., on **Saturday, August 15, 2020 for the 5:30 P.M. Mass.** This will be our celebration for the Feast of the Assumption and an opportunity to formally welcome our new Episcopal Vicar. Come join us for this Festal celebration!

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859) August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially *this* one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."

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PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

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BELIEVE AND PRAY

MARY'S GROTTO

We are temporarily closed. Will let you know when we are back!

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

The Rectory Office Summer Hours. We ask that you follow the recommendations for social distancing and the wearing of masks. The Office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months beginning Friday, June 26. The Rectory Office Hours through the summer will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. For emergency please call the Rectory 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.

OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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On behalf of Church of the Assumption and the Feast of St. Anthony Sponsorship Committee, THANK YOU again for your generous sponsorship of our 20th Annual Feast of St. Anthony.

While this year's feast (our 20th Anniversary) was cancelled due to COVID, your continued support, loyalty, and generosity will never be forgotten. Especially this year during the pandemic.

We hope that Church of the Assumption can count on your continued support in the future.

Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer. With best wishes, sincerest appreciation, and God's blessing.

**Jerry Vitale, Susanne Keicher, Kris Gamba and
Ann Marie Peterson
2020 Sponsorship Committee Chairpeople
Feast of St. Anthony**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**EYEWITNESSES**

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

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Corporate Mass August 1, 2020**Deceased**

Diane Adase
 Jennie Bavaro
 Charles Bednar
 Nettie Bianca
 Ann Calabrese
 Catherine DeRoxtra
 Cathy DeRoxtra
 Catherine "Kitty" Dragotta
 Julia Kaulfers
 Christine Marino
 Wojciech Maslowski
 Armando Matarredona
 Bill McTague Jr.
 George "Buzzy" Spera
 Rocco Testa
 Frederick Wacker, Jr.
 Elizabeth "Betty" Wojcik

Requested by

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baranowski
 Angela Gravina
 Loretta Raczynski
 Judy Rorro
 Joyce Fine
 Judy Rorro
 Tanina Naccarato & Family
 Irene Yurcisin
 Judy Rorro
 The Cusumano Family
 Family
 The Spera Family
 Judy Rorro
 Loretta Raczynski

**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

**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 Ronald Cecere

Requested by Niece Linda
 Donation of Wine

In Loving Memory of Joan LaFerrara (Happy Birthday!)

Requested by Helen & Maria
 Donation of Hosts

Be strong and courageous! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you.

—Joshua 1:9

An Artful Reminder!

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for July 25/26 \$7,285

Thank you for your generosity!