

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!



**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 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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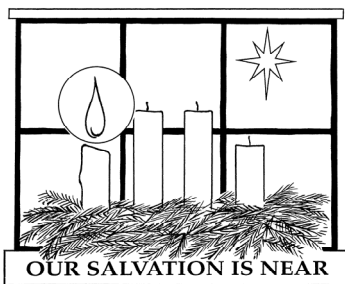
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"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."— Matthew 24:44

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - December

5:30 PM +Dec. 31 5:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, Michael Casa, Angela Gravina, John Mattingly

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

10:30 AM +Jan. 1 10:30 AM - Virginia Biondi, Rosa Pluchino, Joan Trapp

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

LECTORS

Nov.30/Dec. 1, 2019

5:30 PM John Kennedy

8:00 AM Jack Kaulfers

10:30 AM Mattia Leingang

12 Noon Nicholas Milici

December 7/8, 2019

Leona Seufert

John Ballantyne

Diane Burgos

Maria Becker

ALTAR SERVERS

Nov.30/Dec. 1, 2019

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz

8:00 AM Nico Lee

10:30 AM Raciely Rodriquez

12 Noon Samuel Mendoza

December 7/8, 2019

Ivan Sanchez

Sofia Sanchez

Angelo Geronimo

Anthony Geronimo

Felix Leingang

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!

Kathy Barz, Richard Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Robert Curry, Cathy Naccarato DeRoxtra, Ronald Fellner, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Richard Kratson, Ann Losyk, Sr. Theresia Maria, Janet Marino, Eleanor Morehouse, Arthur Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, 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, November 30

8:00 AM Pauline Spera
(From: Bernadine Piescki)

5:30 PM Celestine, Michael, Mark & Marceline
(From: Pinto Family)

SUNDAY, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Elizabeth Oliveri
(From: Son, Ralph)

12:00 Noon In Thanksgiving
(From: Noelie Degbe)

MONDAY, December 2

8:00 AM Maria Tripicchio
(Love, Husband Salvatore)

TUESDAY, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM Elizabeth Oliveri
(From: Ralph Oliveri)

7:30 PM St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena

WEDNESDAY, December 4: St. John Damascene

8:00 AM Joseph Vaccarino
(From: Children)

THURSDAY, December 5

8:00 AM Pauline Spera
(From: Frances Malinowski)

FRIDAY, December 6: St. Nicholas

8:00 AM Lydia Ramos
(From: Pisauro Family)

SATURDAY, December 7: St. Ambrose

8:00 AM Elizabeth McMenamin
(From: Denise Collins)

5:30 PM Corporate Mass
(See List)

SUNDAY, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Mary & Gandolfo Placca
(From: Children)

12:00 Noon Richard P. DeRoxtra & Bruno Naccarato, Sr.
(From: Cathy, James, Mom Naccarato & John)

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.



This Sunday we begin a New Liturgical Year with the beginning of the Season of Advent; an opportunity for a "new beginning" in our life's journey to Christ. We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and our home preparations for Christmas. Each year, the business of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning.

Father Edward Hayes, a celebrated writer of spirituality records: "Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire may be a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent... If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time. Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehem of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present. An old abbot was fond of saying, 'The devil is always the most active on the highest feast days.' The supreme trick of Old Scratch (the Devil) is to have us so busy decorating, preparing food, practicing music and cleaning in preparation for the feast of Christmas that we actually miss the coming of Christ. Hurt feelings, anger, impatience, injured egos—the list of clouds that business creates to blind us to the birth, can be long but it is familiar to us all."

Our Annual Advent Confession Day will take place on Saturday, December 21 from 1:00P.M. until 8:00 P.M. (with the exception of the hour for the 5:30 P.M. Mass). Please add confession" to your "to-do-list" in preparation for Christmas. The popular "Little Blue Book" is again available for your use. There is no charge for the devotional but an extra dollar in the collection will help to defray the cost. Also, as we begin our new Liturgical Year, please take a "2019 Catholic Calendar" which will assist your household to more fully live the Liturgical life of our Church. Our sincere gratitude to Arthur and Marigrace Mastapeter for donating these calendars for our use.

Let us all make this coming time of Advent a fruitful time of preparation for Christmas that we may truly experience the joy of God's eternal presence leading us to eternity!

Fr. Jim



Congratulations to:

Peter C. Van Loan & Cassey Jo Riccitelli

Married in Christ



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

Charley Belle Borst

God's Blessings on her and her family!

Corporate Mass - 5:30 pm Mass December 7, 2019

Health & Blessings on Dennis & Fran Apfel - Living

Deceased

Robert Alegre
Elizabeth Badeaux-Myers
Nettie Bianca
Nancy Braxton
Mr. James Clark
Daniel Farrell
Daniel Farrell
Fr. Edward Kaczorowski
Virginia Lucas
Michael Marro
Liam McNulty
Liam McNulty
Marian Mitros
John Mitros
Anna Montaldo
Walter O'Connell
Maureen Shaw
Pauline Spera
Pauline Spera
Theresa Urgolo
Lupangelo Vaccarella
James Vigliotti
James Vigliotti
Elizabeth "Betty" Wojcik
Vincent P. Yacullo

Requested by

Bonnie & Thomas Greer
Loretta Raczynski
Judi Miller & Susanne Keicher
John Karaman & Family
Allene & Tom DiMaio
Mike & Susanne Keicher
The Matarredona Family
Mary Smith Krech
Ed Pietrzak
Annette & Martin Venturo
Cecilia Wisniewski
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Barbara Sokol
The Assumption Choir
Mildred Galasso
Betty Gallagher
Wife, Ida Vaccarella
Barbara Sokol
The Assumption Choir
Loretta Raczynski
Annie & John Littriello
& Victor Ferrarelli

Please Note: Because of early publishing deadlines, some information will be in the Bulletin next week.

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 Elizabeth Oliveri Happy 107th Birthday in Heaven, Dec. 2nd

Requested by Son, Ralph
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles and Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Oliveri 15th Anniversary in Heaven

Requested by Son, Ralph
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles and Sanctuary Candle

Our GIVING TREE will once again be a part of our Christmas celebration!

As usual, there will be tags on the tree with the first name of the recipient and a suggested gift/size. These suggestions are just that, suggestions. Feel free to get whatever you like. Return the gift in a gift bag, if you can, **with the TAG ATTACHED with your name signed on the tag**. If you don't return the tag we don't know to whom to give the gift! **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS. IF THEY ARE WRAPPED WE WILL UNWRAP THEM.** We must verify that they gifts are new and appropriate.

For various reasons we **do not do "gift cards."**

Some tags are marked with the name of the organization that has requested them. These organizations may have to collect large numbers of gifts or distribute them at parties that are early in December. So, some tags have DATES that the organization would like the gift returned. If possible, please return these by the suggested date. If the gift is received after that date, we will make sure it gets to that organization but it may go to a **different** deserving recipient.

The groups who have requested gifts are: St. Joseph's in Elizabeth, the Drug Court in Elizabeth who work with the children of drug offenders, and Children's Specialized Hospital. The children in the hospital are special needs children with very limited physical and mental abilities so take that into consideration when deciding on a gift.

As always we have many individual tags for members of our parish and others who are in need of some Christmas cheer.

You may see a letter or number circled on the tag. That is just my code for to whom to give the gift.

Our parishioners have always been extremely generous with these projects. The tags fly off the tree as quickly as we put them on. We apologize in advance if you didn't get a tag!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me (Anthony) at 908-620-0734!

Mary's Grotto

We thank all who purchased from our second November sale last week and look forward to our next sale which will be weekend of December 7/8

Sunday, December 1 begins Advent. A time to meditate on what's to come. We think of Christmas as a time for gifts, parties, etc, but the best gift of all is being able to share with family and friends the birth of Christ. Why not promote this occasion with something religious to remind all of the true meaning of Christmas.

At Mary's Grotto we have many beautiful items to do just that. Please come by and see what we have.

You'll be glad you did. Thank you.

Stop and Shop or Have a Look

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAG

Families will be signing up for hams and food bags for

CHRISTMAS

Soon our volunteers will be preparing these bags for distribution.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

If you are able to donate food for these bags, we are in need of the following items:

- **Canned Potatoes—both white and sweet**
- **Macaroni and Cheese**
- **Canned String Beans, Peas, & Corn**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Canned Fruit—pineapple and applesauce**

Donated items can be placed in the food bin in the front vestibule of the church.

HAMS ARE ALSO NEEDED!!

Hams can be dropped off at the **Annex Building** before masses on

December 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!
Questions can be addressed to Annette Venturo
908 298-1262

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**Religious Education Contact****Information:**

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assumptionschool113@gmail.comkaren.assumption@hotmail.com**ADVENT 2019****DECEMBER 1, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
READ**

The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of the first season of the liturgical year, Advent. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

REFLECT

Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. Take time to reflect how you will prepare spiritually for Christmas this year.

PRAY**BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH**

The use of the **Advent Wreath** is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family. (See www.USCCB.org for the Blessing of an Advent Wreath)

ACT

Light one of the violet candles marking the season's first week, as you sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

(Source: www.USCCB.org – Advent)

**Dec. 1 - 10:30 A.M. Mass - Rosary Sunday****Dec. 2 - 7:00 P.M. - Rosary Meeting & Christmas Party****Dec. 4 - 7:00 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal****Dec. 8 - After 10:30 A.M. Mass - St. Nicholas Party****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



**The Knights of Columbus will be selling
Christmas Wreaths starting the weekend after
Thanksgiving until they are sold out.**

We will be in front of the Annex after all Masses. The freshly cut wreath will be decorated and there will be a keepsake Christmas ornament on it. The cost is \$20.00 each. We will have a limited quantity, so it is first Come first Serve. No advance orders will be taken.

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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St. Nicholas Party

**Sunday December 8th after 10:30 a.m. Mass
All children are invited to attend!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1