

# 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!**



## The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 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

**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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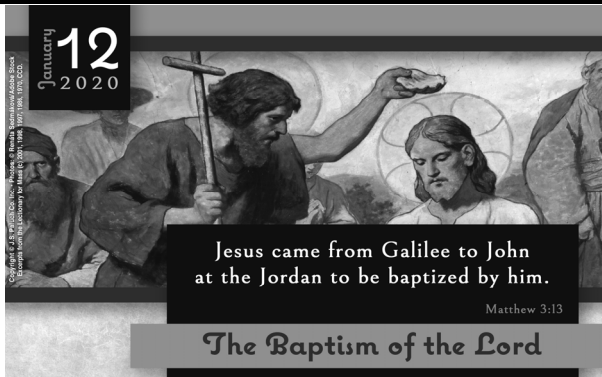
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January**

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

**8:00 AM** - Marge & Mike Denci, Joseph & Francisca Downey, Linda & David Farrell

**10:30 AM** - Virginia Biondi, Karen McCall, Steve Petruzelli, Rosa Pluchino

**12:00 Noon** - Debbie Kachnowski, Norah Scholte, Annette Venturo

**LECTORS****January 11/12, 2020**

**5:30 PM** Gerard Taveras

**8:00 AM** Jack Kaulfers

**10:30 AM** Mattia Leingang

**12 Noon** Bob Milici

**January 18/19, 2020**

John Kennedy

John Ballantyne

Diane Burgos

Nicholas Milici

**ALTAR SERVERS****January 11/12, 2020**

**5:30 PM** Joe Schmatz

**8:00 AM** Loretta Raczynski

**10:30 AM** Karen Saavedra  
Sebastian Saavedra

**12 Noon**

**January 18/19, 2020**

Sofia Sanchez

Ivan Sanchez

Hanna Lee

Matthew Stark

Nicholas Stark

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, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, Robert Curry, Cathy Naccarato DeRoxtra, Ronald Fellner, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Elizabeth Knych, 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, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, William Szajko, Steven Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Diana Verderame, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar**

## Mass Schedule

**SATURDAY, January 11**

**8:00 AM** **Jim Vigliotti**  
(From: Loren and Chris Harms)

**5:30 PM** **Nora Carolan**  
(Happy Birthday, Mom)

**SUNDAY, January 12: The Baptism of The Lord**

**8:00 AM** **For the Parishioners**

**10:30 AM** **Joseph Colicelio**  
(From: Wife and Family)

**12:00 Noon** **Catherine Duffy**

**MONDAY, January 13: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 AM** **Vigermina Soto**  
(From: Son, Orlando)

**TUESDAY, January 14**

**8:00 AM** **Elsie Piparo**  
(From: Grace and Millie)

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 15**

**8:00 AM** **For Church Founders and Benefactors-Anniversary of Church Founding, 1907**

**THURSDAY, January 16**

**8:00 AM** **Anna Della Peruta**  
(Love, Sister Dottie)

**FRIDAY, January 17**

**8:00 AM** **Elsie Piparo**  
(From: Church of the Assumption Rosary Society)

**SATURDAY, January 18: Blessed Virgin Mary: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)**

**8:00 AM** **Daniel Farrell**  
(From: Loren and Christ Harms)

**5:30 PM** **Manny Calvanico**  
(From: Jimmy and Barbara)

**SUNDAY, January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)**

**8:00 AM** **For the Parishioners**

**10:30 AM** **Angela Rorro**  
(From: Family)

**12:00 Noon** **Michael Bonassisa**  
(From: 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.



As the Christmas decorations begin to fade and the cold of winter blankets the earth, we continue to stand in the glow of the Light of Christ which the darkness cannot overcome (John 1:5). We feel the warmth of His light in this Community of believers called the Church of the Assumption. We are committed to care for one another and those who come to us in need. Our generosity is an expression of our faith.

Thank you for the many ways which you have expressed this generosity. The final count of the Christmas collection is near tallied and will be noted as soon as the final contributions are recorded. At this point, once again your generosity has already surpassed past years.

I am grateful to all who assisted the needy through our Annual "Giving Tree". Our St. Vincent De Paul Society was able to prepare food baskets and open our Food Pantry for the needy because of your constant donations of food items. To our St. Vincent De Paul Society members and to all of you who made it possible for us to feed the hungry this Christmas ..... thank you!

I thank our Knights of Columbus, The Ladies Auxiliary and members of the Rosary Society for decorating and taking care of the many details which made our Church a fitting Sanctuary for the worship of God and the commemoration of the birth of Our Savior. Our Choir, Cantors and Children's Choir under the direction of Donna Schmatz raised our hearts in praise of God after many hours of preparation. Our Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers gave of their time to serve the Liturgy for us and create moments of Solemnity ..... please know of the appreciation of our Parish Family. Thank you Mike Keicher, Virginia Jediny and Victor Antonic for all the "behind the scenes" work of preparing and maintaining our Church for the Christmas celebration. Thank you to all of you who offered hospitality and a smile to our guests who joined us for our Christmas celebration. May our hospitality be the welcome that invites our guests to join us again.

Lastly, I thank you from my heart for your cards, gifts, cookies and constant supportive words during the Christmas celebration. Please know of my gratitude and prayers for a Blessed New Year of the Lord 2020!

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

<b>Weekly Collection for January 4/5</b>	<b>\$9,258</b>
<b>Collection for Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$2,956</b>
<b><u>Archdioceses Assessment</u></b>	
<b>Bill for January</b>	<b>\$4,865</b>
<b>Archdiocese Collection January 4/5</b>	<b><u>\$2,203</u></b>
<b>Amount to be paid from Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$2.662</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

"They who sing, pray twice!" St. Augustine. Thank you to Donna Schmatz and our Choir for lifting our hearts and minds to God in celebration of the birth of Christ Our Lord during this Christmas Season! In a special way thank you to Donna and our Choir members: Rae Anello, Jim Byrnes, Pat Irslinger, Debbie Kachanowski, Donna Lee, Ann Peranto, Trish Petruzzelli, Maria Rodriguez, Adolph Rugger, Betty and Tony Santora.

How beautiful the voices of our children in praise of God as we commemorate the birth of Christ the Lord! Thank you to the parents who brought their children to practice and to our Choir Director Donna Schmatz who prepared our children to sing at the family Mass on Christmas Eve. A special thanks to our children: Alexandra Avivi, Leila Allende, Gianna Baiamonte, Julian Castro-Melo, Emilia Diaz, Emma Figueroa, Juliana Luciano, Ariana Meshi, Daniela Meshi, Max Monto, Adrianna Motley, Ethan Pama, Jayden Ramos, Sofia Ramos, Isabella Rodriguez, Larissa Steuber, Valentina Valdes.

#### Prayer for the Blessing of the Home

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house  
and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ,  
that our concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

+ Sprinkle each room with Holy Water  
(some traditions mark with chalk C+M+B+ over the door  
signifying the names of the three Kings; Casper,  
Melchior, Balthasar – the initials can also remind us of  
the Latin words "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which  
means "May Christ bless the house.")

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,  
keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart,  
now and forever.

R/. Amen.



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Reverend Father Stanley Kostrzomb**  
**+ David Sharp**  
**+Leandro Gabrillo**  
**+Lukasz Slonski**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

**The St. Helens/Holy Trinity Respect Life Ministry  
973 818 1281**

**Abortion and the Supreme Court Is Roe vs Wade  
doomed?**

The St. Helens/Holy Trinity Respect Life Ministry invites you to this presentation by Andrew C. McCarthy Sunday, January 19, 2- 4 p.m. 1600 Rahway Avenue St. Helen's Parish Center, Westfield. Mr. McCarthy's take on Roe is that "the Supreme Court itself has dismantled much of Roe's framework. What survives is its narrowing core." "Have you noticed that the question of Roe's vitality seems to arise only when there is a vacancy on the High Court during a Republican administration?" So, will it be overturned? Come and find out. Andrew C. McCarthy is a former adjunct professor at Fordham University Law School and NY Law School, from which he graduated, Mr. McCarthy in 1995 was a U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and led the successful prosecution of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and eleven others for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He is a frequent commentator for Fox News and contributing editor to National Review. Mr. McCarthy has written eight books including NY Times bestseller "Ball of Collusion" and will sign any of his books after his talk.

**A message from the St. Gianna Beretta Molla  
Pro-Life Ministry of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in  
South Orange:**

Please join us for the movie *Unplanned*, which will be screened in St. Joseph Hall on Friday, January 17, at 7:00 PM. The movie tells the story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director, Abby Johnson, and her life changing conversion to the pro-life movement.

There will be pizza and light refreshments.  
All are welcome!

When: Friday, January 17, 2020, Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish | St. Joseph Hall  
217 Prospect Street | South Orange

Please RSVP by January 10, 2020, to  
elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or katharinetownsend@hotmail.com, or text (973) 902-1296.

Note: Rated R; parent or adult guardian required

In addition, an 18th-century poem from  
Colonial Williamsburg goes:

When New Year's Day is past and gone  
Christmas is with some people done  
But further some will it extend  
And at Twelfth Day their Christmas end  
Some people stretch it further yet  
At Candlemas they finish it.

**MARY'S GROTTTO**

REMINDER: Mary's Grotto is closed as previously mentioned. However, Church is opened as usual so come on in for prayer and Mass

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION  
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

*"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.

**2020 session dates: Wednesday Evenings  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2020**

**Meetings held: Church Chapel**

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

**All calls are confidential.**

With great enthusiasm we prepare to gather in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 26, 2020 to February 1, 2020.

This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed" exemplifies the motto of **St. Michael School in Cranford**, "Fides et Ratio" which is Latin for "Faith and Reason." We're a thriving, faith-based school celebrating 91 years of academic excellence. In an environment where children become independent thinkers and grow into responsible young adults grounded in Catholic values.

Our Catholic schools have so much to offer our children, our Church, and our community.

Open House:

Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 7:00pm-8:30pm  
Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 10:30am-1:30pm

St Michael School 100 Alden St. Cranford, NJ  
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Jan. 15, Weds. - 1:00 p.m. - Stitches, Lower Parish Hall  
Jan. 15, Weds. - 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice  
Jan. 15, Weds. - 7:00 p.m. - Bereavement, Chapel

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

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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

**January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord**

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
 Matthew 3:17

**SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)****January 13**

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

The Knights of Columbus will once again be holding our **Baby Bottle Boomerang**. This is a fundraiser for Raphael's Life House in Elizabeth, NJ, a transitional housing for pregnant homeless women. The bottles were distributed last weekend at all Masses. We will be collecting them the weekend of January 18 & 19, at all Masses. Please consider filling it with your spare change, bills or checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. If you took a bottle home, please return it, we continue to use these bottles every year for this fundraiser.. Thank you.

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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**Union of Sick and Elderly Missionaries  
 Prayers and Benediction**

**Please join us on Thursday evening, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Church for prayer and Benediction where the prayers of our elderly, sick, and disabled will be offered in union with the Passion of Christ in solidarity with the missions around the world.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
 Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;  
 Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
 Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk  
 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;  
 Mk 2:13-17