

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!



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022**

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
John Ballantyne, Trustee
Elizabeth Santora, Trustee
Donna Schmatz, Organist and Music Coordinator
Virginia Jediny, Parish Secretary
Debbie Kachnowski, 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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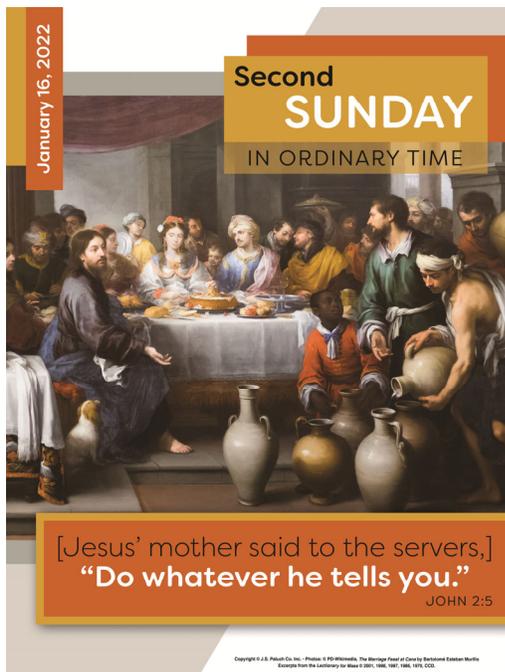
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Eucharistic Ministers WILL NOT RESUME until further notice. My hope is to resume fully in the near future.

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

January 15/16, 2022

5:30 PM Cindy Campbell
8:00 AM John Ballantyne
10:30 AM Cindy Campbell
12 Noon Debbie Kachnowski

January 22/23, 2022

Leona Seufert
Tom DiMaio
Diane Burgos
Nicholas Milici

ALTAR SERVERS

January 15/16, 2022

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM Loretta Raczynski
10:30 AM Raciely Rodriguez
12 Noon

January 22/23, 2022

Ethan Pama
Rocco Paolino



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!

Patrick Ahern Jr., Altigracia Alvarez, Lucy Andriola, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Florence Carosella, Rev. Msg. Peter Cheplic, Christine Conrad, Ken Castenon, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, Lynn Gehrman, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Helen Hojnoski, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Stella LoPiccolo, Tina Marino, Christine Mattingly, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Lorraine Ruivo, Roseann Santanna, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Tony Wargacki

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, January 15: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Church founders & Benefactors**
Church Founding 1907

5:30 PM **Michael Keicher**
(From: Francesca & Joe Downey)

SUNDAY, January 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Religion Day

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **Estela & Armand Cistaro**
(From: CD HSN Class of 1977)

12:00 Noon **Vittoria & Vincenzo Macolino**
(From: Their Children)

MONDAY, January 17: Saint Anthony Abbot; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

8:00 AM **Florencia Bazo**
(From: Assumption Religious Ed.)

TUESDAY, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

8:00 AM **Dorothy Jannuzzi**
(From: Nieces)

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

WEDNESDAY, January 19

8:00 AM **Maurice "Rece" Carlin**
(From: The Italiano Family)

THURSDAY, January 20: Saints Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 AM **Anne Duncan**
(From: The Italiano Family)

FRIDAY, January 21: Saint Agnes

8:00 AM **Philip Lamonaco**
(From: Family)

SATURDAY, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 AM **Joselito Legas Pi**
(From: Emie (Celina) Calma)

5:30 PM **Michael Keicher**
(From: Dave & Linda Farrell)

SUNDAY, January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Word of God, Ecumenical Sunday

8:00 AM **Michael Bonassisa, Sr.**
(From: Vincent & Family)

10:30 AM **Walter Burns**
(From: Wife & Family)

12:00 Noon **Liam McNulty**
(Love, Mom & Dad)

From
the
Pastor

On Friday, January 21, 2022 voices will again be raised in prayer and protest on the Great Mall in Washington D.C. with a March up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court Building. Hundred's of thousands of Americans from every Religious Tradition and Non-Religious Traditions who believe that life begins at conception until natural death will come together as one voice. You will not hear about this March in the media nor view images in the news. The media continues to ignore the brutal reality of abortion. The purpose of the March-For-Life is clearly stated by the organizers of this grass roots organization.

The Life Principles are as follows:

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which is the right to life, and Therefore

- The right to life of each human being shall be preserved and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from that human being's biological beginning at the moment of conception, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected from the biological beginning throughout the natural continuum of that human being's life by all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of the life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
- The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected to the same extent as the life of each and every other human being regardless of state of health or condition of dependency, and
- When there is any doubt that there exists a human being's life to preserve and protect, such doubt shall be resolved In favor of the existence of a human being, and
- When two or more human beings are in a situation in which their lives are mutually endangered, all available ordinary means and reasonable efforts shall be used to preserve and protect the life of each and every human being so endangered:
- WHEREFORE, Pursuant To These Principles, we recommend and urge the adoption of a Mandatory HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT to the Constitution of the United States of America.

This is the 49th March on Washington seeking this LIFE AMENDMENT. The first March brought together a mere 20,000 people from around the Nation. The March prior to the pandemic numbered close to 1000,000 people from all walks of life. This is only a small representative group of a larger silent majority who cry out in defense of life.

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the pandemic, we will not sponsor a bus this year. In place of our participation in the March we will offer a day of prayer after the 8:00 A.M. Mass on Saturday, January 22, 2022 throughout the day until the 5:30 P.M. Vigil Mass. There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 P.M. prior to the Vigil Mass. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar throughout the day. It is essential that at least three people be in the Church at all times. We all remember that the Blessed Sacrament was stolen from a local Church due to the negligence of the Community by leaving the Blessed Sacrament unattended. Please sign the white board in the front of the Church to commit an hour of prayer for the protection of life from the moment of conception until natural death. Prayer and an act of penance before God is needed and our prayer will make a difference. Our neglect makes a difference too!

Fr. Jim



A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

SPECIAL DONATIONS

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelope found at the doors of the Church.

In Loving Memory of Joseph Lefano Sr.

Requested by Wife & Family
Donation of Wine & Hosts

In Loving Memory of Anna Cicalese 24 years with God

Requested by Theresa & Joe
Donation of Hosts

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Alexander Bennett
+Alice Varin Keizer
+Raymond Rigby
+Joseph S. Signorello Sr.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for January 8/9	\$5,742
Communicating God's Word	\$1,220

Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Michael School Cranford
Open House**

St. Michael School in Cranford is celebrating over 90 years of academic excellence.

Established in 1929, St.

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St. Michael School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary Schools. Primary, elementary, and middle school curriculums are based on guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Newark to prepare students for high school and beyond.

Controlled class sizes and average 16:1 student-teacher ratio fosters individualized attention and offers students the ability to engage in classroom inquiry, discovery, and learning.

The early childhood education program offers pre-kindergarten 3 & 4 (full and half day) and full-day academically based kindergarten. On site before and after care is also available.

Extracurricular activities include instructional and competitive sports programs, instructional music, drama and Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

The faculty and families of St. Michael School will invite you to attend one of our upcoming Open House sessions on:

Thursday, January 27th from 7:00PM-8:00PM

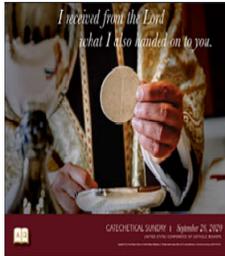
Sunday, January 30th from 12:00PM-3:00PM

If you're interested in learning more about St. Michael School & all that our school has to offer, please contact the school directly at 908-276-9425 or saint.michael@verizon.net

For a copy of the St. Michael's School brochure, virtual tours and for more information about the school, visit: www.smscranford.com
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Often thought of as the number one fear, public speaking can be easily learned and improved!

The Roselle Public Library will be having a three night class in PUBLIC SPEAKING starting at the end of January,

For additional information:
 Call Anthony 908-620-0734
 or the library at 908-245-2456

MARY'S GROTTTO

We are open every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are hoping you will stop in and look around. We have gifts for the new babies, for our homes and gifts for your friends' new homes. We also have new St. Joseph home seller kits. Please share with us any religious items you would like to have and we will try to order it for you.

Please come see us even if just to say Hi.

Ladies of the Rosary Society,
 Church of the Assumption

**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

**Respect Life Month: Intercessions for Life**

**For all people throughout the world:
 that they might recognize and treat each person
 as a masterpiece of God's creation;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**For the poor, the homeless, and all who are in need:
 that they may receive love, respect, and the
 material assistance they need;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**For all those facing an unexpected pregnancy:
 that the peace of Christ may fill their hearts;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**That we may listen for the Lord's voice
 and follow Him with trust;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**That Jesus grant each of us
 the courage and peace to share His love with the world;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**That birthparents placing their children with adoptive
 families
 may receive abundant support;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**That all women, men, and family members
 suffering from abortion
 may know the Lord's tender, healing love;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**For those who are ill:
 may they draw strength from the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 who is always with us in our suffering;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**For parents who have lost a child through
 miscarriage:
 that they may know the comfort and hope that Jesus
 brings;
 We pray to the Lord:**

**For all elected officials:
 that throughout their service, they may
 respect the dignity of each person;
 We pray to the Lord**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.
www.usccb.org/respectlife



Saint Fabian

Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope. Eusebius, a Church historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecution of Decius in 250 A.D. Saint Cyprian wrote to his successor that Fabian was an "incomparable" man whose glory in death matched the holiness and purity of his life.

In the catacombs of Saint Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr." St. Fabian shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Sebastian on January 20.

Reflection

We can go confidently into the future and accept the change that growth demands only if we have firm roots in the past, in a living tradition. A few pieces of stone in Rome are a reminder to us that we are bearers of more than 20 centuries of a living tradition of faith and courage in living the life of Christ and showing it to the world. We have brothers and sisters who have "gone before us with the sign of faith," as the First Eucharistic Prayer puts it, to light the way for us.

January Special Intention of Pope Francis

Dear Father,

As we start a new year, we ask you to bless us with true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Saint Sebastian

Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

Scholars now agree that Sebastian entered the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

Reflection

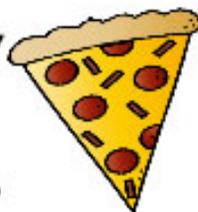
The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives.

BELIEVE AND PRAY

The Knights of Columbus Presents

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