

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!



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 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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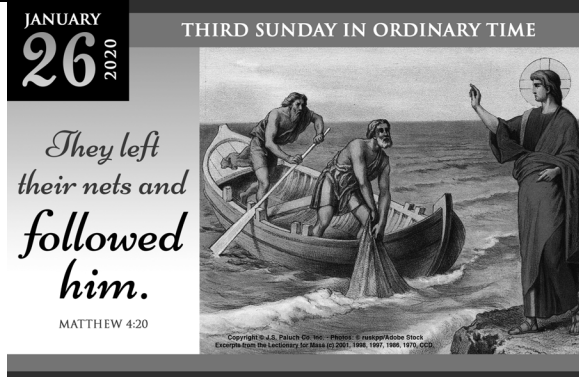
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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February**

5:30 PM + Feb. 26 7:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, Angela Gravina, Nancy Malta, John Mattingly

8:00 AM - John Ballantyne, Catherine Cerilles, Elaine McTague, Barbara Sokol

10:30 AM - Juan Allende, Kim Allende, Marlene Polyak, Noelle Degbe

12:00 Noon - Ann Marie Bonassis, Sue Carlstrom, Cathy Chin, Maureen McNulty

LECTORS**January 25/26, 2020**

5:30 PM Cindy Campbell

8:00 AM Tom DiMaio

10:30 AM Ricardo Burgos

12 Noon Maria Becker

February 1/2, 2020

Leona Seufert

Debbie Kachnowski

Matthew Leingang

Celeste Michielli

ALTAR SERVERS**January 25/26, 2020**

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz

8:00 AM Nico Lee

10:30 AM Raciely Rodriquez

12 Noon

February 1/2, 2020

Joe Schmatz

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, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, Robert Curry, Cathy Naccarato DeRoxtra, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, 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 25: The Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 AM Jimmy Cumming and Ian & Mary Nelson

(From: Sister, Janet Landis)

5:30 PM Vincenza Papa

(From: Family)

SUNDAY, January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary**Time**

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Armand Cistaro III

(Love, Mom)

12:00 Noon Liam McNulty

(Love, Mom & Dad)

MONDAY, January 27: St. Angela Merici

8:00 AM Daniel Joseph Farrell

(From: Assumption K of C)

TUESDAY, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM Daniel Farrell

(From: Fr. Carmine)

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

WEDNESDAY, January 29

8:00 AM Lidia Jimenez

(From: Religious Education Staff)

THURSDAY, January 30

8:00 AM Nick Andriola (Jan. 30, 2007)

(Love, Sister Lucy)

FRIDAY, January 31: St. John Bosco

8:00 AM Daniel Farrell

(From: Joseph & Marlene Polyak)

SATURDAY, February 1: Blessed Virgin Mary; First**Saturday**

8:00 AM John Grimmer

(From: Family)

5:30 PM Corporate Mass

(See List)

SUNDAY, February 2: Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM For the Parishioners

10:30 AM Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri

(From: Son, Ralph)

12:00 Noon Elizabeth Ann Scuderi

(Happy Anniversary From Robert)

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.



We will celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Next weekend will bring an end to our Christmas celebration and will be our last opportunity to venerate the image of Our Lord in the Christmas Crèche. There will be a Festive Mass in celebration of this Feast on Saturday, Feb 1 at 5:30 P.M. In celebration of this Feast, we will observe the venerable practice to bless all the candles to be used in Church in this coming year. A Procession with Candles recalling the journey to the Temple will take place as a part of this Solemn Mass. Blessed Candles for home use will also be made available.

The feast celebrates 40 days since the celebration of the Nativity of Christ and remembers how Mary and Joseph, obedient to Mosasic law, brought Jesus to the Temple to be presented before the Altar. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:22-40). According to the gospel, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn, in obedience to the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12-15, etc.). Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb) (Leviticus 12:8), sacrificing "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." The Book of Leviticus 12:1-4 indicates that this event should take place forty days after birth for a male child, hence the Presentation is celebrated forty days after Christmas.

Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, they encountered Simeon. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). Simeon prayed the prayer that would become known as the Nunc Dimittis, or Cantic of Simeon, which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus. The elderly prophetess Anna was also in the Temple, and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus, and spoke to everyone there about Jesus and his role in the redemption of Israel (Luke 2:36-38).

One might say that the Holy Family was greeted in the temple by two senior citizens, Simeon and the widow Anna. They represent all of what was good in the Israelite Tradition, most especially patience in their longing and the knowledge of the Scriptures. These two saints of the old covenant, were the first to profess Jesus as the Anointed-One, the Messiah. This is a good weekend to acknowledge with gratitude our own senior citizens who profess this same longing for Jesus with faith and patience and with the knowledge of Scripture pass this faith on to us. Your constant witness has made a difference in our lives and so, to all of our senior citizens in the faith thank you! Fr. Jim

The Blessings of throats in honor of St. Blaise will take place on Monday, February 3 after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. St. Blaise is remembered for curing a boy with an ailment of the throat. We invoke his intercession against ailments of the throat and every other evil.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for January 18/19	\$5,334
Energy Collection	<u>\$2,093</u>
Total Contribution for January 18/19	\$7,427

Thank you for your generosity!



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+George "Buzzy" Spera

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord!

Corporate Mass 5:30 p.m. February 1, 2020

Deceased

Richard Barz
Nettie Bianca
Marilyn Dalia
Louis Faccione
Daniel Farrell
Daniel Farrell
James Leonard
Suzanne Lindemann

Alejandro Montero
Lynn Rubino
George Rusin
Jerry Scapicchio
Pat Wiggins
Elizabeth "Betty" Wojcik
Dianna Young

Requested by

Joan & Rich Kratson
Loretta Raczynski
Spera Family

Annette & Martin Venturo
Barbara Sokol

Bryan & Ann Marie
Peterson
Nina Ignacio & Family
David & Betty Karalis
Tanina Naccarato & Family
Grace & Family
David & Linda Farrell
Loretta Raczynski
Assumption Choir

HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan

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 William Sabo "Happy Birthday:

Requested by His Family
Donation of Wine & Hosts

In Loving Memory of Mariann Molinari

Donation of Candles



Jan. 28, Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Catholic War Veterans
Jan. 29, Weds. - 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice
Jan. 29, Weds. - 7:00 p.m. - Bereavement, Chapel
Jan. 25, Sat. - 6:30 p.m. - Pizza Tasting

**First Saturday of Reparation at the Blue Army Shrine
- Feb. 1, 2020**

Why Five First Saturdays? Because Our Lord and Our Lady (of Fatima) asked for it. When questioning why five First Saturdays, Our Lord replied to Sr. Lucia on May 29, 1930: "My daughter, the reason is simple... 1. Against Her Immaculate Conception; 2. Against Her Virginity; 3. Against Her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the Mother of all mankind; 4. Those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference, contempt, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother; 5. Offenses of those who insult Her directly in Her sacred images." Begin your New Year by honoring Our Lord and Our Lady's plea. Bring your children and friends. The world needs this. The 15 minutes of meditation on the rosary requested by Our Lady will be a visual presentation. Confessions 10:30; Rosary w/15 min. meditation 11:30; Mass 12:15 N.; Brown Scapular Enrollment, talk at Holy House regarding its' relics; **Divine Mercy Chaplet. 674 Mt. Rd. E., Asbury, NJ 08802 908-689-1700, ex.224.**

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin invites those celebrating their Fiftieth (50) Anniversary of Marriage to a Special Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 3:00 P.M. Those celebrating their Twenty-fifth (25) or Fifth (5) Anniversary of Marriage will be invited to the Cathedral-Basilica on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Reservations are necessary for full participation. Please contact the Rectory Office (908)245-1107 for reservations.

MARY'S GROTTTO

Greetings from Mary's Grotto. Even though we are closed, our thoughts are with you and what to order that would be of interest for the coming season. March will be here before you know it.

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 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2020

Meetings held: Church Chapel

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

All calls are confidential.

SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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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!

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta



It has come to our attention that items are being left outside of the Catholic Charity Clothing Bins. It is clearly noted that this is unacceptable. If the bin is full, please come back another time. There are two pick-ups a week on Monday and Friday. **We do risk losing the bins if this continues** which will impact Catholic Charities and the poor they serve. Please pass the word around that **items may not be left outside the bins!** If you have facebook, please pass on this message to the local community. Thank you!

**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

**Baby Bottle Boomerang**

I would like to thank everyone who brought back their baby bottle this past weekend. Your support for the Knights Of Columbus, Church Of The Assumption, program is greatly appreciated. We distributed 230 bottles but only received 110 back, less than 50%. Please return all bottles, empty of full, so we have enough bottles to continue this program next year. I will be collecting them again the weekend of **January 25th and 26th at all Masses.**

Thank you again for your generosity and support of Raphael's Life House, the mothers and their babies are very appreciative of all we do to help them

The K of C Msgr. Loreti Council #3240 will host their 8th Annual **“Best Pizza Around” Tasting & Competition** on **Sat. 1/25 from 6:30-9:30pm.** At Church of the Assumption's Loreti Hall (basement). 113 Chiego Pl., Roselle Park.

Tickets are \$10/person. Children ages 3 & Under area FREE. Admission includes blind pizza tasting from area pizzerias, beverages and dessert.

Tickets are available for purchase after all masses: Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 8am, 10:30am & 12pm. Or at the Parish Office Mon. – Fri. from 8am-4pm. call 908-245-1107.

Reserved tables available for parties of 8 or more.

Be sure to get your tickets early as this event has SOLD OUT the last 5 years.

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal “order” but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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