

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!



The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 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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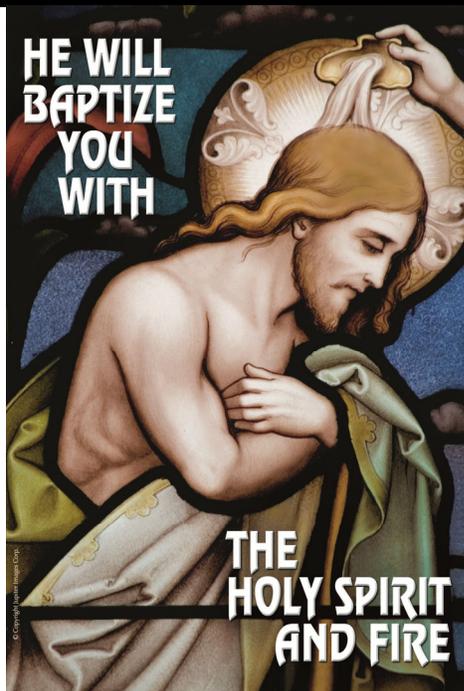
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Eucharistic Ministers WILL NOT RESUME until further notice. My hope is to resume fully in the near future.

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

January 8/9, 2022

5:30 PM Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM Jack Kaulfers
10:30 AM Cindy Campbell
12 Noon Nicholas Milici

January 15/16, 2022

Cindy Campbell
John Ballantyne
Debbie Kachnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

January 8/9, 2022

5:30 PM
8:00 AM Angelo Geronimo
Anthony Geronimo
10:30 AM Raciely Rodriguez
12 Noon

January 15/16, 2022

Joe Schmatz
Loretta Raczynski
Raciely Rodriguez



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, 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 8

8:00 AM **Susana Geremiasty**
(From: Kevin and Letty Carroll)
5:30 PM **Michael Keicher**
(From: Joan Trapp)

SUNDAY, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Michael Keicher**
(From: Karen and Frank Colucci)
12:00 Noon **Eileen Riccardi**
(From: Lois Gross and Family)

MONDAY, January 10

8:00 AM **Kevin Ng "Happy Birthday"**
(Love, Mom, Dad, Sharon and Alex)

TUESDAY, January 11

8:00 AM **9/11 Victims**
(From: Anthony Sterio)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, January 12

8:00 AM **Living & Deceased Members of the Moraes & Fernandes Families**

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

8:00 AM **Souls in Purgatory**
(From: Anthony Sterio)

FRIDAY, January 14: Julian Calendar New Year

8:00 AM **Estela & Armand Cistaro**
(From: CD HSN Class of 1977)

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)

BELIEVE AND PRAY



Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists.

Why did Jesus receive baptism? First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life. Pray these simple words; Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You!

May this Season of grace draw us ever closer as the Body of Christ as Church of the Assumption leading us to experience a taste of the Kingdom!

Fr. Jim

Adoration for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

We have been advised not to sponsor a bus to the "March-for-Life" in Washington D.C. this year due to the Covid resurgence. In observance of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion throughout the Nation, as an act of penitence and petition, our Church will be open for 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!



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Reverend Jose C. Saltarin
+Ann Danelson
+Antoinette Gregson
+Glen Burnette
+Mary Rapolas

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

The Baptism of the Lord

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

Jesus I Trust In You

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 Aunt Susan Sheehan

Requested by Theresa and Joe
Donation of Candles

In Loving Memory of Jeffrey Condatore (Happy Birthday!)

Requested by Aunt Helen & Maria
Donation of Wine

MARY'S GROTTO

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

BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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TEMPER AND PRIDE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.

—Anonymous



St. Michael School Cranford Open House

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

Established in 1929, St. Michael School is a thriving, faith-based school where children become independent thinkers and grow into responsible young adults grounded in Catholic values

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:

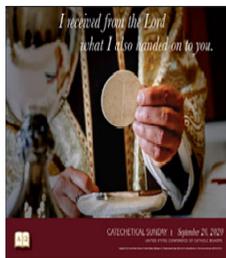
- **Thursday, January 27th from 7:00PM-8:00PM**
- **Sunday, January 30th from 12:00PM-3:00PM**

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**FREE ESL CONVERSATION CLASS****ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY****THURSDAYS****11:00 am TO 12 pm**

Questions? [Call Anthony 908-620-0734](tel:908-620-0734)
 or the library at 908-245-2456

Afraid of speaking in public?
 Want to improve your presentation skills?

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



Jan.11 - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul Society

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

**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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly Collection for January 2nd	\$6,437
Solemnity of the Blessed Mother Jan 1st	\$1,631
<u>Archdiocese Monthly Assessment</u>	
Bill for January	\$4,284
Assessment Collection Jan. 2nd	<u>\$1,639</u>
Amount short of Monthly Bill	\$2,645
which must be paid from the Weekly Collection to the Archdiocese.	

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Psalm 104.

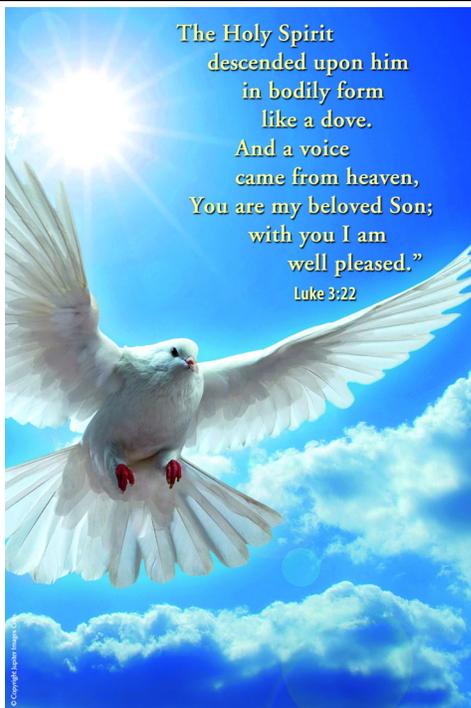
Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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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
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
 who, when Christ had been baptized in the
 River Jordan
 and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
 solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
 grant that your children by adoption,
 reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
 may always be well pleasing to you.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

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 Hilary, as bishop, defended the sacred humanity of Jesus. He protected the church and its members by defeating arianism which denied the divinity of Christ.

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the trinity.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity and his wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France.

The heresy of arianism spread rapidly. St. Jerome said “the world groaned and marveled to find that it was arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the west to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the east, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the west.” While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

He was proclaimed doctor of the church in 1851.

Prayer for Life

Almighty God, our Father,
 you who have given us life
 and intended us to have it forever,
 grant us your blessings.
 Enlighten our minds to an awareness
 and to a renewed conviction
 that all human life is sacred
 because it is created
 in your image and likeness.
 Help us to teach by word
 and the example of our lives
 that life occupies the first place,
 that human life is precious
 because it is the gift of God
 whose love is infinite.
 Give us the strength to defend human life
 against every influence
 or action that threatens or weakens it,
 as well as the strength
 to make every life more human
 in all its aspects.

Give us the grace...
 When the sacredness of life
 before birth is attacked,
 to stand up and proclaim
 that no one ever has the authority
 to destroy unborn life.

When a child is described as a burden
 or is looked upon only as a means
 to satisfy an emotional need,
 to stand up
 and insist that every child is a unique
 and unrepeatable gift of God,
 a gift of God
 with a right to a loving
 and united family.

When the institution of marriage
 is abandoned to human selfishness
 or reduced to a temporary conditional
 arrangement
 that can easily be terminated,
 to stand up and affirm
 the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

When the value of the family is threatened
 because of social and economic pressure,
 to stand up and reaffirm
 that the family is necessary
 not only for the private good of every person,
 but also for the common good of every society,
 nation and state.

Almighty Father,
 give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity
 of all human life from the moment of conception
 until natural death,

and to demand
 that society itself give its protection.
 We ask this in your name,
 through the redemptive act
 of your Son and in the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Prayer for the Family

We consecrate to Thee, O Jesus of love, the trials
 and the joys and all the happiness of our family
 life, and we beseech Thee to pour out Thy best
 blessings on all its members, absent and present,
 living and dead --- and when, one after another,
 we shall have fallen asleep in Thy blessed bosom,
 O Jesus, may all of us in Paradise find again our
 family united in Thy Most Sacred Heart. Amen