

# 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!**



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 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

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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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*You have crowned the year with your bounty, and  
your paths overflow with a rich harvest.*

—Psalm 65:12

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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THE MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE

### PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**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, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Elizabeth Knych, Sr. Theresia Maria, Eleanor Morehouse, 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, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, July 11: St. Benedict, Abbot

8:00 AM **Julie Kaulfers**  
(From: Maureen and Dennis McNulty)  
5:30 PM **Nandor and David Landis**  
(Wife and Mother, Janet)

### SUNDAY, July 12: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**  
10:30 AM **Salvatore Finocchiaro**  
(From: Family)  
12:00 Noon **Liam McNulty**  
(Love, Aunt Ginny)

### MONDAY, July 13: St. Henry

8:00 AM **Julia Kaulfers**  
(From: Richard Mugavero and Peggy Mirabelli)

### TUESDAY, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00 AM **Ernest Salvati**  
(From: Amy McHugh)

### WEDNESDAY, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM **Ronald Kmetz**  
(From: The Zimmermann Family)

### THURSDAY, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 AM **In Honor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel**  
(From: Josephine and Philip Papa)

### FRIDAY, July 17

8:00 AM **First Lt. Matthew Kearney**  
(From: Family)

### SATURDAY, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Diane Adase**  
(From: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Baranowski)  
5:30 PM **Deceased Members of DeTulio Family**  
(Love, Uncle Jim Tingoli)

### SUNDAY, July 19: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Elizabeth Ann Scuderi**  
(From: Robert & Stephen)  
10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**  
12:00 Noon **Mary Signorello**  
(From: Joe & Family)

\* Please note: All listed Masses, Services and Events are subject to change depending on further information.



July 11 is the Feast of St. Benedict. St. Benedict was born into a Roman noble family with his twin sister Scholastica. He grew up with the expectation that he would follow his family's wishes for a career in Roman government. However, he was not impressed by the dissolute lives of others in his generation and at about the age of 20 retreated into a cave near Enfide. There for three years he lived as a hermit. As he matured in wisdom, age, and grace, others noted his qualities and invited him to lead their local community of monks.

At first this did not do well, as the monks resisted Benedict's efforts to bring greater spiritual discipline to their lives. Benedict is said to have escaped their attempts to poison him by miraculous means, once with a cup of poisoned wine shattering as he blessed it. Benedict went on to establish a number of monasteries, the most important of which was the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino (Italy) where he died in 543.

Monasticism had a long lineage in Christian life going back to its founding in Egypt in the 300's. The life was one of heroic virtue, with some monks practicing long fasts and other ascetic practices to the admiration of their followers. St. Benedict was of a more practical mind. He wanted to create a model of monastic life that would make it possible for ordinary men to follow every day. He also wanted to create a community with the abbot as the father guiding the monks in the daily practice of work and prayer.

The idea that physical labor can be dedicated to God and be a means by which men and women may work out their salvation is a revolutionary concept in Western civilization. In Roman society, work was what slaves did, while the aristocracy commanded them and used their leisure time to speculate on the meaning of life. What we understand today of the dignity of work as a necessary part of a mature Christian life was created by the life promoted by St Benedict.

St. Benedict summed up his ideals in the Rule of St Benedict which became one of the foundation documents of Western Christianity. The Rule has only 73 short chapters. It deals with the question of how an individual monk may live each day with his mind on Christ as he works and prays. The Rule also covers the duties of the abbot running the monastery as a father, leading the community to live in harmony with God and one another. This would be the basis on which centuries of monastic life would flourish and give to Western Christianity a model of stability on which Western culture has grown and flourished. St Benedict is the patron of European civilization.

Our new Episcopal Vicar of Union County is the Most Reverend Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B. (OSB meaning the Order of St. Benedict). Bishop Elias is a monk of the

Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary's Abbey at Delbarton, Morristown and has been released for service to the Archdiocese of Newark as Auxiliary to Joseph Cardinal Tobin. Bishop Elias will oversee Union County representing the Cardinal and work with the Deans to best serve the needs of the faithful. As a Parish under his jurisdiction, we offer our best wishes on his recent Ordination as Bishop, on this Patronal Feast of St. Benedict, and we welcome him as our new Episcopal Vicar.

May God grant Bishop Elias many blessed and happy years of service!

Fr. Jim

### The St. Benedict Medal

On the front of the medal is Saint Benedict holding a cross in his right hand, the Christian symbol of salvation, and in the left his rule for monasteries. To Benedict's right, below the cross, is a poisoned cup, a reference to the legend that hostile monks attempted to poison him, and the cup containing poisoned wine shattered when the saint made the sign of the cross over it. To his left, below the rule, the raven that carried off a loaf of poisoned bread. From this is derived the tradition that the medal protects against poisoning. Above the cup and raven are the words *Crux sancti patris Benedicti* ("The Cross of [our] Holy Father Benedict"). Surrounding the figure of Saint Benedict are the words *Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!* ("May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death"), since Benedictines regarded him as a particular patron of a happy death. On the back is a cross, containing the letters *C S S M L - N D S M D*, initials of the words *Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Numquam draco sit mihi dux!* ("May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my overlord!").<sup>[4]</sup> The large *C S P B* stand for *Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti* ("The Cross of [our] Holy Father Benedict"). Surrounding the back of the medal are the letters *V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B*, in reference to *Vade retro satana: Vade retro Satana! Numquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!* ("Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!") and finally, located at the top is the word *PAX* which means "peace".



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We are temporarily closed. Will let you know when we are back!

Ladies of the Rosary Society  
Church of the Assumption

**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 Frank Ryan- 50 years in Heaven**

Requested by Daughter Margaret Ryan Pucci  
Donation of Candles



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Reverend Harvey J. Ballance  
+Jean Ringwood**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

**The Rectory Office has re-opened.** We ask that you follow the recommendations for social distancing and the wearing of masks. The Office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months beginning Friday, June 26. The Rectory Office Hours through the summer will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. For emergency please call the Rectory 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.

**MOVING?** Keeping parish records is a continuous process. Will you help us? If you plan to move over these summer months, whether you will be remaining parishioners (staying in our area) or moving out of the area entirely, please call the Parish Office (908-245-1107) and let us know so that we can maintain updated records. New families are WELCOME and invited to register.

**PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,  
We, your children of every nation,  
Turn to you in this pandemic.  
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.  
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,  
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,  
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,  
And timely help in all our needs.  
You are our Mother.  
Pray for us to your Son.  
Amen.

***BELIEVE AND PRAY***

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**GOD'S WORDS**

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)  
July 14**

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Osseron to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

***Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.***

—Anonymous

**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



**St. Michael Parish, Cranford will be collecting  
Disposable Baby Diapers and wipes, July 11 thru 26.**

This collection is in conjunction with the annual Services in honor of St. Anne & St. Joachim, July 23-26. All items received will be donated to Cranford Family Care and St. Joseph Social Services in Elizabeth.

Items to be donated may be left in the Main Lobby of St. Michael Church or in the Parish Center, both are located at 40 Alden Street.

For more information about this collection or the annual services in honor of St. Anne & Joachim you may contact the parish office at 908 272-4298.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit by St. Anthony of Padua**

O God, send forth Your Holy Spirit into my heart, that I may perceive into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness, and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May Your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of Your infinite mercy. Amen.

**If you drive down Clay Avenue you will notice that  
our Shrine of St. Anthony has a new statue.**

We had hoped to make this Twentieth Anniversary of our Feast a special event to mark this milestone. As part of our observance we were able to purchase a new Carrara Marble Statue of St. Anthony from Italy. It is a match to the Statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. Our new Episcopal Vicar the Most Reverend Elias Lorenzo was to bless the new Statue. It is our hope that we will be able to invite him some time in the Fall to offer this blessing and make his first Episcopal Visitation. The Statue is dedicated "To the glory of God and in gratitude to the inspiration of the life and preaching of St. Anthony of Padua from the dedicated Feast Volunteers".

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Collection for June 27/28</b>	<b>\$6,523</b>
<b>Weekly Collection for July 4/5</b>	<b>\$7,038</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*