

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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!**



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 18, 2021**

## **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

**Karen Colucci**, Religious Education Coordinator

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## **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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021



THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

**“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”**

MARK 6:30, 31

**Eucharistic Ministers WILL NOT RESUME until further notice. My hope is to resume fully in the near future.**

**Fr. Jim**

**LECTORS**

**July 17/18, 2021**

**5:30 PM** Cindy Campbell  
**8:00 AM** John Ballantyne  
**10:30 AM** Diane Burgos  
**12 Noon** Cindy Campbell

**July 24/25, 2021**

Cindy Campbell  
 Tom DiMaio  
 Leona Seufert  
 Nicholas Milici

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**July 17/18, 2021**

**5:30 PM** Rocco Paolino  
**8:00 AM** Loretta Raczynski  
**10:30 AM** Raciely Rodriguez  
**12 Noon**

**July 24/25, 2021**

Joe Schmatz  
 Ethan Pama



**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, John Black, Al Bober, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, Vincent Intiso, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Stella LoPiccolo, Tina Marino, 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, July 17**

**8:00 AM** **Jose Oliver Graham**  
 (From: Maureen)  
**5:30 PM** **Giuseppa Marciante**  
 (From: Granddaughter, Mattia Raguseo)

**SUNDAY, July 18: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** **For the Parishioners**  
**10:30 AM** **Leonard & Lucy Bennett**  
 (From: Vincent & Family)  
**12:00 Noon** **Mary Signorello**  
 (From: Joe & Family)

**MONDAY, July 19**

**8:00 AM** **9/11 Victims**  
 (From: Anthony Sterio)

**TUESDAY, July 20: St. Apollinaris**

**8:00 AM** **Bob Bodnar**  
 (From: wife, Bernadette)

**WEDNESDAY, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

**8:00 AM** **Josephine Hagman**  
 (From: Linda)

**THURSDAY, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene**

**8:00 AM** **John Antonucci**  
 (Love, Mom)

**FRIDAY, July 23: St. Bridget**

**8:00 AM** **Robert Stevens Sr.**  
 (From: John J. Clark)

**SATURDAY, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlūf**

**8:00 AM** **Dottie Jannuzzi**  
 (From: Cathy Czerwinski)  
**5:30 PM** **For the Parishioners**

**SUNDAY, July 25: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** **Angeline Sterio**  
 (From: Son, Anthony)  
**10:30 AM** **Cristofaro Bini**  
 (From: Nancy & Umberto Vaccarella)  
**12:00 Noon** **Liam McNulty**  
 (Love, Mom & Dad)

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.  
 — *Jeremiah 23:5a*



I have been asked over and over again through the years: what happened to St. Christopher; is he no longer a Saint? The short answer is that St. Christopher is no longer celebrated with a feast on the Universal calendar of the Church but he is still a Saint! There is no doubt that a man named Christopher from the 3rd century A.D. lived and was among the earliest martyrs commemorated on the Christian calendar. What remains in doubt are the many legends about him that have passed through the ages. In an effort to be historically accurate, the Universal Calendar of the Church after the Vatican Council limited the commemoration of Saints to those whose memory were historically accurate. There was also a concern to place in the Calendar those Saints that have a Universal message. There are many Saints commemorated in local Churches that may not be celebrated throughout the world.

Saint Christopher is believed to have been born in Canaan and martyred in 251 A.D. St. Christopher's original name was Ofero. The ancient chronicles recount that he was a powerfully built man who wandered the world in search of novelty and adventure. He came upon a hermit who lived beside a dangerous stream and served others by guiding them to a safe place to cross. The hermit gave Ofero instruction in the truth of God. In time, Ofero took the hermit's place, but instead of guiding travelers, he carried them safely across the stream.

A legend of St. Christopher recalls how he carried a small child across the stream; the child's weight nearly crushed him. When they arrived on the other side, the child revealed himself as Christ, and He was so heavy because He bore the weight of the world on Himself; this is how his name has been forever remembered as CHRIST - OFER which means the Christ-bearer. Christopher was baptized and soon after martyred for the faith. Christopher's service at the stream led to his patronage of things related to travel and travelers. In our culture, it is common to place a medal of St. Christopher in our cars as a reminder that we are to carry Christ in our travels. We seek the protection of God and ask St. Christopher to be our guide. The Feast of St. Christopher is July 25.

The Prophet Elijah (9th century B.C.) is also remembered as a patron of those who travel. He is remembered on local Calendars on July 20 as the prophet who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:1). We honor both St. Christopher and The Prophet Elijah as men whose sole direction in life was toward God. In celebration of their Feast and in supplication to our God, I will bless cars as they leave Chiego Place next weekend July 24/25 that we may drive with courtesy, abide with traffic regulations, and carry Christ to all in our travels.

Fr. Jim

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION JULY 24-25

The church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The Archdiocese of Newark collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through a program called the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Fr. Cosmas Nwosuh, MSP will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul on the weekend of July 24-25. **There will be a second collection to support them in their work.**

The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 275 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, (South Africa, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Liberia, Chad, Central African Republic, The Gambia, Nigeria, Kenya and Southern Sudan), Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have about 134 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support for over 360 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS. They need our financial assistance to continue this mission. They also need funds to: 1) provide fresh water wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya and Nigeria; 2) Sponsoring seminarians, our future priests; 3) Supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul to as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. May God bless you!

Find out more about them on [www.mspfathers.org](http://www.mspfathers.org)

### Prayer to Saint Christopher St. Christopher's Protection

Dear Saint Christopher,  
Protect me today

in all my travels along the road's way.

Give your warning sign if danger is near  
so that I may stop while the path is clear.

Be at my window and direct me through  
when the vision blurs from out of the blue.

Carry me safely to my destined place,  
like you carried Christ in your close embrace.  
Amen.



From Death  
to New Life

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

+Reverend Francis A. Heinen

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord!

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

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**St. John the Apostle Parish Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

You are invited to visit our Lord Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, any time of the day or night! Our chapel will be celebrating our 25th anniversary this December 8th, and continues to welcome all. Any who feel called: can also dedicate an hour a week as an hourly adorer. More information on this is available at the chapel

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration, on contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our Adoration never cease." -Saint John Paul II

For more info, please visit:

[www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration](http://www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration)

Text Anne at: [908-247-6998](tel:908-247-6998) or email: [adoration@sjanj.net](mailto:adoration@sjanj.net)

**St. Michael Parish, Cranford, will be conducting the annual Triduum Services and feast day Liturgies in honor of St. Anne & St. Joachim, July 23 thru July 26.**

Triduum services will be conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 23, 24, 25) at 7 P.M.

On Monday, July 26, the feast of St. Anne & St. Joachim, feast day Masses will be celebrated at 7 A.M., 12 Noon and 7 P.M.

St. Michael Parish has been conducting special prayer services annually in honor of these saints for well over 120 years.

Candles for the special shrine honoring these saints are available weekdays through the Parish Office.

All are invited to attend these special services honoring the parents of the Virgin Mary and the grandparents of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months beginning Friday, June 18. For emergencies, please call the Rectory at 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.

**MARY'S GROTTO**

Because of weather, we have not had the last Sunday outside. We have decided to cancel outside till the fall. We will be open every Sunday during Masses. 8:30 to 1:30.

We are hoping you will stop in and look around. We have gifts for the new baby, gifts for the bride, many statues of Saints, and new home kits and much more. Hope to see you on Sunday.

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption

**Feast of St. Anthony Sponsors:**

Over the past 20 years, the Feast of St. Anthony and Church of the Assumption have been blessed by the generous support of our sponsors.

Although we were unable to host our 21st Annual Feast of St. Anthony in its traditional format, we would like to take this opportunity to show our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our previous sponsors.

These have been challenging times for many of our business partners, please continue to show your support to those who've continuously supported our Parish:

Listing of sponsors 2021 (in no particular order)

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**Roselle Catholic High School is happy to announce that our school days will now be open to our students 5 days a week!**

**We invite you for a personal tour. For more information, please email Mishell Arizaga at:**

**[marizaga@rosellecatholic.org](mailto:marizaga@rosellecatholic.org)**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Religious Education Contact Information:**  
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**Stress in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

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Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation

or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: **August 13-15, 2021**

TO REGISTER or for more information: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email

[3024@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.” (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.”

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are September 10-12, 2021 (English) and October 22-24, 2021 (Spanish).

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2)

or e-mail [Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English)

[elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org) (Spanish)

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Weekly Collection for July 10/11      \$6,597**

**Retired Priests Collection            \$1,807**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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

**Prayer to the Prophet Elijah**

O glorious St. Elijah, ever a mirror of sanctity and justice, while living in this valley of tears, obtain for us of God the grace to be your followers on earth, that we may one day be partakers with you in the everlasting glory in heaven. O great Patriarch of the Order of Mount Carmel, teacher of God's people and the defender of their Faith, disperse, we entreat you, the darkness of our intellect, obscured by our evil passions, and preserve in our hearts the Faith which is kept living by works of charity. O holy Patriarch of the Most High, taken into heaven in a chariot of fire, and who shall be the precursor of Christ, when He shall come in the splendor of his infinite majesty to judge the living and the dead, pray for us, that loving Him and sincerely serving Him on earth, we may have the great happiness of loving Him for all eternity in the blessed kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Before receiving Holy Communion-Saint John Chrysostom

O Lord, I believe and profess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me as a partaker of Your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal Your mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom.

Remember me, O Master, when You come in Your kingdom.

Remember me, O Holy One, when You come in Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of my soul and body. O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly Your most precious body and Your life-giving blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

**St. Joseph Golf Outing at Galloping Hill in September**

The Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter and the Roselle Knights of Columbus will hold a golf outing on (Monday) Sept. 27 at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

The fundraiser for Council #3946 will feature an 18-hole scramble format with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. following a BBQ lunch at 11:30. A post-golf dinner is planned for St. Joe’s in Roselle at 6:30, when prizes will be awarded.

You can participate and help make the event a success in a variety of ways, including playing, sponsoring or donating. A foursome costs only \$600 (or \$160 for an individual golfer). Several sponsorship opportunities are still available, including hole sponsor.

To register, sponsor or donate, please contact:

Rich Biddulph (732-688-5045) or Joe Skrec ([jskrec@hotmail.com](mailto:jskrec@hotmail.com)).

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am deeply concerned that the proposed federal budget would eliminate the Hyde Amendment, which, for 45 years, has prohibited the use of federal funds for abortion. The Hyde Amendment is credited with saving the lives of millions of children. Now, the powerful pro-abortion lobby and members of Congress are calling for the elimination of this Amendment and the implementation of a policy that would designate billions of taxpayer dollars for elective abortions. Taxpayer-funded abortion represents a failure to recognize the sanctity of human life and promotes a culture in which human life in its most vulnerable moment is perceived as disposable. Such a proposal targets poor women as needing an expedient solution to a complex problem.

Pope Francis has said, “it is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child.” He notes that abortion “is not a primarily religious issue but one of human ethics.”

It is crucially important that we send a strong, clear message that the Hyde Amendment has far-reaching public support and should not be repealed. Members of Congress need to hear from as many of us as possible. Please read the Action Alerts posted by the New Jersey Catholic Conference at [www.nj catholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment](http://www.nj catholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment), and join me in acting before July 16 to send this urgent message to Congress. Sign the petition at [www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).

Know of my continued prayers for each of you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark



There are many Marys in the New Testament, and that has led to some confusion. **Mary Magdalene** is probably the most confused of all—not herself, as far as we can tell, but in popular imagination. The misunderstandings abound. For one thing, Magdalene is not her last name but a reference to her town of origin: Magdala (like Nazareth) was in the region of Galilee. This should immediately distinguish her from Mary of Bethany, since Bethany is in a completely different area (and not far from Jerusalem).

Here are a few of the Bible references to Mary Magdalene:

Mark 15:40-41 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

Luke 8:1-3 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Mark 16:1-8 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ...

John 20:16-18

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

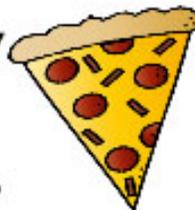
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