

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!



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 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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Those who are just must be kind.

— Wisdom 12:19

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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ALTAR SERVERS

**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, 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 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)

MONDAY, July 20: St. Apollinaris

8:00 AM **Robert Bodnar**
(From: Wife)

TUESDAY, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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

WEDNESDAY, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM **Liam McNulty**
(Love, Mom & Dad)

THURSDAY, July 23: St. Bridget

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the
Swick Family**
(From: Diana & William White)

FRIDAY, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

8:00 AM **Deceased Members of the
Sabo Family**
(From: Diana & William White)

SATURDAY, July 25: St. James

8:00 AM **Walter Wronski**
(From: Catholic War Veterans)
5:30 PM **James & Eve Cumming**
(Daughter Janet Landis)

SUNDAY, July 26: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

8:00 AM **Olga Mirabelli**
(Happy Birthday in Heaven from Nieces & Nephews)
10:30 AM **Christina Oliveira**
(From: Scalisi Family)
12:00 Noon **For the Parishioners**

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



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 25/26 that we may drive with courtesy, abide with traffic regulations, and carry Christ to all in our travels.

Fr. Jim

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.

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.



*From Death
to New Life*

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

**+Margaret Knapp
+Christine Marino
+Sylvia Cruz
+Eva Reinfeld**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

**A Big Thank You to Our
St. Anthony Feast Sponsors**

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On behalf of Church of the Assumption and the Feast of St. Anthony Sponsorship Committee, **THANK YOU** again for your generous sponsorship of our 20th Annual Feast of St. Anthony.

While this year's feast (our 20th Anniversary) was cancelled due to COVID, your continued support, loyalty, and generosity will never be forgotten. Especially this year during the pandemic.

We hope that Church of the Assumption can count on your continued support in the future.

Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer. With best wishes, sincerest appreciation, and God's blessing.

Jerry Vitale, Susanne Keicher, Kris Gamba and
Ann Marie Peterson
2020 Sponsorship Committee Chairpeople
Feast of St. Anthony

MARY'S GROTTO

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

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**Religious Education Contact****Information: 908-245-6572****assumptionschool113@gmail.com****karen.assumption@hotmail.com****SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)
July 24**

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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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 Salvatore Soriano (Happy Birthday!)

Requested by Daughter-in-law Helen and Granddaughter Maria
Donation of Wine

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.

**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



**Congratulations to:
Erik Mario Gromek & Mapett Sevilla Del Rosario**

Married in Christ

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".

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

—Theodore Roosevelt

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for July 11/12	\$6,401
Retired Priests Collection	\$ 994

Thank you for your generosity!