

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!



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 2019**

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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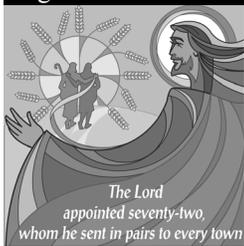
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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Galatians 6:14

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - July

5:30 PM - James Kompany, Rita Kushner, Richard Powers, Loretta Raczynski, Alex Wisniewski

8:00 AM - Marge & Mike Denci, Francisca & Joseph Downey, Linda & David Farrell, Patricia McNamara

10:30 AM - Virginia Biondi, Karen McCall, Steve Petruzelli, Rose Pluchino

12:00 Noon - Barbara Goss, Debbie Kachnowski, Norah Scholte, Annette Venturo

LECTORS

July 6/7, 2019

5:30 PM Michael Casa

8:00 AM Tom Di Maio

10:30 AM Matthew Leingang

12 Noon Celeste Michielli

July 13/14, 2019

Gerard Taveras

Debbie Kachnowski

Mattia Leingang

Bob Milici

ALTAR SERVERS

July 6/7, 2019

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz

8:00 AM Nico Lee

10:30 AM Felix Leingang

12 Noon Samuel Mendoza

July 13/14, 2019

Sofia Sanchez

Ivan Sanchez

Angelo Geronimo

Anthony Geronimo

Felix Leingang

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.



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!

Irene Alkiewicz, Kathy Barz, Richard Barz, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Cathy Naccarato DeRoxtra, Ronald Fellner, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Thomas Ingman, Thomas Intiso, A.M.J., Baby Janin, Richard Kratson, Ann Losyk, Janet Marino, Eleanor Morehouse, Arthur Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Maureen Shaw, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, William Szajko, Steven Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, Diana Verderame, Tony Wargacki, Ella Zsampar

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, July 6: St. Maria Goretti; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

8:00 AM **Pauline Spera**
(From: John and Carol Ballantyne)

5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
(Please See List)

SUNDAY, July 7: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Mary Frances Somers and Elvira McNamara**
(From: Pat)

10:30 AM **Apolonia "Pauline" Spera**
(From: Virginia, Jenny and Jackie)

12:00 Noon **Leonard and Lucy Bennett**
(From: Vincent and Ann Marie Bonassisa)

MONDAY, July 8

8:00 AM **Angelo Dion Franco**
(Love, Mom and Dad)

TUESDAY, July 9: St. Augustine, Zhao Rong and Companions

8:00 AM **Rodolfo Ramos**
(From: Pisauro Family)

WEDNESDAY, July 10

8:00 AM **Rita and Tom Santora**
(From: Betty and Tony Santora)

THURSDAY, July 11: St. Benedict

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

FRIDAY, July 12

8:00 AM **Pauline Spera**
(From: Rosemarie Olden)

SATURDAY, July 13: St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Pauline Spera**
(From: Heather and Joseph Casaine)

5:30 PM **Fred Filak**
(From: Kathleen Filak)

SUNDAY, July 14: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **John Cutrufello Sr.**
(From: Tanina & Children)

12:00 Noon **Mary Signorello**
(From: Joe & Family)



Edward Gibbon, author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, has attributed the fall of the Empire to:

1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.
4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion--faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to warn and guide the people.

The French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution--and it was not there. Not until I went into the Churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

The National celebration of the Fourth of July which we have just commemorated is an opportunity for all Americans to recall the greatness of the past and with renewed commitment to our founding principles, look to build upon the greatness of the past. Religion has been at the very foundation of our Nation's principles. Religion has always been free to engender within our Society goodness. Secular - atheism was scorned as the enemy in the not too distant past as it manifested itself in the former Communist States. Goodness in that system was found in the institution of the State and not in persons. The Communist State defined goodness. Religion finds goodness in the person not the State. The goodness of persons then has the ability to move the State to greatness.

This same enemy has now manifested itself in our own Land under the banner of new names. Who would ever have thought that in these United States of America, Religion would become the enemy of the State? Yet in our own time, the State is attempting to define itself as goodness and to restrict religious freedom. As a free

people we must resist tyranny against the free practice of Religion, so that "the pulpits flame with righteousness" inspiring goodness in the hearts of citizens which alone will make America great. I choose to remind you of the words of Edward Gibbon and Alexis de Tocqueville each year as a reminder of the challenges of the past that we face in our own day. God bless America!

Fr. Jim

IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.) We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if indeed you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

Are those angels?

The inspiration for the "Seraphim Angels" on either side of the crucifix in the Sanctuary has been taken from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah 6:1-3; "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the Seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory". This image of the Seraphim is the most ancient Biblical representation of the "bodiless angelic powers" who stand before the face of God. The Hebrew letters which softly emanate from the Seraphim spell "kadosh, kadosh, kadosh"; translated as "Holy, Holy, Holy". May this Seraphic image inspire us to be holy before the Lord.

The Rectory and Religious Education Offices will be closed on Fridays during the summer months. The Rectory and Religious Education Offices are open through the summer Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. For an emergency please call the Rectory at 908-245-1107 for forwarding information.

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 Michael Spano "Happy Birthday in Heaven" (16 years)

Love, Mom & Dad, Antonio & Rosa Spano
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

Guidelines for the proper reception of Holy Communion

1. Catholics who have officially received their First Holy Communion may approach to receive Communion at Mass after having examined one's conscience and attended the Sacrament of Confession as needed.
2. As one approaches the Priest or Eucharistic Minister, slightly bow the head or genuflect in reverence.
3. Respond to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with a deliberate AMEN.
4. The option is to receive on the tongue or in one's hands; hold both hands up and out, one on top of the other.
5. It is disrespectful to "grab" the Eucharist from the hand of the Priest. The Eucharist will be placed into the open hands of the recipient, and the recipient then takes the Host and places the Host into the mouth.
6. The Host must be consumed immediately. The Host must not be carried away, or held for a time, nor used to make the sign of the Cross. The Host must be consumed immediately upon reception.
7. Only a designated Eucharistic Minister may bring Holy Communion to the sick.

Please DO NOT bring books for the **St. Michael's book Sale** until the date is announced. We do not have the space to store the books.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please Help Send a City Child to Camp

The Eddie Gray Camp Fund is seeking funds to send inner-city children to summer camp. This year our cost per child will be \$300 for one week. However, we will be grateful for donations of any amount. Every donation helps and is greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to the **Eddie Gray Camp Fund** and mail them to

Eddie Gray Camp Fund
c/o St. Joseph Social Service Center
118 Division Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Thank you for providing a happy and healthy experience for an inner-city child!

Mary's Grotto

A big THANK YOU to those who Stopped and Shopped last week at our Church sale. We hope those who Had a Look were impressed and will come by Mary's Grotto some weekend to see much more. Don't miss out—to get religious items—nothing could be easier.

Think about it.

Have a SAFE and HAPPY JULY 4th. Likewise to all those VACATIONING this month. (Need to take along a gift? Don't forget Mary's Grotto for last minute ideas.)

Ladies of the Rosary Society, Church of the Assumption

IS IT TOO CASUAL FOR CHURCH?

As you get dressed to go to Church, ask yourself,is it appropriate for Mass?

(WWJT? -- What Would Jesus Think?)

During the summer we all enjoy a more relaxed mood, but let's not go too far when it comes to dressing for Mass. One can dress to be comfortable, but in our air-conditioned church that should mean something different from what would be better worn at the pool or beach. It is a matter of respect -- for God, the sacred Space you enter, and for the People of God gathered for worship. The standard should be neat, clean and modest; remember -- the children are watching and learning!

Write on Sports Camp at Roselle Catholic in July

The fifth annual Write on Sports Camp at Roselle Catholic will take place July 15-26 (weeks of July 17-21 & July 24-28). Tuition is free to the 10-day camp, which aims to inspire middle school students entering grades 6 to 8 to write by writing about sports, at Roselle Catholic HS. Incoming RC freshmen can also apply to attend this camp.

Students will interview athletes and journalists and attend at least one sporting event as they write stories, blog and make videos to report on their activities. Students/Campers must attend both weeks of camp. For information or a brochure, please contact Joe Skrec at 908-447-5017 or jskrec@rosellecatholic.org.



20/20 Postcard Campaign Going Strong!!!

As of now more than **89,719** postcards are on their way to NJ legislators to convince them to sign the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act! We contributed greatly to this effort. Thank You!!!!

We all know that PRAYERS are even more effective than our physical efforts. The Respect Life Office has asked that **MASSES BE SAID** for the unborn babies that will be saved if this bill passes. They are keeping count of these masses. If in addition to your prayers for this effort, you could have a mass said that would be wonderful! If you do, please let me know so I can pass along the count to the Respect Life Office at the archdiocese. You can call me at 908-620-0734 or email me at giordanoanthony@hotmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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As our Catechetical school year draws to a close and summer is here, let us not lose sight that all our Blessings come from the Lord.

One of the Precepts of the Church is that we attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation. An hour each week refreshes our soul and recharges our batteries. Let's not let summer be an excuse for families to take a vacation from God.

Have a Blessed and Happy Summer.
See you in September.

Your Catechetical Staff,
Deacon Dave
Karen Colucci
Mary Stewart

Corporate Mass - Saturday, July 6, 2019 - 5:30pm Mass**Deceased:**

Jack Thomas Barbieri
Lena Cacia

Azzara Giovanna
Virginia Lucas
Virginia Lucas
Kim Lukenda
Rosalia Marranca

The Martino Family
William Rack

Olga Riotto
Maria Rosa
Maria Rosa
William Schmatz
Pauline Spera
Pauline Spera
For the Unborn
Elizabeth Wojcik

Given by:

The Scalisi Family
The Vaquedao, Cacia, Barberio Families
The Scalisi Family
Rosemarie Journe
Barbara Sokol
Susanne & Michael Keicher
Richard, Renah & Hera Marranca
Love, Daughter Gilda
Michael & Susanne Keicher and Millicent Infuso

Son, Michael Rosa
Mr. & Mrs. Donato Melchionna

Joan & Rich Kratson
Joseph & Marlene Polyak

Barbara Sokol

**Summer Dine Out to Donate:**

Please join us as we "Dine Out to Donate". Throughout the **entire month of July at Johnny Napkins in Union.**

Please present flyer to ensure that a portion of your dine-in, take-out or delivery order will be donated back in support of Church of the Assumption.

**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

**True Freedom**

True Freedom is found in our Lord Jesus Christ who liberated us from sin through His death and resurrection. As we rejoice with our fellow Americans for the independence we enjoy in the United States, let us never forget those who are restricted by the chains of poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted clothing and shoes to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on our property. Thank you.

Holy Communion for those with Celiac Disease at the Church of the Assumption:

Please remember that for persons with celiac disease, the Eucharistic Minister with the Cup will proceed to the usual place in front of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin to distribute the Precious Blood of Our Lord FIRST to those who approach with Celiac Disease. Persons with Celiac Disease are unable to consume anything with "gluten". The hosts used for Mass is made of simple wheat flour and water. Wheat has gluten. The Eucharistic Minister will not have handled a host or any other gluten product to prevent "cross-contamination". The Eucharistic Minister will take the Cup from the Altar not from the hand of the Priest who has touched a host. The Cup will not have been used by any person who has touched a gluten product. After those who need to come forward to receive the Precious Blood with out anyone else who has received the Host, then all may follow to the same Cup. The question may be asked: can one receive only the Precious Blood without taking the Host? The answer is yes! Just as one will receive the Host without approaching the Cup, so one can approach the Cup without taking a Host. Both the consecrated Host and Precious Blood contain in fullness the Body of Christ, Soul and Divinity. It is not required to receive both. Reception of the Precious Blood is an option, and for those who are unable to take gluten, the Cup becomes the best option.

You may have noticed that some of our Parishioners choose to kneel when receiving Holy Communion. This is an Ancient and venerable act of devotion and the option has always remained.

Pope Benedict XVI encouraged a return to this practice at the Masses he offered at St. Peter's Basilica during his Pastoral Ministry. To accommodate those who wish to kneel for the reception of Holy Communion we will place kneeling pads at the Altar Rail near the open space on both sides beginning next weekend. If anyone kneels at the Altar Rail on these pads, the Priest will come to you.