

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!



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 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
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Donna Schmatz, Organist and Music 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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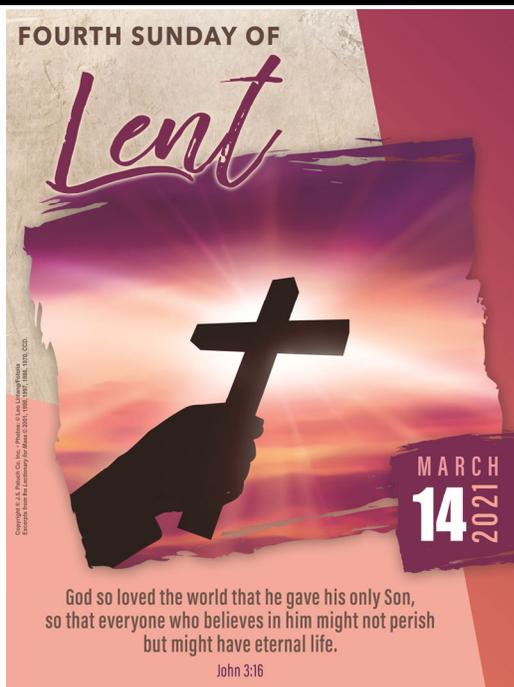
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PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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, John Black, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Fran Getchies, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, D.L.W., Tony Wargacki

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, March 13

- 8:00 AM **Catherine Giordano**
(From: Family)
- 5:30 PM **Mary Muso**
(From: Daughter, Angela)

SUNDAY, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
- 10:30 AM **Raymond Wittevrongo**
(From: Angela Tobe)
- 12:00 Noon **Richard Powers**
(From: Annette & Martin Ventura)

MONDAY, March 15

- 8:00 AM **Edward Zarszynski 15th Anniv.**
(From: Wife Geri)

TUESDAY, March 16

- 8:00 AM **Richard P. Jediny**
"Happy Birthday"
(Love, Virginia, Jenny and Jackie)
- 7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(13th Week)

WEDNESDAY, March 17; Saint Patrick

- 8:00 AM **Richard P. Jediny 28th Anniv.**
(Love, Virginia, Jenny and Jackie)

THURSDAY, March 18; Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8:00 AM **Gloria Vaccarino**
"Happy Birthday in Heaven"
(From: Family)

FRIDAY, March 19; Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM **Frank Spera**
(From: Spera Family)
- 7:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 20

- 8:00 AM **John Grimmer**
(From: Family)
- 5:30 PM **For the Parishioners**

SUNDAY, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent;

- 8:00 AM **Vincenzo & Laureta Tripicchio**
(Love, Sal)
- 10:30 AM **In Honor of Saint Joseph**
(From: Ella Manfre)
- 12:00 Noon **Giovanna Pizzi & Cosmo DiBrizzi**
(From: Rita Macolino)



Our Lenten journey has begun as we deepen our spiritual lives with fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. These Lenten practices prepare us to better enter into the mystery of Christ's redemptive act; His passion, death, and resurrection, which we shall come to commemorate at the end of these forty days. This is no mere remembrance of a moment in history past, but an opportunity for those who see with the eyes of faith the radical impact of these events in our lives today. Our Lenten discipline opens our heart and mind to the deeper meaning of these events and allows us once again to hear His call to look beyond the superficial and see ourselves as truly loved by our God. This realization moves us to repent of our negligence and to look at each other in a different way, beyond appearances, moving us to care for one another in real ways.

The Saints in every generation came to this realization. During these Lenten days we also commemorate the lives of many holy men and women. Our attention is drawn this week to three individuals: St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and St. Anthony. We remember St. Patrick on March 17, St. Joseph on March 19, and we will begin the St. Anthony 13 Tuesday Devotion this week.

St. Patrick is remembered as one who had the courage of conviction and shared his faith in Jesus with those who never heard His name. His desire was to share the "good news" which would liberate the Celtic tribes from the superstitions of ages past. The people of Ireland have suffered greatly over the centuries to keep this faith. Our prayer is that the sons and daughters of Ireland remain courageous in faith in the face of materialism and secularism; the new gods of a new generation. St. Joseph remains that "just man" who quietly did the will of God in the face of unimaginable doubt and confusion. His trust in God moved him beyond doubt and confusion to the embrace of his family, the Holy Family. St. Anthony of Padua is more than the "lost and found" department of heaven. He was a passionate preacher and a learned teacher, with the humility of a child "unless you become like a child, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven" Mat. 18:2-4. The care of others in his life time did not cease with his death, but continues to manifest itself in countless ways upon those who invoke him. St. Anthony helps us to experience the love of the "communion of Saints".

May our Lenten journey help us all to be Saints. In the encouraging words of the Bishop of Santiago, Chile: "There is no Saint without a past, nor sinner without a future". We can all be Saints!

Fr. Jim

Lenten Devotions 2021

Stations of the Cross: every Friday, 7:30 pm

Lenten Lamentations: every Wednesday after 8 am Mass

As recommended by the Order of the Liturgy, we will pray the "Apostles Creed" in place of the Nicene Creed during the Lenten and Easter season.

The Most Reverend Archbishop, Joseph Cardinal Tobin has give a dispensation from the abstinence of meat on Friday, March 19 in observance of the Feast of St. Joseph in this Year of St. Joseph. It would be appropriate to have a celebratory meal and make an offering for the poor in the name of St. Joseph. Due to the continued restrictions, we will not enjoy our Annual St. Joseph Table.

The Paschal Fast and Precept: The days of FAST and ABSTINENCE during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a Fast Day, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals which added together would not exceed the full meal. Those between 18 and 59 years are obligated to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who reached the age of 14 are obligated to abstain from meat on days appointed. The time to fulfill the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent (February 21, 2021) to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (May 30, 2021). The faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the time of the Paschal Precept. The Sacrament of Confession prepares for a worthy observance of the Paschal Precept.

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.
—St. Patrick

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Please take Note: In observance of Lent, there will be no flower donations accepted from Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021, until Sunday, March 28, 2021. Flowers are permitted on Sunday, March 14, (Laetare Sunday) and Palm Sunday.

In Loving Memory of Catherine Giordano “Happy Birthday Mom” March 13th

Requested by Your Family
Donation of Hosts & Wine

In Loving Memory of Frank Spera

Requested by The Spera Family
Donation of Flowers before St. Joseph

In Loving Memory of Marie LaFerrara (Happy Birthday!)

Requested by Sister-in-law Helen & Niece Maria
Donation of Hosts

An Equal Opportunity: The Tree of Challenge

Again this year, Assumption Church will have the Tree of Challenge during Lent. Most of us are familiar with fasting, abstinence and “giving things up” during the Lenten season, as we prepare for Easter Sunday, but let us look at actually doing something of service. The Corporal (physical) and Spiritual (holy) Works of Mercy are ideal ways to be of service....Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, be patient, pray....

We are asking all parishioners (adults and children alike) to take a moment to visit the Tree of Challenge, located in the center of the Church by the Baptismal font; and take a challenge to be completed during the 6 weeks of Lent.

The brown tags are challenges appropriate for adults, and the purple tags are appropriate tasks for children. Try your best to complete the challenge as a sacrifice for Lent. During Holy Week return the white portion of the tag to the tree. The white tags will visibly show our works of mercy to glorify the Risen Lord.

“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 May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 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 (English)

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

* All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed

MARY’S GROTTO

Until further notice, Mary’s Grotto will be opened by appointment only. Please call the rectory 245-1107 and someone will be able to meet you to find holiday religious gifts and cards.

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

More Lenten Suggestions:**For Internet Users/Bloggers**

1. Set time limits on overall online time.
2. Limit Facebook time.
3. Limit Myspace time.
4. Resist making or adding to lists that rank people.
5. Share one spiritual video with your online network once a week.
6. Blog about the poor once a week.
7. Add a spiritual blog to your blog reader.
8. Subscribe to a prayer podcast like Pray As You Go or Pray Station Portable.
9. Leave an encouraging or positive comment on a different blog each day.
10. Help a new blogger by sending traffic their way.

For Those Who Need to Be More Grateful

1. Each week, write a letter of thanks to a different member of the clergy, beginning with your bishop and parish priest.
2. Each week write a thank-you note to your parents.
3. Write a poem of praise for each person in your family.
4. Get a stack of sticky-notes and write one sentence of thanks each day and stick it to the bedroom door of each person in your family so that by Easter they each have 40 sticky-notes.
5. Find the psalms of thanksgiving or praise in the Bible and pray them.
6. Write a list of the ways God has blessed you and add to it each day. This could be done in a notebook or on a big poster hanging on your wall.
7. At dinner each evening ask your family to share one thing for which they are grateful.
8. Make a CD or iPod playlist of praise and worship music and listen to it each day.
9. Make a point of saying “Thank You” a certain number of times per day.
10. Help your children write thank you letters to their teachers.

[The LORD] will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed. Deuteronomy 31:8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

EASTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

If you are attending Mass, please leave your Easter Food Pantry donations in the food bin in the back of the church.

We will also be collecting items in the Annex on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 7:00pm. (only on March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th)

The following items are needed;

Canned Vegetables: corn, peas, green beans, white potatoes

Instant potatoes

Mac & Cheese

Soup

Tuna

White Rice

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Jello

Cake Mixes and Icing

Canned fruit

Hams

Please be mindful of the expiration dates on the foods donated.

Thank you for all of your help.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



You are invited to participate in Operation Rice Bowl:

Our Parish will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, the Catholic Relief Service' Lenten Program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice bowls are available at the doors of the Church. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for March 6/7 **\$6,597**

Archdioceses Assessment

Bill for March **\$7,009**

Archdiocese Collection March 6/7 **\$1,425**

Amount to be paid from Weekly Collection **\$5,584**

Thank you for your generosity!

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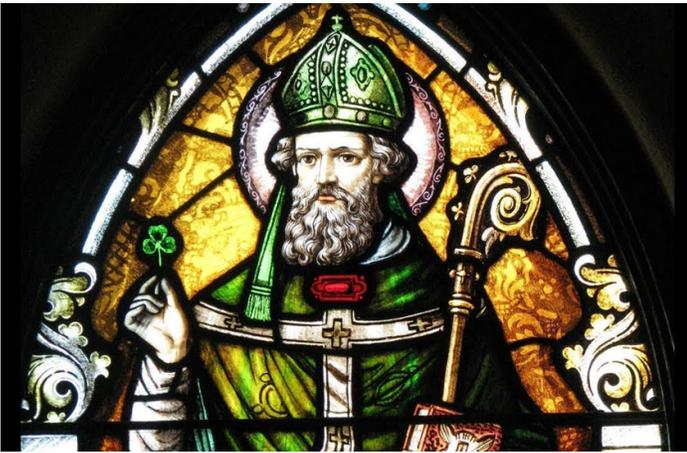
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St. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

God our Father,
you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the
people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim your love to all men.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.
(390-461 A.D.)

BELIEVE AND PRAY



The Sorrows of St. Joseph

1. Joseph's resolves to leave Mary quietly. Mt 1:19
2. His pain at the poverty of Jesus' birthplace. Lk 2:7
3. Watching the circumcision of Jesus. Lk 2:21
4. Listening to the prophetic message from Simeon. Lk 2:34
5. Having to take the Holy Family into exile in Egypt. Mt 2:14
6. The difficult trip back from Egypt. Mt 2:22
7. The loss of Jesus for three days. Lk 2:45

The Joys of St. Joseph

1. The angel's message, Joseph's Annunciation. Mt 1:20
2. The Savior's birth. Lk 2:10-11
3. Having the honor of naming Jesus. Mt 1:25
4. Knowing the effects of Jesus' redemption. Lk 2:38
5. The overthrow of the idols of Egypt. Is 19:1
6. Holy life with Jesus and Mary in Nazareth. Lk 2:39
7. Finding Jesus after three days. Lk 2:46

Dear Saint Joseph,
accept the offering I make to you.
Be my father, protector,
and guide in the way of salvation.
Obtain for me purity of heart
and a love for the spiritual life.
After your example,
let all my actions be directed
to the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus,
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
and your own paternal heart.
Finally, pray for me that I may share
in the peace and joy of your holy death.

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

346. How did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?

Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist in this way: He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to His apostles, said: "Take and eat; this is My body"; then He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and giving it to them, said: "All of you drink of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins"; finally, He gave His apostles the commission: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

And having taken bread, he gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In like manner he took also the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

347. What happened when Our Lord said: "This is My body . . . this is My blood"?

When Our Lord said, "This is My body," the entire substance of the bread was changed into His body; and when He said, "This is My blood," the entire substance of the wine was changed into His blood.

348. Did anything of the bread and wine remain after their substance had been changed into Our Lord's body and blood?

After the substance of the bread and wine had been changed into Our Lord's body and blood, there remained only the appearances of bread and wine.

349. What do we mean by the appearances of bread and wine?

By the appearances of bread and wine we mean their color, taste, weight, shape, and whatever else appears to the senses.

350. What is the change of the entire substance of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ called?

The change of the entire substance of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ is called Transubstantiation.

351. Is Jesus Christ whole and entire both under the appearances of bread and under the appearances of wine?

Jesus Christ is whole and entire both under the appearances of bread and under the appearances of wine.

352. How was Our Lord able to change bread and wine into His body and blood?

Our Lord was able to change bread and wine into His body and blood by His almighty power.

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)

353. Does this change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ continue to be made in the Church?

The change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ continues to be made in the Church by Jesus Christ, through the ministry of His priests.

354. When did Christ give His priests the power to change bread and wine into His body and blood?

Christ gave His priests the power to change bread and wine into His body and blood when He made the apostles priests at the Last Supper by saying to them: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

355. How do priests exercise their power to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ?

Priests exercise their power to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ by repeating at the Consecration of the Mass the words of Christ: "This is My Body ... this is My blood."

356. Why does Christ give us His own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist?

Christ gives us His own body and blood in the Holy Eucharist:

1. to be offered as a sacrifice commemorating and renewing for all time the sacrifice of the cross;
2. to be received by the faithful in Holy Communion;
3. to remain ever on our altars as the proof of His love for us, and to be worshiped by us.

357. What is the Mass?

The Mass is the sacrifice of the New Law in which Christ, through the ministry of the priest, offers Himself to God in an unbloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine.

For, from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place there is sacrifice and there is offered to my name a clean oblation. (Malachi 1:11)

358. What is a sacrifice?

A sacrifice is the offering of a victim by a priest to God alone, and the destruction of it in some way to acknowledge that He is the Creator of all things.

359. Who is the principal priest in every Mass?

The principal priest in every Mass is Jesus Christ, who offers to His heavenly Father, through the ministry of His ordained priest, His body and blood which were sacrificed on the cross. *And having taken bread, he gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In like manner he took also the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you." (Luke 22:19-20)*