

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

113 CHIEGO PLACE  
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!**



**Second Sunday of Lent  
March 13, 2022**

## **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  
**Debbie Kachnowski**, 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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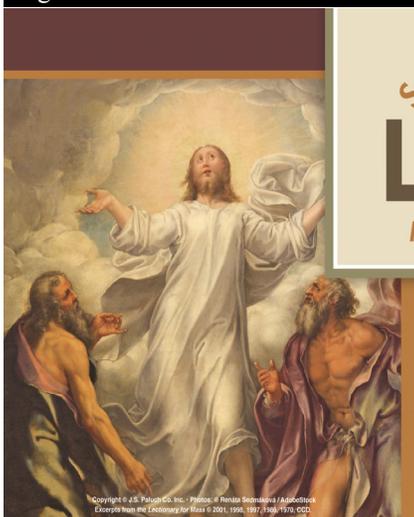
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Second Sunday  
of  
**LENT**  
March 13, 2022

Then from the cloud  
came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him."

Luke 9:35

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

**Fr. Jim**

LECTORS

March 12/13, 2022

5:30 PM Cindy Campbell  
8:00 AM Jack Kaulfers  
10:30 AM Diane Burgos  
12 Noon Debbie Kachnowski

March 19/20 2022

Gerard Taveras  
John Ballantyne  
Diane Burgos  
Nicholas Milici

ALTAR SERVERS

February 12/13, 2022

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz  
8:00 AM Ethan Pama  
10:30 AM Raciely Rodriguez  
12 Noon

March 19/20, 2022

Loretta Raczynski  
Rocco Paolino



**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!

Patrick Ahern Jr., Altagracia Alvarez, Lucy Andriola, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Florence Carosella, Rocco Cerrato, Rev. Msg. Peter Cheplic, Christine Conrad, Ken Castenon, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrman, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Helen Hojnoski, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Stella LoPiccolo, Tina Marino, Christine Mattingly, 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 & Laura Wargacki

**Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY, March 12

8:00 AM **Salvatore Nobile**  
(From: Mr. & Mrs. Pluchino)  
5:30 PM **Michael Keicher**  
(From: Marge and Mike Denci)

SUNDAY, March 13: Second Sunday of Lent:  
Daylight Saving time Begins (set clocks 1 hour ahead)

8:00 AM **John Trapp**  
(Love, Joan & Family)  
10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**  
12:00 Noon **James Riccardi**  
(From: Lois Gross & Family)

MONDAY, March 14

8:00 AM **Catherine Giordano**  
(From: Kathy Vitale)

TUESDAY, March 15

8:00 AM **For Sick & Troubled**  
(From: Saint Vincent de Paul)  
7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, March 16

8:00 AM **Richard P. Jediny Happy Birthday**  
(Love, Virginia, Jenny & Jackie)  
**Lenten Lamentations**

THURSDAY, March 17: Saint Patrick

8:00 AM **Richard P. Jediny 29th Anniversary**  
(Love, Virginia, Jenny & Jackie)

FRIDAY, March 18: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM **Gloria Vaccarino**  
(From: Family)  
7:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 19: Saint Joseph

8:00 AM **In Honor of Saint Joseph**  
(From: Ella)  
5:30 PM **Frank J. Spera**  
(From: Spera Family)

SUNDAY, March 20: Third Sunday of Lent:

8:00 AM **Josephine Ridente**  
(From: K of C)  
10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**  
12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**  
(From: Vincent & Children)

*Jesus I Trust In You*



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 next 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 lifetime 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

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.

### ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor the St. Joseph's Table!

This year, in lower Chiego, on March 20 following each Mass!

Come for some great FREE food, music, and conversation with friends and family!

Hope to see everyone there!

Our weekly St. Anthony Novena will take on a special character in the coming weeks. The Feast of St. Anthony is on June 13. The number 13 has been attached to devotions honoring St. Anthony. There is a special devotion of the thirteen Tuesdays prior to the celebration of the Feast. Tuesday, March 15, 2022 is the first of the Thirteen Tuesdays. Special prayers will be offered each week to honor this devotion. Our Parish intention is for the success of our annual Feast and the blessing of good weather during these festive days. All are welcome to join in this venerable devotion.

### Annual Archdiocesan celebration of Wedding Anniversaries 2022

In honor of those celebrating milestone Anniversaries of Christian marriage, the Archdiocese prepares a special celebration each year at the Cathedral. Couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary are invited to the Cathedral on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. Couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Wedding Anniversary and those remembering their 5th Wedding Anniversary are invited to the Cathedral on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Please contact the Rectory Office (908)245-1107 to pre-register for the celebration before April 15, 2022. Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can also join us. When registering, please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021 or 2022, the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc. God's blessing upon all the members of our Parish Family celebrating a special Anniversary during the Year of the Lord 2022!



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Sr. Clare of the Incarnation O.C.D.  
(Danvers Carmel, MA)**

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelope found at the doors of the Church.

Please take Note: In observance of Lent, there will be no flower donations accepted from Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, until Sunday, April 17. Flowers are permitted on Sunday, March 27 (Laetare Sunday).

**Lenten Devotions 2022:****Stations of the Cross:**

every Friday 7:30pm (beginning March 4, 2022)

**Lenten Lamentations:**

every Wednesday after 8am Mass (beginning March 9, 2022)

**LENTEN FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY**

"Come, you are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom, which has been prepared for you ever since creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed Me, thirsty and you gave Me a drink....Lord, when did we ever see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You a drink? I tell you whenever you did this for the least of these brothers of mine you did it for Me." Matthew 25:34-35, 37, 40.

If your family would like to feed the hungry this Lent, here is a great opportunity. **We are asking that donations of food items be brought to the church weekly during Lent.** Specific items are on this calendar for each week. On Sunday, when you come to Mass each week, please leave the items in the box in the front vestibule of the Church. **Your contributions are greatly appreciated!**

**Week Two** Sunday March 12/13  
Canned vegetables (white potatoes, corn, green beans, peas), tuna, soup, white rice, peanut butter, jelly

**Week Three** Sunday March 19/20  
Canned fruit, boxed cereal, spaghetti sauce, white rice, pasta

**Hams are also needed for our Easter bags.**



**March 20 - After 8:00 a.m., 10:30 and 12:00 Masses - St. Joseph Table- Lower Chiego**

**MARY'S GROTTO**

Mary's Grotto is open every Sunday from 8:30 to 1:15. We are in the store before during and after 10:30 and 12:00 Masses every Sunday. Please stop in. During the week you will see one of us at morning Mass and we will help you.

Ladies of the Rosary Society,  
Church of the Assumption

**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 (March 6, 2022) to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (June 12, 2022). 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.

**Roselle Catholic High School**

welcomes you to register for the 2022-2023 school year. Registrations are now open. To schedule a visit, apply, or register, please contact

Mishell Arizaga, marizaga@rosellecatholic.org or 908-445-7900. Have a blessed day!

**Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell**

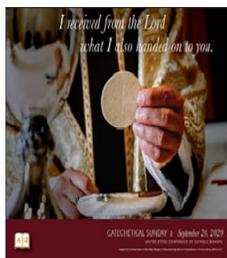
Is hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday, March 31, 2022 for girls in grades 6, 7, and 8.

**You are invited to participate in Operation Rice Bowl:**

Our Parish will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, the Catholic Relief Service's 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

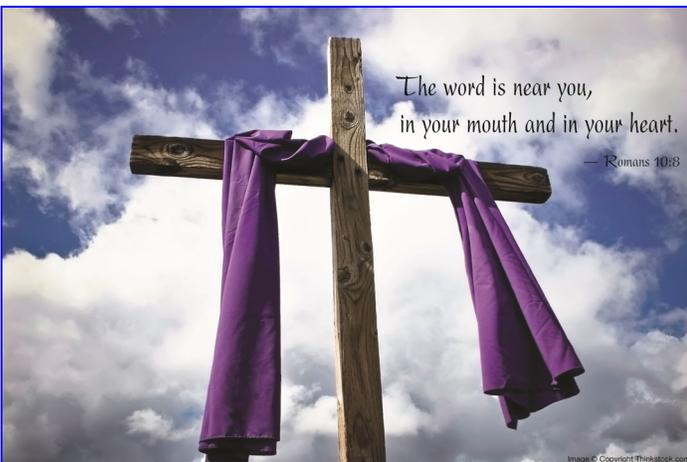
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Congratulations to our 7th Grade Confirmation Students who have entered their essays in the 4th Annual Cardinal Joseph Tobin Award for Priestly Vocations Essay and Video Contest!

Their essay topic was What is the Roman Catholic Priesthood? and How is it a force for good in the world? We are so proud of them and wish them good luck!

**Ryan Brandyberry**  
**Natalie Landaverde**  
**Isabella Rodriguez**



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Weekly Collection for March 5/6** **\$9,909**

**Archdiocese Assessment**  
**Bill for the Month of March** **\$4,865**  
**Assessment Collection for March 5/6** **\$1,958**  
**Amount short of the Monthly Bill** **\$2,907**

which must be paid from the Weekly Collection to the Archdiocese.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### 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



### 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, which will be located in the center of the Church by the Baptismal font after Ash Wednesday; 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.

### A Message from the Parish Office:

Many parishioners request a "Statement of Contributions" for tax purposes. The Parish Office is glad to respond to this request. However, a problem has surfaced in recent years. If you fail to note the amount of your donation on the envelope, it cannot be recorded as the donation has already been removed. The envelopes are given to be recorded empty as required by Archdiocesan policy. This is particularly important for families of Religious Education children. PLEASE be sure to completely fill out the envelope with the amount enclosed if you expect proper recording of your annual donations. Thank you!

Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God."

—Pope Benedict, Lenten message, 2009

**The Knights of Columbus Council 3240,  
with The Church of the Assumption are collecting Material Donations  
for Veterans residing at the Lyons/East Orange Veterans Health Care Centers.  
The Following is their wish list of acceptable Donations.**

**Food Donations:**

The Medical Center Food Policy *does not* permit homemade food to be accepted.

**They only accept commercially prepared food items in the original sealed packaging within the expiration date.** Examples of acceptable prepared foods, ready to eat, packaged grains, bags of chips, cookies, fruit bars, puddings (for Veterans who suffer from dysphagia).

**Especially can Coffee, coffee filters and Keurig K-Cups.**

**Clothing Donations: *\*\* ALL CLOTHING ITEMS MUST BE NEW WITH TAGS (NO EXCEPTIONS) \*\****

Undergarments (men and women- t-shirts, tank tops, diabetic socks, men's boxers)

All sizes from S – 4XL.,

Sweat suits (M – 5XL), tops, sizes M – 5XL), pants (waist 32 – 52 / length 30 – 40)

Season/Weather appropriate clothing for men and women to include pajamas, shirts, pants, shorts, sweat pants, sweat shirts. All sizes S – 5XL.

Shower shoes (**NO FLIP FLOPS**) – All sizes for men and women, mostly sizes 8 - 12

Shoes/sneakers (with and without Velcro) - Men sizes 8 – 14, women sizes 7 – 12

Men work boots- Sizes 8 – 14

**Material donations:**

Toiletries (body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, shampoo, combs)

Art supplies (adult coloring books, crayons, markers, color pencils, word puzzles & crossword puzzles)

Electric beard trimmers, Nail files, cotton buds and combs.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS**

**SHARP ITEMS (KITCHEN KNIVES, NAIL CLIPPERS, ETC.)**

**GLASS ITEMS / ALUMINUM CANS**

**DECORATIVE ITEMS WITH PINS**

**MEDICATION / STREET DRUGS**

**BARS OF SOAP, DENTAL FLOSS, BABY POWDER**

**HOTEL / MOTEL TOILETRIES**

**ALCOHOL CONTAINING ITEMS INCLUDING: AFTERSHAVE, PERFUME, COLOGNE,  
MOUTHWASH**

**MATCHES / LIGHTERS, AEROSOLS AND OTHER FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS**

**TOBACCO PRODUCTS (CIGARS, CIGARETTES, E-CIGARETTES, HOOKA)**



### Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ hear us	Christ graciously hear us

God our Father in heaven,	have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	pray for us.
Saint Joseph,	pray for us.
Noble son of the House of David,	pray for us.
Light of patriarchs,	pray for us.
Husband of the Mother of God,	pray for us.
Guardian of the Virgin,	pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God,	pray for us.
Faithful guardian of Christ,	pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	pray for us.
Joseph, chaste and just,	pray for us.
Joseph, prudent and brave,	pray for us.
Joseph, obedient and loyal,	pray for us.
Pattern of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model of workers,	pray for us.
Example to parents,	pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	pray for us.
Pillar of family life,	pray for us.
Comfort of the troubled	pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	pray for us.
Terror of evil spirits,	pray for us.
Protector of the Church,	pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

God made him master of his household,  
And put him in charge of all that he owned.

Let us pray.

O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose  
Saint Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,

Grant, we pray,  
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his  
heavenly intercession.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers:

Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son. Amen

Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

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.

Amen

### Prayer for Peace During Trying Times

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may I find peace and joy, despite all the chaos of the world. Vanquish all worry and fear from my heart and give me a serene mind to contemplate your goodness. May I guard my thoughts and keep myself recollected, so that I may hear your voice, and clearly see the right path to tread. Like St. Joseph who faced so many struggles, setbacks and dangers, may I keep my eyes fixed on the face of Jesus and know that all things work together for the good of those who love you. May the sweetness flowing from the Immaculate Heart of Mary be a constant source of comfort and confidence for me, as it was for St. Joseph. O God, you placed Jesus in the care of St. Joseph, a man who could love your Divine Son with a true father's heart. I place my cares in St. Joseph as well, that he may see me through these current trials and guide me back to you. Amen