

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!



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 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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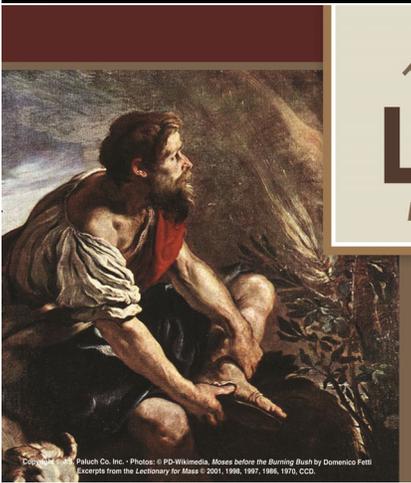
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Third Sunday
of
LENT

March 20, 2022

"Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place where
you stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5

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

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

March 19/20, 2022

5:30 PM Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM John Ballantyne
10:30 AM Diane Burgos
12 Noon Nicholas Milici

March 26/27 2022

Leona Seufert
Tom DiMaio
Diane Burgos
Debbie Kachnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

February 19/20, 2022

5:30 PM
8:00 AM Loretta Raczynski

10:30 AM Rocco Paolino
12 Noon

March 26/27, 2022

Joe Schmatz
Angelo Geronimo
Anthony Geronimo
Raciely Rodriquez



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

Jesus I Trust In You

Mass Schedule

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)

MONDAY, March 21

8:00 AM **Mary Muso**
(From: Daughter, Angela)

TUESDAY, March 22

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
(Love, Mom)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**
(Week 2)

WEDNESDAY, March 23: Saint Turibius

8:00 AM **Christina & Pietro Picarelli**
(From: Iole Picarelli)
Lenten Lamentations

THURSDAY, March 24: Saint Oscar Romero

8:00 AM **Living & Deceased Members of the Moraes & Fernandes Families**

FRIDAY, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

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

SATURDAY, March 26

8:00 AM **Edward Muller**
(From: Alice)
5:30 PM **Michael Keicher**
(From: Anita & Carl Hokanson)

SUNDAY, March 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Laetare Sunday
8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Kenneth Pizzo**

12:00 Noon **Josephine Ridente**
(From: Ann Endress)



Have you ever wondered why so many Christian leaders who outwardly live such pure and godly lives seem to suddenly fall into sin? There are plenty of heartbreaking examples of this in American churches today. We not only see immoral behavior in our churches but in every sphere of life made public in our world of technology and instant communication. Temptation manifests itself in every life, in the lives of men and women, children and seniors, leadership and followers, believer and non-believer. Despite how suddenly it seems to happen, the truth is that falling into sin does not come suddenly at all. Sin does not sneak up behind us and take hold of us unsuspectingly; it is allowed into our lives every time we choose not to flee from temptation.

The only effective way to deal with temptation toward sin is to give it no opportunity to take hold of our minds or hearts in the first place. Temptation, like a potted plant, cannot grow without our help. But the moment we allow it to take root within our hearts and feed it with our weak choices, it flourishes, eventually giving birth to ugly, controlling sin that overgrows our inner sanctuary. Only when we refuse to give life to temptation will it suffocate. This is the sudden death technique: never even giving temptation a chance to live inside of us. Every temptation, however, comes with a crucial moment of decision – and that is when we choose whether to let it live or die.

It starts with a subtle voice in the back of your mind, enticing you with dangerous little thoughts. It is at that first moment of decision – not several stages down the road – when we must apply sudden death to temptation before it ever has the chance to plant itself within our hearts and grow into sin. That first moment of decision is the time to flee – not to wait or hesitate, but to turn and run in the opposite direction. The moment we stop and listen to the voice of temptation, rather than immediately shutting it out of our hearts and minds, is the moment it plants its deadly seed within us and begins to gain control.

In this life, temptation is inevitable. It is the giving in to temptation, even for a moment, that so quickly leads to deadly sin. When temptation comes knocking at your door, do not pause and listen to its subtle voice for even a moment, but instantly cry out to Our Savior for His supernatural enabling grace. He alone can provide the strength we need to overcome temptation and live by His grace. May our Lenten journey give us the grace to rely on Jesus and overcome the inevitable temptations that come in life.

Fr. Jim

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:

+ Maryanne Sposaro

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

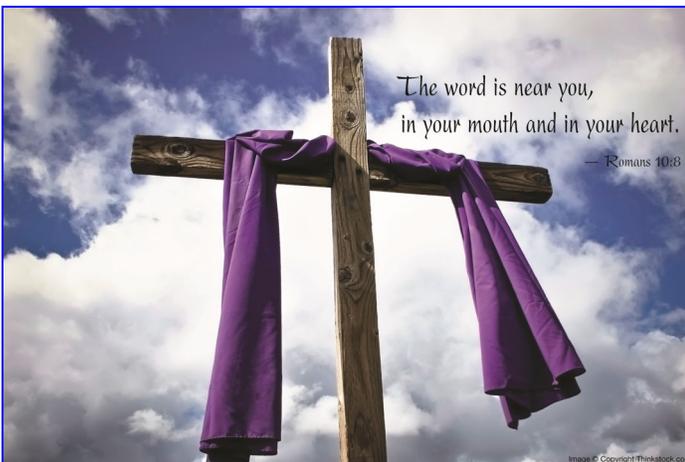
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Congratulations to our 7th Grade Confirmation Students who have entered their essays in the 4th Annual Cardinal Joseph Tobin Award for Priestly Vocations Essay and Video Contest!

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 12/13 \$5,577

Thank you for your generosity!



March 23 - K of C Loreti Hall

**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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
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