

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!



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 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
Director of Religious Education

John Ballantyne, Trustee

Elizabeth Santora, Trustee

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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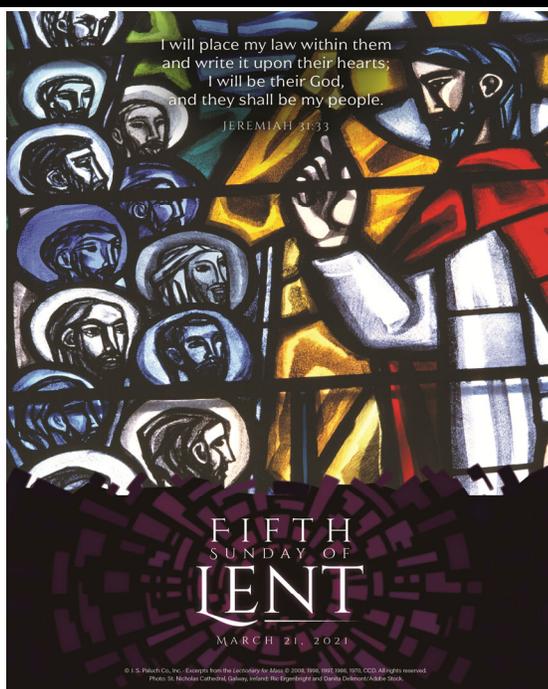
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PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 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)

MONDAY, March 22

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
(Love, Mom)

TUESDAY, March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 AM **Angelina Sterio**
(From: Son, Anthony)

7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(12th Week)

WEDNESDAY, March 24

8:00 AM **Living & Deceased Members of Moraes & Fernandes Families**
(From: Iona Moraes)
[Lenten Lamentations after Mass](#)

THURSDAY, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM **Pietro & Cristina Picarelli**
(Love, Iole Picarelli)

FRIDAY, March 26: Abstinence

8:00 AM **Blanca Cancel**
(From: Concepcion & Pedro Perez)

7:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, March 27

8:00 AM **Paul C. Fitzgerald**
(From: Patti Ellen Goeb)

12:00 Noon **Healing Mass**

5:30 PM **Andrew Colucci "Happy Birthday in Heaven"**
(Love, Mom & Dad)

Confessions: 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm - 8:00pm

SUNDAY, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM **Maria Tripicchio**
(Love, Sal)

10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**

12:00 Noon **Tadeus Kachnowski**
(From: Mary Journe)



This Fifth Sunday of our Lenten journey brings us into PASSIONTIDE. The scripture readings and prayers focus on the coming days of the commemoration of the Lord's passion and death. These last two weeks of Lent afford us an opportunity to contemplate the reconciling mission of Jesus. "By His Cross and Resurrection, He has set us free"; free from the burden of our sins which brings death, and the joy of experiencing the love of God through forgiveness and the promise of life after death. We grow too accustomed to the cross and images of Saints as if they were mere decorations. For this reason, the dramatic covering of the cross and images gives us a reason to stop and reflect.

The purpose of covering the cross is to emphasize it being revealed on Good Friday. The purpose of covering other images is to take the focus off the images and focus our attention on the central mysteries of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus. The veiling of the cross and images is a type of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the Paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the Holy Wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

As we approach these most solemn days, let us also approach the Sacrament which restores our focus to higher things and a life set free from sin and death.

Confessions will be heard throughout the day next Saturday, March 27 beginning at 1:00 P.M. until the 5:30pm Mass. Confessions will resume at 6:30pm until 8pm. Guest priests will be here to give you the opportunity to confess to a priest other than myself. If it has been a year or more since your last confession, be humble before God and hear the comforting words of absolution; **YOU ARE FORGIVEN!**

As part of the Day of Reconciliation, there will be a **HEALING MASS on Saturday, March 27 at 12 noon.** The Sacrament of Anointing will be offered during the Mass. Let the Sacrament of Anointing bring the grace of inner healing to any who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Come let the healing power of Jesus through the Sacraments of the Church touch your hearts and souls to the depth that you may experience the true joy of Easter!

Fr. Jim

Confession Day 2021 Saturday March 27th

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm - Msgr. Robert Coleman & Fr. Christopher Ciccarino (Italiano & English)

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm - Msgr. Anthony Kulig

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Fr. Jim & Fr. Carmine (Italiano & English)

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Fr. Juan Pablo (Español & English)



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Reverend Monsignor James J. Finnerty
+Domenica Grossi
+John F. Trapp

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

The OPERATION RICE BOWL donations may be brought to Church beginning next Sunday (Palm Sunday) and placed in the receptacle in the Sanctuary. The receptacle will be in the Sanctuary throughout Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Lenten Devotions 2021

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

Lenten Lamentations: every Wednesday after 8 am Mass

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 Jerry Molinari (Happy Birthday)

Requested by Sister-Helen & Niece-Maria
Donation of Wine

In Loving Memory of Ricky Burgos

Requested by Joan & John Trapp
Donation of Hosts

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 Those With Lives Out of Balance**

1. Go for a walk each day with a loved one and talk about life and faith.
2. Take the kids to the park each week for some carefree time.
3. Give up fast food and give the money to charity.
4. Exercise each day.
5. Spend at least half an hour each day in meaningful conversation with your spouse.
6. Go on a Lenten retreat.
7. Pray with Sacred Space each day.
8. Commit to a daily 3 Minute Retreat.
9. Begin the online 34-week Retreat for Everyday Life.
10. Give up your most unhealthy habit.

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 First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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Dominican College
470 Western Highway Orangeburg, NY 10962

Virtual Info Session

Learn about admission requirements and meet the faculty on Zoom

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Register at adult.dc.edu to receive your Virtual Info Session login and information for Zoom.

RSVP for Login Details

Visit adult.de.edu or call **877 427-7452**

Undergraduate and Graduate Programs available

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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**EASTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

Thank you so much for your generous response to our call for donations to the food pantry Easter Food Collection. The food will be distributed at the Food Pantry on March 30th.

We will continue to collect needed items on Thursday, March 18 & 25th, 6:30 - 7 pm in the Annex, or after Masses in the food bin.

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 in this effort.

**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

**What: Car Wash**

**Where: Church of the Assumption
113 Chiego Pl. Roselle Park NJ**

When: Sunday, April 18, 2021, 8 am - 1 pm

Hosted by: Knights of Columbus # 3240

Contact: Tom Italiano 908-419-7696

Prayer of St. Ephrem for Lent

-O Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of apathy and meddling, of idle chatter and love of power.

-Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of integrity and humility, of patience and love.

-Yes, O Lord and God, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge others, for You are blessed, now and ever and forever. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for March 13/14 \$8,654

DINE TO DONATE - 2 WAYS

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Featuring daily specials & catering packages, including:
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**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.



Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

BELIEVE AND PRAY



The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife." - St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Prayer for Peace During Trying Times The year of Saint Joseph

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

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

360. Why is the Mass the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of the cross?

The Mass is the same sacrifice as the sacrifice of the cross because in the Mass the victim is the same, and the principal priest is the same, Jesus Christ.

361. What are the purposes for which the Mass is offered?

The purposes for which the Mass is offered are: first, to adore God as our Creator and Lord; second, to thank God for His many favors; third, to ask God to bestow His blessings on all men; fourth, to satisfy the justice of God for the sins committed against Him.

362. Is there any difference between the sacrifice of the cross and the Sacrifice of the Mass?

The manner in which the sacrifice is offered is different. On the cross Christ physically shed His blood and was physically slain, while in the Mass there is no physical shedding of blood nor physical death, because Christ can die no more; on the cross Christ gained merit and satisfied for us, while in the Mass He applies to us the merits and satisfaction of His death on the cross.

For we know that Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more, death shall no longer have dominion over him. (Romans 6:9)

363. How should we assist at Mass?

We should assist at Mass with reverence, attention, and devotion.

364. What is the best method of assisting at Mass?

The best method of assisting at Mass is to unite with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice, and to receive Holy Communion.

364a. How can we best unite with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice?

We can best unite with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice by joining in mind and heart with Christ, the principal Priest and Victim, by following the Mass in a missal, and by reciting or chanting the responses.

365. Who said the first Mass?

Our Divine Savior said the first Mass, at the Last Supper, the night before He died.

366. What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

He who eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, abides in me and I in him. (John 6:57)

367. What is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily?

To receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention, and to obey the Church's laws on the fast required before Holy Communion out of reverence for the body and blood of Our Divine Lord. However, there are some cases in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. (I Corinthians 11:27)

368. Does he who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receive the body and blood of Christ and His graces?

He who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receives the body and blood of Christ; but he does not receive His graces and he commits a grave sin of sacrilege.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. (I Corinthians 11:27)

369. What should we do to receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion?

To receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion we should strive to be most fervent and to free ourselves from deliberate venial sin.

370. Does the Church now command us to fast from midnight before Holy Communion?

The Church does not now command us to fast from midnight before Holy Communion, as it did formerly. The laws enacted by Pope Pius XII now regulate this matter by the number of hours we must fast.

371. When may Holy Communion be received without fasting?

Holy Communion may be received without fasting when one is in danger of death, or when it is necessary to save the Blessed Sacrament from insult or injury.

**I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
— Jeremiah 31:33**

RISKS

I risk being wrong if I trust too much. But I risk living in torment if I don't trust enough.

—Anonymous