

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!



The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021

SERVED BY:

Very Rev. Father James F. Spera, V.F., Pastor
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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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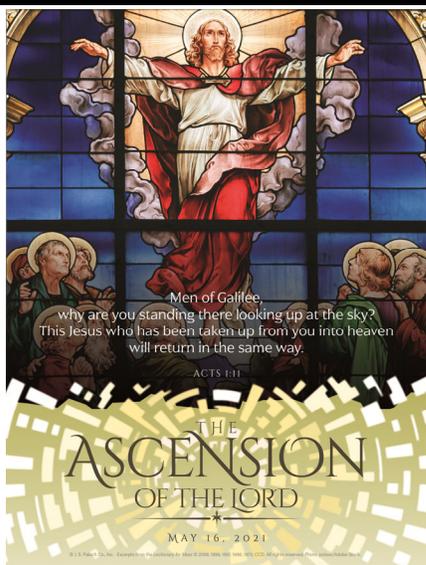
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**If God so loved us,
we also must love one another. — 1 John 4:11**

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FURTHER NOTICE**

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, Al Bober, 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, May 15

- 8:00 AM **Maria C. Gualano**
(Love, Iole Picarelli)
- 5:30 PM **Ryan Zinkowicz 1 Year Anniversary**
(From: Spera Family)

SUNDAY, May 16: Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 AM **Casimir Muroski Sr.**
(From: Son, Casimir)
- 10:30 AM **Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri**
(From: Son, Ralph)
- 12:00 Noon **Doris Iavarone**
(Love, Daughters & Family)

MONDAY, May 17

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

TUESDAY, May 18: Saint John I

- 8:00 AM **Grace Muzzo**
(From: Anna Bavosa)
- 7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(4th Week)

WEDNESDAY, May 19

- 8:00 AM **Elizabeth "Betty" Wojcik**
(From: Husband, Bob)

THURSDAY, May 20: Saint Bernardine of Siena

- 8:00 AM **Andy & Grace Filak**
"Happy Anniversary 71 years"
(From: Family)

FRIDAY, May 21: Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

- 8:00 AM **Fred Filak "Happy Birthday"**
(From: Family)

SATURDAY, May 22: Saint Rita of Cascia

- 8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
(Love, Mom)
- 5:30 PM **For the Parishioners**

SUNDAY, May 23: Pentecost Sunday

- 8:00 AM **Pearl Zacharowski**
1 Year Anniversary
- 10:30 AM **Phillip & Lucy Hallen**
(From: Vincent & Family)
- 12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**
(From: Jennifer & "Here We Grow Staff")



One remarkable thing about the Ascension is that it affirms Christ's physical body went into Heaven following His Resurrection. Some Christians imagine that Christ shed Himself of His humanity and returned to being a completely spiritual being when He ascended to Heaven. Likewise, that when we die we become a spiritual being. But this is false. The Ascension creates a paradigm shift. The truth is not simply that Jesus became a baby at Christmas and then 33 years later came the Resurrection and Ascension when He stopped being a man. The Resurrection demonstrates the Incarnation is not temporary. Christ remains the God-Man; body, soul and divinity.

Christ could have "dissolved" or "disappeared," but instead Scripture states that He physically ascended to a place, from which He will physically return to earth in the same physical body now glorified. Our faith teaches us that Jesus became a man (first coming, Incarnation), defeated death and assumed His eternal glorified body as a man (Resurrection) and went back to Heaven as a man (Ascension) and will return as a man (second coming; and as our first fruit, raising our self-same bodies as bodies like His). He will reign over the New Heaven and the New Earth as the God-man.

This is the reason why Christians from the very beginning followed the Jewish practice of the burial of the body with the hope of Resurrection; unlike the Romans and Greeks who cremated the body. The pagans had no concept of Resurrection. If there was life after death, it was strictly "spiritual". The body was the enemy of the soul and for pagans, the soul was "released" from the corrupted body. St. Paul tells us that the "body is the temple of the Holy Spirit". 1 Corinthians 6:19 The body of early believers were buried in the expectation of Resurrection at the end of time. This was a radical concept in the ancient Roman world and is becoming a radical concept today - even among Christians.

Funeral practices have changed in recent years but the teaching of the church regarding the Resurrection of the body has not changed. The ashes of those whose bodies are cremated are to be buried or placed in a columbarium (receptacle in a cemetery for ashes) with the expectation of the Resurrection. This is the point of our annual commemoration of the Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.

What does all this mean for us? The Creed states "I expect the resurrection of the BODY and the life of the world to come". You will have a new (raised) glorified body and it will be a New (raised) Earth, but it will really be you, it will really be Jesus, and it will really be Earth. No sin, no death, no curse. As Job put it, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25-27)

May our hearts find comfort in this Biblical teaching as we yearn for the promise of Resurrection and life eternal, for Christ is Risen and ascended to glory! Indeed He is Risen and Ascended to glory!

Fr. Jim

The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese will come to a close at the end of June. Our Parish is 65% toward our Parish goal of \$37,598.00.

Please prayerfully consider a contribution toward this Appeal which assists the work of the Archdiocese and if the goal is reached, will decrease our annual assessment by 2% for 2022.

Thank you for your constant generosity and support!

The **Annual Memorial Day Parade** will take place this year in Roselle Park! Our Knights of Columbus invite members of our Parish to join with them to form the Parish contingent. We will meet at Sherman School at 9:00 A.M. where the Parade will form. This is a perfect way to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers and to begin to bring life back to normal. We will observe all of the protocols necessary for health and safety.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25



We welcome to our Parish Community the following children who were Baptized in Christ at Church of the Assumption

Marcos Virgilio Pereira

God's Blessings on him and his family!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for May 8/9 \$6,079

Thank you for your generosity!

BELIEVE AND PRAY

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.

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri

Requested by Son, Ralph
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Wojcik

Requested by Husband, Bob
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles, Sanctuary Candle, Tabernacle Flowers

In Loving Memory of Pasquale Pontoriero on His 100th Birthday in Heaven**We Miss You Papa**

Requested by Love, Fontina Maria Pontoriero
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles, Sanctuary Candle

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 religious gifts and cards.

Ladies of the Rosary Society
Church of the Assumption

The General Intercessions

The general intercessions were restored to the liturgy in the reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In these prayers—also known as the “universal prayer” or “prayer of the faithful”—the assembly prays for the Church, the world, and the local community. As the name “prayer of the faithful” reminds us, these intercessions are a privilege of the baptized, which is why any catechumens are dismissed before the Creed and the intercessions. In baptism, we become members of a royal priesthood, and what do priests do? They intercede; they pray. In standing to pray to God as a community, we are living out our royal priesthood.

The intercessions at Mass usually follow a clear pattern, moving from general to specific needs. We pray for the whole Church. We pray for the world and for our nation. We pray for our local community, for those who have died and for all the sick and afflicted. In our united prayer, we reach beyond ourselves and our own needs and grow in awareness of and compassion for the needs of others.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — May another take his office
(Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26).

Psalm — The Lord has set his throne in heaven
(Psalm 103).

Second Reading — If we love one another, God remains in us (1 John 4:11-16).

Gospel — As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world (John 17:11b-19).

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Knights of Columbus Msgr. Joseph F. Loreti Council 3240 will be awarding two High School Scholarships for \$750.00 each

The Scholarship is for a student that is either entering a Catholic High School or continuing their education at a Catholic High School.

The student's immediate family must be Parishioners of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ.

The student would need to write an essay of at least 500 words on:

- how they incorporate their Catholic faith in their daily life,
- what type of volunteering they have done and continue to do for the Church and/or the Community, and
- what they would like to do or is currently doing in High School.

Applications may be obtained by emailing vbonassisa@aol.com

Applications and Essays must be completed and returned by June 30, 2021.

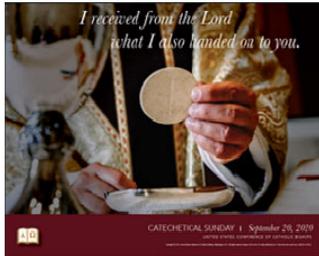
OUR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

It is a seemingly small point, but one that is important to remember as we reflect on ministry during these days preceding the descent of the Spirit, to notice that the place of Judas among the apostles was refilled because of his betrayal, not because of his death. He was, according to Peter, “allotted a share in this ministry.” It is, then, betrayal of the mission and not merely death that leaves a void in the fabric of the church’s mission. We forget that in the minds of the other apostles, Judas still would have been numbered in the company of the Twelve when Jesus prayed the prayer we hear today: praying that, as they were sent into the world, they would be consecrated in the truth. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus knelt to wash the feet of Judas. These are powerful and significant lessons for us to call to mind and keep in our hearts as we ponder the place of our particular ministry in the Church and the world, if we are remaining faithful to it, consecrated to the truth.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY 2021

Want to brush up on your Italian? Want to learn to make a classic Italian dish? Come to the online Feast!

As part of this year's VIRTUAL FEAST, we will be having sample Italian lesson from an Italian Language ELLCI School in Milan!

In addition we will be have a cook as you watch online cooking lesson from Ciao Amici of Cranford!

These will be run on Zoom.

If you would like to register, email Anthony Giordano at giordanoanthony@hotmail.com

The times for the classes have not yet been set. Don't forget to send in your old photos of the

FEAST!

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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



This year Several Sources Shelters is celebrating 40 years of service. Our pro-life organization serves women who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their babies. In lieu of our annual visit to your church we are seeking your continued financial support.

Through God's Grace, we save babies' lives and shelter their young mothers, while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services, including our Pregnancy Sonogram Center. We further educate young people to make healthy life choices. We also support some inner city Special Families with care packages for Easter, Back-to-School, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your financial gift will help save the life of a child and help us to continue our ministry. Can you be a child's earthly Guardian Angel?

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- 3 WATCH LIVE DRAWING**
Saturday, May 22nd
7:00 pm
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Following CDC guidelines, we will practice social distancing and face covering/masks will be required indoors.

Questions: Contact Carla Palin at (732) 939-5988 or RCparentclub@rosellecatholic.org

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This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Ascension of the Lord**. We profess our faith in this glorious mystery when we say in the Nicene Creed: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. We believe that Jesus' earthly life reached its culmination when He passed from this world to the Father. He no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our earthly life. He passed into the glorified state in God.

It is important to understand that the Ascension does not mean that Jesus has departed from us. He has not abandoned us or left us orphans. Otherwise, after the Ascension, the disciples would not have returned to Jerusalem with great joy, as Saint Luke tells us (24:52). He is close to each one of us forever. Recall the words of Jesus at the end of Matthew's Gospel: And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:19).

Christ sends us the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ continues to be with us, sanctifying us and giving us life. He acts through the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our souls. He guides us and leads us to the Father.

Exalted at the right hand of the Father, Christ intercedes for us with the Father. He is our eternal High Priest, our Mediator with the Father. As the letter to the Hebrews says: He always lives to make intercession for them (7:25). He communicates to us His Body, the Church, the grace and strength to live in Him. Because of Christ's intercession with the Father, we are able to grow in holiness.

The following words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, are good for our meditation as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord:

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as He was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us.

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

468. How can Catholics best obtain God's blessing for their marriage?

Catholics can best obtain God's blessing for their marriage by being married at a Nuptial Mass and by receiving Holy Communion devoutly.

Sara also said, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; and let us grow old both together in health." (Tobias 8:10)

469. What are sacramentals?

Sacramentals are holy things or actions of which the Church makes use to obtain for us from God, through her intercession, spiritual and temporal favors.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. (John 3:14-15)

470. How do the sacramentals obtain favors from God?

The sacramentals obtain favors from God through the prayers of the Church offered for those who make use of them, and through the devotion they inspire.

471. What are the chief benefits obtained by the use of the sacramentals?

The chief benefits obtained by the use of the sacramentals are:

1. actual graces;
2. the forgiveness of venial sins;
3. the remission of temporal punishment;
4. health of body and material blessings;
5. protection from evil spirits.

472. Which are the chief kinds of sacramentals?

The chief kinds of sacramentals are:

- * blessings given by priests and bishops;
- * exorcisms against evil spirits;
- * blessed objects of devotion.

473. Which are the blessed objects of devotion most used by Catholics?

The blessed objects of devotion most used by Catholics are: holy water, candles, ashes, palms, crucifixes, medals, rosaries, scapulars, and images of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. (Luke 1:10)

474. How should we make use of sacramentals?

We should make use of the sacramentals with faith and devotion, and never make them objects of superstition.

475. What is prayer?

Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God.
Let us lift up our hearts with our hands to the Lord in the heavens. (Lamentations 3:41)

476. Why do we pray?

We pray:

1. to adore God, expressing to Him our love and loyalty;
2. to thank Him for His favors;
3. to obtain from Him the pardon of our sins and the remission of their punishment;
4. to ask for graces and blessings for ourselves and others.

Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. (Matthew 26:41)

477. How should we pray?

We should pray:

1. with attention;
2. with a conviction of our own helplessness and our dependence upon God;
3. with a great desire for the graces we beg of Him;
4. with loving trust in His goodness;
5. with perseverance.

And all things whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you shall receive. (Matthew 21:22)

478. For whom should we pray?

We should pray especially for ourselves, for our parents, relatives, friends, and enemies, for sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the Pope, bishops, and priests of the Church, and for the officials of our country.

But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute and calumniate you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

479. How do we know that God always hears our prayers if we pray properly?

We know that God always hears our prayers if we pray properly because Our Lord has promised: "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you."

And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, in order that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:13)

480. Why do we not always obtain what we pray for?

We do not always obtain what we pray for, either because we have not prayed properly or because God sees that what we are asking would not be for our good.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it upon your passions. (James 4:3)