

# 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!**



**Pentecost Sunday  
May 23, 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

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**Virginia Jediny**, Parish Secretary

**Karen Colucci**, Religious Education 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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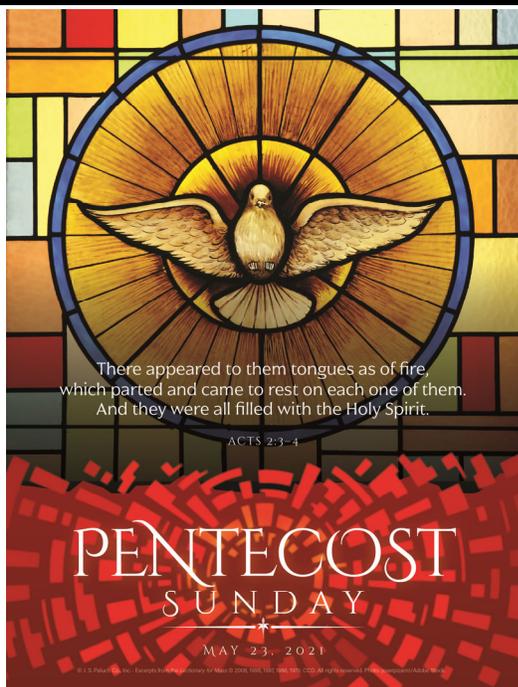
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### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**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, Al Bober, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Lynn Gehrmann, 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, Tony Wargacki**

## Mass Schedule

### 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")

### MONDAY, May 24: Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church

8:00 AM **Living and Deceased Members of the Moares & Fernandes Families**  
(From: Iona Moares)

### TUESDAY, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdelene de'Pazzi

8:00 AM **Filippo Muzzo**  
(From: Anna Bavosa)

7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**  
(3rd Week)

### WEDNESDAY, May 26: Saint Phillip Neri

8:00 AM **Ann Marie Bonassisa**  
(From: Mary Journe)

### THURSDAY, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 AM **Dottie Jannuzzi**  
(From: Grace Scapicchio)

### FRIDAY, May 28

8:00 AM **Joan N. Rillo**  
1st Anniversary

### SATURDAY, May 29: Saint Paul VI

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

5:30 PM **Biagio Santangelo & Lilla Santangelo**  
(Daughter, Mattia Raguseo)

### SUNDAY, May 30: The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **Ed Buldowski**  
(From: John Karaman, Sr. & Family)

12:00 Noon **Liam McNulty**  
(Love, Mom & Dad)



Scholars tell us that the first Pentecost took place during the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a festival at which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in thanksgiving. But on this particular day, instead of giving our first fruits to God, He gave His first fruit—the Holy Spirit—to us. And what an amazing gift the Spirit has been! It is His power that has kept the church on track, despite human sinfulness, for two millennia. It is His grace that has strengthened us, revealed Jesus to us, moved us to serve, and convinced us that Jesus will indeed come back to bring heaven down to earth. To put it quite simply, Pentecost is all about the fact that Almighty God has come to live in human hearts, making ordinary people into extraordinary saints.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the apostles and, breath-ing on them, said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22). Just as He did at Pentecost, Jesus wants to breathe God’s energy into our hearts every day. The spiritual dynamic that was present at that first Pentecost, mov-ing people to love God, to seek out holiness, and to come together as a church, is still at work today.

How can we tell if this breath of God is active in our lives? We will feel energized by the Spirit, and we will want to set our sights on being like Jesus. We will feel moved to go to work for the kingdom, relying on the Spirit’s power and guidance. We will try to be more loving, more kind, and more patient.

Right now, stop and take a few deep breaths. In your mind, imagine yourself breathing in the Spirit and breathing out your sin. Picture your-self accepting the Lord and His plans and letting go of your own plans and visions. Know that what you are breathing in is pure, holy, and intoxi-cating. Jesus has great plans for every member of His church. And that includes you!

“Lord Jesus, breathe on me and make me more alive to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your life!”

Fr. Jim



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Melissa Lutek-Rhodes**

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

### Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Who,  
before ascending into heaven,  
didst promise to send the Holy Spirit  
to finish Thy work in the souls  
of Thy Apostles and Disciples,  
deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me,  
that He may perfect in my soul  
the work of Thy grace and Thy love.**

**Grant me the Spirit of *Wisdom*  
that I may despise the perishable things of this world  
and aspire only after the things that are eternal,**

**the Spirit of *Understanding* to enlighten my mind  
with the light of Thy divine truth,**

**the Spirit of *Counsel*  
that I may ever choose the surest way  
of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,**

**the Spirit of *Fortitude*  
that I may bear my cross with Thee,  
and that I may overcome with courage  
all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,**

**the Spirit of *Knowledge*  
that I may know God and know myself  
and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,**

**the Spirit of *Piety*  
that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,**

**the Spirit of *Fear*  
that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God,  
and may dread in any way to displease Him.  
Mark me, dear Lord,  
with the sign of Thy true disciples  
and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit.**

**Amen**

Happy Feast of Pentecost!

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,**  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

- Jane Chifley And Pat McGrath

**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 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, Tabernacle Flowers

**In Loving Memory of Salvatore Soriano (Happy Birthday!)**

Requested by Daughter-in-law-Helen & Granddaughter Maria  
Donation of Wine

The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese will come to a close at the end of June. Our Parish is 68% toward our Parish goal of \$12,000.00.

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!*

**MARY'S GROTTO**

Mary's Grotto will be back open this weekend. It's been a long wait and we are looking forward to seeing all of you. Please stop in and say hello. At the same time you can check out what we have for sale. We are very excited to put a few things out on special sale. We need to make room for all the new things I have seen to buy for the store. We still have first Communion things in the shop if you need something for that special young person. I am hoping to see all of you in Mary's Grotto this weekend.

Ladies of the Rosary Society  
Church of the Assumption



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

***Cora Marie Chiarello***

*God's Blessings on her and her family!*

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly/Ascension Collection for May 15/16 \$6,851  
Catholic Home Missions Collection \$ 646

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**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](mailto:vbonassisa@aol.com)**

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Galatians 5:16-25.*

**Gospel** — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) *or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

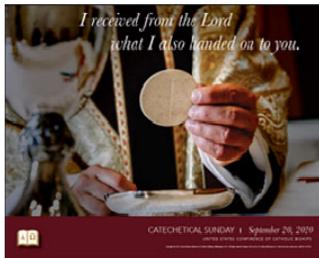
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;  
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS****Religious Education Contact Information:****908-245-6572****[assumptionschool113@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionschool113@gmail.com)****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](mailto: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!

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.

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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



**June Events for Knights of Columbus #3240 at Church of the Assumption, 113 Chiego Pl., Roselle Park**

**Sunday, June 6th, Pancake Breakfast, after 8am and 10:30am masses. Pay at door. Contact John Ruiz at 908-693-3702 for details.**

**Sunday, June 13th, 1-day Feast of St. Anthony. Parking lot procession after the noon mass. Some Feast-style take-out food will be available for purchase. Contact Greg Delano at 908-377-9939 for details.**

**Tuesday, June 22nd, Blood Drive, 2pm – 8pm at lower Chiego building. Contact Greg Demeter at 917-664-8563 for details.**

**A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit,  
who sent Christ Jesus  
to carry the Good news to the poor,  
we pray to you:

Help us to continue your work  
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

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**Pentecost** is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, they preached the Good News of Jesus Christ. Miraculously, people of many different languages and nations could understand the Apostles in their own languages. This miracle reflected God’s desire for the Gospel to be preached to all, and for all the peoples of the earth to be united in faith.

The boldness that the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles on Pentecost gave them the courage and wisdom to preach to many nations and peoples. This, in turn, resulted in the spread of Christianity and the conversion of thousands of people. On the day of Pentecost, about 3,000 people were baptized (Acts 2:41).

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church because from that point on the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. The authority that Christ gave his Apostles through the Holy Spirit extends through the bishops today. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church. In fact, St. Augustine said that the Holy Spirit was the soul of the Church. Just as the soul gives life to the body, so also the Spirit gives life to the Church.

Pentecost is one of the most important Catholic feasts of the year. As the birthday of the Church, it is truly a day to celebrate!

**Do you Remember?**

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

**481. Are distractions in our prayers always displeasing to God?**

Distractions in our prayers are not displeasing to God, unless they are willful.

**482. How many kinds of prayer are there?**

There are two kinds of prayer: mental prayer and vocal prayer.

**483. What is mental prayer?**

Mental prayer is that prayer by which we unite our hearts with God while thinking of His holy truths.

*For the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there be any virtue, if anything worthy of praise, think upon these things. (Philippians 4:8)*

**484. What is vocal prayer?**

Vocal prayer is that prayer which comes from the mind and heart and is spoken by the lips.

*With my voice I called upon the Lord, and he hearkened to me from his holy mountain. (Psalm 3:5)*

**485. May we use our own words in praying to God?**

We may use our own words in praying to God, and it is well to do so often.

**486. What are the prayers that every Catholic should know by heart?**

The prayers that every Catholic should know by heart are: the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Apostles' Creed, the Confiteor, the Glory be to the Father, and the acts of faith, hope, charity, and contrition.

**487. How do we usually begin and end our prayers?**

We usually begin and end our prayers with the sign of the cross.

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)*

**488. Why do we make the sign of the cross?**

We make the sign of the cross to express two important mysteries of the Christian religion, the Blessed Trinity and the Redemption.

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)*

**489. How are these mysteries expressed by the sign of the cross?**

When we say "In the name," we express the truth that there is only one God; when we say "of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," we express the truth that there are three distinct Persons in God; and when we make the form of the cross on ourselves, we express the truth that the Son of God, made man, redeemed us by His death on the cross.

**490. Why is the Our Father the best of all prayers?**

The Our Father is the best of all prayers because it is the Lord's Prayer, taught us by Jesus Christ Himself, and because it is a prayer of perfect and unselfish love. See Matthew 6:9-13 for the Lord's Prayer.

**491. Why is the Our Father a prayer of perfect and unselfish love?**

The Our Father is a prayer of perfect and unselfish love because in saying it we offer ourselves entirely to God and ask from Him the best things, not only for ourselves but also for our neighbor.

**492. Why do we address God as "Our Father who art in heaven"?**

We address God as "Our Father who art in heaven" because we belong to Him, our loving Father, who created us and watches over us, who adopts us through sanctifying grace as His children, and who destines us to live forever with Him in heaven, our true home.

*In my Father's house, there are many mansions. (John 14:2)*

**493. For what do we pray when we say "hallowed be Thy name"?**

When we say "hallowed be Thy name," we pray that God may be known and honored by all men.

*From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise. (Psalm 112:3)*

**494. For what do we pray when we say "Thy kingdom come"?**

When we say "Thy kingdom come," we pray that the kingdom of God's grace may be spread throughout the world, that all men may come to know and to enter the true Church and to live as worthy members of it, and that, finally, we all may be admitted to the kingdom of God's glory.

*You therefore be perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)*

**495. For what do we pray when we say "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?**

When we say "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we pray that all men may obey God on earth as willingly as the saints and angels obey Him in heaven.

*Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will but thine be done. (Luke 22:41)*

***BELIEVE AND PRAY***