

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!



**The Ascension of the Lord
May 29, 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.

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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Eucharistic Ministers — Two Ministers for each Mass.

June 2022

5:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, Nancy Malta, John Mattingly
 8:00 AM -
 10:30 AM - Marlene Polyak, Joan Trapp
 12 Noon - Maureen Rebimbas

LECTORS

May 28/29, 2022

5:30 PM Leona Seufert
 8:00 AM Tom DiMaio
 10:30 AM Diane Burgos
 12 Noon Nicholas Milici

June 4/5, 2022

Gerard Taveras
 John Ballantyne
 Debbie Kachnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

May 28/29, 2022

5:30 PM
 8:00 AM Loretta Raczynski
 10:30 AM Rocco Paolino
 Riley Paolino
 12 Noon

June 4/5, 2022

Joe Schmatz
 Angelo Geronimo
 Anthony Geronimo
 Raciely Rodriguez



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, Rocco Cerrato, Rev. Msg. Peter Cheplic, Christine Conrad, Ken Castenon, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Helen Hojnoski, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Nancy Lanfrank, 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, May 28

8:00 AM **Richard C. Danelson**
(From: Barbara Jean Delnero)
 5:30 PM **For the Parishioners**

SUNDAY, May 29: The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM **Alexander Bober**
(From: Annette & Martin Venturo)
 10:30 AM **Maria Tripiachio**
(From: Husband Salvatore)
 12:00 Noon **Phillip & Lucy Hallen**
(From: Vincent & Family)

MONDAY, May 30: Memorial Day

8:00 AM **Catholic War Veterans**

TUESDAY, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Rafael Velez Valentin**
(From: Rosa Pluchino & Family)
 7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**
(Week 4)

WEDNESDAY, June 1: Saint Justin

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

THURSDAY, June 2: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

8:00 AM **Joseph Gravina**
(From: Angela)

FRIDAY, June 3: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday

8:00 AM **Ann M. Danelson**
(From: Barbara Jean Delnero)

SATURDAY, June 4: First Saturday

8:00 AM **Barbara & Buddy Sokolowski**
(From: Betty & Tony Santora)
 5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**

SUNDAY, June 5: Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM **Protection of Babies in the Womb & Their Families**
(From: Lifenet)
 10:30 AM **Donato Charella**
(From: Antoinette Auletta)
 12:00 Noon **Albricia Pena**
(From: Joe & Francesca)



This weekend we will observe Memorial Day as best we can during this pandemic, originally known as Decoration Day. It was established to honor those fallen in battle during our nation's Civil War. However, today Memorial Day honors those who have died not only in the far distant past; today, we honor not only our grandfather and fathers who died in wars fought yesterday; today we honor also our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters who have died in the wars that still being fought today – where this moment in so many “hot spots” in our world, thousands of Americans still stand in harm's way. We owe our fallen heroes – and the families who mourn them – our gratitude for their sacrifice and our prayers for their eternal repose.

President Lincoln's words at Gettysburg still challenge us today: "... (the) great task remaining before us... that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Yes, to recall to our memory those who have died in war means also to commit ourselves to the cause for which they died. To honor their memory, we too must also be resolved to serve our country, to safeguard its promise, to accept responsibility for its destiny “that these dead shall not have died in vain”. This we do through assuming the responsibilities of good citizenship, by voting responsibly and paying our taxes; we do through putting the common good ahead of private self-interest and in “giving back” through volunteer service.

Pope Saint John XXIII in *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), wrote that peace is an edifice resting on four pillars: Truth, Justice, Love and Freedom.

Truth must be the basis of our lives: the truth of God, the truth of the moral law written on the human heart. Without commitment to those self-evident truths place in our nature by God, we will be enslaved by what Pope Benedict calls the dictatorship of relativism. We have to embrace the truth of who we are as creatures made in the image and likeness of God.

Justice commits us to respect the dignity and rights of every human person – from conception till natural death. Justice commits us to the rule of law – but a law that is just and in conformity with the truth about the human person and not merely the imposition of the will of the powerful on those who are weak and vulnerable. Justice tells us that “might” does not make “right”.

Love is the capacity to transcend oneself, to make a gift of oneself to another. We must make our families once again the schools where such love is taught and experience and the gift of self is made possible, where children learn such love from parents – from mothers and fathers who are committed to each other in that stable and permanent relationship called marriage.

Freedom is not the ability do as we please but to do as we ought. It means that we can and do assume responsibility for our actions, to do good and not to do evil.

Fr. Jim

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for May 21/22 \$5,708

As we come to the conclusion of the Paschal Season, I am proud and grateful to announce that our Easter collection total was \$34,814.00! This includes the Easter collection of 29,591.00 and the Easter Flower collection of \$5,223.00 which brings the total to \$34,814.00. God reward your generosity!

Thank you for your generosity!

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. We are invited to participate in the Roselle Park “Memorial Day Parade 2019”. This year's event will be on **Monday, May 30, 2022**. Assembly will begin 9:00 am at Sherman School. The Parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Library and a Community Picnic at the Casano Community Center (free food and refreshments). The Knights Of Columbus will lead our contingent with our Parish Banner and flags. All are welcome to walk with us in honor of our American heroes.

"You were taken up in glory, O Christ our God, You gladdened the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. By blessing them you confirmed that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. When You had fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united the earth with the heavenly, You were taken up in glory, O Christ our God. Never parting from us but remaining constantly, You proclaim to those who love You: I am with you and no one can be against you!" (Ancient Ascension Prayer)



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Olga Brunette

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

Jesus I Trust In You

The statue of St. Michael the Archangel inside the Church will be dedicated on Saturday, May 28, 2022, **in memory of the late Michael Keicher.** Mike was our Facilities Manager (maintenance man) for eleven years before he was called home to God on August 3, 2021. So many of the improvements to our physical plant are credited to the hard work and skill of Mike. The many donations to our Parish Church in his memory have been used to erect this Shrine to St. Michael the Archangel; patron of Police Officers, Military, Guardian of the Church, Defender against the evil one, and the Archangel who assists at the hour of death. If ever we needed the protection of St. Michael - it is now. May St. Michael defend and protect us against every evil and may the soul of Michael Keicher rest in peace!
Our gratitude to Martin Venturo for his expert carpentry skills in creating the pedestal for the statue of St. Michael!

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael is mentioned by name five times in the Bible. Daniel 10:13, Gabriel says, "...but the prince of the kingdom of Persia stood in my way for twenty-one days, until finally Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me."

Daniel 10:21, "No one supports me against all these except Michael, your prince, standing as a reinforcement and a bulwark for me."

Daniel 12:1, "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time."

Jude 1:9, "Yet the archangel Michael, when he argued with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses, did not venture to pronounce a reviling judgment upon him but said, 'May the Lord rebuke you!'"

Revelation 12:7-9, "Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth, and its angels were thrown down with it."

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 Thanksgiving

Requested by Anonymous
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

MARY'S GROTTO

We are open every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. You can stop before or after Mass.

We have lots of new merchandise, and would love to see all our parishioners, even if it's just to look around.

Please stop to look and buy if you see something you like.

Ladies of the Rosary Society,
Church of the Assumption



June 5- 10:30 a.m. Mass - Rosary Sunday-Pray the Rosary before Mass

June 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Rosary Meeting

There will be no Rosary Meetings in July and August

Corporate Mass 5:30 p.m. June 4, 2022

Deceased

All Souls
All Souls in Purgatory
All Souls in Purgatory
Frank P. Bavosa, Jr
Anthony Biondi, Sr
Florence Carosella
Joe DeMarco
Jocelyn Donnellon
Pasquale Fallon
Pasquale Fallone
Betty Gallagher
Jimmy Goss
Mary Ann Mastrolia
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Vincenzo Nobile
Lina Ragosta
Dorothy Rossmann
Domenick Scotti, Jr
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PRAY
 For
PEACE



**FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY
 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

FUSION DANCE CENTER 6-6:30 PM
 DANCE SENSATION 7-7:30 PM
 PLANET DANCE 7:30 -8 PM
 VALENCIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC 8:30-9:45 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

ROSELLE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
 AND HIGH SCHOOL BANDS 6- 7 PM
 2/5 CRAZY 8-10 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

SABRE GUILD 6-6:30
 KARATE WORLD OF KENILWORTH 7-7:30
 BD LENZ BAND 8-10 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

MASS AT 4 PM
 PROCESSION FOLLOWING THE MASS
 AIKIDO SCHOOL OF NEW JERSEY 7-7:30 PM
 MAPLEWOOD GLEE CLUB 7:30- 8 PM

Also there will be a DJ each evening
 for when there isn't other entertainment!

BELIEVE AND PRAY

**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



**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 are currently doing in High School.

Applications may be obtained by emailing vbonassisa@aol.com

Applications and Essays must be completed and returned by July 15, 2022.

Volunteers Needed for the Feast of St. Anthony

Thursday, June 9 thru Sunday, June 12, 2022, 6pm-10pm

Volunteers are Needed are needed!

Please consider donating your time. You can sign up in person after weekend mass, or you can sign up from home at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054ea8a92fa1fb6-22nd>.

Pre-sale ride tickets are half price (\$30 for 30 tickets) after weekend masses or at the parish office Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm. For more information or for help signing up, please email Greg Demeter at gdemeter07@yahoo.com.



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Silver (Continued)

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The Retirement of Fr. James F. Spera

Scripture tells us there is a time for everything under heaven. The time has come for a milestone in the history of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park. In the past 67 years the Church of the Assumption has seen multiple pastors. The memories of those pastors are in the minds of many.

Now it is the time for the Very Reverend James F. Spera to retire. Fr. Jim has shepherded his flock with pastoral expertise. He has seen the parish through hurricanes, feasts, parking lot paving (complete with oil leak), and a pandemic, Marriages, Baptisms, Reconciliations, Communion, Anointings, Funerals and Burials and given sound spiritual direction. Many of us are better Catholics for having known Fr. Jim.

We will say farewell to Fr. Jim, our pastor for the last dozen years.

On weekend of June 25/26, 2022, Fr. Jim will say his last 4 Masses at the Church of the Assumption as pastor. Fr. Jim has been given the title Pastor Emeritus of the Church of the Assumption by Joseph Cardinal Tobin. The title Emeritus is an honorary title bestowed upon one who has retired from the position of pastor, as a way of honoring the individual's service.

There will be gatherings in the Lower Parish Hall after each Mass June 25/26 (5:30pm, 8am, and 10:30am) with coffee and sweet treats. There will be a reception after 12 noon Mass on June 26th in Loreti Hall with light refreshments. Please stop by to say good bye to this fine man and wish him well and many blessings in this new chapter in his life.

*In the words of A. A. Milne-"How lucky we are to have someone who makes saying goodbye so hard."
Thank you Fr. Jim!*

Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Dear Lord,
During the Easter season, we pray for faith-filled young people! We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in your mother Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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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IS IT TOO CASUAL FOR CHURCH? As you get dressed to go to Church, ask yourself, ...is it appropriate for Mass? (WWJT? -- What Would Jesus Think?) During the summer we all enjoy a more relaxed mood, but let's not go too far when it comes to dressing for Mass. One can dress to be comfortable, but in our air-conditioned church that should mean something different from what would be better worn at the pool or beach. It is a matter of respect -- for God, the sacred Space you enter, and for the People of God gathered for worship. The standard should be neat, clean and modest; remember -- the children are watching and learning!

MOVING? Keeping parish records is a continuous process. Will you help us? If you plan to move over these summer months, whether you will be remaining parishioners (staying in our area) or moving out of the area entirely, please call the Parish Office (908-245-1107) and let us know so that we can maintain updated records.

New families are WELCOME and invited to register. Certificates for sponsorship are only signed for those who are registered; not because you were baptized at the Church of the Assumption or that your parents are registered at the Church of the Assumption, or that you might occasionally attends Mass here.

Looking for a Mass while on vacation? Catholics traveling anywhere in the world who want information about the location and times of Sunday Mass can find it at www.masstimes.org