

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 Easter
May 2, 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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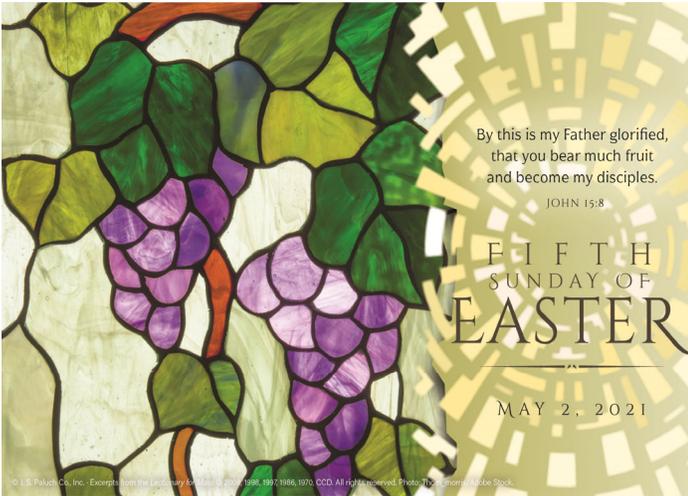
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*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.*

— 1 John 3:18

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

**THE MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL
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 1: St. Joseph the Worker, First Saturday

8:00 AM **Diane Adase**
1st Anniversary
5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
Please See List

SUNDAY, May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **James Kochan**
1st Anniversary
12:00 Noon **Ralph Iavarone**
(Love, Daughters)

MONDAY, May 3: Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 AM **Rosa Barretta**
(From: Tony & Caterina Siciono)

TUESDAY, May 4

8:00 AM **Michele Nydegger**
(From: David & Linda Farrell)
7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**
(6th Week)

WEDNESDAY, May 5: Cinco de Mayo, Battle of Puebla, Mexico, 1862

8:00 AM **Walter & Francis Malinowski**
(From: Spera Family)

THURSDAY, May 6: National Day of Prayer

8:00 AM **Reid Reinhart**
1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, May 7: First Friday

8:00 AM **Edward Frank, Sr.**
(Love and Miss You, Ann)

SATURDAY, May 8

8:00 AM **Anna Calabrese**
1st Anniversary
5:30 PM **Mother's Day Novena**

SUNDAY, May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**
10:30 AM **Mother's Day Novena**
12:00 Noon **Mother's Day Novena**

HOLIEST FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's garden.

—St. Bridget of Sweden



The annual observance of Mother's day is soon upon us. It is fitting that we honor our Mothers for all the sacrifices that they have made for us. We honor not only our Mothers, but our Grandmothers, and those who have been like mothers to us. It is also fitting to honor our Blessed Mother. Our Catholic tradition dedicates this month of May to Our Blessed Lady. We honor her as the Mother of Our Lord, who gave her to us as He hung upon the cross with those beautiful last words recorded in the Gospel of St. John 19:27 "behold your Mother."

The venerable practice of crowning the image of Our Lady with flowers is a touching expression of affection. As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day, let us also celebrate our Heavenly Mother. Our First Communion children have always had the custom of carrying flowers in procession this weekend and placing them before Our Lady in our name with prayerful devotion. Sadly this year it is not possible due to the current covid restrictions. None the less, the image of Our Lady is in the Sanctuary and I have crowned Her with flowers as our Parish tribute even in the midst of this pandemic. Our Rosarians have always prayed the rosary in Church on the first Sunday of the month to encourage all of us to be faithful to this pious practice. They have continued their devotion during these days from their own homes. I encourage you to pray the rosary during these difficult days, but especially during this month of May.

The memorial benches near the Shrine of Our Lady offer a restful place to come and pray the Rosary. The morning hours offer shade and the afternoon the warmth of the sun. Come and escape the rat-race of life and find quiet solace (despite Westfield Avenue!) in Our Lady's embrace and bring your children to pray the Rosary.

It is rare these days, but to pray the rosary together as a family has a powerful effect on family life. The famous Fr. Peyton is remembered for promoting the family rosary and saying "the family that prays together, stays together." In these difficult times for family life why not try this time-tested spiritual remedy. There is power in prayer. As we honor Our Blessed Mother during this month dedicated to her memory, may we feel the effects of her loving protection over our families. May we be the family that prays together that we may stay together.

Fr. Jim

Congratulations and Blessings upon our First Communicants!

Lovely Lady dressed in blue -----
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
Tell me what to say!

Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things -----
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me -----for you know.

Lovely Lady dressed in blue -----
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
And you know the way.

Mary Dixon Thayer who wrote more than one poem for Our Lady, is the author. This prayer-poem was popularized in the 1950s by Archbishop Fulton Sheen.



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Philomena Di Stefano

+Rev. Michael Yurista

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!



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

Daniel Joseph Sturchio

God's Blessings on him and his family!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for April 24/25

\$5,524

Thank you for your generosity!

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 John Antonucci Happy Birthday

Requested by Mom "Love You, Miss You"

Donation of Wine, Hosts, candles, Sanctuary Candle, & 2 Tabernacle Flowers

Corporate Mass - Saturday May 1, 2021 - 5:30pm Mass**Deceased:**

Diane Adase
Joseph Anello
Theresa Anello
John Antonucci
Joe Boylan
Vincentina Caporaso
Matthew Conroy
Joan Corres
James Cumming
Eve Cumming
Domenica Grossi
Deceased Macolino Family
Irene Malinowski
Albert Nitche
Leo Nolan
Manuel Noya
Marge Peer
Margaret Peer
Carmine Spera
Rosa Spera
John Trapp
John Trapp
John Trapp
John Trapp
Robert Welter

Requested by:

Family
Love, Rae
Love, Rae
Love, Mom
Linda & David Farrell
Anne Marie & Brad Stanko
Mom and Dad
Daughter, Janet Landis
Daughter, Janet Landis
Martin & Annette Venturo
Ida Vaccarella
The Spera Family
Loren & Chris Harms
Gloria Leitao
Son, Cipriano
Assumption Rosary Society
Marge & Mike Denci
The Spera Family
The Spera Family
Barbara Sokol
Marlene & Joe Polyak
Marge & Mike Denci
Helen Casa
John Karaman & Family

**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.

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

REMEMBRANCE OF FEASTS PAST

Do you have fond memories of the Feast of St. Anthony? Due to the continued restrictions on assembling, we will not be having our in person Feast this year.

However, we will be having a "virtual" presence.

We would love to share some of your photos of the Feast from previous years.

We will be having a performance of a "montage" of these photos on our Facebook page on the days of the Feast!

If you would like your memories included, send the photos to:

Anthony Giordano (giordanoanthony@hotmail.com).

Include the YEAR of the Feast shown! We probably won't be able to include names, but it will be fun for you to see how many fellow parishioners you can recognize!

This is for present and past parishioners so pass along this notice to those you know who might have moved from the parish!

I wonder who will have the oldest photos????

SMALL TASKS

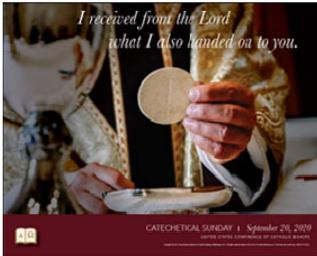
Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Remember to keep Sr. Mary Catherine of the Annunciation (Nancy Tortorelli) and the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the Danvers Convent of St. Theresa of Lisieux in your prayers. Pray God will call young women to consecrate their lives to Christ in Monastic prayer and sacrifice in the Danvers Carmel. The Danvers Carmel remains a bright light in our dark world proclaiming the presence of God in our midst with a call to know, love and serve Him in this world that we may be happy with Him in the next!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Contact Information:
908-245-6572
assumptionschool113@gmail.com



May God bless our parish children who met Jesus in the Sacrament of First Eucharist for the first time this week.



Brandon Avivi
Brian Batista
Jayda Boyd
Antonio Branco
Peyton Brown
Evan Campbell
Audrey Caraballo
Cassandra DeLaCruz
Emma Figueroa
Daniella Gonzalez
Matteo Gonzalez

Joanna Grasso
Katelyn Eva Huxford
Sarah Mendoza
Logan Molnar
Robert Morrow
Allisson Naranjo
David Nash
Arthea Nieves
Brody O'Keefe
Alaina Quintela
Matthew Rosa

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We learned of the passing of +Joe Long who was a former member of the hit group the "Four Seasons". We enjoyed his company several times when he accompanied the "Four Seasons" act which we engaged several times at Parish Social events. May his music live on and his memory be blessed.



Knight's 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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How You Can Give Today

ONLINE: <https://www.severalsources.org/donate>

PHONE: Please call our office at 201-818-9033

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 Ramsey, NJ 07446

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Roselle Catholic High School

Parents' Club Presents

2021 VIRTUAL TRICKY TRAY

4 EASY STEPS

<p>1 VISIT RoselleCatholic.org to Buy a Value Pack Only \$55 2 Green Sheets 16 Pink Tickets 12 Red Tickets 5 Blue Tickets 3 Yellow Tickets</p>	<p>2 WALK THROUGH Saturday, May 22nd 10:00 am - 5:00 pm to View Prizes and Use Your Tickets to Enter to Win</p>	<p>3 WATCH LIVE DRAWING Saturday, May 22nd 7:00 pm on Facebook or rosellecatholic.org</p>	<p>4 DRIVE-UP CURBSIDE PRIZE PICK UP Sunday, May 23rd 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Must Present Winning Ticket</p>
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Additional Tickets Will Be Available at Walk Through Drawing Site Only

ENTER to WIN!

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GRAND PRIZE \$1,500

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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St. Philip

The Apostle Philip was one of Christ's first disciples, called soon after his Master's baptism in the Jordan. The fourth Gospel gives the following detail: "The next day Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him: Follow Me. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him: We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the Son of Joseph of Nazareth. And Nathanael said to him: Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him: Come and see" (John 1:43)

Patron: Hatters; Luxembourg; pastry chefs; Uruguay.

St. James the Less, a brother of the Apostle Jude, was of Cana of Galilee. He is the author of one of the Catholic Epistles in the New Testament. He was favored by an appearance of the Risen Christ (I Cor. 15:7). After the dispersion of the Apostles he was made Bishop of Jerusalem. He was visited by St. Paul (Gal. 1:19). He spoke after Peter at the meeting of the Apostles (Acts 15:13). When he refused to deny the Divinity of Christ, the Jews cast him down from the terrace of the temple and clubbed him to death. The Breviary contains a very moving description of his death. "When he was ninety-six years old and had governed the Church for thirty years in a most holy manner, the Jews sought to stone him, then took him to the pinnacle of the temple and cast him off headlong. As he lay there half dead, with legs broken by the fall, he lifted his hands toward heaven and prayed to God for the salvation of his enemies, saying: Lord, forgive them for they know not what they do! While the apostle was still praying, a fuller struck his head a mortal blow." His relics now rest next to those of St. Philip in the church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, and their names are mentioned in the first list in the Canon of the Mass.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

Patron: Apothecaries, druggists, dying people, fullers, hatmakers, hatters, milliners, pharmacists, Uruguay.

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

445. What are the effects of the sacrament of Extreme Unction?

The effects of the sacrament of Extreme Unction are:

1. an increase of sanctifying grace;
2. comfort in sickness and strength against temptation;
3. preparation for entrance into heaven by the remission of our venial sins and the cleansing of our souls from the remains of sin;
4. health of body when it is good for the soul.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:15)

446. When does Extreme Unction take away mortal sin?

Extreme Unction takes away mortal sin when the sick person is unconscious or otherwise unaware that he is not properly disposed, but has made an act of imperfect contrition.

447. How should we prepare ourselves to receive Extreme Unction worthily?

We should prepare ourselves to receive Extreme Unction worthily by a good confession, by acts of faith, hope, charity, and, especially, by resignation to the will of God.

My son, in thy sickness, neglect not thyself, but pray to the Lord and he shall heal thee. (Ecclesiasticus 38:9)

448. Who can administer Extreme Unction?

Only a priest can administer Extreme Unction.

449. When is it advisable to call the priest to visit the sick?

It is advisable to call the priest to visit the sick in any serious illness, even though there be no apparent danger of death, as it is the duty of the priest to visit the sick and to administer to them the sacraments they need.

450. In case of sudden or unexpected death, should a priest be called?

In case of sudden or unexpected death a priest should be called always, because absolution and Extreme Unction can be given conditionally for some time after apparent death.

451. What is Holy Orders?

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which men receive the power and grace to perform the sacred duties of bishops, priests, and other ministers of the Church.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in the things pertaining to God, that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. (Hebrews 5:1)

452. What are some of the requirements that a man may receive Holy Orders worthily?

That a man may receive Holy Orders worthily it is necessary:

1. that he be in the state of grace and be of excellent character;
2. that he have the prescribed age and learning;
3. that he have the intention of devoting his life to the sacred ministry;
4. that he be called to Holy Orders by his bishop.

If anyone is eager for the office of bishops, he desires a good work. A bishop then, must be blameless, married but once, reserved, prudent, of good conduct, hospitable, a teacher, not a drinker or a brawler, but moderate, not quarrelsome, not avaricious. (1 Timothy 3:1-3)

452a. What is meant essentially by a vocation to the priesthood?

By a vocation to the priesthood is meant essentially that invitation to receive Holy Orders given by the proper ecclesiastical superior to a man who, after a sufficient period of preparation and trial, gives signs that he has been called by God to the priesthood.

452b. What are the chief signs that a man has been called by God to the priesthood?

The chief signs that a man has been called by God to the priesthood are: a sincere desire to become a priest, a virtuous life, and sufficient bodily health and intellectual ability to enable him to make the required studies and to perform the duties of the priestly life.

452c. Do religious brothers and sisters receive the sacrament of Holy Orders?

No; religious brothers and sisters do not receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, but they have received from God a vocation to dedicate their lives to His service.

453. What are the effects of ordination to the priesthood?

The effects of ordination to the priesthood are: first, an increase of sanctifying grace; second, sacramental grace, through which the priest has God's constant help in his sacred ministry; third, a character, lasting forever, which is a special sharing in the priesthood of Christ and which gives the priest special supernatural powers.

Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Psalm 109:4)

454. What are the chief supernatural powers of the priest?

The chief supernatural powers of the priest are: to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to forgive sins in the sacrament of Penance.

Receive the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. (John 20:22-23)

BELIEVE AND PRAY