

# 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!**



**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 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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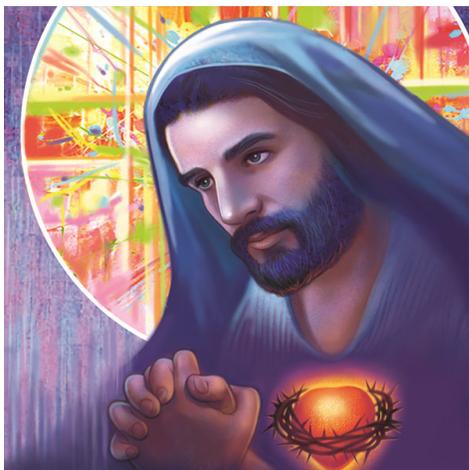
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*It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.  
— John 15:16*

### 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 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**

### MONDAY, May 10: Saint Damien

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**

### TUESDAY, May 11

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**  
7:30 PM **Saint Anthony and Saint Kolbe Novena**  
(5th Week)

### WEDNESDAY, May 12: Saints Nereus & Achilleus

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**

### THURSDAY, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**

### FRIDAY, May 14: Saint Matthias

8:00 AM **Mother's Day Novena**

### 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)



It's tempting to see the Ascension, the conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry, as an ending; but to think of it that way is to see it backwards. What we celebrate in the Ascension is really a beginning. In St. Matthew's gospel, moments before His Ascension, Jesus told His followers very simply: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." He urged them to baptize, to teach, to carry on the work that He has begun. His first direction was so blunt, so direct, and clear: "Go." The world is waiting. Go and act on what I have taught you.

The account in of the Ascension recorded in The Acts of the Apostles offers another challenge to the disciples, .....and to us. After the disciples watched Jesus disappear into the clouds, two men appeared. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing there looking at the sky?" In other words: what are you waiting for?

The apostles were not supposed to spend their time staring nostalgically at the stars, awaiting Christ's return. There was work to do. There was a world waiting to be converted. They left the mountain, went into the city, and launched the greatest missionary undertaking in human history.

The first words of the Lord at that moment were a simple command to us all: ...."Go."

Go – and transform the world.

Go – and pick up those who have fallen.

Go – and heal those who are hurting.

Go – and love those who have been forgotten.

Go - and share the good news of the mercy of God  
.....Or: as one of the dismissal options at the end of Mass:

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life."

Fr. Jim

#### LITTLE THINGS

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.  
—St. John Chrysostom

**The Most Reverend Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Tobin has transferred the Feast of the Ascension from Thursday, May 13 to be celebrated on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Thursday, May 13 IS NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year as the Feast will be celebrated on Sunday, May 16, 2021.**

"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)



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

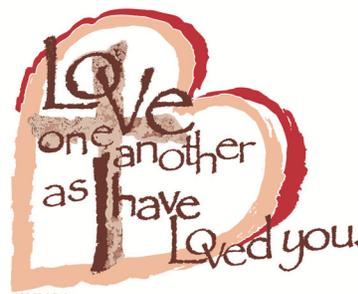
***Anna Theresa Adelaide Morrow***

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

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for May 1/2	\$7,911
Archdiocese Assessment Collection	\$1,277
<b>Archdioceses Assessment</b>	
<b>Bill for May</b>	<b>\$7,009</b>
<b>Archdioceses Collection for May 1/2</b>	<b>\$1,277</b>
<b>Amount to b paid from Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$5,732</b>

*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 Jeffrey Condatore (Happy 60th Birthday!)**

Requested by Love, Aunt Helen & Cousin Ri  
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

**In Loving Memory of Irene Alkiewicz**

Requested by Your Children  
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers



**WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA**

*Our Lady's Blue Army*

**Thursday May 13th** - Come celebrate the 104th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. 08802. Celebrant: Most Rev. James Checchio; Guest Speaker: Rev. Luke Fletcher, CFR. Confessions 10:30 am; Rosary Procession 12:00 Noon; Speaker 12:30; Holy Mass 1:15 pm, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel), the original built in Fatima. Info (908) 689-1700 x210 www.bluearmy.com.

**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.**

**MARY'S GROTTTO**

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

**The Creed**

Following the readings and the homily, we stand together and say or sing the Creed, our profession of faith. The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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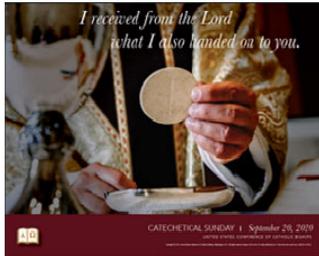
**Pope Francis Special Intentions for May**

**Throughout this month of May, we pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.**

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**

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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](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!**

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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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**Roselle Catholic High School**

Parents' Club Presents

**2021 VIRTUAL TRICKY TRAY**

4 EASY STEPS

- 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
- 2 WALK THROUGH**  
Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
to View Prizes and Use Your Tickets to Enter to Win
- 3 WATCH LIVE DRAWING**  
Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 pm  
on Facebook at [rosellecatholic.org](http://rosellecatholic.org)
- 4 DRIVE-UP CURBSIDE PRIZE PICK UP**  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Must Present Winning Ticket



**ENTER to WIN! HUNDREDS OF BASKETS & PRIZES**

Lenovo Laptop and Printer, Set of His/Hers Michael Kors Watches, Designer Luggage, Designer Bags, Ninja Complete, Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer, Tools, Samsung Crystal UHD 65" TV, Toys, Family Entertainment and *much more!*  
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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](mailto:RCParentClub@rosellecatholic.org)

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Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and also those whose act of entrustment you too await in a particular way. Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

***Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!***

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

She appeared “more brilliant than the sun” and told the children that she came from Heaven. She wore white with a gold-edged mantle. In her hand, she held a Rosary, a prayer which the children would all pray when she appeared to them on the 13th of the month for six consecutive months. (It is believed that the Rosary began in 1214 when Our Lady appeared to St. Dominic and presented him with both the beads of the Rosary and the prayers which accompanied them.) She came to the children asking them to “pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war.”

Pope Francis dedicated his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima. After becoming the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis also formally renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 13, 2013, the anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, known as the Miracle of the Sun.

The Miracle or “dancing of the sun” included the sun changing in color while swirling in the sky and even coming towards the earth. The ground which had been soaked in rain, and even peoples drenched clothing had been completely dried. People reported physical healings of the blind and crippled and numerous witnesses made public confessions and committed their life to Christ. It was reported that the miracle of the sun was even seen up to twenty-five miles away.

For the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima - May 13, 2017 - Pope Francis traveled to the apparition site in commemoration of the centenary, stopping to pray in front of the children's tombs. At the candlelit vigil celebration, the pope led tens of thousands of pilgrims in praying the rosary. The next day, an estimated 500,000 people attended the feast day mass at which Pope Francis canonized Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.*

**Do you Remember?**

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

**455. Why should Catholics show reverence and honor to the priest?**

Catholics should show reverence and honor to the priest because he is the representative of Christ Himself and the dispenser of His mysteries.

*With all thy soul fear the Lord, and reverence his priests. (Ecclesiasticus 7:31)*

**456. Who is the minister of the sacrament of Holy Orders?**

The bishop is the minister of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

**457. What is the sacrament of Matrimony?**

Matrimony is the sacrament by which a baptized man and a baptized woman bind themselves for life in a lawful marriage and receive the grace to discharge their duties.

*And God created man to his own image; to the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth." (Genesis 1:27-28)*

**458. What are the chief duties of husband and wife in the married state?**

The chief duties of husband and wife in the married state are to be faithful to each other, and to provide in every way for the welfare of the children God may give them.

*Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is becoming in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter towards them. (Colossians 3:18-19)*

**459. Why does the bond of the sacrament of Matrimony last until the death of husband or wife?**

The bond of the sacrament of Matrimony lasts until the death of husband or wife because Christ has said: "What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

*A woman is bound as long as her husband is alive, but if her husband dies, she is free. (I Corinthians 7:39)*

**460. What is meant by the unity of the sacrament of Matrimony?**

By the unity of the sacrament of Matrimony is meant that the husband cannot during the life of his wife have another wife, nor the wife during the life of her husband have another husband.

**461. Why is every true marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman a sacrament?**

Every true marriage between a baptized man and a baptized woman is a sacrament because Christ Himself raised every marriage of this kind to the dignity of a sacrament.

**462. Why has the Catholic Church alone the right to make laws regulating the marriages of baptized persons?**

The Catholic Church alone has the right to make laws regulating the marriages of baptized persons because the Church alone has authority over the sacraments and over sacred matters affecting baptized persons.

**463. What authority has the State regarding the marriages of baptized persons?**

Regarding the marriages of baptized persons, the State has the authority to make laws concerning their effects that are merely civil.

*Then he said to them, "Render, therefore, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21)*

**464. What is necessary to receive the sacrament of Matrimony worthily?**

To receive the sacrament of Matrimony worthily it is necessary to be in the state of grace, to know the duties of married life, and to obey the marriage laws of the Church.

*For we are children of the saints, and we must not be joined together like heathens that know not God. (Tobias 8:5)*

**465. In whose presence do the laws of the Church require a Catholic to be married?**

The laws of the Church require a Catholic to be married in the presence of the parish priest, or the bishop of the diocese, or a priest delegated by either of them, and before two witnesses.

**466. What are the chief effects of the sacrament of Matrimony?**

The chief effects of the sacrament of Matrimony are: first, an increase of sanctifying grace; second, the special help of God for husband and wife to love each other faithfully, to bear with each other's faults, and to bring up their children properly.

**467. What should Catholics do to prepare for a holy and happy marriage?**

To prepare for a holy and happy marriage, Catholics should:

1. pray that God may direct their choice;
2. seek the advice of their parents and confessors;
3. practice the virtues, especially chastity;
4. frequently receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

*Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost, who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price. Glorify God and bear him in your body. (I Corinthians 6:19-20)*

***BELIEVE AND PRAY***