

# 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!**



**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe  
November 22, 2020**

## **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

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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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**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.

## *Believe and Pray*



**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, Fred Boyne, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Nicholas Fusco, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Jeanette Noto, Louis Noto, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Lily Rita Procopio, Roseann Santanna, Rose Sekac, Frank Sillito, Nancy Sillito, Ann Sisalli, Anthony Spadora, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Lynn Tumblety, Joanne Vallone, D.L.W., Tony Wargacki

## Mass Schedule

### SATURDAY, November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Bernice Malinowski**  
(From: Michael Plona)  
5:30 PM **Everett Lapp**  
(From: Janet Landis)

### SUNDAY, November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00 AM **Rev. Msgr. Joseph Loreti**  
**7th Pastor 1977-97**  
**For the Parishioners**  
12:00 Noon **Maria C. Gualano**  
(Love, Iole Picarelli)

### MONDAY, November 23: Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro

8:00 AM **Maria Guercio**  
(From: Anna Bavosa)

### TUESDAY, November 24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

8:00 AM **Lydia Ramos**  
(From: The PISAURO Family)  
7:30 PM **St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena**

### WEDNESDAY, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

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

### THURSDAY, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM **Patricia Morrison**  
(From: June & Albert Nitche)

### FRIDAY, November 27

8:00 AM **Helen Mulcan**  
(From: John & Joan Trapp)

### SATURDAY, November 28: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Eva Reinfeld**  
(From: Loretta Raczynski)  
5:30 PM **Bill Denike "Happy Birthday"**  
(Love, Nora)

### SUNDAY, November 29: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM **Lynn Rubino**  
(From: Joey & Susan Derillo & Family)  
10:30 AM **Elizabeth Oliveri**  
(From: Son, Ralph)  
12:00 Noon **For the Parishioners**

From  
the  
Pastor



I think of Thanksgiving as the most uniquely American of all Holidays. You might argue for the Fourth of July, but many Countries have Independence Day celebrations. Some Countries also have a Day of Thanksgiving but none that surpass the uniqueness of our American observance of "Turkey Day". This is a very special, and maybe in some ways, the most religious of our holidays, certainly the most necessary, for if we become an ungrateful people, it poisons our entire system. It poisons our nation. It poisons our society. If we are ungrateful, we become hostile, and we become small-minded, and we become hard-hearted.

Our nation and our people are known for being generous of spirit, being large of heart, and offering a welcome hand to the immigrant and to the refugee and the poor. The problem is that, when we get under pressure, for example, the pressure of terrorism or the pressure of an economic downturn, we can slip into betraying that reputation of being large-spirited, and we can prove ourselves untrue. So we need the reminder of Thanksgiving to keep us grateful. We need to be grateful to keep us generous of heart.

In the shadow of our current economic and emotional stress due to the pandemic, like the Pilgrims of old who despite the hardships and loss gave pause to be grateful to God; let us now give pause to be grateful, that we be faithful to the definition of the American Spirit! Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Jim



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Reverend William P. Wilson**

**+Most Rev. Gerald Dino**

**+Helen Corning**

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

"The Lord manifests Himself to those who stop for some time in peace and humility of heart. If you look in murky and turbulent waters, you cannot see the reflection of your face. If you want to see the face of Christ, stop and collect your thoughts in silence, and close the door of your soul to the noise of external things."

— St. Anthony of Padua

Here is a reminder of giving thanks for the simple everyday things that we fail to notice:

**I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.**

**I am thankful for the taxes I have to pay because it means I have a job and I am employed.**

**I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have had enough to eat.**

**I am thankful for the lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.**

**I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.**

**I am thankful for the parking spot I find at the far end of the lot because it means I am capable of walking.**

**I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.**

**I am thankful for the lady behind me in Church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.**

**I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.**

**I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.**

**And finally, I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means that I am still alive.**

• It's often said that whatever you focus on grows larger. That's true for fears, hopes, dreams, offenses—and blessings. Gratitude focuses so closely on the good that the bad can become almost unnoticeable.

• Gratitude shifts your perspective. It makes you realize the glass isn't half-empty. In most cases, it's actually more than 90 percent full. If you don't think it is, you might need to focus more on what you're thankful for.

• Thankfulness is healthy. People who are continually grateful are generally in better health than those who aren't. Conversely, complaining (the opposite of thankfulness) is at least as unhealthy as having a poor diet. The difference in physical symptoms between thankful people and bitter people is startling.

• Thankfulness is a strong anti-depressant. Sometimes simply stating your gratitude out loud—even just two or three things you're grateful for, no matter how small—can change your mood for the rest of the day.

• Gratitude is a powerful prayer. You get more from God by thanking him than by begging him. And thanking him in advance for something he has promised but not yet given is a profound statement of faith.

• Thankfulness is an act of humility. You're acknowledging that you're dependent, not self-sufficient. And God is drawn to humble hearts.

**SPECIAL DONATIONS**

To make a Special Donation for Hosts, Wine, Candles, Sanctuary Candles or Tabernacle Flowers, please use the Special Donation Envelopes found at the doors of the Church.

**Special Intention for Donald J. Trump**

Requested by Cecilia & Tom Wisniewski  
Donation of Sanctuary Candle

**THE SHEPHERD KING**

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

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***Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.***

—Philippians 4:6

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;  
Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37

**MARY'S GROTTTO**

Starting in November, we will be open on Saturday after Mass as well as on Sunday.

Come in and look at what we have. It is not too early to be thinking forward to Advent items.

Ladies of the Rosary Society  
Church of the Assumption

**BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO (1891-1927)  
November 23**

Graham Greene's classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England's Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "*Viva el Cristo Rey!*—Long Live Christ the King!"—his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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**START WITH GRATITUDE**

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

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Once again we are asking for your help to supply the needed items for our Parish Food Pantry to distribute for Thanksgiving.

Annette and Martin anticipate needing 65 food bags for distribution this November.

The following items would be greatly appreciated:

Turkeys  
 Canned Sweet or White Potatoes  
 Canned String Beans, Corn, and Peas  
 Boxed Stuffing  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Gravy  
 Corn Muffin Mix  
 Canned Fruit

Deacon Dave & Linda will collect the food Thursday Evenings, from 6:15-7:00pm, in the Annex. You may also drop off items in the back of the church if you are attending Mass.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."* — Matthew 25:35

Human progress planned as alternatives (to God's plan) introduce injustice, evil and violence rising against the divine plan of justice and salvation. And despite transitory and apparent successes, they are reduced to simple machinations destined to dissolution and failure."

-Pope John Paul II

**November Special Intention of Pope Francis**

**We pray that the progress of robotics, artificial intelligence, and all technological advancements will always serve humanity.**

**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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Weekly Collection for Nov. 14/15      **\$8,642**

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**Do you Remember?**

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941 (Continued...)

**147. Did Christ give special power in His Church to any one of the apostles?**

Christ gave special power in His Church to Saint Peter by making him the head of the apostles and the chief teacher and ruler of the entire Church.

*But Peter, standing up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them. (Acts 2:14)*

**148. Did Christ intend that the special power of chief teacher and ruler of the entire Church should be exercised by Saint Peter alone?**

Christ did not intend that the special power of chief teacher and ruler of the entire Church should be exercised by Saint Peter alone, but intended that this power should be passed down to his successor, the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, who is the Vicar of Christ on earth and the visible head of the Church.

**149. Who assist the bishops in the care of souls?**

The priests, especially parish priests, assist the bishops in the care of souls.

*And when they had appointed presbyters for them in each church, with prayer and fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. (Acts 14:22)*

**150. Who are the laity of the Church?**

The laity of the Church are all its members who do not belong to the clerical or to the religious state.

**151. How can the laity help the Church in her care of souls?**

The laity can help the Church in her care of souls by leading lives that will reflect credit on the Church, and by cooperating with their bishops and priests, especially through Catholic Action.

*Behave yourselves honorably among the pagans; that, whereas they slander you as evildoers, they may, through observing you, by reason of your good works glory God in the day of the visitation. (1 Peter 2:12)*

**151a. What is Catholic Action?**

Catholic Action is the active participation of the laity in the apostolate of the Church under the guidance of the hierarchy.

**151b. In what ways can the laity participate actively in the apostolate of the Church?**

The laity can participate actively in the apostolate of the Church when they arouse the interest of non-Catholics in the Catholic faith; promote high standards in the press, motion pictures, radio and television; take part in the activities of Catholic societies and organizations; represent, under proper direction, the Church's position in speaking and writing; and go as lay missionaries to foreign lands.

**The Marks and Attributes of the Church  
Lesson 12 from the Baltimore Catechism****152. Which is the one true Church established by Christ?**

The one true Church established by Christ is the Catholic Church.

*And other sheep I have that are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. (John 10:16)*

**153. How do we know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ?**

We know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ because it alone has the marks of the true Church.

*Holy Father, keep in thy name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we also are. (John 17:11)*

**154. What do we mean by the marks of the Church?**

By the marks of the Church we mean certain clear signs by which all men can recognize it as the true Church founded by Jesus Christ.

**155. What are the chief marks of the Church?**

The chief marks of the Church are four: It is one, holy, catholic or universal, and apostolic.

**156. Why is the Catholic Church one?**

The Catholic Church is one because all its members, according to the will of Christ, profess the same faith, have the same sacrifice and sacraments, and are united under one and the same visible head, the Pope.

*Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread. (1 Corinthians 10:17)*

**157. Why is the Catholic Church holy?**

The Catholic Church is holy because it was founded by Jesus Christ, who is all-holy, and because it teaches, according to the will of Christ, holy doctrines, and provides the means of leading a holy life, thereby giving holy members to every age.

*A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them. (Matthew 7:17-20)*

**158. Why is the Catholic Church catholic or universal?**

The Catholic Church is catholic or universal because, destined to last for all time, it never fails to fulfill the divine commandment to teach all nations all the truths revealed by God.

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world, for a witness to all nations. (Matthew 24:14)*

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