

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!



**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 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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From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



OCTOBER 3, 2021

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Eucharistic Ministers WILL NOT RESUME until further notice. My hope is to resume fully in the near future.

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

October 2,3, 2021

5:30 PM Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM John Ballantyne
10:30 AM Diane Burgos
12 Noon Nicholas Milici

October 9/10, 2021

Cindy Campbell
Jack Kaulfers
Diane Burgos
Celeste Michielli

ALTAR SERVERS

October 2/3, 2021

5:30 PM Rocco Paolino
8:00 AM Angelo Geronimo
Anthony Geronimo
10:30 AM Raciely Rodriguez
12 Noon

October 9/10, 2021

Joe Schmatz
Ethan Pama



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, Al Bober, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Florence Carosella, Christine Conrad, James Desiderio, Naomi Desiderio, Ronald Fellner, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Helen Hojnoski, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Stella LoPiccolo, Tina Marino, 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 Wargacki

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, October 2: Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM **Walter Kielau First Anniversary**
(From: Spera Family)
5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
(See List)

SUNDAY, October 3: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **All Members of the Rosary Society**
Church of the Assumption
12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**
(From: Jennifer & "Here We Grow" Staff)

MONDAY, October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM **Raymond Wittevrongel**
(From: Angela, Kate & Rose Tobe)

TUESDAY, October 5

8:00 AM **Angelina Sterio**
(From: Son, Anthony)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, October 6: Saint Bruno

8:00 AM **Ricardo Burgos**
(From: Marlene Polyak)

THURSDAY, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM **Julia, John & John M. Jediny**
(Love, Virginia, Jenny & Jackie)

FRIDAY, October 8

8:00 AM **Umberto Papa**
(From: Phil & Josephine Papa)

SATURDAY, October 9: Saint Denis

8:00 AM **Teresa Flecca**
(From: Marlene Polyak)
5:30 PM **Rose Marie Deehan**

SUNDAY, October 10: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri**
(From: Son, Ralph)
12:00 Noon **Elaine McTague**
(From: Maureen McNulty)

Correction for October 1

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



As autumn arrives, people in various places around the world may notice an unusual happening. The procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. St. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. St. Francis had so profound a love of creatures that he and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. St. Francis wrote a "Canticle of the Creatures", an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." In the testimony in the cause for his friend and disciple St. Clare of Assisi's canonization there was even a reference to her little cat.

For single householders in particular, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature. Family life is often enhanced by the presence of favored pet for children to play and learn early how to care for God's gift of creatures. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love. Our pets remind us of God's unconditional love for us. It is no wonder people enjoy the opportunity to take their animal companions to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bond of creation and the love of God is celebrated.

Fr. Jim

The Blessing of pets will take place on our Church property on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 12 noon in front of the Sacred Heart Shrine near the Rectory. "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

A Poem for those who mourn the loss of their pet.

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

Author unknown...

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after all weekend Masses starting October 9, 2021. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 each.

**Prizes are 1st prize \$2,000.00 Visa gift card
2nd prize \$1,000.00 Visa gift card
3rd prize \$500.00 Visa gift card**

Drawing is November 12, 2021

All proceeds support Knights of Columbus NJ Chapter 1 Scholarship fund.

Knights of Columbus Council 3240 would like to Congratulate the 2021 Council 3240 Scholarship recipients

**Kassandra Cordero attending Roselle Catholic High School,
Matthew Peterson attending Roselle Catholic High School and
Samantha Priore attending Paramus Catholic High School.**



There will be a meeting of the Rosary Society on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7pm in Lower Chiego.

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 Caterina Dotro 9 years passed away. We love you and we miss you!

Requested by Fontina Maria Petracca
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles, Sanctuary Candle, Tabernacle Flowers

In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Kathy & Jerry Vitale

Requested by Nancy Malta
Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

Corporate Mass Saturday 5:30 p.m. October 2, 2021

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
All Souls	Gilberto Sanchez
All Souls	Leonor Sanchez
Joseph Anello	Love, Rae
Theresa Anello	Love, Rae
Giuseppe Berardinelli	Maria DiFabio
Bruna Berardinelli	Maria DiFabio
Jimmy Cumming	Sister, Janet Landis
Mary Ann Gardner	Knights of Columbus #3240
Carol Gill	Loretta Raczynski
George Harms	Loren & Chris Harms
William Harshan III	
Dorothy Jannuzzi	Judy Rorro
Michael Keicher	Assumption Rosary Society
Frank Lucchesi	Sal & Dina Apuzzio
Mary & Ian Nelson	Sister, Janet Landis
Manuel Noya	Son, Cipriano
Thomas Olden	Blessings, Maureen & Dennis
Joseph Rorro	Angela Gravina
Angela Rorro	Judy Rorro
Dolly Skillin	Suzanne Covine
Skip Skillin	Suzanne Covine
Dolly & Skip Skillin	Daughter Suzanne
Jennie Stallone	The Italiano Family
John Trapp	Suzanne Covine
Phillip Welter	John Karaman & Family

The Dominican Nuns of Summit NJ will be holding their bi-annual Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 3rd at 3:00 PM. Their yearly 'Blessing of the Roses', a brief homily, and Benediction will follow the recitation of the Rosary. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the nuns! Rosary Shrine is located at 543 Springfield Ave, Summit NJ. Parking will be available next door at 535 Springfield Ave. For questions: info@summitdominicans.org or 908-273-1228.

MARY'S GROTTO

We are open every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We are hoping you will stop in and look around. We have gifts for the new babies, for our homes and gifts for your friends' new homes. We also have new St. Joseph home seller kits. Please share with us any religious items you would like to have and we will try to order it for you.

Please come see us even if just to say Hi.

Ladies of the Rosary Society,
Church of the Assumption



Church of the Assumption will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Event on Wednesday, October 20th from 8:00am-11:00pm. For a \$5 donation you will receive an IN-STORE ONLY 25% discount (some exclusions apply) shopping pass valid during this 1 day event.

This is a great opportunity for back-to-school shopping and/or to get a jump start on holiday shopping while supporting our Parish.

Passes will be available for purchase after masses or at the Parish Office.

ORATORY PREP SCHOOL: We invite you to our **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS** on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 1-3 p.m. and on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ. We ask that you register to attend on our website under the *Admissions* tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit us at www.oratoryprep.org.

Union Catholic High School
1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Fall Open Houses - Wednesday, October 6th 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Freshman Foundations Program Information Session - Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.

General Information Session - Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m.

For additional information, or to reserve your spot visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org or call 908 889-1600 ext. 302

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**Religious Education Contact Information:**908-245-6572 assumptionschool113@gmail.comkaren.assumption@hotmail.com**Pope Francis - October Intention**

During this month of October we pray for all missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

Saint Michael School - 100 Alden Street Cranford, NJ 07016

FREE ADMISSION*Winner Need NOT be Present or on Facebook LIVE Event to Win*

Doors Open: 11:00AM – 5:00PM For Ticket Purchases & Drops <small>(Place Coverings Required Inside the School)</small>	Facebook LIVE Drawing Broadcast at 7:00PM 	Featuring: 3 Levels of Prize Baskets \$1,000 Grand Prize Raffle 50/50 Raffle Calendar Raffle
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*100's of AMAZING Prizes Including:
 Designer Handbags, Gift Certificates for Local Dining & Events & More*

Prize Pick-Up on Sunday, October 24th
From 10:00AM – 4:00PM
At Saint Michael School

***** Please Present Winning Ticket to Claim Your Prize *****For additional information please e-mail: saint.michael@verizon.net or call 908-276-9425Follow Us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschooldesignerbagbingo>Follow Us on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/srdesignerbagbingo>

Proceeds to Benefit Saint Michael School Cranford

**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 September 25/26 \$4,570***Thank you for your generosity!***Open House at Saint Peter's Prep**

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 17, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org.

Our Lady of Fatima "3K Rosary for Life" on Wed. Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM:

Please join the virtual "3K Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 PM which is being organized by LIFENET in partnership with Array of Hope. Join Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli and priests from throughout NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Note: October 13th is the 104th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! For more info: 973-497-4500.

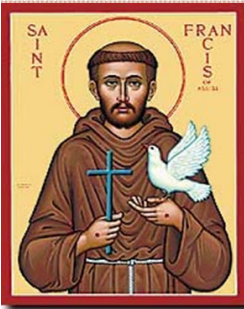
To view on-line, register at: watch.arrayofhope.net/pages/3krosaryforlife

To join via conference call, register at: lifeneteducation.org/3krosaryforlife

Conference Call Number: 425-436-6277; Code: 759297#

Dominican College Orangeburg, N.Y.
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An Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees including Undergraduate online programs scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Saint Francis of Assisi

The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi was a poor man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his life and led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer.

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, “Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down.” Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to “build up my house.” But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor “nothing” man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis’ “gifts” to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, “Our Father in heaven.” He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: “Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff” (Luke 9:1-3).

Francis’ first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church’s unity.

Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, “Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.” He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior’s permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.



.On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

BELIEVE AND PRAY

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941

138. Why did Jesus Christ found the Church?

Jesus Christ founded the Church to bring all men to eternal salvation.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. And I give them everlasting life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

139. How is the Church enabled to lead men to salvation?

The Church is enabled to lead men to salvation by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, who gives it life.

140. When was the dwelling of the Holy Ghost in the Church first visibly manifested?

The dwelling of the Holy Ghost in the Church was first visibly manifested on Pentecost Sunday, when He came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Ghost prompted them to speak. (Acts 2:1-4)

141. How long will the Holy Ghost dwell in the Church?

The Holy Ghost will dwell in the Church until the end of time.

And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to dwell with you forever, the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. (John 14:16)

142. Who sent the Holy Ghost to dwell in the Church?

God the Father and God the Son sent the Holy Ghost to dwell in the Church.

143. What does the indwelling of the Holy Ghost enable the Church to do?

The indwelling of the Holy Ghost enables the Church to teach, to sanctify, and to rule the faithful in the name of Christ.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will teach you all the truth. For he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he will hear he will speak, and the things that are to come he will declare to you. (John 16:13)

144. What is meant by teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in the name of Christ?

By teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in the name of Christ is meant that the Church always does the will of its Divine Founder, who remains forever its invisible Head.

145. To whom did Christ give the power to teach, to sanctify, and to rule the members of His Church?

Christ gave the power to teach, to sanctify, and to rule the members of His Church to the apostles, the first bishops of the Church.

He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects him who sent me. (Luke 10:16)

146. Did Christ intend that this power should be exercised by the apostles alone?

No, Christ intended that this power should be exercised also by their successors, the bishops of the Church.

And they prayed and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all, show which of these two thou has chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away to go to his own place." (Acts 1:24-25)

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)

Jesus I Trust in You