

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 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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Jesus asked them,

**“BUT WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**



Peter said to
him in reply,

**“YOU
ARE THE
CHRIST.”**

Mark 8:29

**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 12, 2021

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

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

September 4/5, 2021

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

September 11/12, 2021

Cindy Campbell
John Ballantyne
Leona Seufert
Celeste Michielli

ALTAR SERVERS

September 4/5, 2021

5:30 PM Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM Loretta Raczynski

10:30 AM
12 Noon

September 11/12, 2021

Sofia & Ivan Sanchez
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 Rector. 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 Gehrman, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Helen Hojnoski, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, Vincent Intiso, 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, September 11: Blessed Virgin Mary; Patriot Day

8:00 AM **9/11 Victims**
(From: Anthony Sterio)
5:30 PM **For the Parishioners**

SUNDAY, September 12: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

8:00 AM **Robert Kaulfers**
(From: Emily & Jack Kaulfers)
10:30 AM **Michael Spano**
(Love, Mom & Dad)
12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**
(From: Linda & Dave Farrell)

MONDAY, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

8:00 AM **Ann Marie Bonassisa 1st Anniv.**
(From: Vincent Bonassisa & Children)

TUESDAY, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM **Haley Greer**
(From: Spera Family)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur

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

THURSDAY, September 16: Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 AM **Nicholas Venanzi**
(From: Cindy Campbell)

FRIDAY, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:00 AM **Vincent Accardi**
(From: John & Joan Trapp)

SATURDAY, September 18: Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM **Teresa Flecca**
(From: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mannino)
5:30 PM **George Greer**
(From: Bonnie & Tom Greer)

SUNDAY, September 19: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Diane Morris**
(From: Gail & Tom Sloan)
10:30 AM **Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri**
(From: Son, Ralph)
12:00 Noon **Ann Marie Bonassisa**
(From: Jennifer & "Here We Grow" Staff)



On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem - the same day that two churches built at the site of Calvary by Constantine were dedicated.

The observance of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross has been celebrated by Christians on September 14 ever since. Christians "exalt" the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ - all in one image.

The Cross - because of what it represents - is the potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions; for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the "little" Sign of the Cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our persons, is a constant reminder - and witness - of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it." (Mt. 10:38-39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves - our souls and bodies - with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory.

Our Parish is privileged to have a relic of the True Cross upon which our Savior suffered and died. In observance of this great feast, the relic will be placed in our Sanctuary for veneration beginning Tuesday, Sept. 14 through Tuesday, Sept. 21. One of the most comforting symbols of the tragedy of 9/11 was the iron cross fashioned by falling debris from the World Trade Towers. Some would see it as only rubble, but people of faith saw comfort in this Cross. The cross reminds us of Jesus Christ by whose death, destroyed death and by His Resurrection has given life to those in the tombs. As we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of this tragic event, let us look to the Cross for our comfort and hope, that love is more powerful than hatred, forgiveness more powerful than sin, and life more powerful than death! We adore You O Christ and we praise You, for by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world!

Fr. Jim

LITANY OF THE CROSS

The cross is the hope of Christians.
The cross is the resurrection of the dead.
The cross is the way of the lost.
The cross is the savior of the lame.
The cross is the staff of the lame.
The cross is the guide of the blind.
The cross is the strength of the weak.
The cross is the doctor of the sick.
The cross is the aim of the priests.
The cross is the hope of the hopeless.
The cross is the freedom of the slaves.
The cross is the power of the kings.
The cross is the water of the seeds.
the cross is the consolation of the bondsmen.
the cross is the source of those who seek water.
The cross is the cloth of the naked.

We thank You, O Father, for the cross!



1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross;
"Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.



"An Invitation"

**Please join us before Mass
for the recitation of
"The Rosary"**

Sunday - September 12, 2021, at 10 am

**Our first Rosarian meeting will be on Monday,
September 13, 2021 at 7 pm**

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 Charles Zimmerman

Requested by Sue & Kevin Smith
Donation of Candles

In Loving Memory of Marian Mitros

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. T. Wisniewski
Donation of Wine

In Loving Memory of John Mitros

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. T. Wisniewski
Donation of Hosts

In Thanksgiving for Keeping us Safe from Ida

Requested by Theresa & Joe Cicalese
Donation of Candles

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for September 4/5 \$5,487

Archdiocese Assessment

Bill for September \$4,284

Assessment Collection Sept. 4/5 \$1,699

Amount short of Assessment \$2,585

to be paid from Weekly Collection

Thank you for your generosity!

Looking for a way to get more involved? Want to make a difference in someone's life? Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society! We are a group of parishioners who meet once a month (you actually don't even have to come to the meetings!) and organize activities structured around the Corporal Works of Mercy which are feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the prisoners, bury the dead, and give alms to the poor,

So, our group does the Giving Tree at Christmas, we do a Christmas brunch for those who come for food at the food pantry, the St. Joseph's Table and many other projects. We are always open to suggestions for new ways to help the poor.

If you would like more information, contact Anthony Giordano at giordanoanthony@hotmail.com or 908-620-0734

If you would like to participate in some of our activities but don't have time to attend meetings, you can just be on our mailing list! We welcome all!

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 Bosco'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.

**The Mass Book 2022 opens on
Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

You are welcome to book Masses for the Calendar year 2022 beginning Tuesday, September 14, at 10:00 am. In order for all the members of our Parish to have a chance to have Masses offered for their loved ones, each person will be able to book only three (3) Masses until September 30. Beginning Tuesday, October 12, the Mass Book will be open for additional requests. As permitted by the Code of Canon Law, there will be a "Corporate Mass" offered on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30pm. There will be multiple intentions for that Mass during which each name will be read. The priest who offers the Mass may receive only one stipend. The other stipends will be used for the support of missionary clergy. Masses may be offered for the living or the deceased.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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The fall Surviving Divorce Retreat

will be held the following Saturdays from 9am-12pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. This 4 session retreat will be held on September 11th, October 2nd, October 23rd and November 20th. An additional session for those seeking information on the annulment process will be scheduled at a later time.

Each session features talks and videos that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations followed by small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experience the breakdown of their families who will witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. This retreat experience can offer valuable insight and support.

A few open spaces remain for the retreat. For more information and to register please visit,

<https://www.rcan.org/healing-retreats-events> or contact the Family Life Office for more details- 973-497-4327 or familylife@rcan.org.



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



Sept. 13th 7 p.m. - Rosary Meeting-Lower Chiego

Sept. 15th 7 p.m. - Finance Council-Upper Chiego

Sept. 22nd 7 p.m. - Parish Council-Upper Chiego

The Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter and the Roselle Knights of Columbus will host a golf outing on (Monday) **Sept. 27, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.**

The fundraiser for Council #3946 will feature an 18-hole scramble format with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., following a BBQ lunch at 11:30 a.m. A post-golf dinner will follow at St. Joe's in Roselle at 6:30 p.m., when prizes will be awarded.

You can participate and help make the event a success in a variety of ways, including playing, sponsoring or donating. A foursome costs only \$600 (or \$160 for an individual golfer). Several sponsorship opportunities are still available, including hole sponsors.

To register, sponsor or donate, please contact **Rich Biddulph at: 732-688-5045** or **Joe Skrec at: jskrec@hotmail.com**

St. Michael School Cranford - Used Book Sale:

St. Michael School in Cranford will be collecting books for the Semi-Annual Used Book Sale fundraiser. All books in resale condition will be accepted including hard & soft covers, children, young reader, adult and text books. Please no magazines, used workbooks or encyclopedias.

Books may be dropped off in collection bins at Church entrances and will be brought to St. Michael School. If you have a larger donation and would prefer to bring them directly to the school, please call (908) 276-9425 to coordinate a drop off date & time.



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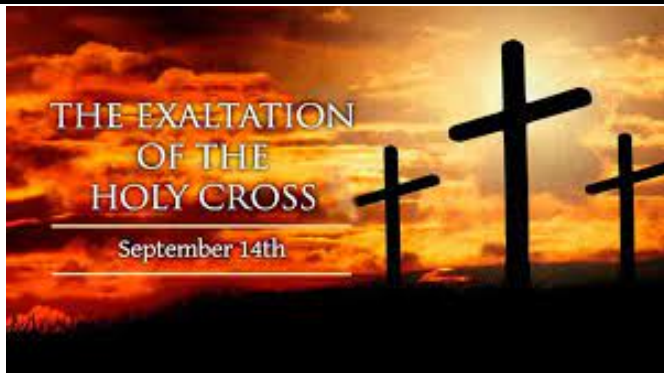
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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

PRAYER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI AT GROUND ZERO – New York, April 20, 2008
Offered at the Site of the Cross commemorating the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask of you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here- the heroic first –responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

\Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

BELIEVE AND PRAY

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941

113. What is actual grace?

Actual grace is a supernatural help of God which enlightens our mind and strengthens our will to do good and to avoid evil. *For it is God who of his good pleasure works in you both the will and the performance. (Philippians 2:13)*

114. Can we resist the grace of God?

We can resist the grace of God, for our will is free, and God does not force us to accept His grace. *Jerusalem, Jerusalem! How often I would have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but thou wouldst not! (Matthew 23:37)*

115. Why is sanctifying grace necessary for salvation?

Sanctifying grace is necessary for salvation because it is the supernatural life, which alone enables us to attain the supernatural happiness of heaven.

116. Is actual grace necessary for all who have attained the use of reason?

Actual grace is necessary for all who have attained the use of reason, because without it we cannot long resist the power of temptation or perform other actions which merit a reward in heaven. *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything, as from ourselves but our sufficiency is from God. (II Corinthians 3:5)*

117. What are the principal ways of obtaining grace?

The principal ways of obtaining grace are prayer and the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. *For we were buried with him by means of Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ has arisen from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we may also walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)*

118. How can we make our most ordinary actions merit a heavenly reward?

We can make our most ordinary actions merit a heavenly reward by doing them for the love of God and by keeping ourselves in the state of grace. *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or do anything else, do all for the glory of God. (I Corinthians 10:31)*

The Virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Ghost**Lesson 10 from the Baltimore Catechism****119. What are the chief supernatural powers that are bestowed on our souls with sanctifying grace?**

The chief supernatural powers that are bestowed on our souls with sanctifying grace are the three theological virtues and the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.

120. Why are these virtues called theological virtues?

These virtues are called theological virtues because they have God for their proper object.

121. What are the three theological virtues?

The three theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity. *So there abide faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (I Corinthians 13:13)*

122. What is faith?

Faith is the virtue by which we firmly believe all the truths God has revealed, on the word of God revealing them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. *Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed. (John 20:29)*

123. What is hope?

Hope is the virtue by which we firmly trust that God, who is all-powerful and faithful to His promises, will in His mercy give us eternal happiness and the means to obtain it. *But hope that is seen is not hope. For how can a man hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:24-25)*

124. What is charity?

Charity is the virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. *If I should speak with the tongues of men and angels, but do not have charity, I have become as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. (I Corinthians 13:1-2)*

125. Which are the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost?

The seven gifts of the Holy Ghost are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

126. How do the gifts of the Holy Ghost help us?

The gifts of the Holy Ghost help us by making us more alert to discern and more ready to do the will of God.

127. Which are some of the effects in us of the gifts of the Holy Ghost?

Some of the effects in us of the gifts of the Holy Ghost are the fruits of the Holy Ghost and the beatitudes.