

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!



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 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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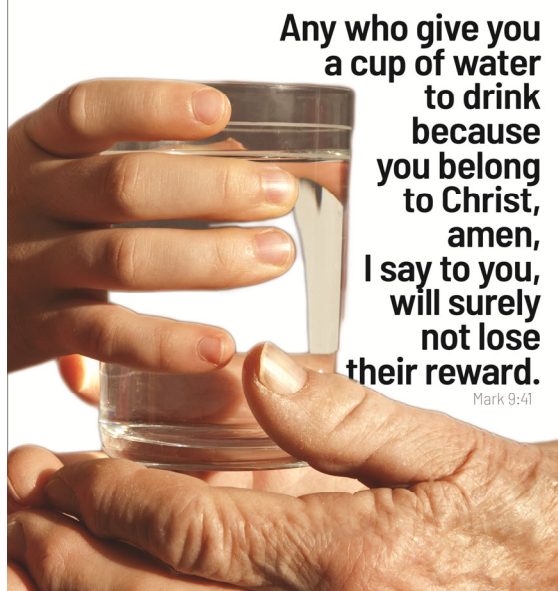
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Any who give you
a cup of water
to drink
because
you belong
to Christ,
amen,
I say to you,
will surely
not lose
their reward.

Mark 9:41

Twenty-sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

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

Fr. Jim

LECTORS

September 25/26, 2021

5:30 PM Leona Seufert
8:00 AM Debbie Kachnowski
10:30 AM
12 Noon Celeste Michielli

October 2/3, 2021

Gerard Taveras
John Ballantyne
Diane Burgos
Nicholas Milici

ALTAR SERVERS

September 25/26 2021

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

10:30 AM Raciely Rodriguez
12 Noon

October 2/3, 2021

Rocco Paolino
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 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, 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 25

8:00 AM For the Parishioners
5:30 PM Frank P. Wood & Ida M. Wood
(From: Sons Frank & Ronald Wood)

SUNDAY, September 26: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Emily & Louis Ciechacki
(From: Jack & Emily Kaulfers)

10:30 AM For the Parishioners

12:00 Noon Dorothy Kachnowski
(From: Debbie & Joe Kachnowski)

MONDAY, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 AM Matthew Conroy
(From: Mom & Dad)

TUESDAY, September 28: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:00 AM Katie Guercio
(From: Mary & Family)

7:30 PM St. Anthony & St. Kolbe Novena

WEDNESDAY, September 29: St/ Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 AM Carmella Tortorelli
(From: Sr. Nancy Tortorelli)

THURSDAY, September 30: Saint Jerome

8:00 AM Giuseppe & Annunziata Vaccarella
(From: Ida Vaccarella)

FRIDAY, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 AM Angela Sterio
(From: Son, Angelo)

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

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)



Exactly 33 years to the day prior to the great Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, that is, on October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a remarkable vision. When the aged Pontiff had finished celebrating Mass in his private Vatican Chapel, attended by a few Cardinals and members of the Vatican staff, he suddenly stopped at the foot of the altar. He stood there for about 10 minutes, as if in a trance, his face ashen white. Then, going immediately from the Chapel to his office, he composed the prayer to St. Michael, with instructions it be said after all Low Masses everywhere.

In 1886, Pope Leo XIII decreed that this prayer to St. Michael be said at the end of "low" Mass (not "high", or sung Masses) throughout the universal Church, along with the Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen); and the practice of the congregation praying these prayers at the end of Mass continued until about 1970, with the introduction of the new rite of the Mass.

St. Michael is mentioned in Scripture in the Book of Daniel as "one of the chief princes" who came to help the great prophet Daniel against the king of Persia. In Daniel 12 we are told that Michael, "the great prince" who has charge of God's people will be involved in the final confrontation at the end of time. Tradition associated the great archangel with guarding the tree of life in the Garden of Eden, administering the plagues against the pharaoh of Egypt and speaking for God in the burning bush (according to St. Gregory of Nazianzen). In the New Testament, St. Michael is again contending with Satan in the Letter of Jude, and again in the most famous scene for St. Michael in the Book of Revelation with his final battle against Satan.

In the present crisis' of this world, from the horrors of large scale abortion to the brink of nuclear war and unbridled terrorism, perhaps it is time that this prayer be reintroduced. Pride, envy, sloth, greed, lust, gluttony and wrath are not merely maladjustments, but rather they are the snares of a spiritual being who seeks the ruin of souls. They are our weaknesses within our wounded souls, but they are also passions from outside of us, which act upon us, against which we must not be passive, or we will be swept away. The idea that there is a spirit of pride, envy, sloth or any of the other deadly sins which can emanate from people, entertainments or places—or from the devil—is an ancient Catholic view.

Pope Saint John Paul II at the end of his Angelus message given in St. Peter's Square, Sunday, April 24, 1994, urged Catholics to recite this prayer to Saint Michael once again:

"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle that the Letter to the Ephesians speaks of: 'Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St Michael the Archangel (cf. Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had this picture in mind when, at the end of the last century, he brought in,

throughout the Church, a special prayer to St Michael: 'Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil...' Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."

I encourage you to pray this venerable prayer in these troubled times that we find ourselves armored with the good Spirit of St. Michael the Archangel against every snare of the devil!

Fr. Jim

Feast of St. Michael the Archangel: September 29
Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the
evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the
ruin of souls. Amen



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Reverend Neil J. Collins
+Reverend George Bujnak
+Rev. Charles Theobald
+Patricia Krahnert

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord!

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."

Thank you and farewell Karen Colucci!

Our Religious Education Coordinator/secretary Karen Colucci will be leaving us on October 1, 2021 after serving our Parish Family for twelve years. Karen has been a faith-filled woman who has exercised her responsibilities with charm and compassion. Our children know her well and our parents have always appreciated her personal touch when serving their needs. We wish Karen well as she retires and finds new ways to share her warm and caring heart as she turns the page on her life here at the Church of the Assumption.

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 Anthony (Sonny) Pantini

Requested by Linda Hagman

Donation of Tabernacle Flowers

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.

Thank you and God bless you,

The Dominican Nuns

Summit, NJ || <https://summitdominicans.org/>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection for September 18/19 \$6,615

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 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

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**Congratulations Fr. Jim**

On September 17, 2021, Fr. Jim was inducted into Union Catholic High School (UCHS) Hall of Fame as an exemplar Educator. He was among 11 other persons inducted in categories including Alumni, Athletics, Community Leaders, Parents and Hero. The induction occurred at the school where Fr. Jim's name is engraved in the Educator plaque in the 2nd floor Hall of Fame of the school. It is truly in a Hall!

Following the induction, awards presentations were given at Shackamaxon Country Club. A video montage featured Fr. Jim's career from his 1970 graduation from UCHS to the present, highlighting his academic, ministerial, and pastoral accomplishments.

Kudos, Fr. Jim!!!!

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.



Sept. 28 - 6:30 p.m. - CWV Lower Chiego

Sept. 29 - 7:00 p.m. - K of C Meeting

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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

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

All Souls
 All Souls
 Joseph Anello
 Theresa Anello
 Giuseppe Berardinelli
 Bruna Berardinelli
 Jimmy Cumming
 Mary Ann Gardner
 Carol Gill
 George Harms
 William Harshan III
 Dorothy Jannuzzi
 Michael Keicher
 Frank Lucchesi
 Mary & Ian Nelson
 Manuel Noya
 Thomas Olden
 Joseph Rorro
 Angela Rorro
 Dolly Skillin
 Skip Skillin
 Dolly & Skip Skillin
 Jennie Stallone
 John Trapp
 Phillip Welter

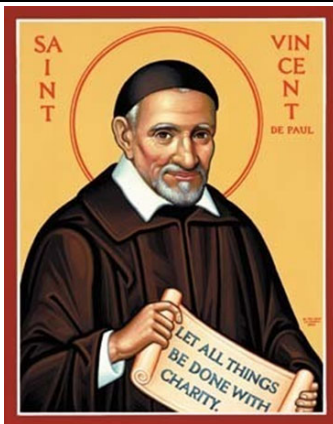
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Gilberto Sanchez
 Leonor Sanchez
 Love, Rae
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 Maria DiFabio
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 Sister, Janet Landis
 Knights of Columbus #3240
 Loretta Raczynski
 Loren & Chris Harms
 Judy Rorro
 Assumption Rosary Society
 Sal & Dina Apuzzio
 Sister, Janet Landis
 Son, Cipriano
 Blessings, Maureen & Dennis
 Angela Gravina
 Judy Rorro
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 Suzanne Covine
 Daughter Suzanne
 The Italiano Family
 Suzanne Covine
 John Karaman & Family

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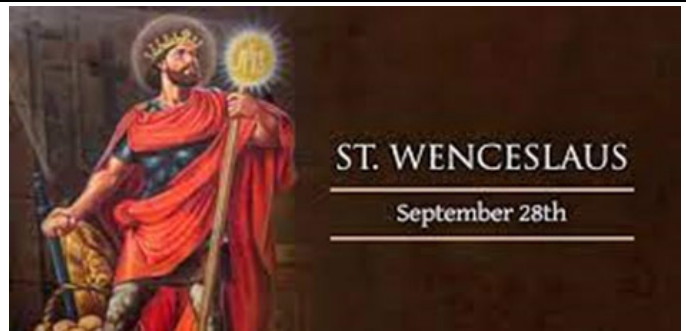
Saint Vincent de Paul

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, “whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city.” He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.



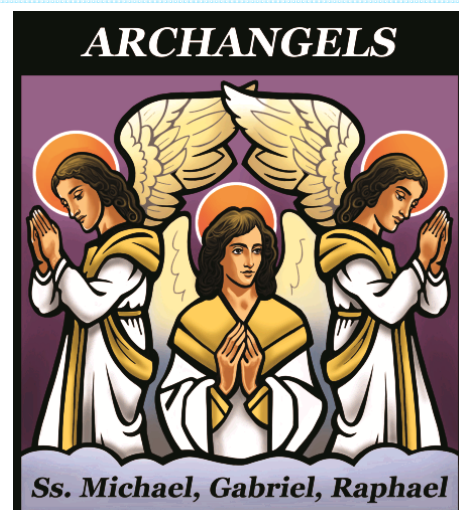
Saint Wenceslaus

If saints have been falsely characterized as “other worldly,” the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary: He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia.

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favored the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunclou for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav.

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.



BELIEVE AND PRAY

Do you Remember?

Baltimore Catechism Revised Edition 1941

128. Which are the twelve fruits of the Holy Ghost?

The twelve fruits of the Holy Ghost are: charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity.

But the fruit of the Spirit is: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, modesty, continency. (Galatians 5:22-23)

129. Which are the eight beatitudes?

The eight beatitudes are:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 2. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.
 3. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.
 5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
 6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
 7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God
 8. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- (See Matthew 5:3-10.)

130. Are there any other virtues besides the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity?

Besides the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity there are other virtues, called moral virtues.

131. Why are these virtues called moral virtues?

These virtues are called moral virtues because they dispose us to lead moral, or good lives, by aiding us to treat persons and things in the right way, that is, according to the will of God.

132. Which are the chief moral virtues?

The chief moral virtues are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance; these are called cardinal virtues.

And if a man love justice, her labors have great virtues. For she teacheth temperance and prudence and justice and fortitude, which are such things as men can have nothing more profitable in life. (Wisdom 8:7)

133. Why are these virtues called cardinal virtues?

These virtues are called cardinal virtues because they are like hinges on which hang all the other moral virtues and our whole moral life. The word "cardinal" is derived from the Latin word "cardo" meaning hinge.

134. How do prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance dispose us to lead good lives?

Prudence disposes us in all circumstances to form right judgments about what we must do or not do. Justice disposes us to give everyone what belongs to him. Fortitude disposes us to do what is good in spite of any difficulty. Temperance disposes us to control our desires and to use rightly the things which please ourselves.

He that followeth justice and mercy shall find life, justice, and glory. (Proverbs 21:21)

135. Which are some of the other moral virtues?

Some of the other moral virtues are:

- Filial piety and patriotism, which dispose us to honor, love, and respect our parents and our country.
- Obedience, which disposes us to do the will of our superiors.
- Veracity, which disposes us to tell the truth.
- Liberality, which disposes us rightly to use worldly goods.
- Patience, which disposes us to bear up under trials and difficulties.
- Humility, which disposes us to acknowledge our limitations.
- Chastity, or purity, which disposes us to be pure in soul and body.

Besides these, there are many other moral virtues.

The Catholic Church

Lesson 11 from the Baltimore Catechism

"I believe in ... the Holy Catholic Church ..."

136. What is the Church?

The Church is the congregation of all baptized persons united in the same true faith, the same sacrifice, and the same sacraments, under the authority of the Sovereign Pontiff and the bishops in communion with him.

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. (Matthew 13:24)

137. Who founded the Church?

Jesus Christ founded the Church.

And I say to thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Jesus I Trust in You