

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

113 COOLIDGE PLACE  
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!**



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2023**

## SERVED BY:

Rev. Paul Prevosto, Pastor [Fr.Prevosto@proton.me](mailto:Fr.Prevosto@proton.me)

Rev. James F. Spera, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Solomon Ngwumezie, Weekend Associate

Rev. James Platania, Weekend Associate

Rev. Deacon David J. Farrell, Deacon and  
Religious Education Coordinator

John Ballantyne, Trustee

Elizabeth Santora, Trustee

Donna Schmatz, Organist and Music Coordinator

Virginia Jediny, Parish Secretary

Debbie Kachnowski, Parish Catechetical Leader

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.

## HOLY MASS:

**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 7:00 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-Thursday, Saturday) at 7:30 am before the  
8:00 am Mass, or anytime by appointment

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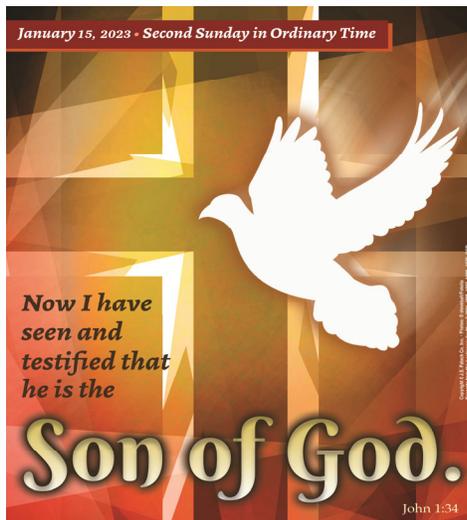
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### Communion Ministers — Two Ministers for each Mass.

#### JANUARY 2023

- 5:30 PM** - Rita Kushner, Richard Powers, Loretta Raczynski, Alex Wisniewski  
**8:00 AM** - Marge Denci, Maryann Mansueto  
**10:30 AM** - James Kompany, Steve Petruzelli  
**12 Noon** - Debbie Kachnowski, Annette Venturo

#### LECTORS

##### January 14/15, 2023

- 5:30 PM** Leona Seufert  
**8:00 AM** Tom Di Maio  
**10:30 AM** Diane Burgos  
**12 Noon** Nicholas Milici

##### January 21/22, 2023

- Gerard Taveras  
 John Ballantyne  
 Sebastian Saavedra  
 Debbie Kachnowski

#### ALTAR SERVERS

##### January 14/15, 2023

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

##### January 21/22, 2023

- Ethan Pama

- 10:30 AM**  
**12 Noon**



**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!

Patrick Ahern Jr., Altigracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Rev. Msgr. Peter Cheplic, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Joseph Gregory, Cynthia and Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Elizabeth Knych, Cyndee Kurri, Nancy Lanfrank, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Zchantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Tanina Naccarato, Carol Fellner Nasta, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Rudy Salazar, Roseann Santanna, Ann Sisalli, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Lynn Tumblety, Tony & Laura Wargacki

## Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, January 14: Julian Calendar New Year; Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM** **Theresa Stecki**  
(From: Family)  
**5:30 PM** **Nora Carolan**  
**Happy Birthday in Heaven**  
(From: Daughter, Nora Denike)

SUNDAY, January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Religion Day

- 8:00 AM** **For the Parishioners**  
**10:30 AM** **Sam J. Colucci**  
(From: Family)  
**12:00 Noon** **Grace Filak**  
(From: Barbara Goss & Her Loving Family)

MONDAY, January 16

- 8:00 AM** **Deceased Pastors of Assumption Church**

TUESDAY, January 17: St. Anthony Abbot

- 8:00 AM** **Sr. Martha DeMarzo**  
(From: Beverly DeMarzo)  
**7:30 PM** **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

- 8:00 AM** **Dottie Jannuzzi**  
(Love, The Family)

THURSDAY, January 19

- 8:00 AM** **Jerry Scapicchio**  
(From: The Scapicchio Family)

FRIDAY, January 20: Saints Fabian & Sebastian

- 8:00 AM** **Philip Lamonaco**  
(From: Family)

SATURDAY, January 21: St. Agnes

- 8:00 AM** **Theresa Stecki**  
(From: The Family)  
**5:30 PM** **Gertrude Zimmerman**  
(From: Susan & Kevin Smith)

SUNDAY, January 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Word of God, Ecumenical Sunday

- 8:00 AM** **For the Parishioners**  
**10:30 AM** **Richard Czerwinski**  
(From: Cathy Czerwinski)  
**12:00 Noon** **Michael Bonnassisa, Sr.**  
(from: Vincent & Family)



***“You will hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end” (Matthew 24:6).***

We seem to be living in a world today obsessed by wars. Ukraine-Russia, ISIS in northern Iraq and Syria, fighting between Israelis and Palestinians, civil unrest in Venezuela and Nicaragua, gangsters in Haiti and Mexico, Boko Haram in west Africa, and here in America a sharp divide between the left and the right. Is this the end times Jesus warned about?

When the Germanic barbarians began their massive invasion of the Roman Empire, many believed it was the end time. St. Augustine, as he lay on his death bed, believed the invasion of the barbarians was the end. It was the end of civilization as he knew it, but time marched on and the Church endured for Jesus promised that the gates of hell would never prevail against her.

With China threatening Taiwan, Russia invading the Ukraine, and terrorists around the world spreading death and fear, and the social and political upheaval right in our own beloved nation, we could start believing that the end time is upon us. Will we inflict such pain upon one another, that we fall into despair? or Is Christ coming soon to judge us? I cannot answer these questions, but I can firmly say, “The Church will endure even though empires fall, and I ask myself this question, ‘More importantly, are we prepared to meet Jesus?’”

*Do not be afraid* are the words of the angel to Mary. She trusted in the Lord and was given the privilege of bearing the Christ. We too must trust in Jesus, for when we die, which is more likely to occur before he returns in final judgment, we will have to ac-

count for our deeds, good and bad. And as is said at every burial of our mortal remains, “do not count our deeds against us, for in our heart we desired to do your will. As our faith united us to your people on earth, so may your mercy join us to the angels in heaven.” War and reports of wars are inevitable, but our end comes only when we meet Christ face to face. If we were faithful, he will be judge us favorably, but if we have denied him through our persistent sinful acts and failure to repent, then the end is certainly near for us. Trust in Jesus.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

**The 2023 Annual Appeal** has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year’s Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/](http://rcan.org/) sharing or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

<b>Collection for Jan. 7/8</b>	<b>\$5,715</b>
<b>Collection for Maintenance</b>	<b>\$3,536</b>
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$26,022</b>
<b>Christmas Flower Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,531</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



*From Death  
to New Life*

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

**+Evangalina Matarredona**

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord!

**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 Joseph Lefano, Sr.**

Requested by Wife & Family  
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Candles

**In Loving Memory of Lorraine Ruivo**

Requested by Marilyn J. Crocco  
Donation of Wine, Hosts, Sanctuary Candle

**In Loving Memory of Marcina Ramos**

**Special Intention Birthday in Heaven**  
Donation of Hosts

**St. Michael School Cranford Open House**

St. Michael School in Cranford is celebrating over 90 years of academic excellence.

Established in 1929, St. Michael School is a thriving, faith-based school where children

become independent thinkers and grow into responsible young adults grounded in Catholic values.

St. Michael School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary Schools. Primary, elementary, and middle school curriculums are based on guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Newark to prepare students for high school and beyond.

Controlled class sizes and average 16:1 student-teacher ratio fosters individualized attention and offers students the ability to engage in classroom inquiry, discovery, and learning.

The early childhood education program offers pre-kindergarten 3 & 4 (full and half day) and full-day academically based kindergarten. On-site before and after care is also available.

The faculty and families of St. Michael School will invite you to attend one of our upcoming Open House sessions on:

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00PM-8:30PM

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM-3:00PM

If you're interested in learning more about St. Michael School & all that our school has to offer, please contact the school directly at 908-276-9425 or

[saint.michael@verizon.net](mailto:saint.michael@verizon.net)

For a copy of the St. Michael's School brochure, virtual tours and for more information about the school, visit:

[www.mscranford.com](http://www.mscranford.com)

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westfield** will be running a seminar on January 19, 2023, entitled Peace of Mind – Practical Steps to Make Your Wishes Known from a Medical, Legal, and Spiritual Perspective. This seminar will provide hands-on information and tools for anyone 18 to 65 to help individuals make important life decisions and document their wishes before a health crisis or change in health status occurs. The information provided will help assure you that your wishes have been voiced and recorded and give loved ones peace of mind that they are honoring your wishes.

Join Parish Nurse Lori Arena and experts in the field of advance planning to provide practical steps and guidance in making your wishes known from medical, legal, and spiritual perspectives. Speakers include:

- **Edward Hobbie and Mark Hobbie**— (Hobbie & Hobbie, Attorneys At Law, LLC) discuss advanced directives, power of attorney, and other proactive planning measures.
- **Rosemary Woods, LCSW**— (Social Worker, Center for Hope Hospice), identifies and explains the continuum of Palliative Care and Hospice Care.
- **Lori Arena, R.N., BSN**— (Holy Trinity Parish Nurse) presents an advanced care planning tool—FIVE Wishes.

The seminar will be held **on January 19, 2023, at 1:00 pm AND 7:00 pm in Holy Trinity Catholic Church's Parish Center at 506 Westfield Ave, Westfield, NJ.** All denominations are welcome, and the seminar is free of charge.

**Please RSVP to Lori Arena at [www.htrcc.org/parishnurse](http://www.htrcc.org/parishnurse). Contact Lori Arena at (908) 232-8137 ext. 1006 with questions.**

**MARY'S GROTTTO**

Mary's Grotto will be open, weather permitting, on Sundays after all of the Masses.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the store!

Thank you,  
The Ladies of the Rosary Society,  
Church of the Assumption

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Religious Education Contact Information:  
908-245-6572 [assumptionschool113@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionschool113@gmail.com)

**Liturgical Ministers Wanted**

Last weekend we made an appeal for your service at our Masses. One of the many casualties of the pandemic was that many have chosen to stay home on Sundays rather than gather with others in worship and prayer. Inevitably this has meant we not only dropped in attendance, a serious obligation for all Catholics, but many of our ministers have also not returned. Please consider giving some time and talent to your parish and become a reader at Mass or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Please complete those cards and return them any time soon so we can prepare you fully to serve with confidence and humility. God will give you the grace, you only need to want to serve.

**Wanted: Communion Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, and Choir members.**



Please focus your smartphone camera on the QR code and you will have the readings for the days.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

We are, once again, doing the Baby Bottle Boomerang for Rafael's Life House for homeless mothers and babies. We handed out "empty" baby bottles.

Please return the bottles, with whatever change you can afford, on the weekends of Jan. 21-Jan. 22 and Jan. 28-Jan. 29.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus #3240

**PSE&G Assistance Available**

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, help is available. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) have expanded to include more people at higher income levels. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$9,250 may be eligible and should apply for USF. (Only the last month of income counts.) If you are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF, there are moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or NJ SHARES, which may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or "211" (7 days a week). Visit [pseg.com/help](http://pseg.com/help) or [pseg.com/ayuda](http://pseg.com/ayuda) for online application links.

*Believe and Pray*

**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

**OUR STRATEGIC GOAL**

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the Latin root for "order," which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with "ordinal" numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today's readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God's love. Isaiah embraces his role as God's servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ's witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: "to be holy." The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God's loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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January 25 - 8:00 p.m. - K of C - Loreti Hall

**Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society should be made out to Church of the Assumption.**

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society no longer has its own checking account.**

**Donors should include: for St. Vincent de Paul Society in the lower left corner of the check.**

**Save the Children** from "adult" websites. Protect your chastity, now! Go to [Freefiltering.org](http://Freefiltering.org) and learn how to block those unwanted sites from your eyes. Protect your virtue, guard you children's innocence. It really works, by blocking sites in your Wi-Fi server. Act now before your children see one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting LGBTQ+ propaganda.



At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity.

Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme for 2023 is "Do Good; Seek Justice" and comes from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 1:17. It is promoted by a joint commission of the World Council of Churches and the Holy See's Dicastery for the Promotion of Christian Unity. It comes from the Minnesota Council of Churches as its offering to the world prayer movement in response to the injustice experienced by people of color in the United States and the whole world, demonstrated by the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer in 2020.

As Christians seek unity among themselves through the observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may God also offer healing to the whole human race.



### Saint Fabian

Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope.

Eusebius, a Church historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr's death during the persecution of Decius in 250 A.D. Saint Cyprian wrote to his successor that Fabian was an "incomparable" man whose glory in death matched the holiness and purity of his life.

In the catacombs of Saint Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian's grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, "Fabian, bishop, martyr." St. Fabian shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Sebastian on January 20.



### Saint Sebastian

Almost nothing is historically certain about Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan in the time of Saint Ambrose and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as 350.

The legend of Saint Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee.

One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

### Reflection

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

*Jesus I Trust in You*



## K of C's Annual Best Pizza Around Contest

Saturday, January 21, 2023 - 6:30pm

Church of the Assumption's Loreti Hall

113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park NJ 07204

### Sample Pizza from Local Pizzerias:

Participants to Be Announced Soon

\$10.00/Person

Children 3 & Under FREE

BLIND Pizza Tasting \* Beverages \* Dessert

Cast a Vote for Your Favorite Pizza!

*Tickets Available After All Masses Starting  
or at the Parish Office at (908) 245-1107*

Due to the Popularity of this Event - NO Tickets Will be Reserved Without Payment in Full  
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