

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!



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2023**

SERVED BY:

Rev. Paul Prevosto, Pastor Fr.Prevosto@proton.me

Rev. James F. Spera, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Solomon Ngwumzie, Weekend Associate

Rev. James Platania, Weekend Associate

Rev. Deacon David J. Farrell, Deacon and
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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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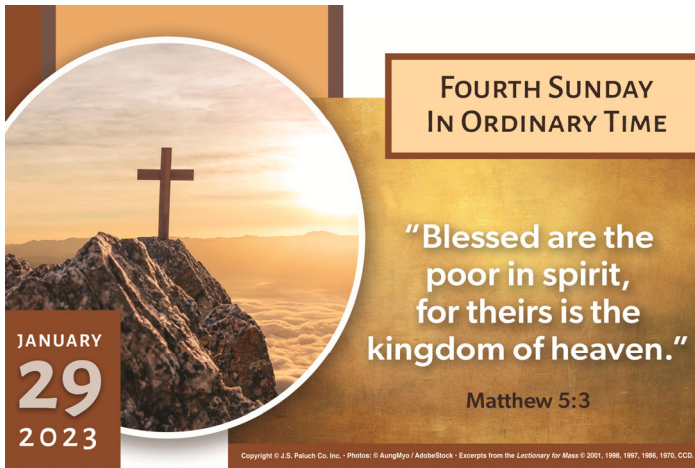
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Communion Ministers — Two Ministers for each Mass.

February 2023

- 5:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, John Mattingly
 8:00 AM - John Ballantyne, Maryann Mansueto, Barbara Sokol
 10:30 AM - James Kompany
 12 Noon - Sue Carlstrom, Maureen McNulty

LECTORS

January 28/29, 2023

- 5:30 PM Cindy Campbell
 8:00 AM Anthony Cordero
 10:30 AM Sebastian Saavedra
 12 Noon Nicholas Milici

February 4/5, 2023

- Gerard Taveras
 Tom DiMaio
 Diane Burgos
 Debbie Kachnowski

February 2 7:30 PM Leona Seufert

ALTAR SERVERS

January 28/29, 2023

- 5:30 PM Joe Schmatz
 8:00 AM Ethan Pama
 10:30 AM
 12 Noon Emily & William Cosaine

February 4/5, 2023

- Loretta Raczynski
 Emily & William Cosaine

February 2 7:30 PM Joe Schmatz



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, Michael Lacey, 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 28: St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 AM **Micheline Chartrain**
(From: Virginia Prevosto & Mark Whitman)

5:30 PM **Marge & Harold Giegerich**
(Love, Daughter Arlene)

SUNDAY, January 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Catholic Schools Week

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

10:30 AM **For the Parishioners**

12:00 Noon **Jimmy Goss**
(Love, Barbara & Family)

MONDAY, January 30

8:00 AM **Rosemarie Adams**
(From: Deacon Dave & Linda Farrell)

TUESDAY, January 31: Saint John Bosco

8:00 AM **Fr. Brendon Quinn**
(From: Fr. Paul Prevosto)

7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, February 1

8:00 AM **Kevin Carson**
(From: Fr. Paul Prevosto)

THURSDAY, February 2: Presentation of the Lord:

World Day for Consecrated Life

8:00 AM **Jolene Gordon**
(From: Fr. Paul Prevosto)

7:00 PM **Rosemarie Adams**
(From: Debbie & Joe Kachnowski)

FRIDAY, February 3: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First

Friday

8:00 AM **All Souls**
(From: Helena DiEgiolio)

Blessing of Throats

SATURDAY, February 4: Blessed Virgin Mary; First

Saturday

8:00 AM **Francis "Jeff" Muroski**
(From: Nephew Casimir)

5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
(See List)

SUNDAY, February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

10:30 AM **Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri**
(From: Son, Ralph)

12:00 Noon **All Souls**
(From: Gilberto Sanchez)



From the Detailed Rules for Monks by Saint Basil the Great, bishop

(Resp. 2, 1: PG 31, 908-910)

The ability to love is within each of us

Love of God is not something that we can be taught. We did not learn from someone else how to rejoice in light or want to live, or to love our parents or guardians. It is the same, perhaps even more so, with our love for God: it does not come by another's teaching. As soon as the living creature (that is, man) comes to be, a power of reason is implanted in us like a seed, containing within it the ability and the need to love. When the school of God's law admits this power of reason, it cultivates it diligently, skillfully nurtures it, and with God's help brings it to perfection.

For this reason, as by God's gift, I find you with the zeal necessary to attain this end, and you on your part help me with your prayers. I will try to fan into flame the spark of divine love that is hidden within you, as far as I am able through the power of the Holy Spirit.

First, let me say that we have already received from God the ability to fulfill all his commands. We have then no reason to resent them, as if something beyond our capacity were being asked of us. We have no reason either to be angry, as if we had to pay back more than we had received. When we use this ability in a right and fitting way, we lead a life of virtue and holiness. But if we misuse it, we fall into sin.

This is the definition of sin: the misuse of powers given us by God for doing good, a use contrary to God's commandments. On the other hand, the virtue that God asks of us is the use of the same powers based on a good conscience in accordance with God's command.

Since this is so, we can say the same about love. Since we received a command to love God, we possess from the first moment of our existence an innate power and ability to love. The proof of this is not to be sought outside ourselves, but each one can learn this from himself and in himself. It is natural for us to want things that are good and pleasing to the eye, even though at first different things seem beautiful and good to different people. In the same way, we love what is related to us or near to us, though we have not been taught to do so, and we

spontaneously feel well disposed to our benefactors.

What, I ask, is more wonderful than the beauty of God? What thought is more pleasing and satisfying than God's majesty? What desire is as urgent and overpowering as the desire implanted by God in a soul that is completely purified of sin and cries out in its love: I am wounded by love? The radiance of the divine beauty is altogether beyond the power of words to describe.

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/sharing or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection for Jan. 21/22 \$4,740
Communicating God's Word \$1,319

Thank you for your generosity!

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 Marie Soriano (Happy Birthday!)

Requested by Soriano Family
Donation of Hosts

Corporate Mass - February 4, 2023DeceasedRequested by

Rosemarie Adams	Assumption Rosary Society
All Souls	Gilberto Sanchez
Frances Caprara	Assumption Rosary Society
John Mitros	Cecilia Wisniewski
Marion Mitros	Cecilia Wisniewski
Salvador Sanchez	Gilberto Sanchez



*From Death
to New Life*

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

+Alfredo Morino
+June Ferro

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord!

**St. Theresa School in Kenilworth is having an
Open House on February 1, 2023.**

Tours start at 9:00am - 11:00am
and then 7:00pm -8:30pm.

Call for an appointment (908) 276-7220

We offer Lil Stallions Day Care Infant & Toddler Program
PK3 & PK 4 All day classes, full day educationally based Kindergarten.

STEM Classes K-8
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Before and After Care
Advanced Mathematics for Middle School
Clubs and Activities and much more.

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

Food Pantry Thank You

A big thank you to our Parish Family for the overwhelming generosity to the Food Pantry. Thanks to your generosity we were able to distribute over 50 bags of food for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Thanks Again,
Annette Venturo

THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH**Candlemas (February 2)**

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* (“to shine”) and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Save the Children from “adult” websites. Protect your chastity, now! Go to 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.



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

Jesus I Trust in You

**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

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER****God Be in My Head**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

—Attributed to *Old Sarum Primer*

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. 28-Jan. 29.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus #3240



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

February 14 - There will be a St. Vincent de Paul meeting in February. It will be the evening of Tuesday, February 14, in the chapel immediately following the novena. New Members are always welcome!

St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth, NJ is hiring a full time Operations Manager. Please visit the website at <https://www.sjeliz.org/news.html> for a detailed job description. Applications should be submitted to Bernadette Murphy via email at bmurphy@sjeliz.org.



St. John Bosco

1815 - 1888

Founder of the Salesians

Feast Day: January 31

Patron: Apprentices, Editors & Publishers, Schoolchildren, Magicians, Juvenile Delinquents

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John's interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.

With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Reflection

John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too.



The observance of the Presentation of the Lord spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.



Saint Blaise

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Reflection

Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blaise's biographer was? But biographical details are not essential. Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

Saint Blaise is the Patron Saint of:
Relief from Throat Ailments
English Wool Combers