

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!



**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
November 20, 2022**

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

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

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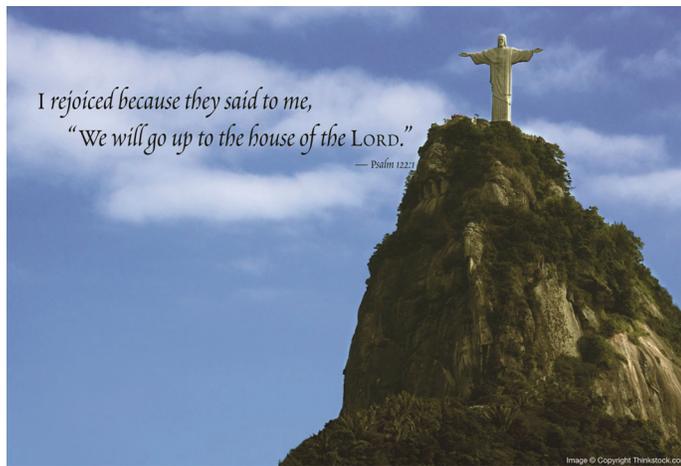
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Communion Ministers — Two Ministers for each Mass.

NOVEMBER 2022

- 5:30 PM** - Rita Kushner, Richard Powers, Loretta Raczynski, Alex Wisniewski
8:00 AM + Nov. 24 - 9:00 AM - John Ballantyne, Maryann Mansueto, Barbara Sokol
10:30 AM - Noelle Degbe, James Kompany
12 Noon - Sue Carlstrom, Maureen McNulty

LECTORS

- | <u>November 19/20, 2022</u> | <u>November 26/27, 2022</u> |
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| 5:30 PM Cindy Campbell | Gerard Taveras |
| 8:00 AM Tom Di Maio | Tom Di Maio |
| 10:30 AM Diane Burgos | |
| 12 Noon Debbie Kachnowski | Nicholas Milici |
| Nov. 24 - 9:00 AM John Ballantyne | |

ALTAR SERVERS

- | <u>November 19/20, 2022</u> | <u>November 26/27, 2022</u> |
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| 5:30 PM Joe Schmatz | |
| 8:00 AM Ethan Pama | Ethan Pama |
| 10:30 AM Riley Paolino Rocco Paolino | |
| 12 Noon | |
| Nov. 24 - 9:00 AM 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!

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

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, November 19

- 8:00 AM Raphael Antonuccio**
(From: Wife, Dora Antonuccio)
5:30 PM Bob Bodnar 10th Anniversary
(From: Family)

SUNDAY, November 20: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

- 8:00 AM For the Parishioners**
10:30 AM Joseph Pluchino
(From: Mr. & Mrs. Pluchino)
12:00 Noon Rosario Mannino & Maria Catena
(From: Daughter, Carmela)

MONDAY, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Mother Mary; Last Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 AM John & Angie Ranieri**
(Love, Dee)

TUESDAY, November 22: Saint Cecilia

- 8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Loreti**
1977-1997
7:30 PM St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 23: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

- 8:00 AM Maria C. Gualano**
(From: Loving Daughter Iole Picarelli)

THURSDAY, November 24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions; Thanksgiving Day

- 9:00 AM Arturo DeJesus**
(From: The Paras Family)

FRIDAY, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 8:00 AM Mariano DiFabio**
(From: Wife, Maria DiFabio)

SATURDAY, November 26: Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 AM Living & Deceased of Moraes & Fernandes Families**
5:30 PM Joe Signorello, Sr.
(From: Andrew Batista)

SUNDAY, November 27: First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM Matthew Conroy**
(From: Mom & Dad)
10:30 AM Joe Signorello, Sr.
(From: Angelo Stallone & Family)
12:00 Noon John Papa
(From: Family)



"He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God" (Luke 23:35).

As Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe hung on the cross he was consistently mocked, from the greatest to the smallest of men.

The Jewish leaders looked upon one of their own as a stranger by not addressing him. They murmured amongst themselves, mocking his divinity: *if he is the Christ, the chosen one, let him save himself.* Jesus had declared that he had come first to the Chosen Ones, those chosen by God in memoriam to be His own. It was into the Jewish nation that Jesus was born of a virgin for *salvation comes from the Jews* (John 4:22). Jesus went from synagogue to synagogue announcing the long-awaited Kingdom of God. Many admired him. Many looked for miracles. Regrettably many became envious of his reputation and his influence and misconstrued his message of God's love for all nations and even sinners.

The soldiers with no fear of God brutalized the Son of God. Flogging, beating, plucking his beard and spitting on him, they mocked Jesus as King of the Jews. For his procession to execution, they gave him a scepter of reed and the purple garments of royalty. Then they crowned him with a crown of thorns. For the pagan soldiers, Tiberius Caesar was their god. So "if you are king, save yourself," they said to him in a voice of contempt for no god would accept such a punishment to save an unjust pagan. So truly this was the Son of God for he died for all peoples who turn to him with humble and contrite hearts. Finally, he is on the cross with two criminals who die a death corresponding to their crimes, yet Jesus an innocent and holy man accepts such a punishment on behalf of all sinners, who but for the grace of God would die such ignominious deaths eternally. Yet while one criminal mocks him, the other sees past the bloodied man to the God whose great love extends even to us sinners. The unrepentant demands, "Save yourself and us, if you're the Christ." However, the man who recognizes his waywardness doesn't question that Jesus, the true King, is chosen by the Father and anointed by the Spirit, and so humbly expresses hope, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

My brothers and sisters, I ask you, "Do we recognize Jesus as the Our Lord and King of the Universe? The God who has come to establish the Kingdom of

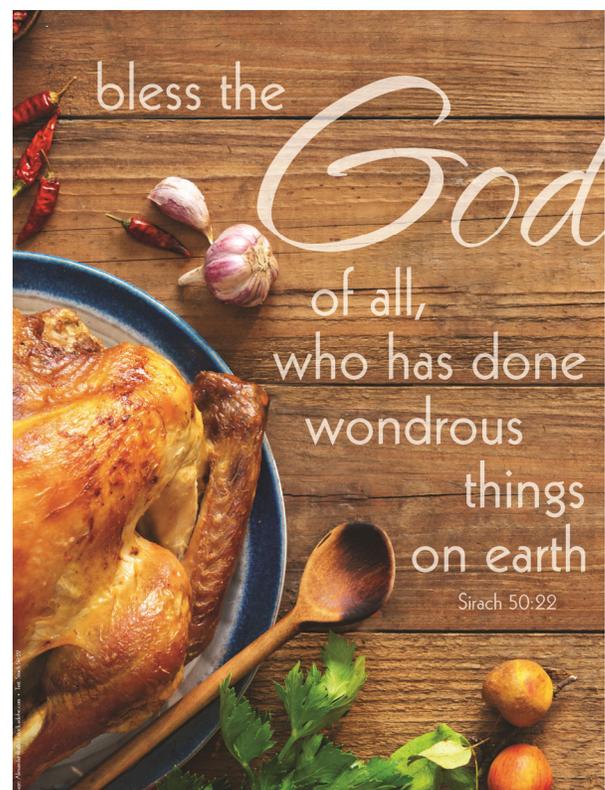
Heaven?" He was born a humble and poor child to a Jewish mother. He was an itinerant preacher bringing the message of repentance and forgiveness of sin. He called on us to love, even our enemies. He healed the sick, exorcised demons, and raised the dead. Many hearts turned away from evil and followed Him. He bore our sins on the cross, suffering so that we might not suffer. Then he died for you and me and rose to ascend into the Kingdom establish for all eternity so that all you believe in him can have eternal life as did that repentant thief on the cross.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

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.



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 Gina Molinari (Happy Birthday)

Requested by Sister-Helen & Niece-Maria
Donation of Candles

MARY'S GROTTO

Mary's Grotto will be open Sunday after all of the Masses. Looking forward to seeing many of you in the store!

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

THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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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.

"Stitches"

Stitches is a great ministry of compassion. The Stitches group under the leadership of Linda Behrman knit and crochet Prayer Shawls. The shawls are then given to the widowed or family of a deceased parishioner to comfort them in their grief. These shawls are knitted in prayer and created with love. If you have the skills to knit/crochet or would like to learn please join Stitches. Contacts either Linda Behrman at 908-245-2917 or Judy Bober at 908-272-7292 or 908-358-5097.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Cereal
Rice
Tuna Fish
Pasta Sauce
Soup

We will also be collecting food for distribution for Thanksgiving:

Cans of:
Sweet & White Potatoes
Corn
String Beans
Peas
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Fruit

Packages of:
Stuffing
Corn Muffin Mix
Cake Mix and Icing

Turkeys

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE FOODS ARE NOT OUTDATED

**Bags will be distributed on Tuesday
November 22.**

You may drop off your donations in the back of the church on the weekend, and in the Annex on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm.

Any questions regarding the Food Pantry, please contact Annette Venturo: 908-298-1262 or email annmar@verizon.net

Believe and Pray

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Contact Information:
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Blessings and Congratulations to our Children
 Receiving Confirmation 11/19/22

Alexandra Avivi
 Gianna Baiamonte
 Ryan Brandyberry
 Kellen Crawford
 Adrian DeJesus
 Emilia Diaz
 Andrew Eme
 David Gallo
 Ayleen Gonzalez
 Natalie Landaverde
 Jean Paul Lopez-Salcedo
 Oriana Lopez-Salcedo
 Juliana Luciano
 Anthony Manzo
 Max Monto
 Ethan Pama
 Rocco Paolino
 Logan Paskewich
 Jonathan Peterson
 Aleksandar Poulos
 Catalina Quintela
 Isabella Rodriguez
 Nicholas Sosa
 Giuseppe Spano
 Jacob Valente

**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. Loret Council #3240



The Knights of Columbus will be selling decorated Christmas wreaths after all weekend Masses starting 11/26 in the Annex.

Sales will continue until wreaths are sold out. Wreaths cost \$20.00 each, all proceeds go to support our Large Keep Christ in Christmas banner

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 or pseg.com/ayuda for online application links.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| Weekly Collection for November 12/13 | \$5,065 |
| Archdioceses Military Services | \$1,539 |

Thank you for your generosity!



Jesus, We Trust in You

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



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation Week Three: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Meal sharing (Liturgy of the Eucharist)

After the Liturgy of the Word, we move to the altar for the sacred meal of sacrifice, sharing, and thanksgiving. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we 1) set the table, 2) say grace and 3) share the food (eat and drink). At Mass these ritual actions are called 1) the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts, 2) the Eucharistic Prayer, 3) the Communion Rite.

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

The early Christians each brought some bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions.

The priest receives bread and wine brought forward by members of the congregation, keeping the spiritual efficacy and significance of the early church offerings.

He then mixes water with the wine and washes his hands. (Mixing water with wine and washing hands are things all Jews did at meals in Jesus' day.)

Finally, he invites us to pray that the sacrifice be acceptable to God. We respond "Amen" to the Prayer Over the Gifts.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The prayer which follows is addressed to the Father and brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. While the words of the prayer may vary from Sunday to Sunday, the prayer always has this structure: 1) We call upon God to remember all the wonderful saving deeds of our history. 2) We recall the central event in our history, Jesus Christ, and in particular the memorial he left us on the night before he died. We recall his Passion, Death and Resurrection. 3) After gratefully calling to mind all the wonderful saving acts God has done for us in the past, we petition God to continue those deeds of Christ in the present: we pray that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

Invitation. The prayer begins with a dialogue between the leader and the assembly. First, the priest greets us with "The Lord be with you." He then asks if we are ready and willing to approach the table and to renew our baptismal commitment, offering ourselves to God: "Lift up your hearts." And we say that we are prepared to do so: "We lift them up to the Lord." We are invited to give thanks to the Lord our God. And we respond: "It is right and just."

To "give thanks" translates the traditional Greek verb which now names the whole action: Eucharist.

Preface and Acclamation

Institution Narrative: Consecration. The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist. At this important moment in the prayer, we proclaim the mystery of faith. Several texts are possible, for example: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection / until you come again." The priest continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

Prayer for unity and intercessions. The grateful memory of God's salvation leads us to make a bold petition, our main petition at every Eucharist: we pray for unity. "Humbly we pray / that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, / we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit" (Eucharistic Prayer II). To this petition we add prayers for the bishop of Rome and for the bishop of the local Church; we pray for the living and the dead as well as ourselves that through the intercession of the saints we may one day arrive at the table in heaven.

We look forward to that glorious day and raise our voices with those of all the saints who have gone before us as the priest raises the consecrated bread and wine and offers a doxology, a prayer of glory to God in the name of Christ: "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honor is yours, / for ever and ever." Our "Amen" to this prayer acclaims our assent and participation in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

The Communion Rite

Our Father and Sign of Peace. We prepare to eat and drink at the Lord's Table with those words taught us by Jesus: "Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Keenly aware that Communion (the word means "union with") is the sign and source of our reconciliation and union with God and with one another; we make a gesture of union and forgiveness with those around us and offer them the Sign of Peace.

Invitation to Communion. The priest then shows us the Body of Christ and invites us to come to the table echoing the words of John the Baptist "Behold the Lamb of God..." We respond, "Lord, I am not worthy..." as the Centurion did when he asked Jesus to cure his servant (Matthew 8:8). None of us, on our own, are worthy to embrace the fullness of Christ. It is only through the love and mercy of God bestowed upon us that we become worthy to receive. The members of the assembly now approach the altar in procession.

Communion. As God fed our ancestors in the desert on their pilgrimage, so God gives us food for our journey. We approach the minister who gives us Eucharist with the words "The Body of Christ," and we respond, "Amen." During this procession we usually sing a hymn that unites our voices, minds and thoughts, even as the Body and Blood of Christ unites us into one body. Then we pray silently in our hearts, thanking and praising God and asking for all that this sacrament promises. The priest then unites our prayers into the Prayer After Communion, to which we respond, "Amen."

*(THESE LAST THREE WEEKS OF "A WALK THROUGH THE MASS" HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE
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