

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!



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**

SERVED BY:

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

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Rev. Solomon Ngwumezie, Weekend Associate

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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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"You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

MATTHEW 24:44

Communion Ministers — Two Ministers for each Mass.

DECEMBER 2022

5:30 PM - Cindy Campbell, John Mattingly
8:00 AM - Maryann Mansueto, Marge Denci
10:30 AM - Joan Trapp, Marlene Polyak
12 Noon - Maureen Rebimbas

LECTORS

November 26/27, 2022

5:30 PM Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM Tom Di Maio
10:30 AM
12 Noon Nicholas Milici

December 3/4, 2022

Cindy Campbell
John Ballantyne
Diane Burgos
Nicholas Milici

December 8 - 7:30 PM Leona Seufert

ALTAR SERVERS

November 26/27, 2022

5:30 PM
8:00 AM Ethan Pama
10:30 AM

December 3/4, 2022

Joe Schmatz
Ethan Pama
Riley Paolino
Rocco Paolino

12 Noon

Dec. 8 - 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, 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 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)

MONDAY, November 28

8:00 AM **For the Parishioners**

TUESDAY, November 29

8:00 AM **Domenica Grossi**
(From: Ted Grossi)
7:30 PM **St. Anthony and St. Kolbe Novena**

WEDNESDAY, November 30: Saint Andrew

8:00 AM **Lucy Andriola**
(From: Assumption Rosary Society)

THURSDAY, December 1

8:00 AM **Souls in Purgatory**
(From: Anthony Sterio)

FRIDAY, December 2

8:00 AM **Elizabeth Oliveri**
(From: Son, Ralph)

SATURDAY, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier:

First Friday

8:00 AM **Maria Tripicchio**
(From: Salvatore Tripicchio)
5:30 PM **Corporate Mass**
(See List)

SUNDAY, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM **Protection of Babies in the Womb and Their Families**
(From: Lifenet)
10:30 AM **Joseph Vaccarino**
(From: Family)
12:00 Noon **Salvatore Mannino & Vincenza Mannino**
(From: Sister, Carmela)

Jesus, We Trust in You



Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. The first three weeks look toward the Second Coming of Christ, the Parousia. While the fourth is more focused on his first coming, the Incarnation. But should we hold ourselves as Christians to something in the past or something only yet to come? Do we not believe that Christ is alive – Viva Cristo Rey – Long live Christ the King. Has Christ gone away and left us alone until the end times?

We must live a life in the presence of our Lord. The Parousia implies not only a coming arrival but also a presence. It is Greek for presence. We ought not to live a Christian life as something futuristic (e.g. I'll repent tomorrow.), but as something here and now, in the present. When the protestants gave up the Eucharist, most especially teaching of the real Presence, they unfortunately left behind the practice of the coming of Christ into our lives in a real (*vis-à-vis* a spiritual) way. Our Eucharistic Liturgy celebrates the coming of Christ on the Altar, albeit in the form of bread and wine. We not only know the presence of Christ on the Altar and in all the Tabernacles of the world, but we also are blessed with the reception and consumption of his Body and Blood as real food and real drink (see John 6:55).

When Christ ascended, he did not leave us abandoned. He gave us his Sacraments as a conduit for his true presence. It is through the Sacraments that he comes to us. Before his ascension he commanded the Apostles to go into the whole world and baptize everyone in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He breathed on the Apostles to give them the power to forgive sins in Jesus' name. He

promised to send his Spirit as an Advocate who would reveal all things necessary for our salvation. On the night before he died, he instituted the holy priesthood so that an ordained man could be the persona Christi, Christ present in our midst. He established his Church as his Body. Then he consecrated bread and wine to be his Body and Blood, a perpetual memorial, so that he can be present to us in a real way.

Christ is present to us. He came to Bethlehem, he will come again at the final judgment, and he comes to us each day through Sacraments, his Word, his teachings, and as he said "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20. Christ came, he comes, and he will come for he is with us always until the end of time.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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.

MARY'S GROTTTO

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

Special Intention of Pope Francis

Mother Mary we intercede with you for all children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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Believe and Pray

"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.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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.

GIVING TREE 2022

**Once again we will be having our
GIVING TREE at Christmas!**

This is to have an opportunity to help out someone who is not as fortunate this Christmas!

You will see “tags” on the tree. The tag will have the first name of someone who is in need of a gift this year. There may also be a clothing size in case you decide to purchase something that needs that.

WE DO NOT GIVE CASH OR GIFT CARDS!

St. Joseph’s Social Service Center is requesting towel sets. Their tags do not have a size. You can give the towel set or something you feel is appropriate.

Take a tag off the tree and when you have purchased the item, return the item in UNWRAPPED CONDITION. WE WILL HAVE TO UNWRAP ANY GIFTS THAT COME IN WRAPPED!

You may put it in a gift bag with just tissue paper. That is the idea way to do it.

ATTACH THE TAG YOU TOOK OFF THE TREE TO THE GIFT BAG OR GIFT ITSELF.

PLEASE SIGN YOUR FIRST NAME as the giver...so you can write FROM.....

We like this to be as personal as possible so we give directly from one person to another.

Please place the gift under the tree and we will check it in.

If you have any questions, call Anthony at 9008-620-0734 or email giordanoanthony@hotmail.com

Thanks!!!

Corporate Mass - 5:30 PM December 3, 2022Deceased

Lucy Andriola
Brian Balasia
Luane Cindea
Arturo S. DeJesus
Simon Frank Frieri
Angelo Antonio Gravina
Joseph Gregory, Jr.
Joseph Gregory, Jr.
Martino Family
Marta Ruiz
Anthony Somma
Stanley Stenavage
Josephine Stenavage

Requested by

Judy Rorro
The Olden Family
The Shriner Family
The Paras Family
Miguel Perez
Love, Angela
Donna, Joe, Judy & Kathy
Thomas & Allene DiMaio
Love, Gilda
Lucila Hernandez & Family
Loren & Chris Harms
Janice & Bob Heath
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**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. 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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD’S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord’s house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

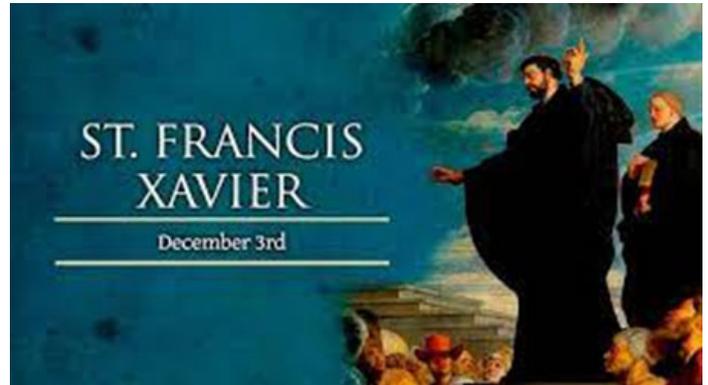
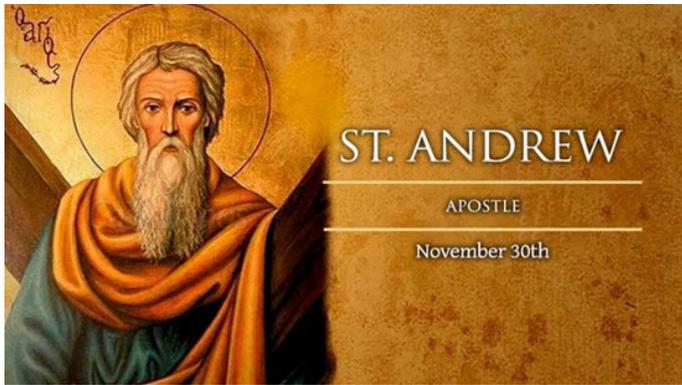
Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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.



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



Saint Andrew Apostle

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of

Fishermen
Greece
Russia
Scotland

Saint Francis Xavier

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Saint Francis Xavier is a Patron Saint of:

Japan
Jewelers
Missions
Sailors



Advent wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living.

When the **blessing of the Advent Wreath** is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.
O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word,
the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people.
Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation.
Fill our minds with watchful hope
and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation.
May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.