

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 February 2024

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 PARISH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS
IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD!**

SACRAMENTS

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (anticipated): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00PM
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation: see inside

Penance & Reconciliation:

Monday-Thursday; Saturday: 7:30-7:50 AM
Saturday afternoon: 4:00-4:30 PM

A Catholic is obliged to confess serious sins in kind and number to a priest. If one is conscious of having committed serious sin, Confession ought to be made before receiving the Eucharist.

Baptism: Please call to arrange for your child's baptism before or soon after birth. A Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony:

All Catholics ought to seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good graces & receive the Eucharist. Marriage cannot validly exist between baptized persons unless it is also a sacrament (Canon 1055.2). Contact a priest about a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

Confirmation: Need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Call Mrs. Kachnowski at 908-245-6572. She will help you prepare for confirmation. If they can do so without serious inconvenience, Catholics ought to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before being admitted to marriage (Canon 1065).

RCIA: Desire baptism? Called to be a Catholic Christian? Contact Deacon David at 908-245-6572 and he will help you discern God's call to holiness.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:
8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

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This QR Code will bring you to the **Breviary**, the Official Daily Prayer of the Church which priests and religious have vowed to pray. Laity are invited and encouraged to pray these prayers daily also.



Focus your camera on the QR Code to the left and you will have the readings for the day.

MASS INTENTIONS

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:00 PM **Corporate Mass**
see below

SUNDAY February 4 V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri**
Son, Ralph

12:00 PM **John Grimmer**
Jacqueline Good

MONDAY February 5 Agatha, virgin-martyr

8:00 AM **Jacob Magiera**
Casimir Muroski

TUESDAY February 6 Paul Miki et al., martyrs

8:00 AM **Joseph Gravina & Nicole Giovanni**
Love, Angela

WEDNESDAY February 7

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
Love, Mom

THURS Feb 8 Jerome Emiliani; Josphine Bakhita

8:00 AM **Teresa Flecca**
Husband & family

FRIDAY February 9

8:00 AM **Virginia Lucas**
Family

SATURDAY February 10 Scholastica, virgin

8:00 AM **Angelo Dion Franco**
Mother & Father

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:00 PM **Intentions of Mike & Marge Denci**
62nd Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY February 11 VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Ricardo Burgos**
Love, Diane

12:00 PM **Ralph Oliveri**
Son, Ralph

The Corporate Mass Offerings
February 3 at 5:00 P.M. Mass

Camille Powers req. by husband Richard and Family

Marge & Harold Giegerich req. by loving daughter Arlene

Angela Rorro req. by her Children

Grace Lamonaco req. by Judy Rorro

Michael Rorro req. by his Children

Irene Romeo req. by Joanne, Angela & Judy

Helen Johnsen req. by Ron Nirenberg

MEETINGS


Finance Council	Feb 12	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	Mar 18	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	Mar 04	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Feb 28	8:00	Loreti Hall

Prayer List: 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!

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Aaron Carr, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Linda Geiger, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Brianna Klinger, Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Special Memorial Donations

Tabernacle Flowers given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH & RALPH OLIVERI
on their 88th Wedding Anniversary, February 2nd
req. by Son, Ralph

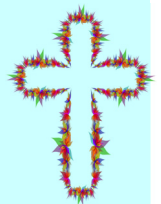
The Sanctuary Light given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH LEFANO, JR.
Love you & miss you, Mom

Bread for the Mass given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GAETANO MOLINARI, Happy Birthday
req. by his sister, Helen

Altar Candles given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARIE SORIANO, Happy Birthday
req. by her Grandchildren

Altar Candles given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GERTRUDE ZIMMERMAN
req. by Susan & Kevin Smith

Bread for Mass given
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16

For readings go to: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ or scan this >>>>



According to the **New World Encyclopedia**, the word **community** “is derived from the Latin *communitas* which is derived from *communis*, which means "common, public, shared by all or many." *Communis* comes from a combination of the Latin prefix *con-* (which means "together") and the word *munis* (which has to do with performing services, duty).”

It seems that in today’s society, community is an unfamiliar feature, one which is even shunned. I do remember as a child that we often did many different things together as a community: parades, picnics, school events, and most especially neighborhood and parish events. In my suburban neighborhood we did all sorts of things together. I especially remember the Christmas caroling. After returning to the neighborhood after college much seemed to have changed. Neighbors had moved, many did not even communicate much, and the sense of community was vanishing.

As we look around in society today, we can see that many clubs, organizations, and even volunteer operations have dwindled. I do know from experience that it is very difficult to get people to volunteer. Even asking people to get together can be an unfathomable request. Last week we had a pancake breakfast with the hope that parishioners would gather as a community and enjoy a meal and time together. Unfortunately, it was tough to get people to attend. After the 8 AM Mass less than a dozen came down. It seems we are all in a rush; to where, one can only guess. Why do we not want to take the time to be with others, to get to know others, especially when we are the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith? Without the knowledge or experience of a greater community, how can we be united in the cause of bringing the Gospel message to others?

As a community we have a *munis*, i.e. a duty which is bringing Christ message of forgiveness, redemption and salvation to so many who have forgotten or have never known Jesus love. Each Sunday we do come together as the Church community to give thanks to God together at the Holy Mass and receive his Body and Blood as the eternal banquet. But if we leave here without a sense of a community of faith, what can we offer to the world, to the neighbor, to the fallen away Catholic and to our loved ones at home?

In the immediate future let’s be focused on building up the community of faith. It is never too late. To be countercultural in this way is so very vital to the unity of the faithful, our Christian duty and our chance to be a sign to others that we are Christ’s disciples in a world of confusion and sin. I have noticed that many young people do not involve themselves with Church. What for, if they only see Church as a club or personal association rather than as an assembly who gives proper worship and honor to God and demonstrates divine love to others? Then why join a club and give one’s life to the Truth of our Catholic Faith and the Hope of eternal Life in Christ if they only see a group of people who do not even have time for each other? The Church experience is not only about a Sunday duty or a gathering of friends; it is that and much more. It is a way of life in Christ calling us to be a community/assembly who come together in Christ’s Church to be his disciples and spread the faith. As long as community is shunned by society, the community of faith will be too. We must ask Christ to be the cause of our community and the reason we gather as his assembly and not as a club or as an individual obligation without the rest of the faithful.

As Jesus said, “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. (John 17:21).

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

Sanctity of Life

RACHEL’S VINEYARD

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.” So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office hosts Rachel’s Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Contact the Respect Life Office for retreats by calling 973-497-4350, or e-mail: Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14

Masses: **8:00 AM** and **7:00 PM**
Liturgy of the Word with Ashes: **4:00 PM**

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE.

2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both **Fast and Abstinence** during Lent are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. **The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.**

On a day of Fast, no more than one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of **18 and 59** are obliged to **fast**.

On a day of **Abstinence, no meat may be eaten**. Those who have reached the age of **14** are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**

3. **The Fridays of the year**, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

Since St. Valentine’s Day falls on February 14, Ash Wednesday; you can celebrate the festivities in conjunction with Mardi Gras [aka Carnivale (Farewell to Meat)] on February 13. **It will be a mortal sin to feast and party on Ash Wednesday.

Repent, and Believe in the Gospel.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collections: **\$6088.00**
Catholic Communication Campaign: **\$1020.00**

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynch@rcan.org.

Qualified Charitable Distributions Save on Taxes!

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be taxable income according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. However, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.



The 2024 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, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend today.



STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, from 1-3pm.

Mary's Grotto from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday Religious Items Gift Shoppe

Location: Basement of the School of Religion
Items: **Bibles, Rosaries, Statues of saints, sacramentals and Much more**
Holiday Gifts and Items: Easter and Christmas, Sacraments – baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage.
Help with ordering an item for you if it is not available in the store.

Hours may be limited during the winter months after Christmas and during the summer, but you can always make an appointment to visit and make a purchase.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

February 2024

5:00 PM	Nancy Malta	John Mattingly
8:00 AM	Jophn Ballantyne	Maryann Mansueto Barbara Sokol
10:30 AM	Rick Crosta	James Kompany Carmen Valdez
12:00 PM	Sue Carlstrom	Maureen McNulty

Feb 3/4

Feb 10/11

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Leona Seufert	Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM	Tom DiMaio	JohnBallantyne
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra
12:00 PM	Patty Muccia	Debbie Kachnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	Joe Schmatz	Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM	Ethan Pama	Loretta Raczynski
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Alaina Quintela
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

SUPER BOWL *Bake Sale*

*All proceeds will go towards
the repair of the wall near
the Sacred Heart*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

AFTER 5:00PM MASS

&

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

AFTER ALL MASSES

Please Donate Your Books

Located at the Assumption School of Religion

**Your donation raises
funds for our Parish.**

Hardcover, paperback, & textbooks are all welcome!
All books must have an ISBN barcode on the cover. No
encyclopedias, library reference, magazines, or water
damaged books.

Questions? Contact: www.NewLegacyBooks.com

COME, PRAY WITH US

Adoration and St. Anthony Novena -
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

**DUE TO A SCHEDULING ISSUE,
THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION/NOVENA ON FEBRUARY 6**

Holy Rosary - First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church
Perpetual Novena of St. Jude - after the Saturday 8 AM Mass

10th Annual Pizza Tasting & Contest
February 10
doors open at 6:00 PM
Loreti Hall

Cost: \$10.00; on sale after Masses and at Rectory (M-F, 8 AM till 4 PM)

Includes: Pizza, beverages and dessert

Sponsor: The Knights of Columbus Council #3240

Benefit: Council #3240 High School Scholarship Fund



The contest is a blind taste test with each attendee asked to sample pizza from eight to ten pizzerias and vote on which pizza they like the most.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and family, meet new friends and enjoy great pizza while supporting scholarship opportunities for parishioners attending a Catholic high school. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold after each mass, in the rear of the church, on the weekends of January 27-28 and February 3-4, or at the Parish Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact Greg Demeter at gdemeter07@yahoo.com or 917-664-8563.

WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

Readers for Mass: please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

Communion Ministers: please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

Please call Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.

Lazarus Ministry
Comfort the Sorrowing

Assist grieving families as they prepare their loved one's funeral.
 All you need is a kind disposition and attentive heart.

Call Marge Denci at 908-507-6306 to find out how you too can serve Christ thru others.



Knights' Corner

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested 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. Or go to

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>

to apply. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240



SCAN ME

Answer the call.
Become a
Knight of Columbus
Proposer # 3240
kofc.org/join

Societa S.S.M. Cosma e Damiano
Dinner & Dance

Friday, March 1, 2024

Macaluso's

55 4th Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Price per ticket: \$150

If you are interested in attending please email or call the following contacts to RSVP as soon as possible as we are limited to the number of guests and tables we can accommodate.

Victoria Priore vpriore1120@gmail.com
 973-525-6063

Michael Priore mpriore1@gmail.com
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PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or speak to one of the Priests. or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at eugenio.delarama@rcan.org

Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org or call 973-497-4368



**FORMED
IN THE WORD**

LENT

Join us on Monday evenings during Lent for a deep dive into the weekly Sunday Mass readings for the season of Lent. Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew, biblical scholars from the Augustine Institute will review the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, situate them in their historical and literary context, and illuminate the connection and continuity between the readings.

MEETING DATES: Monday, Feb 12th, Feb 19th, Feb 26th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th.

TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Upper Parish Hall

COST: Gratis

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark offers Adult Faith Formation courses for a nominal fee. Listed below are the course offerings available for February 2024.

Spotlight Adult Faith Formation / Catechist Certification Courses

Sacraments Online Course – February 5 and 12

http://learning.rcan.org/home.aspx?pagename=extproduct_newark&PID=102110

New Testament In-Person Course – February 10th at St. John, Bergenfield

https://learning.rcan.org/home.aspx?pagename=extproduct_newark&PID=108500

Morality Online Course – February 27 and 28

http://learning.rcan.org/home.aspx?pagename=extproduct_newark&PID=107955

You can either go to the Assumption web-site at www.assumptionrp.com and click on the links in this week's Bulletin, or if you prefer, go directly to the Archdiocese website at RCAN.org, under Pastoral Offices, then Pastoral and Ministry, Catechetical Office, Adult Faith Formation, then click on Spotlight Adult Faith Formation Courses.

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