

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 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!

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

ERECTED A.D. MCMVII

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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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

<u>ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY</u>	
5:00 PM	Intentions of Mike & Marge Denci 62 nd 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
MONDAY February 12	
8:00 AM	Grace Lamonaco Gerry & Kathy Vitale
TUESDAY February 13	
8:00 AM	Debbie Lehotski Loren & Chris Harms
WEDNESDAY February 14 Ash Wednesday	
8:00 AM	Nancy Hauck UASI (Greg Demeter) 
4:00 PM	Liturgy of the Word
7:00 PM	Eva Contreras Jaime, Lynda & Anna
THURSDAY February 15	
8:00 AM	Grace Lamonaco Bill Hinkle
FRIDAY February 16	
8:00 AM	Donato Melchionna The Petracca Family 
SATURDAY Feb 17 Seven Founders of the Servites	
8:00 AM	Fr. Gerard McGarry anonymous
<u>ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY</u>	
5:00 PM	Bob & Patsy Gaudenzi Christine & Luis
SUNDAY February 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:30 AM	Kathleen Filak Maureen & Dennis McNulty
12:00 PM	Antonio Mannino Carmela Mannino

Dearest Heavenly Father,

I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me. Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day. Without your love for me I can't be....I can't function....I can't even breathe...because I NEED your love to sustain me. It's like food and medicine for my soul Lord.

Please continue to let me feel your comforting love in my life and Lord I give myself over to you to perfect in me this gift of love...that I may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...I have not always been good at this...forgive me. Lord...some people are harder to love than others...but I want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue the work you are doing in my heart so my heart will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray.

Father I love you so much!

MEETINGS

Finance Council	TBA	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 Matingly, 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
Yolanda LaFace, Ronald Wright

Special Memorial Donations

Bread & Wine for Mass, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Light and
Tabernacle Flowers given

IN THANKSGIVING FOR EACH OTHER

62ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

req. by Mike & Marguerite

Bread & Wine for Mass, Altar Candles &
Sanctuary Candle given

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RALPH J. OLIVERI

28TH ANNIVERSARY IN HEAVEN

req. by Son, Ralph

Bread & Wine for Mass given

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD TOBE ON HIS BIRTHDAY

req. by Joanne & Ernie Kusterer

Bread & Wine for Mass given

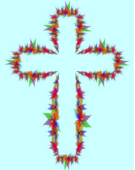
**FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTION OF CARMELA SILEC-
CHIA**

req. by Rosalia Verdus

Bread for Mass given

IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY

req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-14
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

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



**“Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain!”
Pope Francis stressed this in his message for Lent**

The Pope reflected on the importance of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, saying: “Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.”

“**Fasting**,” he said, refers to “learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to “devour” everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts.

“**Prayer**,” teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

“**Almsgiving**,” refers to when “we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. In this way, we can “rediscover the joy of God’s plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.”

His Holiness also expressed, “Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.”

For full text: <https://zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-lent-2019/>



A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

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: **\$6086.00**
Maintenance & Repair Collection: **\$3690.00**

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, or scanning the QR code..



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 10/11

Feb 17/18

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Gerard Taveras	Leona Seufert
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Anthony Cordero
10:30 AM	Sebastian Saavedra	Diane Burgos
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Patty Muccia

ALTAR SERVERS

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



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January 3, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

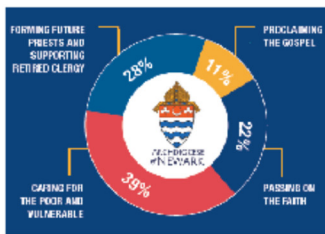
May the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your loved ones as we begin this new year.

Each year, we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is a call to action to fulfill our mission as a Church. Thanks to the generosity of more than 26,000 families, last year, we raised a historic \$10 Million to support our ministries. I am also delighted to announce that more than \$2 Million was returned to our parishes to help them meet the ministerial, pastoral, or capital needs of their parish community.

Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the vital work that we are called to as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and my assurance that we are exercising good stewardship of your gifts.

I have made a gift to this year's Annual Appeal, and I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift as well. Be assured that 100% of the gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. As we embark on this new year together, may God continue to bless us abundantly. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to remember me in yours as well.



Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

ANNUAL APPEAL



LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE A.D. 2024

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Masses: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Liturgy of the Word: 4:00 PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 24
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM*

HOLY WEEK
Monday -Wednesday, March 25-27
Masses: 8:00 AM

The Chrism Mass
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Monday, March 25 at 8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28
Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM
Church will remain open for Adoration til 11:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29
Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM
THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 3:00 PM
Church open for the afternoon
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30
Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM
Church open until 1:00 PM
Blessing of Paschal Foods: 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION
Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection, March 31, 2024
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon

THE EXTENDED VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST
Saturday, May 18 at 5:00 PM
Pentecost Sunday Mass, May 19
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 noon

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“The vocation to love is your fundamental vocation.”

(St. Pope John Paul II, April 26, 1997)

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

Holy Rosary - First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church

Perpetual Novena of St. Jude - after the Saturday 8 AM Mass

The Archdiocese of Newark's
AFRICAN AMERICAN, AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN APOSTOLATE
Invites You to the Annual Archdiocesan

BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS



Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024 • 2:30 PM
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ



*Celebrant: Rev. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ
Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.*

2024 Black History Month Theme: *African Americans and the Arts*
Spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on
visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.



Register: <https://ArchdioceseofNewark.regfox.com/black-history-month-mass>
Information: 973.497.4304 or rahsaan.garlin@rcan.org



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



**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
973-851-6486

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

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.



This symbol was used by our early ancestors in the faith to identify places of gathering and messages. The simple etching of a fish identified Christ. The Greek for fish is ΙΧΘΥΣ (ichthys). The word is an anagram for a Christian statement of belief:

Ι-ησοῦς	Iesous	Jesus
Χ-ριστός	Christos	Christ,
Θ-εου	Theou	God's
Υ-ιος	Uios	Son (and)
Σ-ωτήρ	Soter	Savior

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