



# First Sunday of Lent 18 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.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Paul J Prevosto, pastor  
[Fr.Prevosto@proton.me](mailto:Fr.Prevosto@proton.me)  
*Rev. James Spera, pastor emeritus*  
Rev. Deacon David Farrell  
[assumptionschool113@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionschool113@gmail.com)  
Rev. James Tortora, weekend assistant  
Rev. Solomon Ngwumezie, weekend asst.  
Rev. John Francis, CSJ, weekend assistant  
Mrs. Virginia Jediny, Office Manager  
[assumptionrp@yahoo.com](mailto:assumptionrp@yahoo.com)  
Mrs. Debbie Kachnowski, PCL  
[assumptionschool110@outlook.com](mailto:assumptionschool110@outlook.com)  
Mrs. Donna Schmatz, music director

### TRUSTEES

Mr. John Ballantyne, Trustee  
Mrs. Elizabeth Santora, Trustee

### CONTACTS

Telephone: 908-245-1107  
FAX: 908-245-2789  
Parish email: [assumptionrp@yahoo.com](mailto:assumptionrp@yahoo.com)  
Parish Website: [www.assumptionrp.com](http://www.assumptionrp.com)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL OF RELIGION OFFICE

908-245-6572  
Email: [assumptionschool110@outlook.com](mailto:assumptionschool110@outlook.com)

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 **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

**MONDAY February 19**  
 8:00 AM **Carol Cruise**  
 Joanne & Ernest Kusterer

**TUESDAY February 20**  
 8:00 AM **Domneico Petracca**  
 Jerry & Rose Alba Caputo

**WEDNESDAY February 21 Peter Damian, bishop**  
 8:00 AM **Ronald Wright**  
 Lauren & Christ Marms

**THURSDAY February 22 Chair of St. Peter**  
 8:00 AM **Theodora May Hokanson**  
 The Italiano Family

**FRIDAY February 23 Polycarp, martyr**  
 8:00 AM **Mabel Asconeguy**  
 Susan Andrade

**SATURDAY February 24**  
 8:00 AM **Paul Farrell**  
 David & Linda Farrell

**ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY**  
 5:00 PM **Michael Pinto, Celestine Pinto, Mark Pinto & Marceline Rego: The Pinto Family**

**SUNDAY February 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Fernando & Pasquale Mazzeo**  
 Sister & Family

12:00 PM **Roseanne Santanna, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary†**  
 Nancy Santanna




**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, Altigracia 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, Viola Meehan, 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**



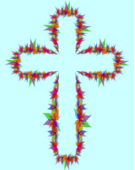
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Special Memorial Donations**

Wine & Bread for the Mass given  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JERRY BAVARO**  
 req. by Lucia & Toni DiVito

Altar Candles given  
**IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. JUDE**  
 req. by Viola Meehan

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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19  
 Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
 Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19  
**Friday** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8  
 Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10-17, 18-19  
 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

For readings go to: [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) or scan this >>>>



**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

Offering up one's suffering for the of the souls in Purgatory. This is my intro to Lent this year of our Lord 2024. Supposedly I had a simple bilateral inguinal hernia operation on Tuesday, February 6. I expected some aches and pains and then back to business as usual in 4 days. Surprise! Surprise! I was hit with lots of pain, discomforts, and other things I don't want to mention in print. I visited the surgeon last Monday, and he said totally recovery can take 4 weeks!

So know I lie in bed most of the time and try getting in walks and overcoming the loss of appetite. I have said many prayers for the deceased (offered up the suffering that I am enduring.) In between I try to say the Office, but the pains make any endurance short. Know I understand Cardinal Bernardine's line in his autobiography when he said he could not pray during his cancer fight but was most appreciative of the many prayers.

I thank the staff, Deacon Dave, the priests and all who have helped me (that is us) out. Pax Christi, Fr. Paul



**Winner of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Monsignor Loreti Counsel #3240 Pizza Contest: Costa's Restaurant and Pizzeria Roselle Park, NJ**

We would like to congratulate Costa's for topping the field in a very closely contested competition. We also want to extend our thanks to everyone who attended, as well as all of our participating pizzeria restaurants who made the contest possible!

The participating pizzeria restaurants are listed alphabetically below, along with the number they were assigned for the "blind" taste test (not the order they finished in). Those of you who attended can now order from your favorite pizzeria the next time pizza is on the menu!

Calabria (Cranford) #3  
Costa's (Roselle Park) #1  
Johnny Napkins (Union) #4  
Mike's (Roselle) #7

Master Pizza (Union) #5  
Naples (Roselle) #8  
O' Sole Mio (Cranford) #6  
Papa Johns (Kenilworth) #2

Please consider these pizzerias the next time you order pizza. Without their generosity and support we could not have the fundraiser. The contest raised over \$1,300 for the scholarship fund!

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)

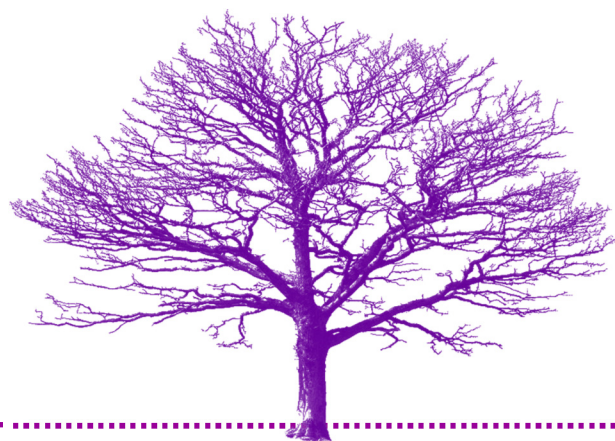
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TREE OF CHALLENGE**

Lent brings with it many challenges. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the cornerstone of the 40 days of Lent. As a challenge

to all of our parishioners, we have again prepared a Tree of Challenge with specific suggestions in preparing for Easter Sunday. These suggestions follow the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy critical to our Catholic faith. The tree is decorated with two colors of tags...brown for adults and purple for children.

Please take a tag and accept the challenge to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Remember....Jesus came, not to be served, but to serve!

Please return the white portion of your tag and hang it on the tree by Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday we will see the beauty of Easter in all our good works.



**10<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress**

July 17-12, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana

**COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.**

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

[Register for the National Eucharistic Congress](https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register)  
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>



## STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collections: **\$6204.00**  
Snow Removal Donation: **\$1841.00**

### 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](mailto: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](http://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,  
March 13, 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 17/18

#### Feb 24/25

### LECTORS

5:00 PM	Leona Seufert	Gerard Tevares
8:00 AM	Anthony Cordero	Tom DiMaio
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedras
12:00 PM	Patty Muccia	Debbie Kachnowski

### ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM		John Schmatz
8:00 AM	Ethan Pama	Angelo Geronimo Anthony Geronimo
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Alaina Quintela
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine

APOSTOLATO ITALIANO DELL' ARCIDIOCESI DI NEWARK  
PRESENTS:

# CABRINI

MOVIE PREMIERE + Q&A FEAT. SPECIAL GUEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2024 AT 7PM  
HAWTHORNE THEATERS  
300 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506  
ADMISSION: \$20

Tickets available at <https://cabrini.ticketleap.com>  
or at the QR code below  
(tickets available at door if available, limited seating)



Co-Sponsored By:  
Italian American Future Leaders Conference,  
Italian American Podcast,  
& Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George



## 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](http://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

## LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE A.D. 2024



### 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

### 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 Denzi 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 Colum-  
bus

Proposer # 3240  
[kofc.org/join](https://www.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](mailto:vpriore1120@gmail.com)  
973-525-6063

Michael Priore [mpriore1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:eugenio.delarama@rcan.org)

## Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at  
[Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

You can either go to the Assumption web-site at [www.assumptionrp.com](http://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.

## **ADDICTION TREATMENT REFERRAL PROGRAM for persons suffering from acute addiction**

Within 48 hours of receipt of referral, NJRC will provide linkage to and commencement of addiction treatment services to referred persons. These services will include but are not limited to linkages for intake, the creation of a personalized long-term treatment plan, detoxification, ambulatory withdrawal management, induction on Suboxone or buprenorphine or the initiation of Vivitrol, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and/or induction of Medication Assisted Treatment, as needed and appropriate. Where appropriate, court-involved persons and justice-involved veterans will also be enrolled and referred to NJRC's Orientation and additional wrap-around services, including job training and employment, mental health and medical care, transportation, and license restoration services.

To connect yourself or a loved one to addiction treatment or for any questions, please contact NJRC Chief Operating Officer Robert Carter at **732-948-5880** or [rcarter@njreentry.org](mailto:rcarter@njreentry.org).

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

Church of the Assumption  
113 Coolidge Place  
Roselle Park, NJ 07204

TELEPHONE

908-245-1107

CONTACT

Fr. Paul J Prevosto

EMAIL: Fr.Prevosto@proton.me

SOFTWARE

MSPublisher 2013  
Adobe Acrobat XI  
Windows 8

TRANSMISSION TIME

Wednesday 12:00

SUNDAY DATE OF PUBLICATION

**February 18, 2024**

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT

1 through 8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:



